The Politics of Pensions
with
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At this talk Professor Sarah Anzia will discuss her research on the politics behind the public pension crisis in state and local governments in the U.S. Professor Anzia is a political scientist who studies American politics with a focus on state and local government, elections, interest groups, political parties, and public policy. Her recent book, *Timing and Turnout: How Off-Cycle Elections Favor Organized Groups*, examines how the timing of elections can be manipulated to affect both voter turnout and the composition of the electorate, which, in turn, affects election outcomes and public policy. She also studies the role of government employees and public sector unions in elections and policymaking in the U.S. In addition, she has written about the politics of public pensions, women in politics, the historical development of electoral institutions, and the power of political party leaders in state legislatures. Her work has been published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, and *American Studies in Political Development*. She has a Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University and an M.P.P. from the Harris School at the University of Chicago.