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From the gold rush and the sectional crisis to railroad building, Chinese exclusion, Japanese internment, immigration, the Free Speech Movement, and the rise of the modern Republican Party, California has both served as a beacon for the nation's highest aspirations and a bellwether for its political, social, cultural, and economic changes. Three eminent historians will grapple with the historical forces that have shaped the relationship between California and the nation. They will examine not only how the state and the nation have responded to one another over time but also how their contested history has in turn shaped the choices we face today.

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