Billionaires, Best Intentions, and Public Education

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4 Points
Tues/Thurs 9:05-10:45

This course has no prerequisites and is open to all undergraduates. It is an elective for the minor in Global and Urban Education Studies.

For as long as wealthy Americans have given their money away, education has been a leading recipient of their largesse. From Henry Ford and John D. Rockefeller to Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, philanthropists have often arrived armed with controversial ideas about education, donating significant portions of their fortunes to schools, teachers, and libraries in the U.S. and abroad. What is the role of private money in public education? What should it be? How has it changed over time? This course examines the world of educational philanthropy, and the challenges foundations face in contributing to education worldwide.

Please contact the course instructor, Jonathan Friedman (j.friedman@nyu.edu), with any questions.