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Mershon Center Speaker Series



### JACK SNYDER

#### *Illiberal Modernity and National Populism in the BRICS and the West*

Thursday, March 02, 2017, 3:30PM - 5:00PM

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His articles on such topics as crisis diplomacy ("The Cost of Empty Threats; A Penny, Not a Pound," *American Political Science Review*, August 2011, co-authored with Erica Borghard), democratization and war, nationalism, imperial overstretch, war crimes tribunals versus amnesties, international relations theory after September 11, and anarchy and culture have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, and *World Politics*.

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#### **Abstract**

In both developed and developing states, challenges to the liberal order are converging on a single main competitor, populist nationalism, which is a response to the tension between two central elements of liberal modernity: free markets and mass participation in politics. When popular self-determination is expressed through the nation-state, mass public grievances against the "creative destruction" caused by free markets in goods, capital, and labor often take the form of populist nationalism.

Whereas in late developers this contradiction is caused by the mismatch between market economics and clientelistic political institutions, in consolidated democracies it is caused by economic policies of deregulation, accelerating capital and labor mobility, and economic globalization that disconnect markets from democratic control. The remedy in both cases is to embed markets more firmly in liberal, democratically accountable institutions. I analyze the details of this process by drawing on research on "late development" and what has recently been labeled "the middle-income trap."



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