

# American Politics Group Annual Conference, 2017

University of Leicester, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January

## **Thursday 5th January: 2.00pm onwards**

Conference welcome and registration: College Court, University of Leicester

Refreshments will be available from 3.00pm onwards

5.00pm:

Wine reception

6.00pm:

**John D Lees Memorial Lecture** to be given by **Professor Lara Brown**,  
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM), The  
George Washington University

"The 2016 Election, the Populist Backlash, and the Mirror Images of  
the Gilded Age."

7.30pm:

Conference Dinner

## **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast will be served from 7.30 – 8.30 on Friday and Saturday mornings

**Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Time	Chestnut Room	Maple Room
8.30 – 10.15	<p><b>Social Policy in Flux:</b>  <b>Chair: Eddie Ashbee</b>  <b>Lea Stephan:</b> <a href="#">Jean Jaurès University</a>            “Change and Continuity in Health Care Reform Approaches since the Clinton Administration”  <b>Ilaria di Gioia and Anne Richardson Oakes:</b> <a href="#">Birmingham City University</a>:            “Change and Continuity in state opposition to the Affordable Care Act”  <b>Alf Tonnessen:</b> <a href="#">Volda University College</a>            “Food Stamps and the American Right: The enduring resistance by conservatives to SNAP expansion”  <b>Howell Williams:</b> <a href="#">The New School for Social Research</a>            “Families Behind Bars: How movements against mass incarceration are remaking ‘family values’ politics”</p>	<p><b>The U.S. and the Middle East</b>  <b>Chair: John Dumbrell</b>  <b>Samer Bakkour:</b> <a href="#">Justus Liebig Institute</a>            “US Policy and the Arab World, 1950-1990”  <b>Steven Hurst:</b> <a href="#">Manchester Metropolitan University</a>            “The US, Iran and the Bomb: A History”  <b>Luke Middup:</b> <a href="#">St Andrew University</a>,  <b>“Britain, Iraq and the limits of influence”</b></p>
10.45 – 12.30	<p><b>Parties, Voting and democracy</b>  <b>Chair: Andy Wroe</b>  <b>Michael Artime:</b> <a href="#">Pacific Lutheran University</a>            Time to make a change? Are evaluations of the direction of the country related to vote choice in presidential elections?  <b>Valentina Dotto and Jasmina Dzindic:</b> <a href="#">Lund University</a>            “In what ways can we use participatory methods to promote the principles of deliberative democracy? The case of New York city.”  <b>Sarah Tiplady:</b> <a href="#">University of Keele</a>            “Explaining Change and Continuity in the use of party in presidential campaign strategy”  <b>Jorge Saldana:</b> <a href="#">University of Houston</a>            “‘Going Rogue’: Trait ownership, deviating partisans and vote choice in</p>	<p><b>Challenges to the Established Order</b>  <b>Chair: Mara Oliva</b>  <b>Eddie Ashbee:</b> <a href="#">Copenhagen Business School</a>            “The Trump Phenomenon”  <b>Rob Busby:</b> <a href="#">Liverpool Hope University</a>            “Trump and the use of the attack brand in the 2016 election”  <b>Andrew Moran:</b> <a href="#">London Metropolitan University</a>            “‘To the back of the queue’: What Brexit means to America”</p>

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12.30 – 1.30	<b>Lunch at College Court</b>	
1.30 – 3.15	<p><b>Causes and Consequences of 2016</b>  <b>Chair: Jon Herbert</b>  <b>Brain Kennedy:</b>  Accommodate or resist? How the GOP last responded to a string of presidential election defeats  <b>Andy Wroe: University of Kent</b>  “De-industrialisation and the 2016 presidential election: A spatial analysis of Trump’s victory”  <b>Anne Mørk: University of Southern Denmark</b>  Electoral Strategies in the Age of Trump  <b>Alfred Cardone:</b> The Libertarian Festival: People Power for the Twenty First Century</p>	<p><b>Propaganda, media representation, and spin</b>  <b>Chair Steve Hurst</b>  <b>Darius Wainwright: University of Reading</b>  “Three’s a Crowd?”: The UK Foreign Office, the US State Department and SAVAK, the Iranian security and intelligence service (1958-68)  <b>Malcolm Craig: Liverpool, John Moores University</b>  “Be glad that it didn’t happen in real life”: The American news media, Islam, and nuclear weapons, 1981-2016”  <b>Dafydd Townley: University of Reading</b>  “‘The Struggle for Public Approval’: The Ford Administration and Congress during the Year of Intelligence”</p>
3.45 – 5.15	<p><b>The Persuasive Power of Rhetoric: Reflections on the Space Between Truth and Oratory in the Republican Party</b>  <b>Chair: Andrew Rudalevige</b>  <b>Mara Oliva: University of Reading</b>  ‘Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Rhetoric of Popularity’  <b>Clodagh Harrington: DeMontfort University</b>  ‘Steeling the Magnolia: Condoleezza Rice and the power of persuasion’  <b>Jon Herbert: University of Keele</b>  ‘I know how hard it is to put food on your family’: George W. Bush &amp; the Oratory of the Rhetorically-Challenged’</p>	<p><b>U.S. democracy promotion and nuclear policy</b>  <b>Chair: Niels Bjerre-Poulsen, University of Southern Denmark</b>  <b>Robert Pee: University of Birmingham</b>  “Democracy Promotion as a contested concept: Anti-communists, Congressional Liberals, and the early years of the National Endowment for Democracy”  <b>Rasmus Sinding Søndergaard: University of Southern Denmark</b>  “Elliott Abrams, the Human Rights Bureau, and the Conceptualization of Democracy Promotion”  <b>James Simpkins: University of Leeds</b>  “Explaining Change and Continuity in US BMD Policy, 1997-2010”</p>
5.30 – 6.30	<b>Major Garrett, Chief White House Correspondent, CBS News</b> <b>Plenary session</b>	

Free evening	
<b>Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>8.30 – 9.15</b>	<b>APG AGM</b>
<b>9.30 – 11.15</b>	<p><b>Governing and Governance:</b>  <b>Chair: Clodagh Harrington</b>  <b>Andrew Rudalevige:</b> <a href="#">Bowdoin College</a>  “The Early Institutionalization of Regulatory review”  <b>Mark Wickham-Jones:</b> <a href="#">University of Bristol</a>  “Party Government and McCarthyism”  <b>Tom Robinson:</b> <a href="#">St Anne’s College, University of Oxford</a>  “Cannabis coalitions: cooperation across institutional borders”  <b>Karen Heath:</b> <a href="#">St Clare’s, Oxford</a>  “President Reagan and Federal Funding for the Arts, 1980-89”</p>
<b>11.45 – 1.15</b>	<p><b>Courts and Churches</b>  <b>Chair: Alex Waddan</b>  <b>Richard Johnson:</b> <a href="#">Nuffield College, University of Oxford</a>  “The End of the Quiet revolution in Voting Rights”  <b>John Forren:</b> <a href="#">Miami University Hamilton:</a>  “The Free Exercise Clause and Religious exemptions in the Lower Courts, 1990-2016”  <b>Emma Long:</b> <a href="#">University of East Anglia</a>  “Another Threat to Religious Freedom: Continuity and Change in the Church-state debate”  <b>Lee Marsden:</b> <a href="#">University of East Anglia</a>  “Whither the Christian Right?”</p>
<b>1.15 – 2.00</b>	<b>Lunch at College Court</b> Award of Neustadt prize for the best paper given by a postgraduate student