Long-term unemployment in the U.S. has become a human crisis never experienced before. America’s million-plus long-term unemployed are caught in a vicious cycle: their increasingly lengthy jobless spells make them increasingly unattractive applicants. The talk will examine the causes of the jobless trap, the role of government in helping the unemployed, and the options that are left before a dip into a depression. It will conclude with a comparative analysis to the Lebanese economy.

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