



September 13, 2016

Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government is Smarter

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Gittis 2

On September 13th at 12:00 PM, please join the Federalist Society in welcoming Professor Ilya Somin to discuss his scholarship on these important issues. A Professor of Law at the Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, Professor Somin's research focuses on constitutional law, property law, and the study of popular political participation and its implications for constitutional democracy. He is the author of several books, including *Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government is Smarter*.

A major problem facing modern democracy is the low level of civic engagement amongst the voting public. Many people understand that their votes are unlikely to change the outcome of an election and therefore are not compelled to increase their political knowledge. Professor Ilya Somin is one of the nation's leading scholars on the issue of political participation and its implications for constitutional democracy. Chief among his potential solutions, Professor Somin argues that political ignorance is best mitigated and its ill-effects lessened by decentralizing and limiting government.

Lunch will be served.



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