

CED Sustainable Capitalism Project:

In 2013, CED embarked on a multi-year research project called Sustainable Capitalism that encompasses a comprehensive review of the social and economic challenges to capitalism in the wake of the financial crisis as well as long-term solutions.

Capitalism, as an economic system, has been threatened as long as it has been in existence; and business and government have responded to the challenges of the times to adapt and evolve. How capitalism evolves and the specific forms by which it adapts to contemporary societal needs are critical issues for the nation, and are the focus of CED's Sustainable Capitalism project.

As our founders did in 1942, CED intends to continue to offer reasoned solutions from business in the nation's interest. Such solutions should help foster an economic system that preserves and strengthens freedom, economic opportunity, and innovation; and improves quality of life for all—in other words, sustainable capitalism.

CED's first installment of the Sustainable Capitalism project, *Crony Capitalism: Unhealthy Relations Between Business and Government*, was released in October 2015 at our Fall Policy Conference. The release featured 200 leaders from the business and policy communities in attendance to interact with a panel of experts on the corrosive effects of crony capitalism, which we define as unhealthy collusion between business and government.

Next, CED released *Tackling Economic Inequality, Boosting Opportunity* in April 2016, which examines the growth and impact of rising economic inequality over recent decades. The report provides recommendations for policy reforms—spanning health care to taxation to higher education—that we believe will create equality of opportunity and lessen economic inequality. In short, we argue that capitalism must evolve if it is to continue to serve the needs of the world's people and economies and if it is to remain sustainable.

As part of the celebration of CED's 75th anniversary in 2017, we plan to publish a book highlighting our research on crony capitalism and economic inequality plus the topics listed below. In addition, each topic will be covered in individual reports and released in the coming months:

- Medicare (August)
- Fiscal Health (August)
- Workforce development (August)
- Regulation (September)
- Immigration (October)
- Globalization (October)
- Full book release (January 2017)

Also as part of our 75th anniversary, CED will be hosting a series of policy roundtables throughout the country to unite business and community leaders in dialogue about ways to improve our system of capitalism. Each event will focus on one of the topics listed above. Possible cities for policy roundtables include: New York City; Boston, MA; San Francisco, CA; Washington, DC; New Haven, CT; Chicago, IL; and Detroit, MI.