Preliminary Program

2027 SPSA Annual Conference

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Welcome to the 2027 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

The SPSA is a community of scholars, educators, and practitioners from around the globe, representing a wide range of institutions, career stages, and perspectives. From research universities and liberal arts colleges to HBCUs, HSIs, community colleges, and organizations beyond academia, our members share a commitment to the study and practice of political science and to the value of higher education.

Rooted in a tradition of southern hospitality, our annual meeting provides opportunities to share research, exchange ideas, and build meaningful professional connections. What I have always valued about the SPSA is the opportunity to learn from and connect with colleagues from different institutions, backgrounds, and areas of expertise. The relationships built through these interactions continue to strengthen our discipline and our profession.

We are excited to gather in beautiful St. Pete Beach, Florida, and look forward to bringing together colleagues from across our discipline to learn from one another, engage in thoughtful conversation, and strengthen the professional community that sustains our work.

Mary R. Anderson
SPSA President Elect

1100

SPSA Office - Wednesday

Wednesday
8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 1

Meetings

1100

AV Group - Storage and Office

Wednesday
8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 2

Meetings

1400

Registration - Wednesday

Wednesday
12:00pm-5:00pm
Grand Palm Colonnade - Registration

Meetings

2900

Thursday
7:00am-5:00pm
Grand Palm Colonnade – Registration

Registration - Thursday

Meetings

2100

Thursday
7:30am-6:00pm
Board Room

Lactation Room - Thursday

Meetings

Key entry only. Come to the SPSA Office for assistance accessing the room.

2100

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8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 1

SPSA Office - Thursday

Meetings

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Thursday
8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 2

AV Group - Thursday

Meetings

2100

Thursday
8:00am-6:00pm
Spotted Curlew

Student Lounge - Thursday

Meetings

A lounge available for all students (both graduate and undergraduate) to take a break and enjoy light refreshments.

2100

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Banyan

Hot Button Topics and Culture Wars (II)

Public Opinion

Participants

From Support to Second Thoughts: Latino Voter Remorse after the 2024 Presidential Election in Texas
Sarah Perez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Is Gen Z the "Most Conservative Generation of our time?" The Rise of Conservatism and Voting Behavior from 2008 to 2024 by the Generations.
Jacqueline Le, University of Houston
CJ Scheick, PhD Candidate

The Nativist Path to Cultural Backlash
Kirby Goidel, Texas A&M University
Sam Sharman, International University of Japan
Clifford Young, Texas A&M University
Julie Reyes, Texas A&M University

The Politics of Loneliness
Casey Ste Claire, University of North Florida

Trading Places: Free Trade as a Potential Partisan Wedge Issue
Andrew Logan Stone, University of Georgia

When Abortion Attitudes Conflict with Party: Defection and Withdrawal in Presidential Elections
Abida Sultana, University of Florida

2100

Power and Democracy in State Legislatures

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Blue Heron

State Politics

Chair
Joshua Dyck, UMass Lowell

Participants
By the People, For the States: Evaluating the Modern Push for an Article V Convention
Harry "Neil" C. Strine IV, Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg
Cartel Power or Unified Government? The Source of the Majority Advantage in State Legislatures
Kisoo Kim, Vanderbilt University
How State Parties Use Legislative Resolutions to Constrain Democracy: The Case of Wisconsin, 2021-Present
Eric Francis Miller, Unaffiliated
Voting on the Right Side of History? State Lawmakers' Support for Suffrage
James Strickland, Florida State University
Alexander Hernandez, Florida State University
Containment Rhetoric and Demophobia: Neutering Direct Democracy After the Fall of Roe
Kristin Netterstrom Higgins, University of Arkansas
Direct Democracy Under Constraint: Citizen Learning, Procedural Resistance, and Democratic Defense in Arkansas
Gail Choate, Hendrix College

Discussants
Craig Burnett, Florida Atlantic University
Lonna Atkeson, Florida State University

This panel examines how state legislatures shape participatory democracy.

2100

Building Professional Competencies through Political Science Education

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Chart Room

Teaching Political Science

Participants
Coaching with Compassion in Public Service Leadership Education
Shawn Erik Schooley, Bemidji State University
Developing an Appellate Advocacy Program: Lessons Learned in Moot Court
Julie Raines, Marist University
Internships and Career Success: Evidence from an Alumni Survey
David Adams Jones, James Madison University
Sixteen Chapters, Zero Clue: Why Coverage Is Not Competency
Leah Carmichael, University of Georgia
Space policy in the Space State? Assessing space policy in undergraduate degree programs in Florida
Elisabeth Hope Murray, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Maiya Linn, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach

This panel focuses on preparing political science and public affairs students for professional practice, leadership, and career success. The papers examine compassionate coaching, moot-court advocacy, internships, competency-based curriculum design, and specialized space-policy education. Together, they consider how programs can move beyond content coverage to cultivate practical skills, professional confidence, and clearer connections between academic study and post-graduate opportunities

2100

Authoritarian Power, Repression, and Resilience

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Citrus

Comparative Politics of Developing Areas

Participants

Authoritarian Resilience and Civil Society Constraints in Pre- and Post-Arab Spring States: Rethinking State–Society Dynamics and Regional Stability in the MENA Region
stacey Erin Pollard, National Defense University - National Intelligence College

Differential Authoritarian Governmentality in Morocco after 2011: Toward a Maghreb Comparison
MOHAMED AIT BELA, Ibnou zohr University

Elite training in wartime Russia
Dima Kortukov, University of Alabama

Infrastructural Repression
Chloe Bernadaux, Northwestern

Revisiting the Durability of the Paul Biya Regime in Cameroon: The Craft of Centralized Power
Benn Lemnyoi Bongang, Savannah State University

2100

Governing Climate and Environmental Change

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Glades

Public Policy

Chair
Tatyana B Ruseva, Appalachian State University

Participants

When Markets Price What Voters Won't: How Climate Exposure and the Cost of Capital Move Climate Policy
Maurice Hirt, University of Oxford

The Political Economy of Protected Area Management
Eric Coleman, Florida State University
Christopher Reenock, Florida State University
Barna Bose, Florida State University

When Policies Fail to Travel: Institutional Reconfiguration from Climate Planning to Municipal Implementation
Salvador Meneses Requena, Arizona State University

Developing a Maritime Security Index (MSI) to Compare Maritime Resilience and Policy Impacts Across U.S. Jurisdictions
Isabella Versace, College of Charleston
Jun Li, College of Charleston

This panel contains papers that examine policy interventions and response to environmental challenges such as climate change and land conservation. It focuses on implications for environmental governance more broadly, including community resilience and sustainability.

2100

An Architecture of Democracy Digital Exhibit

Thursday
8:00am-6:00pm
Grand Palm Colonnade

President's Special Panels

Chairs
Keith Gaddie, Texas Christian University
Jocelyn Evans, University of West Florida

2100

Populism and Right-Wing Support

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Horizons East

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems

Chair
Selin Guner, st edwards university

Participants

Democratically Satisfied and Voting Far-Right: Moving beyond the “protest” vote narrative in far-right support across Europe
Gabriela Greilinger, University of Georgia

Does it Matter Who Implements Austerity: State Governing Coalitions, Public Assistance Spending, and AfD Support
Carter Aurelius Hanson, American University

Populist Policies as a Form of Anti-Globalization
Selin Guner, st edwards university

When Does Gender Shape the Translation of Ideology into Votes? Polarization and Right-Wing Voting in Latin America
Lucia Eugenia Abad, University of SALAMANCA

Retreat Before Defeat: Ethnic Outbidding and the Limits of Liberal Reform in Sri Lanka and Malaysia
JONG HYUK CHOI, Sogang University

Discussant
Olgahan Cat, Visiting Assistant Professor

2100

Utilizing Important Theoretical Frameworks and New Data to Assess the Presidency

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Horizons West

Presidential and Executive Politics

Chair
Paul Foote, Murray State University

Participants
In Founders We Trust: Presidential Rhetoric and the Quest for Legitimacy
Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University
Stephanie Wise, Louisiana State University-Shreveport
Permission to Politicize: Presidential Control Through Political Staffing Authority
Huchen Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Seeing Diplomacy: Measuring American Presidential Behavior in 3,500 Bilateral Meeting Videos
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester
Ilgaz Kuscu, George Washington University
Rethinking Presidential Rankings
Constantinos E Scaros, St. Petersburg College

Discussant
Michael J Faber, Texas State University

2100

Arms and the Political Economy of Military Power

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Andrew Boutton, University of Central Florida

Participants
Arms Control in Space: An International Perspective
Robert M Farley, University of Kentucky
Guns of the Patriots: The Stakes of American Decline in the Global Defense Market
Roosevelt Dontae Lawrence, Student
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University
Room to re-arm? Predicting Europe's Capacity for Defense Mobilization
Christopher Way, Cornell University
The Financial Foundations of Innovation
Robert M Farley, University of Kentucky
Charles Dainoff, University of Idaho
Geoffrey Williams, Transylvania University

Discussant
James Dongjin Kim, University of Washington

2100

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Long Key

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

Participants

1332 Waivers and the Spillover Effects on Medicaid
Phillip Singer, University of Utah

Can Cultural Theory Explain Americans' Preferences Toward Federalism?
Matthew Uttermark, University of Florida

Decentralizing Immigration – An Analysis on 287(g) Participation
Alexandria Coronado, The University of Alabama

Prior Appropriation at the Headwaters of the Colorado River: Federalism and Governance in Colorado Water Court Division 5
Glen S. Krutz, University of Colorado Boulder

Policymaking Determinants of Community Health Worker Workforce Sizes and Compensatory Federalism Under Fiscal Resource Pressures
Tanya Kreutzer Sayyed, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Discussant

Andrew Taylor, North Carolina State University

2100

Alternative Perspectives on the Liberal International Order

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Palm

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair

Thomas Peak, Vilnius University

Participants

Before Anarchy: Neostoicism and the Westphalian Imagination of Order
Thomas Peak, Vilnius University

Unmasking the Liberal Order: Selective Liberalism, Anti-Constraint Politics, and Africa as Method
KOFFI YAO-KOUAME, THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

Identity Relations and African Engagement in the UN
Kaitlyn Crouch, University of Alabama

Unified Libertarian Theory: Genesis
carsten duhoffmann, Student

2100

Nietzsche as Philosopher of Culture: The Question of Culture in Late-Modern Political Philosophy

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Dwight David Allman, Baylor University

Participants
The Noble Lies of Genuine Philosophy: The Art of Politics in Nietzsche's Antichrist
Paul Kirkland, Cathage College
Culture and the Value of Existence in Nietzsche's Philosophy
Peter Eck, Baylor University
The Schopenhauerean Man Contra Nietzsche and Schopenhauer: Revisiting the Schopenhauerean Ideal
Paul Atherton, Baylor University
Weaponized Resentment: The Slave Revolt in Politics
Daniel Conway, Texas A&M University

Discussant
Daniel Conway, Texas A&M University

Friedrich Nietzsche has long been viewed as a key figure in the story of how the confident optimism and philosophical idealism of the emerging modern world—the world of Immanuel Kant, Thomas Jefferson, and the American Founding—would in the course of a few short centuries be overtaken by postmodern uncertainty and philosophical pessimism. This panel brings together a collection of papers to explore Nietzsche's thought and influence, especially concerning the question of culture. Beginning with his years at the University of Basel as a young scholar of Greek antiquity, Nietzsche occupied himself with the question of culture. In Birth of Tragedy (1872), his first book completed shortly after joining the faculty at Basel, Nietzsche represents classical Athens as culturally anchored in the dramatic festivals honoring Dionysus at which the great Greek tragedies—and eventually also comedies—were originally performed. And, at the urging of his spiritual mentor Richard Wagner, Nietzsche concludes his iconoclastic study by admonishing his readers to "believe with me in Dionysian life and the rebirth of tragedy" in an attempt to point them towards Wagner's national cultural movement. However, after breaking off relations with Wagner and separating himself from the Wagner Kreis in 1876, Nietzsche's writings move decisively away from his early concern with tragic drama and the question of its cultural-spiritual function in society. For some readers of Nietzsche, his middle and late works thus mark a turn away from a prevailing concern with culture, both ancient and modern, and towards the task of nurturing great individuals. For others, however, the mature Nietzsche's preoccupation with great individuals—the project formally represented in Thus Spake Zarathustra (1883-85) as that of cultivating the Übermensch—extends and radicalizes his early fascination with "the tragic age" of the ancient Greeks into a cultural-spiritual and, as such, broadly political quest to move beyond the modern age with the inauguration of a new post-modern world. This panel thus brings together a collection of younger and older scholars to consider Nietzsche as a "philosopher of culture."

