

Symposium

The End of the Cold War and the
Triumph of Broken Promises

Foreword

On October 12, 2022 the University of Naples L'Orientale hosted an interdisciplinary seminar on Fritz Bartel's *The Triumph of Broken Promises. The End of the Cold War and the Rise of Neo-Liberalism*, a prominent new study published by Harvard University Press in 2022. By convening the author and three scholars specialising in different fields of the Cold War history, of economic and financial history and of international history, the seminar, funded by the University's Department of Humanities and Social Science, vividly discussed the interplay between the end of the Cold War and the rampant ascendancy of neoliberalism from the 1970s to the 1980s, a line of inquiry pivotal to the author's reconstruction.

Following the tradition of this section (Symposium), *The Journal of European Economic History* asked the three discussants and the author of the book to populate a roundtable about the main points explored by Bartel's monograph and discussed on that seminar's occasion.