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# Paring Populism?

## *France under Emmanuel Macron*

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**Hampton Room, 2nd Floor, Malott Commons  
Scripps College**

France has suffered decades of slow growth and mass unemployment, accompanied by the seemingly inexorable rise of populist forces, most notably the radical right, xenophobic National Front of Marine Le Pen. Yet in May 2017, Emmanuel Macron put a halt to the rise of French populism. Macron swept to the presidency and trounced Le Pen by embracing economic reform, European integration, and an openness to international forces, ideas, and persons. This presentation takes stock of the changes introduced by Macron in governance and policy. Can Macron revive France's economy and international status? Can he restore voter faith in French democracy? The case of France is interesting in its own right, but also as a test of the capacity of democratic elites to combat populism by championing liberal values of openness and tolerance and delivering structural reform and economic prosperity. Jonah Levy received his Ph.D. in political science from MIT in 1994. He teaches courses in comparative political economy, French and West European politics, and the welfare state. Levy is Vice Chair of UC Berkeley's Department of Political Science, as well as Director of Undergraduate Studies. He is currently conducting research on France's response to the 2008 crisis as well as on the relationship between partisanship and economic liberalization in contemporary Western Europe. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please feel free to bring your own lunch. If you wish to purchase a lunch, the Malott Commons Dining Hall opens at 11:15 A.M. Doors open to the Hampton Room at Noon.

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