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Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Sawgrass

New Topics in Political Psychology

Political Psychology

Participants

Beyond Support and Opposition: The Structure of Attitudes Toward Artificial Intelligence in France
Stefano Camatarri, Catholic University of Louvain
Marta Gallina, Catholic University of Lille

Bullions to Bitcoin: An Analysis of Hard Money Rhetoric
Zach R Thomas, Seton Hall University

Does letting AI lie make it more persuasive?
David Rand, Cornell University

Secrets and Lies in Club Fed: A nonverbal analysis of the February 2026 Ghislaine Maxwell Congressional Deposition
Patrick Alan Stewart, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Megan Zingerman, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Who are Effective and Trustworthy Messengers for Election-Related Communications?
Dylan Benjamin Moore, Duke University
Joseph Sherlock, King's College London
Shaye-Ann Hopkins, Institute for Cognition & Behavior, Vienna University of Economics & Business

Discussants

Enrijeta Shino, University of Alabama
Samantha Register, Colorado State University

2100

Policy Design and Equitable Outcomes

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Sawyer Key

Public Policy

Chair
Khamani Williamson, Clemson University

Participants
AI and the New Labor Market Polarization: Mid-Credential Workers, Occupational Sorting, and Wage Stagnation
Ella Yiming Luo, N/A
Set Up to Fail? An Infrastructural Analysis of U.S. Social Welfare and Reentry Programs
Michaela Cushing-Daniels, Washington and Lee University
The Price of Ownership: Property Taxes and Homeownership in Connecticut
Samaila Adelaiye, Partnership for Strong Communities
SNAP at Risk: The Policy Fallout of Changes in Federal Responsibility
Tracy M Roof, University of Richmond
When Patients Do Not Know: Information Asymmetry, Informed Consent, and Health Policy
Jaclyn Bunch, University of South Alabama
Katherine Bunch, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Thomas Shaw, University of South Alabama
The Last-Mile- State: Digital Welfare Delivery and Administrative Exclusion in India
Ms. Anisha, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

Discussant
Chris Faricy, Syracuse University

This panel examines how policy design produces winners and losers of public policies. The papers investigate whether policy change produces equitable outcomes across several policy domains, including education, healthcare, and social welfare.

2100

Attracting, Hiring, and Retaining Public Workers

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Snowy Egret

Public Administration

Chair
Robin Rose Saywitz, Saint Louis University

Participants
Civil Service Pension Reform and Turnover Intention among Korean Public Employees
Euipyo Lee, The University of Texas at El Paso
Kyuwoong Kyeong, Indiana University Bloomington
Gender Influences in Public Service Attraction: Evidence from a Randomization
Taha Hameduddin, University of Kentucky
Chuanyi Guo, University of Kentucky
Permanent Temporaries: Recruitment Failure and the Layering of Public Employment in India
Prakhar Misra, PhD student
Work Values and Sector of Employment among College Graduates
Gregory B Lewis, Georgia State University
Esther Han, University of Texas, El Paso
Hiring for the Agenda: How Presidential Directives Drive Agency Recruitment
Yi Ming, Georgia State University
Subhrajit Choudhury, Georgis State University
William Resh, Georgia State University

Discussant
Douglas Ihrke, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2100

CwC #5: Inequality and Vulnerability in Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

Thursday
8:00am-9:20am
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Gina Yannitell Reinhardt, University of Essex

Participants

The role of social capital and vulnerability in community resilience during crisis: survey among Riyadh residents in Saudi Arabia
Mohsen Alattas, King Abdul Aziz Military Academy
Sad Alkhurayyif, King Saud University
Mohammed Alkhurayyif, Institute of Public Administration

From margins to policy: redressing epistemic exclusion in post-disaster governance
Maheen Khan, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

Spatial Inequalities in Food Assistance Access Among University Students Following Hurricanes Ian and Nicole
Carvis Durr, University of Central Florida
Yingru Li, University of Central Florida

When Infrastructure Fails Unequally: Governance Gaps, Gendered Vulnerability, and Everyday Water Insecurity in Peri-Urban Dhaka
Shamima Prodhan, Florida State University

Disaster Exposure and Women's Access to Skilled Delivery in Coastal Bangladesh
Samira Rubayet, University of Chittagong

The Score Before the Flood: Adaptation Finance and Reproduction of Gender Vulnerabilities
Fazal Hadi, The University of Sydney

Locating the Equity Implementation Gap: How Watershed, Regional and Interstate Climate Collaboratives and Initiatives Operationalize and Measure Environmental Justice
Shivangi Basu, University of Massachusetts Boston

Extreme Weather, Unequal Participation, and Electoral Choice
Mafalda Pratas Fernandes, European University Institute
Hugo Ferrinho Lopes, Minho University
Pedro C Magalhães, University of Lisbon
Joao Cancela, Nova University Lisbon

Discussants

Joshua Babachuwekem Vorodam, Texas A&M University
Thomas Campbell, University of Nevada Reno

This panel how social, spatial, and institutional inequalities shape communities' ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from crises, highlighting how social capital, gender, access to resources, local knowledge, and policies themselves influence both vulnerability across diverse global contexts.

2100

Executive Council Meeting I

Thursday
8:30am-10:55am
Royal Tern

Meetings

Participants

Kirk A. Randazzo, University of South Carolina
Mary Anderson, Salve Regina University
Bryon D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University
Angela Lewis, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Martha Ellen Kropf, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Seth C. McKee, Oklahoma State University
Whitney Ross Manzo, Meredith College
Kerstin Hamann, University of Central Florida
Timothy Hellwig, University at Buffalo
Tim Nokken, Texas Tech University
Quintin Beazer, Florida State University
Michael Fix, Georgia State University
Ellen Key, Appalachian State University
Daphne M Michelle Cooper, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Erik Herron, University of West Virginia
Michelangelo Landgrave, University of Colorado Boulder
Ingrid Bego, Western Carolina University
Ryan E Carlin, Georgia State University
Robert Mickey, University of Michigan
Mark Hurwitz, SPSA
Jared McDonald, University of Mary Washington
Patricia Brown, Southern Political Science Association
Hope Martinez, SPSA
Zoe Rapp, University of Mary Washington

2200

Exhibit Area - Thursday

Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm
Grand Palm
Colonnade

Meetings

2200

Public Opinion and the Psychology of Conflict

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Banyan

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Mahesh Acharya, University of Alabama

Participants

Armed and Dangerous: Who Supports Militias in Peaceful Democracies?
David Siroky, University of Florida
Lenka Bustikova, University of Florida

Do Domestic Values Travel Abroad? Leadership Targeting and the Legitimacy of Military Force
Hoan (Lana) La, Texas Tech University

Does the "North Wind" spur Rally Effect?
Jong-Hwan Lee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Expectation Setting and Public Support for Conflict
Nathan McCoslin, Texas A&M University

Fractured Identities, Divergent Alignments: Explaining Venezuelan Attitudes Toward China, Russia, and the United States
Autumn D Perkey, University of Central Florida
Sedna Mercado Moreno, University of Central Florida

Discussant
Yeon Grace Park, Stetson University

2200

Elections and Political Participation

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Blue Heron

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems

Chair
Patrick Thomas Munger, Georgia State University

Participants

Lasting Effects of Electoral Systems on Preferential Voting
Taishi Muraoka, Academia Sinica

Rights on Paper, Votes in Practice: The Implementation Gap in Voting from Abroad
MUGE UGUZ, George Washington University

Who Shapes the Candidate Pool? Party Leaders' Preferences and Nomination Decisions in Finnish Municipal Politics
Tuomas Kari, VATT Institute for Economic Research

Go and See: Information Gaps and Public Support for Refugee Repatriation
Olgahan Cat, Visiting Assistant Professor

Who Knows What? The Impact of Ethnic Politics on Political Knowledge
Hyo-Won Shin, University of Central Arkansas
Kristin Bail, Assistant Professor

Discussant
Matt Graham, Temple University

2200

Liberal and Illiberal Political Institutions and Publics

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Chart Room

Political Theory

Chair
Jacob Williams, Princeton University

Participants
Is MAGA the Communitarianism Liberals Warned Us About?
Marc Stier, Wissahickon Strategies
Mapping a Typology of Conspiracy Theories: How Narratives of Conspiracy Differ Between the Political Center and the Periphery in the U.S.
Mohsen Jalali, Midwestern State University
Natural Right as a Problem: On Leo Strauss's Natural Right and History
Christopher Lynch, University of Texas--Austin
Secrecy, Science, and the Open Society
Evan Michael Lowe, Arizona State University
The Interest in Democracy: Balance Between Order and Anarchy
Guy Ras, California State University, Sacramento

Discussant
Jacob Williams, Princeton University

2200

Corruption, Accountability, and State Capacity

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Citrus

Comparative Politics of Developing Areas

Participants
After the storm: crises, citizens and the state
Preeti Nambiar, Vanderbilt University
Deterrent Punishment: The X Factor in Combatting Africa's Systemic Corruption
Kofi Nsia-Pepra, Ohio Northern University
Gatekeepers and the State: Unpacking State Complicity in Illegal Mining in Ghana and Nigeria
Toyosi Ajibade, University of Central Florida
John Akoeda, University of Central Florida
Prosecuted but Not Punished: Political Incentives and the Failure of Corruption Prosecutions in Nigeria
Ebenezer Makinde, Tulane University
The Limits of Normalization: How Everyday Corruption Affects Trust in Three Countries
Calvert Jones, University of Maryland

2200

Candidate Gender, Self-Presentation, and Political Evaluations

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Compass Room

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair
Lindsay Hoffman, University of Delaware

Participants
The Influence of Femininity on Perceptions of Competence for Black Women in Leadership
Havilland S Wilson-Stewart, North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University
Two Too Many: Electability of All Women Tickets
Victoria Smith, Farmingdale State College
Visual Politics and Gender: Comparing Candidate Self-Presentation Across Electoral Levels in South Korea
Yu Jeong Hwang, University of Arizona
When Gender Meets Ideology: Candidate Gender Identity and Voter Choice
Maggie K Martin, SUNY Plattsburgh
Why Women Don't Vote for Other Women: An Exploration of the Effects of Sexism on Vote Choice
Sarah Tyree-Herrmann, University of Mary Washington

Discussant
Katelyn Stauffer, University of Georgia

2200

Bipartisanship in Congress

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair
James Curry, Notre Dame

Participants
The Voting Coalitions Behind Major Enactments in a Polarizing Congress
Sean M Theriault, University of Texas, Austin
Presidential Leadership and Party Conflict in the U.S. Congress
Patrick W Buhr, Vanderbilt University
Strategically Delayed Bipartisanship
Mackenzie Dobson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Jacob Lollis, University of Cincinnati
Types of Bipartisanship in Congressional Voting
Nathan Barron, Florida Atlantic University
Partisan Conflict and Media Evaluation of Congressional Achievements
James Curry, Notre Dame
Matthew Kumar, University of Utah
Frances Lee, Princeton University
Robert Oldham, Agnes Scott College

Discussants
Sean M Theriault, University of Texas, Austin
Nathan Barron, Florida Atlantic University
Mackenzie Dobson, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Patrick W Buhr, Vanderbilt University
Robert Oldham, Agnes Scott College

