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The Constitutional Bind: How Americans Came to Idolize a Document That Fails Them

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Zoom webinar

This program will offer a historical context for considering constitutional law and its role in legal practice. Some Americans today worry that the Federal Constitution is ill-equipped to respond to mounting democratic threats and may even intensify dysfunction in American politics. Yet the Constitution retains a quasi-mythical status in American legal and political culture, linking ideals of liberty and equality to assumptions about the wisdom of its design. In this book talk, author Aziz Rana will discuss *The Constitutional Bind: How Americans Came to Idolize a Document that Fails Them* (University of Chicago Press, 2024) and explain how the Constitution—despite its limitations—became so deeply revered and what this reverence has meant domestically and around the world.

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Speakers

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