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THE INTERTWINING OF DEMOCRACY
AND NEOLIBERALISM

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To Ben and our late fathers, Dr. Yonggoo Moon and Dr. Roger Caldwell

The democratic movement, then, is in fact a double movement of transgressing limits: a movement for extending the equality of public man to other domains of life in common, and in particular to all those that govern the limitlessness of capitalist wealth; another movement for reaffirming the belonging of anyone and everyone to that incessantly privatized public sphere.

JACQUES RANCIÈRE, *HATRED OF DEMOCRACY*

What is meant when it is said that we live in democracies? . . . what we call democracy is a statist and governmental functioning that is exactly the contrary: . . . the monopolizing of *la chose publique* by a solid alliance of State oligarchy and economic oligarchy. . . . We live in States of oligarchic law, in other words, in States where the power of the oligarchy is limited by a dual recognition of popular sovereignty and individual liberties.

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