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Institutional Review Board Licensing: The Revival of 17th Century Censorship in 21st Century America

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12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Kravis Center, Third Floor, Board Room 367

Claremont McKenna College

Lunch will be provided.

Seating is limited.

Please RSVP to ehuerta@cmc.edu by Wednesday Sept 18.

In 17th century Europe, the Inquisition and the Star Chamber licensed academic publications--as Galileo found out the hard way. In 18th century America, the First Amendment guaranteed the freedom of speech and the press and thereby barred any such licensing. Nowadays, however, Health and Human Services and other government agencies use Institutional Review Boards to revive the licensing of academic speech and publication, thus doing what the Constitution's speech and press guarantees most centrally forbade.

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