The Obama era in the United States has been defined by unprecedented fiscal austerity in the face of ongoing economic weakness. Although the U.S. has been less extreme than Europe in this regard, economic growth and employment have been significantly hampered by politicians’ obsessive belief that the public debt is too high.

The next president will have an opportunity to make a significant break from those policies. Some candidates are proposing tax cuts that would increase both economic inequality and the public debt, while doing nothing to improve economic performance. Others propose more promising strategies to return the U.S. to some semblance of widespread prosperity.

In this lecture, Professor Neil H. Buchanan will describe the various fiscal policy proposals that the leading presidential candidates have offered thus far, assess the likely effectiveness and unintended consequences of those policies, and analyse the impact that these policies will have on countries elsewhere in the world.

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