2200

Political Values, Identity, and Social Change

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Horizons East

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems

Chair
Megan Hauser, Kennesaw State

Participants
Autocratic Modernity: Psychological Cracks ina Dystopian Vision of Civilization
Chridtian Peter Welzel, Leuphana University
Agnieszka Turska-Kawa, Department of Political Science, University of Silesia
Economic Statism, Social Conservatism, and the Boundaries of Public Acceptability in Bangladesh
Tanjim Ul Islam, The Ohio State University
Sheikh Rafi Ahmed, National University of Singapore
Redoun Satter, ARCED Foundation
Gender Quotas and Cultural Backlash: Evidence from Italy
James Carroll Stewart III, Goucher College
Harley Roe, Southern Utah University
Nostalgia Without Memory: The Reproduction of Park Chung-hee Nostalgia Among South Korean Youth
WooJin Kang, Kyungpook National University
Values or Identity? Lifestyle Politics in Japan, the United States, and Canada
Laurence-Olivier M. Foisy, Université Laval
Camille Pelletier, Northwestern University
Yannick Dufresne, Université Laval

Discussant
Nataliia Kasianenko, California State University, Fresno

2200

Presidential Politics, Policy, and Administration

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Horizons West

Presidential and Executive Politics

Chair
Aaron Hitefield, Mississippi State University

Participants
Blessing or Curse? Hamilton's Views on the National Debt in an Age of Fiscal Disorder
Nicolas Wayne Thompson, University of South Florida
Mechanisms of Partisan Purchasing: Evidence from USDA Bids
Mark Weiss, University of Michigan
Opening the Policy Window: A Multiple Streams Analysis of Executive Administrative Crackdowns on Educator Sexual Misconduct
Theodore Harrison, University of Oregon
Wingtips on the Beach: The Awkward Political Origins of the Clean Water Act
Christopher Kirkey, Center for the Study of Canada, SUNY Plattsburgh
Kevin McMahon, Trinity College
The Environmental President in the International Arena: The President as Chief Diplomat
Mark Andrew Kelso, Queens University of Charlotte

Discussant
Huchen Liu, University of Nebraska Omaha

2200

Great Powers, Revisionism, and the International System

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Daniel Yoon, George Washington University

Participants

Assessing Revisionist Orientations
Victor Sanchez, University of Central Florida

A Theory of the Rise and Fall of Great Powers
Andrew Coe, Vanderbilt University
Brenton Kenkel, Vanderbilt University

Hierarchy and the threshold of war: Major-power conflict, 1816–2024
Sajjad Ahamed, Wayne State University

The Revisionist's Dilemma: A Theory of Fait Accomplis and Militarized Pressure Campaigns
Phedias Theophanous, Stanford University

Regional Integration and Interstate Conflict: Reassessing the Institutional Pillar of the Oneal-Russett Kantian Peace
Golam Robbani, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands

Discussant
Yuan-kang Wang, Western Michigan University

2200

CwC #1: Public Support for Courts

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Amanda Driscoll, Florida State University

Participants

Filmed Vignettes in Experimental Design: A Study of Procedural Fairness in Immigration Courts
Jeffrey K Staton, Emory University
Dehanza Rogers, Emory University
Devon Thurman, Emory University

Examining the Impact of Televising US Supreme Court Oral Arguments
Ryan Black, Michigan State University
Ryan Owens, Florida State University
Timothy Johnson, University of Minnesota
Justin P Wedeking, University of Kentucky

The High Cost of Public Bias: How Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing Discrimination Erodes Trust in Political Elites and Institutions
Christina L Boyd, Washington University in St. Louis
Paul M Collins, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Michael Strawbridge, Washington University in St. Louis

You Are What You Wear: Judicial Symbolism and Public Evaluations of the U.S. Supreme Court
Matthew T Cota, Michigan State University
Rachel Houston, Texas Christian University
Jessica A Schoenherr, University of Georgia

No Rubber Stamp? Mixed Ideological Signals and Attitudes toward the U.S. Supreme Court
Albert Rivero, University of Virginia

Discussants
Nathan T Carrington, Saint Louis University
Morrgan T Herlihy, Louisiana State University
Andrew R Stone, University of Mississippi

Panel discussing public support for courts.

2200

Language and Communication Shaping Policies, Positions, and Practices

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Palm

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Mohammad Hamza Iftikhar, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) - Pakistan

Participants

Cued to Condemn: UN Briefers' Classification and Attribution in Security Council Deliberations
Bonkyu Lim, University of Georgia

When Words Backfire: UN Speeches Provoke Rebel Violence by Signaling a Closing Window of Opportunity
Huijie Xu, Florida State University

Fear of Commitment or Strategy? U.S. Commitment to Non-Defense Multilateral Treaties
Chloe Jennifer Lopez, University of Florida

The Language of Legislative Success: Predicting Advancement of China and Russia Bills in Congress
Long Xiao, University of Florida
Hunter Lee Tierman, University of Florida

Reading Trump from Islamabad: Digital Signaling, Credibility, and Crisis Adaptation in Evolving International Security Environment
Mohammad Hamza Iftikhar, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) - Pakistan

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2200

Religious Political Thought

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Bradley Rebeiro, Brigham Young University

Participants

John Calvin on Civility and How We Should Speak to Each Other
Kevin Pybas, Missouri State University

Robert Browne and the Complexities of Congruence
Geoff Bowden, Savannah State University

Toleration and Dissent: John Locke on The Status of Hats, Turbans, and Cloaks
Wan Ning Seah, Ohio State University

Discussant
Bradley Rebeiro, Brigham Young University

2200

Polarization, Partisanship, and Political Identity

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Sawgrass

Political Psychology

Participants

Authoritarianism and Affective Polarization in the United States
Dorine Samuella Tyr, University of Idaho

Partisanizing Racial Boundaries: The Conditional Spillover of Affective Polarization into Racial Group Evaluations
JeongKyu Suh, University of Houston

Polarization of the Center: How the Modern Moderate Identity Operates in a Polarized United States
Jayden Leigh Gaskins, Winthrop University

The Moral Character of Disagreement: Perceived Polarisation and Social Trust
Lina Trygg, University of Helsinki

Transformed or Captured? MAGA, Trump, and the Identity of the Republican Party
Alexa Bankert, University of Georgia
Eunjoo Lee, University of Georgia
Sangdo Lee, University of Georgia
Geoff Sheagley, University of Georgia

Discussants

Emily West, University of Pittsburgh
Nathan Micatka, University of South Alabama

2200

CwC #2: Sustainability and Resilience I: Functionality and Durability of Intergovernmental Sustainability Networks

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants

Mapping Intergovernmental Governance Networks in Local Climate Planning: Evidence from U.S. Priority Climate Action Plans
Yunchen Zhu, Indiana University
Aaron Deslatte, Indiana University
Eric Stokan, University of Maryland Baltimore County

How Funding Conditions the Impact of Administrative Structure on Sustainability-Related Policy Decisions: Evidence from U.S. Cities
Jesse Barnes, University of Texas San Antonio
Aaron Deslatte, Indiana University

Collaboration by Design: Embedded Institutional Mechanisms for Mitigating Challenges in Fiscal Federalism
Kathryn Wassel, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Jeff Adams, Indiana University
Juwon Chung, Indiana University
Laura Helmke-Long, Indiana University

Enabling Conditions for Local Transitions in Linked Governance Systems: A Dynamic Modeling Framework and Infrastructure Application
Adam Wiechman, New York University
Anastasia Bizyaeva, Cornell
Aaron Deslatte, Indiana University
Elke Weber, Princeton

This is a panel discussing functionality and durability of intergovernmental sustainability networks.

2200

Insecurity, Crime, and Coercive State Responses

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Snowy Egret

Latin American & Caribbean Politics/Latin American and Caribbean Politics

Participants

Democratic Returns? The Political Attitudes of Returning Migrants in Mexico and Northern Central America
Abby Córdova, University of Notre Dame
Jonathan Hiskey, Vanderbilt University
Mary Fran Malone, University of New Hampshire
Diana Orcés, Public Religion Research Institute

Institutional Design and State Capacity: Measuring Prosecutorial Effectiveness Against Organized Crime
Jose Jans Carretero, University of Illinois at Chicago

The State of Exception? Comparing the El Salvador and Jamaica Models
Jermaine Young, Howard University
José Miguel Cruz, Florida International University

Trust Under Stress: Militarized Policing and Public Confidence Across the Americas
Maren Julia Mainx, University of Central Florida

Who reaps the benefits of mano dura? Gender differences in El Salvador's state of exception
Lucas Perello, Florida Atlantic University
Sophia Mirza, NSU University School

2200

CwC #5: Adaptive Capacity and Resilience in a Changing Risk Landscape

Thursday
9:30am-10:50am
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Abbey Hotard, University of South Alabama

Participants

Differentiated Capacities for Coastal Resilience: Identifying Local Levers of Blue Economy Adaptation in Small Gulf Coast Communities
Joshua Babachuwekem Vorodam, Texas A&M University

Resistance, Recovery, and Conditional Convergence in Provincial Competitiveness: A Two-Stage Analysis of Compound Shocks in the Philippines
Catherine Roween C Almaden, Asian Institute of Management

Institutional Resilience in Disaster Governance: A Case Study of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Pakistan
Faryal Rashid, National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan
Usman Khan, National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan

Waiting for the Next Flood: Recurrent Risk and the Politics of Almost-Investment
Angie J Jo, Bates College

Unequal Hazards: How Disaster shape Subnational Inequality
Thomas Campbell, University of Nevada Reno

For Good Measure: Evaluating the Efficacy of the Social Capital Index in Predicting Vulnerability and Resilience in Ecuador
Jonathan Cohen, University of Colorado at Boulder

Discussants

Shamima Prodhan, Florida State University
Carvis Durr, University of Central Florida

This panel examines how different forms of resilience are shaped by adaptive capacity, institutional effectiveness, social capital, governance, and inequality, highlighting why communities and regions vary in their ability to withstand, recover from, and adapt to disasters and other disruptions.

2300

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Banyan

Studying State Courts

Judicial Politics

Chair
Benjamin Kassow, University of North Dakota

Participants
Let Me Just Say This… Justice Interruptions at State Supreme Court Oral Arguments
Shane A. Gleason, Trinity College
Mandatory Retirement and Death Penalty Decision-making in State Supreme Courts
Isaac Unah, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Owen Fender, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Scandal and Campaign Finance in State Supreme Court Elections
Brent Boyea, University of Texas at Arlington
Kayla Canelo, University of Texas at Arlington
The Impact of Racial Background on the Criminal Justice Priorities of State Chief Justices
Richard Lee Vining, University of Georgia
Levi Hudson, University of Georgia
Joshua Baldwin, University of Georgia
Teena Wilhelm, University of Georgia
The Justice Gap in Rural America
Shannon Smithey, Westminster College

2300

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Blue Heron

Race and Prejudice

Religion and Politics

Chair
Kennedy Sasser, North Carolina A & T State University

Participants
Exploring the Heavens on Earth: An Examination of the Relationship Between Abrahamic Religions and White Supremacy
Kennedy Sasser, North Carolina A & T State University
Exposure to Online Content and the Perceived Violence of Religious Outgroups
Corey Resweber, Purdue University
Sean Boylan, Purdue University
Eunice Zhang, Purdue University
Sierra Sol Stice, Purdue University
Laura Schwab Reese, Purdue University
Marcus Mann, Purdue University
From Pulpit to Policy: How Religion Guides Public Opinion on Immigration
DIANA ORCES, American University
Lily Pingel, American University
Jack Shanley, Senior Associate GLG (formerly known as Gerson Lehrman Group)
Madelyn Snodgrass, Public Religion Research Institute
Government Actions, Social Hostility, and Anti-Religion Hate Crime: An Examination of Emboldenment in Anti-Religion Hate Crime Offending
Rachel Marriott, Florida State University
Matthew Vanden Bosch, UNC Charlotte

Discussants
Rachel Marriott, Florida State University
Briana Garcia, University of Michigan

2300

Digitized Democracy

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Chart Room

Information, Technology & Politics/Information Technology and Politics

Participants

Silicon Sampling and Voting Behaviour in Canada: Theory or Anarchy?
Jules Piral, Université Laval
Laurence-Olivier M. Foisy, Université Laval

Who Benefits from Connectivity? Informational Conversion Asymmetry and Protest Mobilization in Sub-Saharan Africa
Augustina Adzo Bansah, Louisiana State University

Who Supports Internet Voting? Evidence from Canadian Municipal Elections
Michael McGregor, Toronto Metropolitan Univerity
Scott Pruysers, Dalhousie University

