

INTRODUCTION

1. January 15: The Varieties of Capitalist Experience

We shall examine the tenuous origins of capitalist theory and the trajectory of developmental capitalism in U.S. What do we mean by capitalism? Who “invented” it? Does a free market still

Readings

Christopher Howard, "Is the American Welfare State Unusually Small?"

9. March 12: Spring Break

No Class

10. March 19: Night watchman and the minimalist state

The failures of the Leviathan state and evidence of crony capitalism have revitalized a once marginal libertarian movement. How would libertarians return us to a "free market?" How might a credible libertarian alternative reshape the politics of American capitalism? Case: Defense Policy

Readings

Ford, Chapter Four

Denis G. Arnold, "Libertar

