

Note about the readings:

The workshop paper for January 26 – “The waning of technocratic neoliberalism at the Fed” – is chapter 6 of my book manuscript in progress, *Economists with Power: The Fed, the ECB, and the Changing Politics of Money*. As you will see, it covers the Fed’s actions in the context of the 2010s – the aftermath of the global financial crisis, up to (but not including) the pandemic.

Because chapter 6 is still very much a draft with many loose ends, I am also giving you a draft of chapter 1. As usual, however, I will start the seminar by explaining what I am doing in the paper and in the book. So please do NOT feel obliged to read chapter 1 – this is just FYI, in case you have extra time on your hands.

Thank you for your attention, and I will be looking forward to the discussion next Thursday.

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Background readings for this week:

Eichengreen, Barry, *Hall of Mirrors: The Great Depression, the Great Recession, and the Uses – and Misuses – of History*, Oxford University Press, 2015: ch. 19-21 (pp. 281-311)

Fligstein, Neil, Jonah Stuart Brundage, and Michael Schultz. "Seeing like the Fed: Culture, cognition, and framing in the failure to anticipate the financial crisis of 2008." *American Sociological Review* 82, no. 5 (2017): 879-909.