From Plecker to the Pipeline: The Dual-Exclusion Trap and the Bureaucratic Re-Codification of the One-Drop Rule
Theodore Harrison, University of Oregon

2300

Learning to Enhance Resilience and Improve Environmental Equity

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Citrus

Public Administration

Chair
Marcelo Ferreira, University of Colorado

Participants

A Spatial Analysis of Mercury Contamination and Social Vulnerability in Charleston, SC
Rebecca Wood, College of Charleston
Jun Li, College of Charleston

Burgers, Waffles, and Disaster Response: Private Businesses as Crisis-Management Stakeholders
Sarah Perez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Natasha Altema McNeely, University of North Texas

From Reactive Response to Presilience: Strengthening Hospital Preparedness for Uncommon Hazard Events
Kezia Auralya Tjahjanto, -

Learning Under Pressure: Community Resilience Through Peer Networks and Inter-Agency Collaboration
Steven P. McKnight, Missouri State University

Urban fiscal resilience as governance infrastructure: Evidence from local cities
Yu Shi, University of North Texas

Discussant
Vaiva Kalesnikaite, Clemson University

2300

Health, Education, and Social Program Policy

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Compass Room

Program Chair's Panels

Chair
Jaclyn Bunch, University of South Alabama

Participants

Do Statutory Dyslexia Screening Mandates Reduce Reading Achievement Gaps? A Cross-National Analysis Using PISA Data
Seoyun Chong, Archbishop Mitty High School

Increasing Take-Up of Government Programs: Evidence from a Literacy Tutoring Randomized Experiment
Misty Gallo, University of Arkansas
Patrick Wolf, University of Arkansas
Harry Patrinos, University of Arkansas

The effect of institutional design on policy feedback effects: evidence from health care policy in the United States and the Netherlands
Sergei Kostiaev, Drexel University

The Federal Government's Role in Saving the Tatas: The Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992
Andrea Barrick, Radford University

The In Depth Process of Black Men's Mental
Trinity Allyse Stowers, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Discussants
Jaclyn Bunch, University of South Alabama
Holley Tankersley, University of Tampa

2300

Elections, Lobbying, and Money in Politics

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair
James Strickland, Florida State University

Participants

Amateur Hour: Party Support of Amateur Candidates in Primaries
Bryson Lyons, Florida State University

Captured by Crypto: Lawmaking in the Age of SuperPACs
Joseph Patten, Monmouth University

How Access PACs Devalue Female Legislators
Eric S. Heberlig, UNC Charotte
Bruce A. Larson, Gettysburg College

State Legislative Staff as Revolving-Door Lobbyists
James Strickland, Florida State University

Discussants
Bryson Lyons, Florida State University
James Strickland, Florida State University
Eric S. Heberlig, UNC Charotte
Joseph Patten, Monmouth University

2300

Partisanship and the Limits of Electoral Accountability

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Horizons East

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants

Do Voters Still Care? The Effect of Polarization on Scandal Tolerance
Chin 'Christine' Guo, University of Tampa

Nothing Else Matters: The Motivations for Down-Ballot Dropoff Among Trump Voters
Andrew Logan Stone, University of Georgia

Partisan Identity Versus Policy Preferences: A Survey Experiment
Noah Kay Gillespie, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Partisanship, Motivated Reasoning, and Voter Accountability for Political Scandal: Evidence from #MeToo and COVID-19 Survey Experiments
Stephen C Craig, Independent Researcher
Jason Gainous, Sharjah Institute for Heritage

When Do Voters Punish Election Denial? Considering the Role of Partisanship and Media Coverage
Jacob Ausubel, George Washington University

Do voters still punish misconduct in a polarized era? These papers use experiments and observational data on scandals, election denial, party-versus-policy tradeoffs, and down-ballot dropoff to show how partisan and leader loyalty can weaken electoral accountability.

2300

Power and the Strategic Presidency

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Horizons West

Presidential and Executive Politics

Chair
Jon Bond, Texas A&M University

Participants

"Away with your President, we shall have a King": Why the Presidential Guardrails Failed
Michael J Faber, Texas State University

Tracing the Divide: An Analysis of Polarization in Presidential Discourse (1950–2025)
Megan Corn, University of South Florida
Savannah Havird, University of South Florida

Interest Group Access to the Presidency
Nicholas Birdsong, University of Michigan

Discussant
Constantinos E Scaros, St. Petersburg College

2300

State Security and Internal Threats

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Valery Dzutsati, Augusta University

Participants
Organized Withdrawal or Individual Desertion? Military Disloyalty and Nonviolent Campaign Success
Arifur Rahaman, The University of Alabama
Post-Institutional Intelligence Entrepreneurship: Former Insiders, Intelligence Manipulation, and Policy Influence
stacey Erin Pollard, National Defense University - National Intelligence College
Russian Intelligence Culture: Continuity and Change
Micah Thoreson Wilkes, Belmont Abbey College
Spies for Sale: Commercial Spyware and State Power across Four National Contexts
S. Hansi Munasinghe, University of Central Florida

Discussant
G Doug Davis, Troy University

2300

CwC #1: The U.S. Legal System

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Rachel Houston, Texas Christian University

Participants
Redistricting the State Supreme Courts
Meghan E Leonard, Illinois State University
Joseph V Ross, Florida Gulf Coast University
Adjudicating the Binary: Ideological Framing in Federal Appellate Transgender Rights Cases
Lilian Valencich, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Evaluating Judge Quality: Adherence to Gendered v. Professional Norms
Madelyn Myers, Appalachian State University
Ellen Key, Appalachian State University
When Experience Meets Environment: Professional Backgrounds, Court Composition, and Decision-Making in Immigration Court
Sara Heridia, Louisiana State University
Matthew Martin, University of South Carolina
Public Appeals and U.S. Attorney Press Releases
Matthew Baker, Emory University
Ethan Boldt, University of Massachusetts Boston
Jason Byers, University of Connecticut
Hayley Munir, Illinois State University

Discussants
Devon Thurman, Emory University
Abigail Matthews, University at Buffalo, SUNY
Ethan Boldt, University of Massachusetts Boston

A panel discussing the US legal system.

2300

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Palm

Author Meets Critics: Bridging Europe's Divides through Regional Organizations: The Balkans, Brussels, and Beyond

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Melanie H Ram, California State University, Fresno

Discussants
Andrew Lugg, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Tana Johnson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

This roundtable brings together IO scholars to discuss Melanie Ram's new book on regional international organizations in Central and Southeastern Europe. The book shines a spotlight on the many little-studied formal and informal IOs that began to link EU Member States with prospective members in the Balkans (and beyond) and support regional cooperation since the end of the Cold War. By examining young contemporary organizations "growing up" amongst a crowded field of like-minded IOs and amid a changing environment for themselves and their members, the book brings new insights to our understanding of IO emergence, institutional design, financing, adaptation, agency, and persistence.

2300

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Sabal

Theorizing Abolitionism

Political Theory

Chair
Joshua Miller, UNC Charlotte

Participants
Historical Injustice and Arguments for Prison Abolition
Sam Boren Reast, New York University
Theorizing Abolition from Above the Veil: The Cercle Harmonique and the Spirits of Reconstruction
Noah Blakemore Briggs, University of Illinois at Chicago
The Theory and Practice of Political Abolitionism: William Goodell, the Constitution, and the Liberty Party
Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern University
To Roam Abroad on the Illimitable Plain of Equal Liberty: The Politics of William Leggett
Walker Frizzell, Hillsdale College

Discussant
Joshua Miller, UNC Charlotte

2300

Intergovernmental Relations and Federalism

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Sawgrass

Public Policy

Chair
Vaiva Kalesnikaite, Clemson University

Participants
A pot of gold? Intergovernmental relations and fiscal drivers of marijuana legalization in the US
Grant Neeley, University of Dayton
Lilliard Richardson, The Pennsylvania State University
Big Food, Little Problems: How Interest Groups Attempt to Shape the MAHA Regulatory Agenda
Lucy Rothe, The University of Alabama
Direct Democracy, Legislative Response, and the Politics of Medicaid Expansion
Kathleen M Ferraiolo, James Madison University
Power and the Purse: Political Party Power and Changes to Federal Spending
Chris Faricy, Syracuse University
Place, Power, and Projects: Distributive Politics in the Appalachian Regional Commission
Samuel Workman, West Virginia University

Discussant
Thad Kousser, University of California San Diego

The papers in the panel examine how federal policies are designed and then implemented at different levels of the government. The panel explores several substantive policy areas, including marijuana legalization, food and health, Medicaid expansion, and others.

2300

CwC #2: Emerging Scholars: Research from Doctoral Candidates Studying Critical Issues of Local Governance

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants
Managing Performance or Building Capacity? State Interventions in Local Financial Management
Sewon Kim, Indiana University
Beyond City Limits: Exploring Global City Networks as an Emerging Infrastructure of Local Governance
Yashaswi Lal, University of Illinois Chicago
Non-Government Organizations as Policy Entrepreneurs: Complexity and the Diffusion of Urban Nature-based Solutions in Municipal Climate Action Plans
Anne Doyle, North Carolina State University
Intergovernmental Revenue Uncertainty and Interlocal Collaboration in Iowa Counties
Dan Huang, University of Illinois Chicago

This is a panel discussing research completed by doctoral candidates regarding critical issues of local governance.

2300

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Snowy Egret

Procedure, Discretion, and the Distribution of Administrative Resources

Bureaucratic Politics

Chair
Amanda D Clark, Florida International University

Participants
Revisiting Rulemaking Delays: A Multi-State Examination of Rulemaking Timing
yao yao, University of Georgia
Where Political Control Cannot Reach: Comparing the bureaucrat and the agency in South Korea's Public Investment Appraisal
Soon Young KWON, Princeton University
Where the Federal Government Builds Capacity: Need, Politics, and the Geography of Hiring
Fred Gui, LSU
Huchen Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Discussant
Matthew Martin Dull, Virginia Tech

Political influence over the bureaucracy works through procedures and discretionary decisions as much as through direct commands. These papers look at how influence shifts across the stages of federal rulemaking and how South Korea's finance ministry built its own preferences into public investment appraisal despite presidential reform. They also ask whether politics or need determines where the U.S. federal government builds administrative capacity.

2300

Thursday
11:00am-12:20pm
Tarpon Key

CwC #5: The Politics of Blame in Disaster and Climate Crises

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Scott Robinson, Arizona State University

Participants
Making Climate Harm Claimable - Climate Shocks & Petitionary Demand in China
Shiran Victoria Shen, WashU
Who's to blame? Disaster's impact on collective action under contested authority
Tingying Tao, Duke University
Political events and natural hazards: How political events in Bangladesh shape flood response, coordination, and blame.
Ahmed Bulbul, University of Iowa
Sara Mitchell, University of Iowa
Elise Pizzi, University of Iowa
Natural Disasters, Media Attention, and Public Reactions to Executives
Ryan E Carlin, Georgia State University
Timothy Hellwig, University at Buffalo
Will Horne, Clemson University
Gregory J Love, University of Mississippi
Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Matthew M Singer, University of Connecticut
Humanitarianism or Strategic Benefits? Donor Publics' Support for Foreign Disaster Aid and Blame Attribution for Technological Disasters
Shreya Murthy, University of California Davis
Preparedness Pays: Disaster Anticipation, Government Response, and Retrospective Voting in Japan
Miwa Nakajo, Tsuda University
Kiichiro Arai, Chuo University
Yoshiharu Kobayashi, University of Leeds
Public Opinion and the Refusal of Foreign Disaster Aid
Cecilia Maria Borella, University of Hong Kong
Public Values, Reputation Management, and the East Palestine Train Derailment
Clayton Wukich, Cleveland State University

Discussants
Angie J Jo, Bates College
Casey Klofstad, University of Miami
Jongwoo Jeong, Georgia State University

This panel examines how disasters and climate shocks shape blame attribution, political accountability, and public responses to government performance through collective action, political demands, public opinion, and electoral behavior.

