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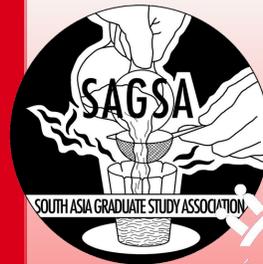
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What the left is getting wrong about the right

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Across the country, scholars and practitioners are confronting the expanding reach of right-wing and authoritarian power, a force gaining ground even as much of its policy agenda remains broadly unpopular. Its growth is especially striking in places once seen as unlikely: “Filipinos for Trump” rallies in Los Angeles, new Black conservative civic centers on Chicago’s South Side, and libertarian-funded trainings for Latino conservatives. These developments appear paradoxical at a moment when the GOP has moved sharply rightward on immigration, policing, affirmative action, and reproductive freedom, challenging long-standing assumptions about race and partisanship.

Drawing on fieldwork at Moms for Liberty meetings, Turning Point USA gatherings, CPAC, Trump rallies, pro-life mobilizations, and multiracial conservative organizing efforts, Daniel Martinez HoSang examines how right-wing networks are cultivating new constituencies and reshaping the meanings of identity, grievance, and belonging. He argues that familiar scholarly and progressive frameworks—rooted in models of European authoritarianism or mid-twentieth-century U.S. extremism—no longer explain the movement’s dynamism. By situating these shifts within a landscape of institutional collapse, political dealignment, and widespread mistrust, the talk offers a revised framework for understanding the right’s growing power and previews insights from *The Politics of the Multiracial Right* (NYU Press, 2026), co-edited with Joseph Lowndes.



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