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## Global Innovation & Regional Development

### Speaker Series

*Presents*

## Richard Walker

(University of California, Berkeley)

### *Behind the Boom: Sources of Bay Area Success and Metropolitan Change*

Thursday, October 8th, 2015

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sidney Smith Hall 3130



#### **Abstract**

The San Francisco Bay Area is one of the four largest urban areas in the US, and one of the richest cities in the world. It is without peer as a global center of High Tech/IT, well known for its role in developing personal devices, internet portals and social media. It is much more complex and contradictory than meets the eye, however. Its geography is widely misunderstood (being much more than San Francisco and Silicon Valley), the roots of its success go far deeper than the silicon chip, and its social order is far more contradictory than is belied by its Progressive reputation.

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