2400

International and Comparative Courts

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Banyan

Judicial Politics

Chair
Susan W. Johnson, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Participants

Compliance with Apex Court decisions in New Democracies
Pablo Valdivieso-Kastner, University of Oxford

Judicial Design, Behavior, and Courts' Vulnerability to Illiberal Attacks
Thais Zschaber, University of Florida

Ordinary Citizens' Encounters with Administrative Justice under Authoritarian Rule: Survey Experiment in Kazakhstan
Alisher Juzgenbayev, Northwestern University

Text as Data in Common Law Top Appellate Courts
Susan W. Johnson, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
John Szmer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The Norm of Consensus in Comparative Focus: Assessing the Chief Justices of the Australian High Court, 1995-2020
Drew N. Lanier, Univ. of Central Florida

2400

Political Participation in a Polarized Democracy

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Blue Heron

Political Participation and Civic Engagement

Chair
Lindsay Hoffman, University of Delaware

Participants

It’s Not the Economy, Stupid, It’s We the People: The American Model of Popular Participation in a Representative Democracy
Soji Akomolafe, Norfolk State University

The Hand that Makes the Fist: Embracing Violence as a Strategy of Claim-Making
Audrey "Andi" Wood, University of Virginia

Institutional Withdrawal and Rural Political Response: The Impact of School Closures
Katelan Hudson, University of Pittshurgh

Turnout Inequality and Its Partisan Consequences: Evidence from U.S. Elections, 2004--2022
Bang Q Zheng, Eastern Connecticut State Universirty

Discussant
Lindsay Hoffman, University of Delaware

This panel explores how emotions, political conflict, institutional barriers, inequality, and access to information influence when and how individuals and groups engage in democratic politics.

2400

Democratic Participation, Citizenship, and Belonging Across Contexts

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Chart Room

Political Participation and Civic Engagement

Chair
Jared McDonald, University of Mary Washington

Participants
Investigating Enablers of Electoral Corruption in African Hybrid Regimes: Evidence from the East African Community
Tumba Tuseku, Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs
The Good Citizen Abroad: Citizenship Norms and Institutional Evaluations Among Americans Overseas
chase bezonsky, Universität Siegen
Who Can Be Excluded from "We the People"?—Sovereignty, Coercion, and Expulsion in the Cherokee Freedmen Controversy
Anthony Wayne Hobert, Winthrop University
Immigration Enforcement and Emotional Intensity among Protesters
Michael T. Heaney, University of Glasgow
Michael D. Martinez, University of Florida

Discussant
Jared McDonald, University of Mary Washington

This panel explores how individuals and communities navigate questions of democratic participation, political identity, electoral integrity, and reconciliation across different national, cultural, and international contexts.

2400

Leadership and the Sources of Conflict Behaviors

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Citrus

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Victor Sanchez, University of Central Florida

Participants
Autocrats' Sense of Security and Interstate Conflict Initiation
Hongbi Choi, Texas A&M University
Exploiting the Void: Great Power Responses to Domestic Political Instability Abroad
Daniel Yoon, George Washington University
More than Experience? The Role of Personality in Global Leaders' Conflict Behavior
Mahesh Acharya, University of Alabama
The Operational Code of D.J. Trump: Foreign Policy Transactionalist
Michael Haas, University of Hawai'i
Leadership in Complex Human Environments: The Relational-Adaptive Core in Counterinsurgency Operations
David Robert Hayes, Retired
Richard Ledet, Troy University

2400

Stress Tests for Democracy: Corruption, Migration, Secession, and Self-Defense

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Compass Room

Comparative Politics of Industrialized Areas

Participants

Corruption and Democratic Erosion in the Post-Cold War Era
Per Fredrik Andersson, Stockholm University
Jan Teorell, Stockholm University

Employment Insiders, Outsiders, and European Migration Policy Coherence
Mauricia John, Kutztown University
Steve B. Lem, Kutztown University
Sarah Snow, Kutztown University

Hire local? Testing the contours of anti-migration sentiment in a small EU country
Bethany Lacina, University of Rochester

Militant Democracy in Practice: Variation in Democratic Self-Defense
Mariam Shanava, The University of Florida

Unusual Secessionist Movements. Contemporary Alberta and 1920s Western Australia.
André Lecours, University of Ottawa

Discussant

Bethany Lacina, University of Rochester

Democracies face strain from leaders who erode institutions, from contests over who belongs, and from regions that question the union itself. Five papers examine corruption and backsliding, militant democracy in Germany and France, insider-outsider politics in European migration policy, pro-local attitudes in Slovenia, and secessionism without nationalism in Alberta and Western Australia.

2400

Representation in Legislatures

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair

Shannon Thompson, Howard University

Participants

The Representation of Black Millennial State Legislators in Maryland: 2003-2023
Shannon Thompson, Howard University

Negative Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives
Regina Wagner, University of Alabama
Enrijeta Shino, University of Alabama

Complexities of Legislative Representation in Ghana: Do Female Legislators Really Represent Women's interests?
Kingsley S Agomor, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA)
Daniel K Banini, Assistant Professor

Comparing Descriptive and Substantive Representation Across Social Groups
Eric Hansen, Loyola University Chicago
Agustin Markarian, Loyola University Chicago

"Feeling Represented" and Being Represented in Congress: How Connected Are They?
Giovanny Daniel Pleites-Hernandez, University of North Carolina Asheville

Discussants

Shannon Thompson, Howard University
Regina Wagner, University of Alabama
Daniel K Banini, Assistant Professor
Agustin Markarian, Loyola University Chicago
Giovanny Daniel Pleites-Hernandez, University of North Carolina Asheville

2400

Campaigns and Voters in Comparative Perspective

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Horizons East

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants

Campaigns and Democratic Evaluations
Kelechi Amakoh, Michigan State University

Emotional and Policy-Oriented Voting Motives in the 2024 Elections in Belgium.
Marc R. Hooghe, Uni Louvain History

National Party Status and Candidate Incumbency: The Adoption of Conflict-Oriented Discourse and Policy-Centeredness in South Korean General Election Campaign Booklets
Sumin Kim, Korea University
Joonho Lee, Korea University
Woo Chang Kang, Korea University

No Peer Effect in Turnout Intentions in Four Field Experiments
Åshild A. Johnsen, Oslo Metropolitan University

Challenging the Conventional Wisdom: The Social Bases of Independence and Statehood in Puerto Rico
Santos Rivera-Cardona, Rutgers University - New Brunswick
George Quinn, Rutgers University

This panel tests theories of campaigns and voting outside the mainland United States. Papers cover campaign negativity and democratic trust in Nigeria, emotional voting in Belgium, government and opposition campaign discourse in South Korea, peer effects on turnout among Norwegian conscripts, and the social bases of status preferences in Puerto Rico.

2400

Presidents and the Separation of Powers

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Horizons West

Presidential and Executive Politics

Chair
Matthew Wilson, Southern Methodist University

Participants

Presidential Grandstanding in Congress
Patrick W Buhr, Vanderbilt University

Congressional Response to Executive Orders During the Trump 2.0 Presidency
Michelle Helene Belco, University of Houston
Adam L. Warber, Clemson University

Presidential Emergency Powers and Congress's Legislative Response
Ivan Vukojevic, University of California, Riverside

The Ratchet Republic: Unrules and the One-Way Expansion of Presidential Prerogative. Are the U.S. Constitution and 21st-century American legislative institutions sufficiently robust to constrain a president with authoritarian ambitions?
Ziyoda Kobilbekova, New Uzbekistan University

White House Advisors' Role in Influencing the Presidential Selection of So-Called Moderate U.S. Supreme Court Judicial Nominees
Paul Foote, Murray State University

Discussant
Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University

2400

U.S.-China Strategic Competition

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
OMER E OZKAN, University of Cincinnati

Participants
China's Calculated Revisionism: How Power Calculus Drives Chinese Strategic Behavior
Yuan-kang Wang, Western Michigan University
Do Election Cycles Shape Congressional China-Related Legislative Position-Taking? Evidence from China-Related Bills in the U.S. Congress
Linggong Kong, Auburn University
Xiaoyu Qin, Auburn University
Genomic Dependence and National Security: Assessing the Strategic Risks of Chinese Biotechnology Firms
Matthew Ellis, Augusta University
Autumn D Perkey, University of Central Florida
Legitimating Indivisible Territory: Strategic Partnerships and Beijing's "One-China" Claim
Heng-Te Liao, National Chengchi University

Discussant
Weiss Mehrabi, Centre College

2400

Popular Culture, Sport, and Soft Power

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Palm

Media and Political Communication

Participants
Cinema's Waking Dragon: The Rise of the Chinese Film Market and It's Impact on American Soft Power
Jay Thompson, University of Florida
Faster, Higher, Stronger: State-Sponsored Doping Programs and State Insecurity
Carter Mackenzie Wilson, The University of Alabama
National Cinemas and Subaltern Pushbacks: Understanding the Power of Popular Culture to Set Agendas Globally
Mark Sachleben, Shippensburg University
Trust the Eagles: Learning about Government and Politics from Jackie and Shadow
Nicole Pankiewicz, College of Coastal Georgia

Discussant
Fahad Mirza, University of Central Florida

2400

Theorizing Authority and Executive Power

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Shawn Erik Schooley, Bemidji State University

Participants
Fascism As An Explanatory Framework For The Second Trump Administration's Immigration Policy
Andrew Jose, University of Florida
Is Philosophy Against Authority?
Thomas Cloud, Texas State University
On the Public Prosecutor in the American Constitution: A critical review of the Unitary Executive Doctrine and Practice from the Federalist Papers and Montesquieu.
Jose Jans Carretero, University of Illinois at Chicago
Reading Rorty in the Age of Trump
Daniel O'Neill, University of Florida
Republican Political Theory and the Unitary Executive
Joshua Anderson, Virginia State University

Discussant
Shawn Erik Schooley, Bemidji State University

2400

Diving Deeper into the Political Psychology of Partisanship, Ideology, and Social Media

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sawgrass

Political Psychology

Participants
AOC is my sister: exploring the effect of social media exposure on the development of political parasocial relationships
Samantha Register, Colorado State University
Bundling the Party: Individual Predictors of Collapsing Party Aspects
Jacqueline Qiu, University of Wisconsin Madison
Do Liberals and Conservatives Speak the Same Language? A Systematic Review of Ideological Differences in Language Use
Nathanial J Bernard, Ph.D. student at the University of Colorado, Boulder
Expressive and Instrumental Negative Partisanship: Measurement and Behavioral Consequences
Eunjoo Lee, University of Georgia
Social Media Democracy
Drew Cagle, College of Coastal Georgia

Discussants
Janel Jett, University of Oregon
Levi Allen, Indiana State University

2400

Women in Political Institutions: Representation, Leadership, and Policymaking

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Snowy Egret

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair
Fernando Casal Bertoa, University of Nottingham

Participants

Gender, Executives, and State Coercion: Women Governors and Capital Punishment Outcomes
Kim Jacks, The University of Alabama

Intersectionality and its effect on women representation in indian politics.
Vikrant Pundir, Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Legislating with Women in Brazil
Andrew Janusz, University of Florida
Sofia Maciel Rocha, University of Florda
Eduarda Barcelos, University of Florida

"Senator Smurfette?": Gender Tokenism in State Legislative Sponsorship
Rebecca Gill, University of Nevada - Las Vegas
Jennie Sweet-Cushman, Chatham University
Yipeng Zhao, Pennsylvania State University
Christopher Zorn, Pennsylvania State University

When Does Gender Matter? Institutional Conditions Linking Descriptive and Substantive Representation
Andrea K Eckelman, University of Montevallo

Discussant
Agustin vallejo, Texas A&M International University

2400

CwC #5: Brownbag Roundtable: Political and Policy Insights for Disasters and Crises from COVID Studies: A Reader

Thursday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

COVID Studies: A Reader is a "state of the field" collection of interdisciplinary essays that frames the pandemic as an ongoing, nested, and compound disaster rather than a past event. Contributors analyze COVID through diverse methodologies, exploring how the virus continues to reshape social, political, and environmental realities. This roundtable engages authors and conference participants in a discussion of interdisciplinary perspectives from disaster studies scholars, continuing conversations that the authors began in the book about the pandemic. COVID research and insights from this edited volume are relevant for understanding disasters as political events, as well as how disasters exacerbate and reveal social inequalities throughout society.

