

heterodox academy

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West Coast
Regional Conference

The Value of Viewpoint Diversity: Why It Matters and How to Practice It Well

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - BERKELEY

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Thursday, April 23

3:00 _{PM}	Welcome and Opening Remarks
3:05-4:00 _{PM}	<i>PLENARY KEYNOTE</i> Opening Keynote Address Chancellor Daniel Diermeier, <i>Vanderbilt University</i>
4:15-5:15 _{PM}	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION</i> Viewpoint Diversity: Meanings, Rationales, Forms, and Limits Justin McBrayer, <i>Heterodox Academy</i> Anna Krylov, <i>University of Southern California</i> Diego Zambrano, <i>Stanford University</i> Moderated by Paul Brest, <i>Stanford University</i>
5:15-6:00 _{PM}	Networking Reception
6:00-7:00 _{PM}	Dinner

Friday, April 24

8:00-8:30 _{AM}	Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30 _{AM}	<i>PANEL DISCUSSION</i> Is the Political Right or the Campus Left a Bigger Threat to Academic Freedom and Intellectual Diversity? Sean Gailmard, <i>UC Berkeley</i> Daniel Sargent, <i>UC Berkeley</i> Steven Brint, <i>UC Riverside</i> Moderated by Rick Sander, <i>UC Los Angeles</i>

<p>9:35-10:30_{AM}</p>	<p><i>PANEL DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Civics Initiatives & Viewpoint Diversity</p> <p>Paul Carrese, <i>Arizona State University</i> Dan Edelstein, <i>Stanford University</i> Dylan Selterman, <i>Heterodox Academy</i> Moderated by Paul Brest, <i>Stanford University</i></p>
<p>10:30-10:50_{AM}</p>	<p>Coffee Break and Networking</p>
<p>10:50-11:50_{AM}</p>	<p><i>PANEL DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Shields et al, Closed Classrooms? An Analysis of College Syllabi on Contentious Issues</p> <p>Jon Shields, <i>Claremont McKenna College</i> Brian Soucek, <i>UC Davis</i> Will Fithian, <i>UC Berkeley</i> Moderated by Steven Brint, <i>UC Riverside</i></p>
<p>11:55-1:25_{PM}</p>	<p><i>PLENARY LUNCH AND KEYNOTE</i></p> <p>What's Wrong With Those People? How Researcher Homogeneity Distorts Knowledge Production</p> <p>Musa al-Gharbi, <i>Stony Brook University</i></p>
<p>1:30-2:30_{PM}</p>	<p><i>PANEL DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Teaching Strategies for Viewpoint Diversity</p> <p>Richard Ashcroft, <i>UC Berkeley</i> Paul Brest, <i>Stanford University</i> Miriam Thompson, <i>UC Santa Barbara</i> Erika Weissinger, <i>UC Berkeley</i> Moderated by Smriti Mehta, <i>UC Berkeley</i></p>
<p>2:30-2:50_{PM}</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>2:50-3:50_{PM}</p>	<p>Unconference Sessions</p>
<p>4:00-5:00_{PM}</p>	<p><i>PANEL DISCUSSION</i></p> <p>Truth, Dissent, and the Limits of Viewpoint Diversity</p> <p>Jesse Singal, <i>New York Magazine</i> Tomas Aragon, <i>UC Berkeley</i> Moderated by Julia Schaletzky, <i>UC Berkeley</i></p>
<p>5:00_{PM}</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>

