“Senate reform” has been much debated; it has even become an oxymoron. It is a bit like the weather – everyone talks about it but no one does anything about it. Dr. Barnhart will discuss the topic of Senate reform drawing on his extensive research of the subject and his previous experience serving as Clerk of the Senate. He will outline the many past attempts at reform, and make suggestions for possible future action.

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