Visions of progress: left and liberal politics in modern America

Progressive politics in the contemporary United States sometimes went by the name left or radical, and sometimes “liberal”. While many think that liberal reform and the radical left are eternal enemies in US history, in reality they sometimes conflicted and sometimes cooperated for shared goals. A complete view of these relationships within progressive politics in the US requires understanding party politics, public policy, and grass-roots social movements.

Possible research topics:

• The “Progressive Era” in America, 1900-1920
• The 1930s era in America: reform and radicalism
• The Cold War and progressive politics
• The 1960s and the revival of progressive politics
• Radicalism and liberalism in America since the 1960s