

**American Politics Group of the PSA  
Fortieth Annual Conference, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**



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## **Timetable**

### **Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

4.30pm at the Rothermere American Institute, 1a South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3UB  
<http://www.rai.ox.ac.uk/contact>

Tea

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5.30pm

**John Lees Memorial Lecture given at the Rothermere American Institute  
by**

**Professor Richard Blackett**

(Harmsworth Professor of American History, Rothermere American Institute,  
University of Oxford, and Andrew Jackson Professor of History, Vanderbilt University)

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6.50pm Reception, St Anne's College  
<http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/about/how-to-find-us.html>

7.30pm Conference Dinner, St Anne's College

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All conference accommodation is provided at St Anne's College.

Each delegate's room key is obtainable on signature at the College Lodge on Woodstock Road.

**Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – all panels held at St Anne's College

9.15am – 10.45am Panel A

**Ideas and American Politics** Chair and Discussant: Clodagh Harrington

John C. Berg, *The Role of Science in Politics: How New Scientific Interpretations Have Changed the Direction of the Climate Movement*

Tom Girn, *Federalists, Anti-Federalists and an Internationalist Theory of the Origins of the American Constitution*

Lilia Giugni, *The New Democrats and the Americanization of the European Left*

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9.15 – 10.45am Panel B

**Constitutional Law and Politics** Chair and Discussant: Alex Waddan

Jamie Fletcher, *The Politics of Constitutions: UKIP and the Tea Party's attempt to re-establish their 'lost constitution'*

Helen Knowles, *Taking Justice Kennedy Seriously*

Joe Ryan-Hume, *Protecting a Legacy in a Conservative Era: Liberal Reactions to the Nomination of a 'Right-Wing Loony'*

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10.45 – 11.15am Coffee

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11.15am – 12.45pm Panel A

**Resistance to Presidential Leadership** Chair and Discussant: Jon Herbert

Kevin Baron, *Veto Bargaining in Iterated Games: LBJ, Ford, and the Freedom of Information Act*

Holly Flynn-Piercy, *An Exercise in Pre-emptive Presidential Leadership: Making an Institutional Argument for the Failure of Clinton's 1994 Health Care Reform*

Daniel Rowe, *Preserving the Great Society: Negotiation Now! And the Vietnam War, 1967-1971*

11.15 am – 12.45pm

Panel B

**US, Iran, and Afghanistan**

Chair and Discussant: John Dumbrell

Steven Hurst, *The United States, Iran and the Bomb: The Prequel*

Anthony Teitler, *US Foreign Policy towards Afghanistan: Identity and Geostrategy*

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1.00pm – 2.00pm

Lunch (RDB Dining Room)

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2.00pm – 3.45pm

Merged Panel

**Political Leadership, Policy Processes, and Outcomes**

Chairs and Discussants: Andy Rudalevige and Alan Ware

Eddie Ashbee, *Exporting Intercurrence*

Karen Heath, *Richard Nixon and the Appropriation of Populist Art in the 1970s*

Anne Mørk, *LBJ and Presidential Leadership in the Creation of VISTA*

Andrew Taylor, *Lyndon Johnson, Heresthetics and the 1957 Civil Rights Act*

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3.45pm – 4.15pm

Tea

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4.15pm – 5.45pm

Panel A

**The State, Rights, and Risk**

Chair and Discussant: Iwan Morgan

Ursula Hackett: *The Six Great Societies*

Alex Waddan, *Obamacare and the role of the state*

Andrew Wroe, *The Great Risk Shift: Economic Insecurity and Political Trust in the United States*

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4.15pm – 5.45pm          Panel B:

**The War on Poverty**                      Chair and Discussant: Nigel Bowles

Tom Davies, *From Economic Opportunity to Economic Development*

Mark McLay, *A Path to Relevance: Republicans and the War on Poverty, 1965*

Maciej Turek, *War on Poverty or War on Poor*

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6.00pm                                  APG Annual Meeting

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**Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 -- all panels held at St Anne's College**

9.15am – 10.45am                      Panel A

**Elections**                                  Chair and Discussant: Tom Packer

David Morgan, *The Crest of a Wave? The Context and Consequences of the 1974 Elections to the House of Representatives*

Zim Nwokora and Lara Brown, *How the News Media Decide the Winner of a Presidential Debate*

Richard Johnson, *Proudly for Brooke: Race and Ideology in the 1966 Massachusetts Senatorial Campaign*

9.15am – 10.45 am                      Panel B

**Roundtable**

Edward Ashbee, Andrew Rudalevige, Alex Waddan, and Andy Wroe, *A Terminal Prognosis?: The Study of US Politics in Europe*

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10.45am – 11.15am                      Coffee

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11.15am – 12.45pm

Panel A

**The Great Society and its Aftermath** Chair and Discussant: Karen Heath

Patrick Andelic, *'Now It's Our Turn': The Watergate Babies and the Struggle to Define Post-Great Society Liberalism*

Tom Packer, *Jesse Helms, North Carolina, and the Great Society's Legacy*

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11.15am – 12.45pm

Panel B

**Presidential Decision-Making in Foreign and Security Policy**

Chair and Discussant: Steven Hurst

John Dumbrell, *Obama's Foreign Policy: Process, Personnel and Policy Direction*

Benjamin Martill, *Personality or Politics? Explaining Variation in Anglo-American Relations*

Mara Tchalakov, *Explaining Conflict Escalation in Presidential Decision-Making*

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1.00pm – 2.00pm

Lunch (RDB Dining Room)

1.50pm: Announcement of the winner of the Neustadt Postgraduate Paper Prize