



ROOTS OF DEMOCRACY

AN EXPLORATION OF THE COMPLEX AND DIVERSE ORIGINS OF AMERICA'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Join the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters for Roots of Democracy, a series of online discussions that explore the cultural and philosophical roots of American democracy. Scholars and experts from a range of disciplines offer conversational presentations that explore questions about inherent rights, responsibilities, participation, and the tensions between social good and individual freedom. Panelists will focus on democratic experiments in ancient Greece, Enlightenment philosophy, and several traditions of Indigenous governance.

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Turtle Island Confederacies: Relationships and Balance

Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Three experts in First Nations governance explore the conditions that gave rise to the Three Fires and Haudenosaunee confederacies.

Founding Narratives: The Evolution of Ancient Athenian and Early American Democracy

Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Two historians discuss the influence of Classical scholars and Enlightenment philosophers on the Constitutional Framers.

Post-Contact Indigenous Governance

Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Three experts in First Nations governance explore how Indigenous governments have responded to conflicts with the U.S. Government over sovereignty, territory, and citizenship.

Balancing Individual Interests and the Common Good

Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Series presenters come together to discuss the inherent tension in the U.S. Constitution between “the general welfare” and “the blessings of liberty.”

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