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A Conversation with

Rob Reich



Stanford's MLA Program is pleased to host Rob Reich, Professor of Political Science and, by courtesy, Professor of Philosophy and of Education at Stanford University, for a discussion of his book *Just Giving: Why Philanthropy Is Failing Democracy and How It Can Do Better*.

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Levinthal Hall - Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford

RSVP to jepearce@stanford.edu by September 30.

Rob Reich is the director of the Center for Ethics in Society and co-director of the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, both at Stanford University. His current work focuses on ethics, public policy, and technology, and he serves as associate director of the Institute on Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence at Stanford. Rob is the recipient of multiple teaching awards, including the Walter J. Gores award, Stanford's highest honor for teaching. His other recent books include *Education, Justice, and Democracy*.

Just Giving: Why Philanthropy Is Failing Democracy and How It Can Do Better investigates the ethical and political dimensions of philanthropy and considers how giving might better support democratic values and promote justice. Is philanthropy, by its very nature, a threat to today's democracy? Though we may laud wealthy individuals who give away their money for society's benefit, *Just Giving* shows how such generosity not only isn't the unassailable good we think it to be but might also undermine democratic values and set back aspirations of justice. Big philanthropy is often an exercise of power, the conversion of private assets into public influence. Philanthropy, when properly structured, can play a crucial role in supporting a strong liberal democracy. The book is available for purchase from Princeton University Press.