

MILLENNIALS RISING: NEXT GENERATION POLICIES IN THE WAKE OF THE GREAT RECESSION

A Cross-Cutting Policy Symposium

October 16-17, 2014

Day One: October 16

9:30

Breakfast and Registration

10:00

Welcome

- Reid Cramer, New America
- Brandee McHale, Citi Foundation

10:20

Keynote

- Anne-Marie Slaughter, New America
Families and Flexibility: Reshaping the Workplace for the 21st Century

10:40

The Millennial Challenge

Although the economic, social, and technological conditions that shape our lives have changed, our public policies are not keeping pace. This panel will explore how the outlook for Millennials differs from generations before and how they're navigating this new terrain.

Panelists

- Ray Boshara, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- Jen Mishory, Young Invincibles
- Sarah Audelo, Generation Progress
- Laurenellen McCann, New America

11:30

Millennials and the New Economy

The Great Recession has changed the economic landscape in fundamental ways, and with it, the pathways that Millennials have to get ahead. This panel will explore where the jobs of the 21st century are being generated and how that impacts who is likely to succeed and who is likely to fall behind.

Panelists

- Nona Willis Aronowitz, NBC News
- William Emmons, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- EJ Reedy, Kauffmann Foundation
- Elisabeth Jacobs, Washington Center for Equitable Growth
- Richard Deitz, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

12:30

Lunch

12:45

Keynote Conversation

- James Bullard, President, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- Matt Yglesias, Vox (interviewer)

1:30

The Future of Building Wealth

The ability to build wealth and manage finances is foundational to achieving what have long been the markers of the American Dream: going to college, buying a home, and having a secure retirement. But, a dragging economy and anemic housing market undermine the wealth building prospects of the Millennial generation. This panel will explore what options are available for building and protecting wealth within this inhospitable context and how policy can help restore access to a secure financial future.

Panelists:

- Brandee McHale, Citi Foundation
- Rourke O'Brien, Harvard University
- Tim Chen, NerdWallet
- Jennifer Tescher, Center for Financial Services Innovation
- Rohit Chopra, CFPB

2:30

Education and Training

A college degree has become a prerequisite for success in a competitive job market, yet is costing more and returning less to those with that credential. This panel will question current assumptions about how higher education is financed, organized, and accessed and propose new models that allow this system to work better for more students.

Panelists

- Jennifer Wang, Young Invincibles
- Kevin Carey, New America
- Zakiya Smith, Lumina Foundation
- Kisha Bird, Center for Law and Social Policy

3:30

Policy Workshops

Breakout sessions focusing on each of the topics covered earlier in the day will provide participants an opportunity to reflect on what was discussed, suggest additional ideas in need of development, and elevate policy solutions to address the challenges Millennials face in these areas.

4:30

Report out

5:15

Reception

Screening: Welcome to Fairfax

- Eva Bloomfield, Participant Media/Pivot

Day Two: October 17

8:30

Breakfast

9:00

Work and Family

Traditional assumptions about who constitutes a family and what parents need to provide for the financial, educational, and developmental needs of their children have been upended over recent generations. This panel will explore what families need at work and at home to be effective caregivers and breadwinners and the public policy options for removing barriers to being successful in each of these roles.

Panelists

- Conor Williams, New America
- Jessica Grose, Slate
- Donna Levin, Care.com
- Carrie Gleason, Center for Popular Democracy

10:00

Social Engagement and Political Participation

Millennials have come of age in a world shaped by technology and social media, which has influenced how they connect with each other and their perceptions of what it means to be part of a community. This panel will look at the new ways that Millennials are organizing and mobilizing to change the world around them.

Keynote:

- Wendy Spencer, Corporation for National and Community Service

Panelists

- Hollie Russon Gilman, New America
- Sabeel Rahman, Roosevelt Institute
- Tiana Epps-Johnson, New Organizing Institute
- Perna Lal, Advancing Justice--Asian American Justice Center
- Russell Krumnow, Opportunity Nation

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A New Social Contract for the Millennial Generation

Millennials are operating within a policy framework crafted for the needs, expectations, and circumstances of generations long since passed. This panel will distill the reflections generated during the Policy Workshops into an agenda that can inform a new social contract for the Millennial Generation.

Panelists

- Rachel Black, New America
- Perry Bacon, Jr. NBC News
- Taylor Jo Isenberg, Roosevelt Campus Network
- Mark Schmitt, New America

2:00

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