

LECTURE Series

Friday - April 9, 2027

7 pm Eastern / 4 pm Pacific

with Fergus Bordewich

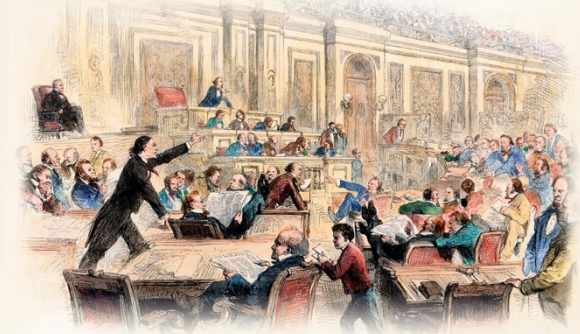
CONGRESS AT WAR:

**How Republican Reformers Fought the Civil War, Defied Lincoln,
Ended Slavery, and Remade America**

Building a riveting narrative around four influential members of Congress--Thaddeus Stevens, Pitt Fessenden, Ben Wade, and the pro-slavery Clement Vallandigham--Fergus Bordewich shows us how a newly empowered Republican party shaped one of the most dynamic and consequential periods in American history. From reinventing the nation's financial system to pushing President Lincoln to emancipate the slaves to the planning for Reconstruction, Congress undertook drastic measures to defeat the Confederacy, in the process laying the foundation for a strong central government that came fully into being in the twentieth century. Brimming with drama and outsized characters, *Congress at War* is also one of the most original books about the Civil War to appear in years and will change the way we understand the conflict.



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