

# ***Ideological Origins at 50: Power, Rights, and the Rise and Fall of Free States***

## Program Schedule

Jointly sponsored by the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute and Yale University's Center for Historical Enquiry & the Social Sciences, this conference commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Bernard Bailyn's seminal work, *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*. One of the most important books written on the American Revolution in the last century, it won both the Pulitzer Prize and the Bancroft Prize. Through its focus on the transatlantic influence of republican ideology, *Ideological Origins* put ideas back at the center of the revolutionary narrative. In doing so, it helped spark an unprecedented burst of scholarship on the intellectual history of the origins of the Revolution that lasted for nearly two decades and whose influence lives on. The conference attendees will reconsider the book, its influence, and its legacy. The conference will open with an evening plenary and reception on April 20th followed by a full day of panels on April 21st.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

#### **5:00-6:00      Opening Session**

Chair: Mary Beth Norton, Cornell University

- Bernard Bailyn, Harvard University: "Confessional Thoughts on Re-Reading *The Ideological Origins*"

#### **6:00-7:00      Reception**

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

8am-9am      Breakfast

#### **9:00-10:15    PANEL 1: Ideas and Causality in a Revolutionary Context**

Chair: John Demos, Yale University

- Patrice Higonnet, Harvard University: "'Pragmatic Idealism': Its Causes, Comparative Meaning, and Current Future"
- Jack Rakove, Stanford University: "Ideas, Ideology, and the Anomalous Problem of Revolutionary Causation"

**10:30-11:45** **PANEL 2: Ideology and Constitutionalism in Local and Transnational Contexts**

Chair: Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut

- Danielle Allen, Harvard University: “The Invention of ‘The People’: The Sussex Declaration and the Constitutional Moment”
- Daniel Hulsebosch, New York University School of Law: “The Ideological Fulfillment: Constitution-making and the Law of Nations”

12:00-1:00 Lunch

**1:00-2:15** **PANEL 3: The Legacy of *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution***

Chair: Stanley Katz, Princeton University

- Eric Nelson, Harvard University: “What Kind of Book is *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*?”
- Eric Slauter, University of Chicago: “The Literature of Revolution and the Origins of *Ideological Origins*”

**2:30-3:45** **PANEL 4: Re-assessing *The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution***

Chair: Emma Rothschild, Harvard University

- Colin Kidd, University of St. Andrews: “Global Turns: Other States, Other Civilizations”
- Gordon Wood, Brown University: “The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution: A Reassessment”

**4:00 -5:00** **Concluding Session**

Chair: Joanne Freeman, Yale University

- Peter C. Mancall, University of Southern California
- Steven Pincus, Yale University

**5:00-6:00** **Closing Reception**