

50th Anniversary Conference of the
American Politics Group (APG)
of the Political Studies Association (PSA)

4th-6th January 2024
Queen Mary, University of London
Mile End, London

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Day 1 – Thursday, 4th January

Registration & welcome reception

17.00-17.45

Graduate Centre Foyer

Keynote Lecture

Dr Jamila Michener (Cornell)

17.45-19.00

Peston Lecture Theatre, Graduate Centre

Conference Dinner

19.00-21.00

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Day 2 – Friday, 5th January

Breakfast

8.30-9.30

Session 1 – 9.30-11.00

Panel A - Congress

- ❖ 'Reducing bipartisanship: Evidence from Former Members of US Congress'
 - Josephine Harmon (NYU)
- ❖ 'The 2023 speaker contests and the House Republican Conference: Myths and Realities'
 - Tom Packer (Oxford)
- ❖ 'What were they thinking? Comparing Methods of Estimating US Senators' Personality Traits'
 - Dan Stevens (Exeter), Laszlo Horvath (Birkbeck), Alessandro Nai (Amsterdam)



Panel B – The Politics of the US Military

- ❖ 'Patriarchy and Prejudice: Sexist attitudes and confidence in the US military'
 - Jessica Blankshain (US Naval War College), Danielle Lupton (Colgate University), Max Marguiles (Modern War Institute, USMA West Point)
- ❖ 'Alternative Developments within the US Military: Feminist Thought and Female Leadership'
 - Kristina Seefeldt (Freiburg)
- ❖ 'On the Symbiotic Relationship Between the US Foreign Policy and the Turkish Armed Forces'
 - Berfin Necimoglu (KCL)

Coffee Break

11.00-11.15

Session 2 – 11.15-12.45

Panel A – China, Protectionism, and Trade

- ❖ 'Washington and Tragicomedy: Emplotting the Chinese threat'
 - Anthony Teitler (Karlshochschule International University)
- ❖ 'More Trumpist than Trump? US Protectionism in the Biden Era'
 - Junyan Lyu (Tsinghua) & Richard Johnson (QMUL)
- ❖ 'Buy American: Economic Patriotism and the Emergence of the Parallel Economy Movement Among US Conservatives'
 - Will Ranger (UCL)

Panel B – The Presidency

- ❖ 'Implementing Executive Orders in the Administrative State'
 - Andrew Rudalevige (Bowdoin/LSE)
- ❖ 'US Presidents, Their Predecessors and Positioning, 1928-2022'
 - Jon Herbert (Keele)
- ❖ 'The Changing Role of Religion in Presidential Politics from JFK to Mitt Romney'
 - Will Glass (Warsaw)
- ❖ 'The Cyber Presidency: Presidential Focus in Cyber Space'
 - Dafydd Townley (Portsmouth)



Lunch

12.45-13.30

Session 3 – 13.30-15.00

Panel A – Economic Policy

- ❖ 'The Problem of Economic Nationalism in the Mid- 20th Century United States, 1929-1968'
 - David Stebenne (Ohio State)
- ❖ 'The Making of the Militarized War on Poverty: Project 100,000 and the Soldiers of the State'
 - Emilie Cuning (Emory)
- ❖ 'Contesting 'the economy': findings from ethnographically-styled fieldwork in BLM and anti-lockdown ideological communities'
 - Jess Underwood (Warwick)

Panel B – Author Meets Critics: *The Upcoming Insignificance of the American Presidency*

Author: Wilbur Rich (Wellesley)

Critics: Andrew Rudalevige (Bowdoin/LSE), Ursula Hackett (RHUL), Alex Waddan (Leicester)

Coffee Break

15.00-15.15

Session 4 – 15.15-16.45

Panel A - Populism, Party and Policy: Trumpism and the GOP

- ❖ 'The MAGA 2024 Mandate'
 - Clodagh Harrington (University College Cork)
- ❖ 'Is the American Two-Party Approaching a Breaking Point?'
 - John K. White (Catholic University) & M. R. Kerbel (Catholic University)
- ❖ 'Taking Trumpism Seriously'
 - Alex Waddan (Leicester)

Panel B – The Media and Political Communications

- ❖ 'Local News in a Social Capital Capital Sixteen Years Later'



- Barbara Allen (Carleton College), Dylan Fox-Arnold (Carleton College), Bjorn Holtey (Carleton College), Daniel Stevens (Exeter), Matthew Vincent (Carleton College), Beck Woollen (Yale)
- ❖ 'Considering Context: The Partisan Roots of the Vanderbilt Television News Archive'
 - Naomi Smith (Birkbeck)
- ❖ 'Oh, they are juiced: lies and lawmaking in the USA'
 - Katie Pruszynski (Sheffield)

Coffee break

16.45-17.00

50th Anniversary Speaker: John Dean

17.00-18.00

Peston Lecture Theatre, Graduate Centre

APG Annual General Meeting

18.00-19.00

Peston Lecture Theatre, Graduate Centre

Day 3 – Saturday, 6th January

Session 5 – 9.00-10.30

Panel A – Racial Politics

- ❖ 'Beyond civil rights and towards critical race theory: violence and the politics of protest in the early work of Derrick Bell'
 - Samuel Burry (Oxford)
- ❖ 'Lyndon B. Johnson and American Indian Policy: LBJ's 1968 Indian Message and The Limitations of Liberalism'
 - Dean Kotlowski (Salisbury)
- ❖ 'Racial Malapportionment Drift and the Strategic Value of Minimal-Change Maps'
 - Ursula Hackett (RHUL)



Panel B – Climate Politics in the Biden Era

- ❖ 'From the Green New Deal to the Inflation Reduction Act: Climate Politics in the Biden Administration'
 - John Berg (Suffolk)
- ❖ 'President Biden and the Greening of The United States'
 - Elizabeth Grant (Independent scholar)

Coffee Break

10.30-10.45

Session 6 – 10.45-12.15

Panel A - The American Right and Populism

- ❖ 'Institutionalism versus Populism: Assessing the US Government's Response to the Attack on the US Capitol, January 6th, 2021'
 - Lane Crothers (Illinois State)
- ❖ 'Strict Father Willing to Inflict Harm: Conservatives' Enduring Resistance to Redistribution'
 - Alf Tomas Tønnessen (Agder)
- ❖ 'The Survival of Moderate Republicans Post-1980: A Working Definition and Theoretical Model'
 - Matthew Schlachter (UCL)
- ❖ 'Herschel Walker: the death of the American political scandal?'
 - Robert Busby (Liverpool Hope)

Panel B – '50 States or Bust!' Roundtable

Peter Finn (Kingston), Amy Tatum (Bournemouth), Caroline Leicht (Southampton), Lauren C. Bell (Randolph-Macon College)

Lunch and Closing

12.15-13.00

Graduate Centre Foyer

Statement of Inclusivity



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⋮ **American Politics**

The American Politics Group of PSA supports and promotes the study and discussion of US Politics, Government and Political History. The Group strives to ensure that all of its events and activities remain an inclusive, respectful and supportive space for scholars, students, teachers and the general public.

Some of the content and material that we encounter as American Politics scholars can be both academically and emotionally challenging. Conferees should be mindful of the impact their research can have on others, to contribute to fostering an environment which is safe and welcoming, and to promote values of dignity and respect. Our aim, therefore, is to promote open dialogue, academic debate and critical discussion in a way that is compassionate, respectful, and without any form of prejudice.

