

ROUNDTABLE

# Reclaiming Legitimacy: Universities, Elites, and Democratic Renewal

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This international roundtable convenes leading scholars and public intellectuals to examine the contemporary crisis of higher education and its implications for democratic life



## Welcome and institutional remarks

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## Panel 1 Rebuilding Trust and Civic Responsibility

Arjun Appadurai Emeritus, New York University  
Craig Calhoun Professor, Arizona State  
Chris Higgins Chair, Department of Formative  
Education, Boston College

## Panel 2 Turning Ideas into Practice

Silja Häusermann Professor, University of Zurich  
Giovanni Orsina Head, Department  
of Political Science, Luiss  
Shalini Randeria Former President  
Central European University

**Moderator** Giancarlo Bosetti  
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