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Virtual Webinar

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In 2015, the governor of Wisconsin tried to change the state university's historic mission by eliminating its commitment to "search for truth" and "improve the human condition." He sought to substitute instead the narrower, economic goal of "meet[ing] the state's workforce needs." Although a public outcry forced a reversal, the effort to reshape the university's guiding principles did not end there. The governor and his allies then pursued the same end by different means: they imposed deep budget cuts, weakened tenure, and vitiating the sharing of university governance with students, academic staff, and faculty. How might we understand the history of these developments and their implications for the future of public higher education in an era of neoliberal austerity?



Purpose of a Public



University?

Lessons of the Wisconsin Experience

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