



Emmanuel Macron's Challenge: French Capitalism in Transition

Lecture by Bruno Amable

Friday, October 20, 2017
4 p.m., Room A 300

Invitation

In the 2010s, France was in a situation of systemic crisis, namely, the impossibility for political leadership to find a strategy of institutional change, or, more generally, a model of capitalism that could gather sufficient social and political support. In this lecture, the various attempts at reforming the French model are analyzed. In the 1980s, the left tried briefly to orient the French political economy in a social-democratic/socialist direction before changing course and opting for a more orthodox macroeconomic and structural policy direction. The attempts of governments of the right to implement a radically neo-liberal structural policy also failed in the face of a significant social opposition. The enduring French systemic crisis is the expression of contradictions between the economic policies implemented by the successive left and right governments, and the absence of a dominant, social bloc, that is, a coalition of social groups that would politically support the dominant political strategy.

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The lecture is based on his latest book (Oxford University Press 2017) on the evolution of the French model of capitalism in relation to the instability of socio-political compromises.

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