The title talk is the title of Abramsky’s recently published book (Nation Books, 2013). He will be discussing the causes and the consequences, both on individuals, and on the body-politic of the extraordinary rise both in poverty and inequality in the 21st century America. What does it mean on a political level when one in six Americans are utterly excluded from the economic mainstream? What political choices led to this situation? And what political solutions can be implemented to turn a corner on the crisis?

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