2500

Examining Lower Courts

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Banyan

Judicial Politics

Chair
Susan Haire, University of Georgia

Participants
Gatekeeping Justice: Administrative Burdens and State Trial Courts
Abigail Matthews, University at Buffalo, SUNY
Tracee Saunders, Penn State University
How Video Teleconferencing Shapes Judicial Decision Making: Evidence from Stewart Immigration Court
Devon Thurman, Georgia Institute of Technology
Judicial Discretion Advised: Jury Nullification and the Dynamics of Court Supremacy
Madison Lynn Harley, Winthrop University
The Effect of Prosecutorial and Defense Experience on Judicial Behavior
Kaleigh Ruiz, Belmont University College of Law
Trump Executive Orders Challenged in the Federal Courts
Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard, Northwest Missouri State University
Grace Pittman, Georgia Southern University

2500

Political Identity, Incorporation and Socialization

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Blue Heron

Race and Ethnicity

Participants
Louisiana v. Callais and the Nullification of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
Albert L. Samuels, Southern University and A&M College
Naturalized Political Behavior: Party Registration and Turnout among Florida's Hispanics
Daniel A Smith, University of Florida
Isabella Betancur, University of Florida
Kerem Castillo, University of Florida
Sam Carmago, University of Florida
Politics from the Margins: Children of Undocumented Parents Across Two Cities
Linette Sanchez, University of Texas at Austin
Which Linked Fate? The Structure and Consequences of Group-Based Linked Fate
Michael Strawbridge, Washington University in St. Louis
"Understanding the Impact of Black History Curriculum on Student Awareness of Systemic Racism and Civic Engagement"
Madison Belin, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

2500

Leading, Managing, and Collaborating at the Local Level

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Chart Room

Public Administration

Chair
Prakhar Misra, PhD student

Participants

The role residency requirements play in suppressing women's representation in the city management profession
Robin Rose Saywitz, Saint Louis University
RJ Davis, Saint Louis University
Yana Hodzic, Saint Louis University

College Students as Poll Workers? Insights on Recruitment and Retention
Alicia C Barnes, Kennesaw state university

The Maturing of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Its Relationship with the United States Department of Transportation
Henry Barbier Sirgo, McNeese State University
Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University

The Role of Government Initiatives in Participatory Neighborhood Governance: A Multi-level Analysis in Japan
Shugo Shinohara, Keio University

Understanding Satisfaction Levels of Wisconsin Municipal Judges Toward Their Jobs on the Bench
Douglas Ihrke, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Brian Cherry, Northern Michigan University
Scott Lettney, City of Racine, Wisconsin and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Michael Ford, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Discussant
Christopher Tyler Burks, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

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2500

Judicial Opinion Content

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Citrus

Judicial Politics

Chair
John Szmer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Participants

Emergency or Shadow Docket? When Ideology Shapes Whether and How Supreme Court Justices Explain Their Positions
Bianca Martins de Oliveira, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Evaluating the Democratization of Legal Writing
Jake Truscott, University of Florida
Michael Romano, Shenandoah University
Michael Salamone, Washington State University

Speaking the Author's Language: Bargaining and Accommodation on the United States Supreme Court
Wil Daniel Bunch, University of Georgia
Sangdo Lee, University of Georgia
Randall Vincent Miller III, University of Georgia

The New Slang of Judicial Ideology
Douglas Rice, UMass Amherst
Srivarsh Cirigiri, UMass Amherst
Jesse Hessler Rhodes, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Who Moves the Law? A Computational Approach to Measuring Judicial Doctrinal Innovation
Rose Jordan, Washington University in St. Louis

2500

Political Parties in Comparative Perspective

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Compass Room

Political Parties & Interest Groups/Political Parties and Interest Groups

Chair
Susan Scarrow, University of Houston

Participants

Raising the Alarm: Rhetorical Entrepreneurship and the Diffusion of Securitizing Frames in Party Competition
Yanjun Liu, Peking University
Shuo Wang, Peking University

Do Primaries Pay? Candidate Selection Methods and Electoral Performance Across Competitive Democracies
Maxwell Boateng, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

How Parties Use Statutes to Contain Intra-Party Conflict: Comparing Approaches
Susan Scarrow, University of Houston

Who Joins Political Parties in South Korea?
Youngho Cho, Sogang University
Susan Scarrow, University of Houston

When Does Democracy Assistance Strengthen Political Parties? Elite Incentives and Organizational Reform in Africa
Taiwo J Adeagbo, Temple University

2500

Propaganda and State Communication in Authoritarian and Hybrid Regimes

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Glades

Media and Political Communication

Chair
Yingdan Lu, Northwestern

Participants

Signaling Loyalty while Preserving Markets: Performative Propaganda under Economic Openness
Xing Chen, Fudan University, School of International Relations and Public Affairs
Haifeng Huang, The Ohio State University

The Social Media Bureaucracy: Intra-Regime Politics of Digital Propaganda in China
Yunfan Ling, Pennsylvania State University

Governing Trust Under Crisis: Elite Messaging and Public Responses in Hong Kong
vera Yuen, University of Hong Kong

Contradiction, Response, and Credibility: A Claim First Approach in Bangladesh
ISMAIL HOSSAIN, University of Texas at Dallas

Silencing by Absorption: Culture of Silence, Co-optation, Credibility Transfer of Journalist-to-Government Pipeline in Ghana
Ibs Sackey-Rockson, Louisiana State University

Discussant
Haohan Chen, University of Hong Kong

2500

Electoral Rules, Redistricting, and Representation

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Horizons East

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants

Closing the Gender Gap in Political Ambition:
Jennifer L Lawless, University of Virginia
Todd S Sechser, University of Virginia

Putting the Pieces Together: a Gamified Redistricting Method
Guy Ras, California State University, Sacramento

Ranked Choice Voting's Impact on Candidates of Color and Women in Majority-White and Plurality-White Cities and Districts
Eveline Dowling, Expand Democracy
Avram Reisman, FairVote
Deb Otis, FairVote

Simulating Proportional Representation in U.S. House Elections
Will Horne, Clemson University
Robert Oldham, Agnes Scott College

The Effects of Prisoner Reallocation Policies on Redistricting
Brian Amos, Wichita State University
Michael McDonald, University of Florida

This panel considers how institutional design affects who is represented and who runs. Papers simulate proportional representation, estimate ranked choice voting's effects on women and candidates of color, measure the impact of prisoner reallocation, propose an impartial redistricting method, and test an intervention to close the gender gap in political ambition.

2500

Technology and Political Participation

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Horizons West

Information, Technology & Politics/Information Technology and Politics

Participants

Engagement Farming Elites: Algorithmic Incentives and the Rhetoric of Outgroup Targeting in Congressional Communication
Jalen Ward, University of California, Davis

Selective Disruptions: The Political Logic of Internet Shutdowns in India
Nikita Savin, University of California, Los Angeles

Technology and Criminal Justice: Artificial Intelligence – Societal Catalyst or Apocalyptic End of Days – The Role of Leadership
Jason W Henning, American Military University

Using Large Language Models to practice cross-partisan dialogue
Hanna Sistek, Harvard University
Netra Joshi, Purdue University
Sarrah Zojwalla, Purdue University
Daniel Schiff, Purdue University
Nebras Alam, Purdue University
Vipula Shirse, Purdue University

2500

Artificial Intelligence, Conflict, and Cybercrime

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Benjamin James Radford, University of Pittsburgh

Participants
AI-Enabled Cybercrime as an Ecosystem Shift: Evidence from Tabletop Exercises
Gil Baram, University of South Florida
Are LLMs Transforming Cybercriminal Operations? LLMs on Dark Web Marketplaces
KAREN NERSHI, Middlebury Institute of International Studies
Samantha Bradshaw, American University
Big Tech and the Shift in International Relations
Udi Sommer, Tel Aviv University

Discussant
Kerry Chavez, Institute for Future Conflict

2500

CwC #1: Judicial Independence

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Jeffrey K Staton, Emory University

Participants
The Political Foundations of Independent Judicial Review Revisited: Modeling Political Insurance
Alice Timken, Gettysburg College
Understanding Variations in Judicial Backsliding and Resurgence
Lydia Brashear Tiede, University of Houston
Voting Behavior, Ballot Complexity and Political Environment
Eugenia Artabe, University of Houston Downtown
Manuela Muñoz, Texas Tech
Does Support for International Courts Depend on Which Party is in Government?
Sivaram Cheruvu, Michigan State University
Jay Krehbiel, University at Buffalo
Court Interrupted: Institutional Legitimacy in the Face of Democratic Backsliding
Amanda Driscoll, Florida State University
Martin Gandur, Texas Christian University
Michael Nelson, Penn State

Discussants
Sivaram Cheruvu, Michigan State University
Sebastian Morales Forte, Tulane University
Joan-Josep Vallbé, University of Barcelona

A panel discussing judicial independence.

2500

Explaining Foreign Policy Decisions: Sanctions, Diplomats, and Responses to War

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Palm

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Tyson Chatagnier, University of Houston

Participants
Power with a Price: Institutional Authority and Sanctions Restraint
Tyson Chatagnier, University of Houston
Pressure, Punishment, or Performance? Sender Justifications and the Termination of Economic Sanctions
Hoan (Lana) La, Texas Tech University
Homeland in Ottawa: How Ukraine's Diaspora Found Canada's Frequency
Niels Christian Baron, American Military University
How Did International Positions Toward Argentina's Falkland Islands/Malvinas Claim Change After the 1982 War?
Ambar Apostolico, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)
The Age of Diplomacy: Diplomat Age and Interstate Relations
Kelsey Larsen, University of Central Florida

2500

Theories of Structural Power and Political Resistance

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern University

Participants
Antipower and the Problem of Structural Domination: Douglass, Washington, and the Limits of Contestation
Allan Tellis, University of Texas at Tyler
Listening as Anti-Patriarchal Technique
Megan Gallagher, The University of Alabama
Race, Ethnicity, and Politics: Challenges in the Study of Political Theory
Ian William Rowe, Florida International University
The Management of Consumption: On Advertising as Economic Planning
Matt Shafer, Florida International University
Alicia Steinmetz, Florida International University
The Production of Subjectivity: Inadequate Ideas and Fetishism
Vladimir Martinez-Amores, Florida International University

Discussant
Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern University

2500

China's Economic Statecraft: Investment, Aid, and Influence Abroad

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sawgrass

Comparative and International Political Economy

Participants

Beyond the Threshold of Trust: Why China's Economic Reopening Cannot Re-attract Western Capital
Tianshu Hao, University of Florida

Economic Exposure and Great-Power Reputation: Chinese Investment and the China–U.S. Trust Gap in Brazil
Yipeng Zhang, Yipeng Zhang

Exploring the Effects of China's Development Finance on Entering the IMF Programs
Sawa Omori, Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University

How Chinese Economic Interests Shape Legislative Behavior in Africa: Evidence from Zambia's Parliament
Abhit Bhandari, Vanderbilt University
Donghyun Danny Choi, Brown University

The Dynamics of Aid and Democracy
Marcela Ibanez, University of Zurich
Alain Schläpfer, Stanford University

Discussant

Md Kishan Miah, University of South Florida

2500

CwC #2: Citizen Engagement and Distrust

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants

Citizen Engagement and Public Confidence in Local Police: Evidence from Mexican Municipalities
Ricardo Massa, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)
Manlio Castillo, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)

Special District as Community Engagement Leader: Lessons from a Stormwater Management Project in Northeast Ohio
Meghan Rubado, Cleveland State University
Thomas Hilde, Cleveland State University
Ashley Nickels, Kent State University

The Use of Volunteers in Local Public Service Delivery: Changes in California Over Time
Scott Lamothe, University of Oklahoma
Alperen Zararsiz, University of Oklahoma

Public Values, Reputation Management, and the East Palestine Derailment
Clayton Wukich, Cleveland State University

This is a panel discussing citizen engagement and distrust.

