

9:15 | Introduction by Mike Wallace

9:30 to 11:00 | The Old New Deal (1930s)

The first session reminds people of what the New Deal was, explains that it was largely created in NYC, suggests the massive transformations wrought in the cityscape by programs such as the WPA, and assesses downsides of the New Deal as well as its positive legacy. Panelists will include NELSON LICHTENSTEIN (author, *State of the Union*), THOMAS KESSNER (author, *Fiorello H. LaGuardia and the Making of Modern New York*), and FRANCIS FOX PIVEN (author, *Why Americans Still Don't Vote*).

11:15 to 12:45 | Efforts to Revive the New Deal (1940s - 1990s)

A second group – ALAN BRINKLEY (author, *The End of Reform: New Deal Liberalism in Recession and War*), ARTHUR SCHLESINGER, JR. (author, *A Life in the Twentieth Century: Innocent Beginnings, 1917-1950*), and JOSHUA FREEMAN (author, *Working Class New York: Life and Labor Since World War II*) – will talk about the suppression of the New Deal as a national phenomenon in the 30s and 40s, efforts to revive it in the 60s, and the assault by the Republican right in the 70s and 80s on what remained of it.

1:00 to 1:45 | U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich: A National Perspective on a new New Deal

Representative Kucinich is Chairman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus—the largest congressional caucus—and will speak about the national viability of a new New Deal program. Kucinich, who first came to national attention during his feisty tenure as Mayor of Cleveland, when he fought to preserve the city's public energy system, has recently been mentioned as a possible future presidential candidate.

2:00 to 3:30 | What Might a New New Deal Look Like?

The third panel will consider the New Deal as a possible model for future action, here and nationally, not in the sense of some slavish revival but as an inspiration for the kind of government involvement in developing social capital (schools, housing, infrastructure), and providing jobs and job security, that it once stood for. MIKE WALLACE (Director, Gotham Center for New York City

History) will start the conversation by detailing what he finds useful in the New Deal legacy: social and physical infrastructure development, financial regulation, and social security. Then, drawing upon twenty-first century ideas and technologies, he will explore what a modern day version of the New Deal might look like.

Others will then respond with their own perspectives on the current and future scene, locally and nationally. Panelists will include New York City's Deputy Mayor for Economic Development DAN DOCTOROFF, KATHRYN WYLDE (President and CEO, New York City Partnership), and BRUCE RAYNOR (President, UNITE).

3:45 to 5:45 | How to Make a New New Deal Happen

The final panel will turn to the issue of how to make something like a new New Deal happen – the politics of what's possible. RUY TEIXEIRA (author, *An Emerging Democratic Majority*) will discuss the kinds of electoral coalitions that might support this project nationally; and JOHN MOLLENKOPF (author, *Rethinking the Urban Agenda: Reinventing the Liberal Tradition in New York City and Urban America*) will do the same locally. The conversation will also include spokespeople from key constituencies that might be part of such a coalition: BOB MASTER (Communications Workers of America and the Working Families Party), MARGIE MCHUGH (Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition) and ROBERTO RAMIREZ (former NY State Assemblyman from the Bronx).

Media Presentations featured throughout the day:

- Selections on the New Deal from Ric Burns's *New York: A Documentary Film*
- "New Deal for New York: A Photographic Document," by Tom Thurston of the New Deal Network



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