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ON PRESSING GLOBAL ISSUES  
FROM A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

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## "Where No Counsel Is, the People Fall" *Expert Authority, Disinformation, and Popular Resentment*

Democracy assumes the participation of well-informed citizens, but the making of domestic and foreign policy have long relied on highly-trained experts and specialists. Further, the cost of education – the main pathway to well-informed citizenry – has skyrocketed. Can citizens still have a 'say'? If not, is it any wonder that experts and expertise are increasingly subject to public suspicion and resentment? And yet, information has become ubiquitous. So has disinformation. We ask: Are these dynamics unique to the US or are they global trends? Are they new or merely the latest manifestation of a long-standing problem? Can anything be done? What might be other ways of democratizing expertise?

**Guest speakers: Elif Kalaycioglu and A.J. Bauer**

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