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4:00 pm

“UNPROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS: CONSIDERING THE LOTTOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE”

Abstract:

There is a general sense that electoral political systems are not working well, a theme stressed by both the Sanders and Trump campaigns. There is empirical evidence that supports this. This talk offers a diagnosis of the failures of electoral politics, and, perhaps more exciting, a solution: single-issue legislatures combined with political officials chosen at random from the citizenry. This talk will present and raise trouble for this solution, focusing on one particular dimension of concern: would "we the people" be up to the job?

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