2500

Feminist Mobilization, Repression, and International Politics

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Snowy Egret

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair
Charles Hankla, Georgia State University

Participants

Feminist Silencing in North African Protest Movements
Sammy Badran, American University of Sharjah (AUS) (SSO)
Brian Turnbull, University of South Florida

How Repression Succeeds: Dissolving a Social Movement Without Spectacular Violence in Xi's China
Pin Lu, Rutgers University

Insurgency Survival: The Impact of Women in Covert Noncombatant Roles
Zeynep Oguz, University of Colorado at Boulder

Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy: An Examination of Issue Salience and Actor Dynamics in International Discourse
Katie M Whipkey, University of Pittsburgh

Violence against Women as a Point of Political Polarization? Lessons from Argentina
Selina Gallo-Cruz, Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Discussant
Karin Liebhart, University of Vienna / University of Trnava / Institute of Conflict Research Vienna

2500

Thursday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Tarpon Key

CwC #5: The Institutions of Disaster Governance

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Ashley Ross, Texas A&M University at Galveston

Participants
Disaster Politics: Power, Governance, and Inequality in the Management of Disasters
Zahra Ejaz, Higher Education Department, Punjab
When the Rules Were Missing: Disaster Politics and the World Bank in Allende's Chile
Claudia Kedar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rewriting the Rules of an Emergency: The Legislative Reconstruction of State Crisis Authority between 2020-2026
Kasia Klasa, Rutgers University
Agency Independence and Disaster Governance
H. Henry Harrison, University of California, Riverside
Physical Geography, Governance, and the Making of Flood Disaster in the Indus River System in Pakistan
Amna Javed, Adelaide University
Does disaster legislation comply with global guidelines? A computational approach
Clara Egger, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Ashmi Krishnan, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Billion Dollar Disasters: A Federalism Perspective on Social Protections after Natural Hazards
Grace Beals, Duke University
Angie J Jo, Bates College
Clarifying Disaster Policy Subsytems Dynamics and the Role of Focusing Events: Colorado's Wildfire Policy Regime
Nathan Jeschke, Florida Atlantic University
Deserai Anderson, University of Colorado Denver

Discussants
Shannon M Lane, Sam Houston State University
Ryan E Carlin, Georgia State University

This panel examines how laws, policies, organizations, and governance systems shape disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and equity, highlighting the role of institutions in structuring both risk and resilience.

2600

Litigants and Litigators

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Banyan

Judicial Politics

Chair
EmiLee Smart, Northern Arizona University

Participants
Decision Making on the U.S. District Courts: Testing Party Capability
Robert M. Howard, Georgia State University
Kirk A. Randazzo, University of South Carolina
Forum Shopping Against the Federal Government: Interest Groups, States, and Local Governments
Matthew Joseph Zinno, Brown University
Indigenous Rights At The Inter-American Court Of Human Rights
Rebecca Reid, University of Texas at El Paso
Aylinne Morales, University of Texas at El Paso
Lazy Justice? Examining Patterns of Borrowed Language in Supreme Court
Kirsten Widner, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Jackson Yoakum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Put Me In, Coach: Gender and Oral Argument Assignment
Christine M. Bailey, Austin Peay State University
Tao L. Dumas, The College of New Jersey
Shane A. Gleason, Trinity College
Kirsten Widner, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2600

Workshop: Structural Measurement

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Blue Heron

Political Methodology

Chair
Yusaku Horiuchi, Florida State University

Participants
Can "Organizational Drift" Be Quantified?
Daniel Joseph Lane, Northeastern Illinois University
Maximum Difference Scaling for Political Science
Huijie Xu, Florida State University
Yusaku Horiuchi, Florida State University
Kelly Matush, Florida State University
Nonparametric Ideal Point Estimation with ocx
Christopher Hare, University of California, Davis
Jack T. Rametta, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute
Kayla Lunde, University of California, Davis
Calibration Weighting, Matching, or Multilevel Regression with Poststratification? A Validation Study
Lonna Atkeson, Florida State University
Austin Lloyd Cutler, Florida State University
Yimeng Li, Florida State University
Fréchet Bounds for Truncated Compositional Data: Applications to Ethnic Cohesion and Party Fragmentation
Wali Reheman, American University
Moderation and Mediation Effects Involving Opinion and Information: Revisiting the House Bank Scandal
Scott J Basinger, University of Houston
You-Chen Chen, University of Houston

2600

Theories of Religion

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Chart Room

Religion and Politics

Chair
Peter Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University

Participants
Decoding Dharma, Religion and Mazhab: A Response to the Crisis of Modern Civilization
ripu sudan singh, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow U.P. India
How should we sort the Nones? Testing classification schemes for analyzing religiously-unaffiliated Americans
Peter Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University
Prison Scriptures and the Gap Between Theology and Policy
Jeremiah Wade-Olson, University of Michigan, Flint
Religion is a Supernaturalism
Ajay Verghese, Middlebury College
The Deontology-Ideology Coherence Perspective of the Taliban Brand Political Islam
Syeda Fuzna Haider, University of Karachi
Religious Nones and Group Consciousness
Carolyn Forestiere, UMBC

Discussant
Danail Koev, Regent University

2600

Civil War Onset and Rebel Governance

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Citrus

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Sean Paul Ashley, University of Maryland

Participants
Black Sheep and Ugly Ducklings: Rebel Children of the State
Audrey "Andi" Wood, University of Virginia
Conditional Peace: Rethinking State Capacity's Role in Ethnic Conflict
Carter Mackenzie Wilson, The University of Alabama
Justice Under Fire: How Fighting Capacity Conditions the Effect of Rebel Conciliatory Justice on Conflict Duration.
Juliana Gbemileke Popoola, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Rebel Governance and Duration of Peace Agreement
Hongbi Choi, Texas A&M University
Chungshik Moon, Chung-Ang University
Selective Power-Sharing and the Spatial Redistribution of Post-Agreement Violence
Yasin Bozkus, American University

Discussant
Evan Perkoski, University of Connecticut

2600

Political Geography

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Compass Room

Political Geography

Chair
Christopher Lawrence, Middle Georgia State University

Participants
Afghan Civilian Protest as Adaptive Learning
Joel Blaxland, Western New Mexico University
Nicholas Rummell, Illinois Central College
Dual authority structure institutions in farmer-herder conflict resolution in southern and northern Ghana
Daniel K Banini, Assistant Professor
From Redlining to Public Housing: The Enduring Geography of Inequality and the Failure of Concentrated Poverty
Thomas Walls, Independent
Why 'Greater Idaho?' The Political Geography of the Proposal to Change Oregon's Borders
Kal Munis, Montana State University
Patrick Hunnicutt, University of Oregon
High Point, North Carolina's Economic Downturn: Job Loss,and the Emergence of Food Deserts
Emma Lemi, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Discussant
Jorge Roque, Gordon State College

2600

When Do Messages Move Opinion?: Persuasion and Elite Cues

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Glades

Media and Political Communication

Chair
Elizabeth Coggins, Associate Professor and Department Chair

Participants
Are storytelling strategies effective in generating empathy and support towards political actors during conflicts?
Moran Yarchi, Reichman University Israel
Michal Hershman Shitrit, University of Haifa
Image Repair in the Age of Trump: Elite Leader Cues and the Processing of Image Repair Strategies
Robert Jefferson Dillard, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
Sining Kong, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
Leader Over Party? Political Knowledge and the Limits of Elite Persuasion
Enrijeta Shino, University of Alabama
Regina Wagner, University of Alabama
Voter Reactions to Asymmetric Partisan Framing
Rachel Horvath, Rutgers University
Media Ecology, Intergroup Contact, and Public Attitudes Toward Immigrants in South Korea: Evidence from the Korean General Social Survey (2003–2023)
Li Ning, University of Houston

Discussant
Sean Ewing, Florida Gulf Coast University

2600

Development and Political Order in East and Southeast Asia

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Horizons East

Comparative Politics of Developing Areas

Participants

Blue Economy of Southeast Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam 2015-2025
John Harold Barnett, Emporia State University

Is There Still Hope? A Review of Modernization Theory in Contemporary China
Yen Hsin Chen, Sul Ross State University

Prosperity Without Democratization: Đổi Mới and Authoritarian Resilience in Vietnam
Grace Pham, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Why Does Usury Persist under a Strong State? The Political Economy of Credit in China
Zhu Zhang, Fairfield University

Written on the Soil: Why Urbanization Broke Only Half of an Electoral Authoritarian Regime
Tyler Rongxuan Chen, University of Michigan

2600

Artificial Intelligence: Lessons from the Local Level

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Horizons West

Information, Technology & Politics/Information Technology and Politics

Participants

A Flock of Cameras: Examining the County-Level Attributes of Counties with Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Camera Systems
Martin Mayer, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
Spencer Goidel, Auburn University
Joseph A Aistrup, Auburn University
John C. Morris, Auburn University
Robert C. Kenter, Old Dominion University
C.Bruce Anderson, Florida Southern College

Cybersecurity of U.S. County Governments in the Age of Rapid Digitalization
Ozcan Aykut, University of Central Florida

Do Municipal AI Chatbots Improve Government Responsiveness? Evidence from SeeClickFix Requests
Jie Tao, Tarleton State University

Explaining Local Tensions in Data Center Siting: Politics, Process, and Community Response
Ken Rogerson, Duke University
Adrian Schmeichler, Duke University
Jordan Phillips, Duke University

2600

Deterrence, Bargaining, and Alliance Politics

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Christopher Way, Cornell University

Participants
After the Shooting Stops: An Agent-Based Model of Commercial Non-Normalization in Maritime Chokepoint Crises
Young Joon Oh, New College of Florida
Credibility of Deterrent Threats from Highly Polarized Democracies
Yeon Grace Park, Stetson University
Do Arms Transfers Deter? Weapon Prestige and Delivery Status in U.S. Arms Transfers and Militarized Interstate Conflict
James Dongjin Kim, University of Washington
Hoshik Nam, Jacksonville State University
I Scratch Your Back, You Scratch Mine Later: Alliance Potential, Security Threats, and Coalition Defection
Weiss Mehrabi, Centre College
Andrés Gannon, Vanderbilt University
Sequential Rationality and Cumulative Vulnerability: A Dynamic Bargaining Analysis of the Chanyuan Covenant
Raphaela Xingyue He, University of Mannheim
The Geostrategy Trap: The Limits of NATO Extended Deterrence in Russia's Near Abroad
Miruna Barnoschi, Air Command and Staff College – Air University

Discussant
Ayush KUMAR, Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

2600

CwC #1: The Politicization of the Judiciary

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Lydia Brashear Tiede, University of Houston

Participants
Judicial Politicization from Within: Career Incentives and Political Capture in a Civil-Law System
Joan-Josep Vallbé, University of Barcelona
Luis Mario Lozano, University of Barcelona
Conceptualizing and Measuring Judicial and Prosecutorial Capture
Verónica Míchel, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Adriana García, NYU Law
The Nationalization of the Legal Profession?
Sebastian Morales Forte, Tulane University
Judicial Misconduct, Impartiality, and Reform: Experimental Evidence from Brazil
Luiz Vilaça, Bowdoin College
How Affective Polarization Shapes Public Support for Courts in Canada and the United States
Ali Masood, Oberlin College and Conservatory

Discussants
Martin Gandur, Texas Christian University
Eugenia Artabe, University of Houston Downtown
Alice Timken, Gettysburg College

A panel discussing the politicization of the judiciary.

