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Professor Randall Collins is the Dorothy Swaine Thomas Professor and Graduate Group Chair in Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. He specializes in the macro-historical sociology of political and economic change, social philosophy, and social conflict. His book The Sociology of Philosophies, which was awarded 1999 Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award of the American Sociological Association, traces intellectual thought through ancient China, India, and Greece, medieval Islam and Israel, Christendom and Japan, and modern Europe. It is widely considered as the most comprehensive history of world philosophy yet written.

In this lecture, Professor Collins will apply his theoretical work on collegial power to the phenomenon of power-sharing while, at the same time, reflecting on its macro-history.

The Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Power-Sharing in Deeply Divided Places explores power-sharing and evaluates its role as a standard prescription for protracted conflicts in deeply divided territories, especially when there are antagonistic self-determination claims.