

Children of a Modest Star: Planetary Thinking for an Age of Crises

A Conversation with Nils Gilman

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2:30 p.m. MST

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Deadly viruses, climate-changing carbon molecules, and harmful pollutants cross the globe unimpeded by national borders. While the consequences of these flows range across scales, from the local to the planetary, the authority and resources to manage them are concentrated mainly at one level: the nation-state. This profound mismatch is leading to cascading systemic failures.

In this event, Gilman will present a clear-eyed and urgent vision for a new system of political governance capable of stabilizing a planet in crisis.

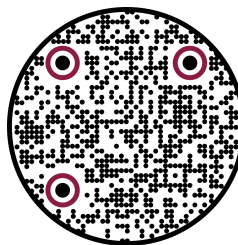
Join us for a light reception before the event and a book-signing after. Copies of [“Children of a Modest Star”](#) will be available for purchase, courtesy of the ASU Bookstore.



Nils Gilman

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Nils Gilman (PhD, UC Berkeley) is an historian with a long track record of addressing fundamental challenges to global order. In addition to his most recent book, “Children of a Modest Star” (2024, co-authored with Jonathan Blake), he has also authored “Mandarins of the Future: Modernization Theory in Cold War America” (2004) and “Deviant Globalization: Black Market Economy in the 21st Century” (2011).



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