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# Presidential Power and the Current Crisis of Executive Authority

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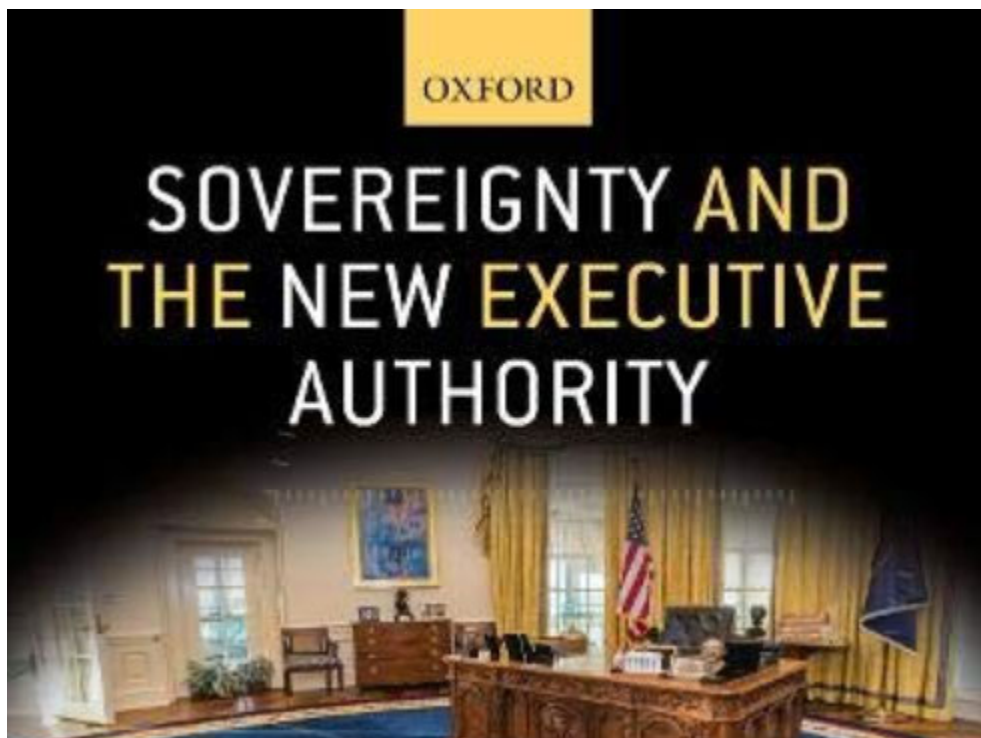
4:00 PM–6:00 PM

**Penn Law – Fitts Auditorium**  
**3501 Sansom Street – Lower Level**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19104**

Since 9/11, the growth of the national security state has brought with it an increasing struggle to maintain the legal and ethical boundaries surrounding executive authority, boundaries that help to define and protect democratic governance. In today's political landscape, debates about the scope of presidential power have intensified, and they are likely to accelerate even more this year, as a divided Congress does battle over fundamental aspects of civilian leadership and the president continues to press an unprecedented vision of the powers of his office.

Questions such as whether a sitting president may be indicted, whether the president's pardon power under the U.S. Constitution allows the president to pardon himself, whether the president may use emergency powers to fund and build a border wall, will be contentiously debated and may even find their way to the U.S. Supreme Court this year.

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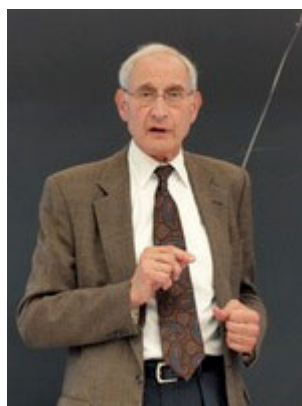


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