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Title: *Furious Minds: The Making of the MAGA New Right*

Abstract: Author and political theorist Laura K. Field joins us to discuss her book *Furious Minds: The Making of the MAGA New Right* (Princeton UP, 2025), which examines how the political moment surrounding Donald Trump's 2016 election reshaped the American conservative intellectual landscape. Field argues that while Trump himself was not a traditional ideological thinker, his rise created space for a network of academics, public intellectuals, and influencers who constitute the "MAGA New Right," and who now exert significant influence in Washington, DC.