



Max Weber Lecture

15 June 2011, 17.00, Max Weber Programme,
Villa La Fonte, Conference Room

The Decline and Fall of the American Republic

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Abstract:

Professor Ackerman will trace a series of political, bureaucratic, and military transformations that have, over the past forty years, transformed the American presidency into a potential platform for charismatic extremism and bureaucratic lawlessness. Watergate, Iran-Contra, and President Bush's legitimization of torture may well be prelude to worse breakdowns in the future – unless the presidency can be fundamentally reformed.