2600

War, Insecurity, and Displacement

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Palm

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems

Chairs
Harley Roe, Southern Utah University
Eyal Lewin, Ariel University

Participants
At Home or Next Door? Domestic Vulnerability, Regional Coups, and Political Behavior in Africa
Francois Kabre, Auburn University
Entrapped Societies in "Fight-or-Flight" Situations: A Comparative Study of Israel and Ukraine During War
Eyal Lewin, Ariel University
Fleeing (in)voluntarily: Projected Patriotism and Attitudes toward Conflict Refugees
Olgahan Cat, Visiting Assistant Professor
National Resilience in Times of War: The Case of Ukraine
Nataliia Kasianenko, California State University, Fresno
Megan Hauser, Kennesaw State
War and Vote Delivery: Russia's 2026 State Duma Elections
Bryon Moraski, The University of Florida
Kevin Thomas, The University of Florida

2600

Navigating Ethical Decisions in the Administrative Trenches

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sabal

Public Administration

Chair
Moonmoon Khanam, Auburn University

Participants
Narrative Simulation and Crisis Leadership in Public Service Education
Shawn Erik Schooley, Bemidji State University
Participatory storytelling in the divisive era: Strategic framing and the ethics of equity implementation
Dalten Fox, University of South Alabama
The Paradox of Accountability and Responsibility Continued?: Toward a Reinvigorated Theory of Democratic Public Administration
Kyoung-cheol (Casey) Kim, University of Central Florida
From Decision-Making to Implementation: Policy Entrepreneurship at the Street Level
Chaejeong Park, Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University
The Effect of Transparency on Corruption: Evidence from Local Governments
Vaiva Kalesnikaite, Clemson University

Discussant
Henry Barbier Sirgo, McNeese State University

2600

State Power, Finance, and Market Governance

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sawgrass

Comparative and International Political Economy

Participants

Commensurability and the Uneven Operationalization of Asia-Pacific Sustainable Finance Taxonomies
Jiun-Da Lin, National Taiwan University

Rhetorical Statecraft: Geoeconomic Rivalry and State Capitalism in Democracies
Mengting Lyu, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Stable States, Illicit Finance: Reassessing the Relationship Between State Stability and Money Laundering in Developing Countries
Orlandrew E Danzell, James Madison University

State-Controlled Openness: Financial Repression and Political Survival in China
Russell Cui, Independent Scholar

Discussant

Mohammad Sayyadi, Florida International University

2600

CwC #2: Public Budget and Fiscal Resources

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants

Clean Slate, Unequal Ground: Parcel-Level Equity Effects of Just-Value Homestead Reform in Florida
Hai (David) Guo, Witchita State University
Shaoming Cheng, Florida International University

The Impact of Municipal Re-election Opportunities on Financial Management: Evidence from Mexico
Ezequiel Gaytan-Neri, University of Illinois Chicago

Credit Innovation in Local Government: A Survey Experiment on Cost Savings and Sector
Jaclyn Piatak, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Suzanne Leland, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Zach Mohr, University of Kansas
Angel Rivera, University of Kansas

Dynamic Fiscal Adjustment in U.S. Counties: A Half-Century Analysis
Pengju Zhang, Rutgers University, Newark
Timothy Little, Rutgers University, Newark
Alisha Sukhram, Rutgers University, Newark

This is a panel discussing public budgets and fiscal resources.

2600

Bodily Autonomy, Gendered Violence, and Rights

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Snowy Egret

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair
Rebecca Gill, University of Nevada - Las Vegas

Participants

Beyond Birth: Systemic Racism and Structural Disparities in Maternal Mortality in the United States
MaKenzie Lynn McMahan, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Bodily Autonomy and the Politics of Experience: Sexual Harassment and Support for Abortion Rights
Karen Marie Romero, University of Southern California

From Atrocity to Agreement: Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Gender Provisions in Peace Agreements
Rachel Marriott, Florida State University

From Zero to Gender Justice : Reclaiming Indian Knowledge System for Protection of Women from Domestic Violence as Indigenous Jurisprudence
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi
SHREYA ISHITA, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Why Comply? Using Self Reports to Measure Compliance with CEDAW
Anna Kowalski, University of Colorado Boulder

Discussant
Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, University of Maryland College Park

2600

Thursday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Tarpon Key

CwC #5: Disaster Preparedness, Communication, and Protective Action

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Tanya Corbin, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Participants

Beyond the Tabletop: Using Participant Evaluation to Assess Organizational Preparedness and Resilience in a Public Utility
Shannon M Lane, Sam Houston State University

Refreshing Risk Communication in Today's Information Environment
Ashley Ross, Texas A&M University at Galveston
Wesley Wehde, Texas Tech University
Laura Siebeneck, University of North Texas
Tristan Lin, University of North Texas
Junghwa Choi, University of Nebraska Omaha

Who's Responsible? Household Perceptions of Responsibility Attribution for Disaster Preparedness of Natural and Technological Hazards
Xander Swain, University of South Alabama
Abbey Hotard, University of South Alabama

Who Identifies as a Prepper in the United States?
Casey Klofstad, University of Miami
Justin Stoler, University of Miami
Joseph E Uscinski, University of Miami
Cali Curley, University of Miami
Ruowen Shen, University of Miami

AI-Enhanced Climate Change Adaptation And Disaster Risk Reduction In Malaysia: A Community-Centred Framework
Sheikh Kamran Abid, Universiti Sains Malaysia
Ruhizal Roosli, Universiti Sains Malaysia

Public Trust in Artificial Intelligence Warning Systems during Wildfire Evacuation Scenarios
Hans Louis-Charles, Virginia Commonwealth University
Thomas Jamieson, Victoria University of Wellington
Issa Tullah, Virginia Commonwealth University
Mere Below, Victoria University of Wellington

Exploring of the Psycho-Social Determinants of Cyclone Readiness in Southwestern Coastal Bangladesh
Anwar Hossain, Khulna University
Tuhin Roy, Khulna University

Discussants

Nathan Jeschke, Florida Atlantic University
Thomas McDonough, Stony Brook University

This panel examines how communication, preparedness activities, responsibility attribution, trust, and emerging technologies shape individual, organizational, and community readiness for disasters and protective action before crises occur.

2700

Public Opinion and the Supreme Court

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Banyan

Judicial Politics

Chair
Michael Romano, Shenandoah University

Participants

African American College Students' Assessment of the Supreme Court: Nomination Controversies, Representation, and Institutional Trust
Ibs Sackey-Rockson, Louisiana State University

Partisanship, Affect, and Public Reactions to Elite Intervention in the U.S. Supreme Court
Joshua Boston, Bowling Green State University
Nicole Kalaf-Hughes, Bowling Green State University
Benjamin Kassow, University of North Dakota
Debra Leiter, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Ali Masood, Oberlin College and Conservatory

The ends, not the means: how the public views Supreme Court decision making
Tim Komatsu, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Ellen Currie, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Jesse Usher Barrett, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Aiden Parker, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The Public Salience of Supreme Court Decisions: A Demand-Based Approach
Joshua Boston, Bowling Green State University
Christopher krewson, Brigham Young University

The Ten Commandments and The Legacy of June 27, 2005 at the United States Supreme Court
Colin Glennon, East Tennessee State University

2700

Immigration, Political Socialization, and Electoral Participation

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Blue Heron

Political Participation and Civic Engagement

Chair
Michael D. Martinez, University of Florida

Participants

Civic Norms and generation of immigrants in Shaping Misreporting of Voter Turnout
Dan Qi, Lamar University

Creative Citizenship: Immigrants' Political Participation in an Era of Democratic Contestation
Stephanie Chan, Lafayette College

Importing Democracy: How Freedom in the Country of Origin Affects Immigrant Voter Turnout Across Election Types in Florida
Felix Walther, University of Florida
Michael McDonald, University of Florida

Is Voting a Learned Behavior? The Transmission of Voting Norms among Immigrants
Juliana Mucci, University of Florida
Rolland Grady, University of Florida

Muslim Civic Engagement and A New Era for Grassroots Change in NYC
Nazreen Bacchus, Farmingdale State College, SUNY

Discussant
Michael D. Martinez, University of Florida

This panel examines the factors that shape political participation and civic engagement among immigrants, exploring how they navigate the political environment and become engaged in democratic life.

2700

Congressional Communication and Constituent Services

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Chart Room

Legislative Politics

Chair
Jeffrey Lazarus, Georgia State University

Participants
Uses of Immigration in congressional communication
Jeffrey Lazarus, Georgia State University
Blake Reano, Georgia State University
The Constituency Service Origins of Subnational Political Violence in the United States
Alexandra Filindra, University of Illinois Chicago
Laurel Harbridge-Yong, Northwestern University
John Cluverius, University of Massachusetts Lowell
Members of Congress and New Partisan Social Media
David Karol, University of Maryland
Signaling from the Hallway: Office Door Displays as Symbolic Representation in Congress
Florian Gawehns, Trinity College, CT

Discussants
Jeffrey Lazarus, Georgia State University
Alexandra Filindra, University of Illinois Chicago
David Karol, University of Maryland
Florian Gawehns, Trinity College, CT

2700

Judge Backgrounds

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Citrus

Judicial Politics

Chair
Shane A. Gleason, Trinity College

Participants
Allocating Protection: Judicial Specialization and Asylum Policy
Maureen Stobb, Georgia Southern University
Joshua Kennedy, Georgia Southern University
Do Foreign Judges Matter in Consociational Systems? Case of Bosnia and Belgium
Anson Cheuk-Hin Chung, City University of New York (CUNY), The Graduate Center
Explaining Public Support for Racial/Ethnic Diversity on the U.S. Supreme Court
Taneisha Means, Vassar College
Isaac Unah, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
When Does Judicial Gender Matter? Indigenous Litigants in the U.S. Courts of Appeals
Sinthia Chakma Krisna, Western Michigan University
Panel Diversity and Opinion Writing on the U.S. Courts of Appeals
John Szmer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Susan Haire, University of Georgia
Laura Moyer, University of Louisville
Robert K. Christensen, Brigham Young University

2700

Ties That Bind and Divide: Networks from Everyday Discussion to Elite Coalitions

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Compass Room

Political Networks

Chair
Jesse Crosson, Purdue University

Participants
Merely Networks: Cross-cutting Networks and Polarization
Suhyen Bae, Arkansas State University
A New Opinion Leader? Conversational AI and the Interpersonal Foundations of Political Judgment
Lauren Santoro, University of Texas at Arlington
The Cost of Political Turnover: Firm Lobbying after Legislator Departures
Huiyi Chen, James Madison University
Zhiyang Zhu, DePauw University
Tough on China, Conditional on Taiwan: Multiplex Faction Embeddedness and the Conditionalization of U.S. Conservative Commitments, 2024 to 2026
Fang-Yi Huang, Soochow University
The Currency of Early Networks: Patronage, Performance, and Competence in Chinese Political Selection
Jason Luo, London School of Economics and Political Science
Exploring the Effectiveness of TANs in Asylum Strategic Litigation within the European Union
Malak Harb, City University of New York

Discussants
Lauren Santoro, University of Texas at Arlington
Suhyen Bae, Arkansas State University

How do the people we know shape what we think and who gets ahead? This panel follows political networks from everyday life to the halls of power. The papers ask whether relationships across party lines and conversations with AI chatbots change how citizens view politics; how companies rebuild their connections in Congress after a lawmaker leaves; why overlapping conservative factions back Taiwan only conditionally; how early career connections shape promotion in China; and whether advocacy groups working across borders win more asylum cases in European courts.

2700

Finding Meaning in Political Communication: Advanced Computational Approach to Text and Video

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Glades

Media and Political Communication

Chair
Jacob Ausubel, George Washington University

Participants
Politicizing the Pandemic: How the Meaning of COVID-19 Interventions Varied Across Anglophone Democracies
Will Horne, Clemson University
Yucheng Wang, Clemson University
The Global Prevalence and Contestation of Identity in Mainstream News Discourse: Evidence from One Million Media Posts
Haohan Chen, University of Hong Kong
Xu Xu, Princeton
Wei Zhong, Stony Brook University
Legopolitics: Computer Vision, Multimodal AI, and a Python Package for LEGO-Style Political Propaganda
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester
Hari Acharya, University of Rochester

Discussant
Shreyas Meher, Erasmus University Rotterdam

2700

Group Identity, Conflict, and Cooperation

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Horizons East

Comparative Politics of Developing Areas

Chair
Masoud Kazemzadeh, Sam Houston State University

Participants
Dynamics of refugee-host cooperation and discrimination
Rebecca Wai, University of Notre Dame
It Takes a Network to Change Intergroup Attitudes
Jennifer Larson, Vanderbilt University
Public Opinion Toward Immigrants and Foreigners in Sub-Saharan Africa
Prakash Adhikari, Central Michigan University
Ritualized Vigilante Violence and the Politics of Violent People-Making
Jinglong Guo, The Ohio State University
The Ethnicization of Conflict
Alexandra Siegel, University of Colorado, Boulder
Yael Zeira, Syracuse University

2700

Artificial Intelligence and Political Communication

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Horizons West

Information, Technology & Politics/Information Technology and Politics

Participants
Adding Allies or Removing Opponents? The Dynamic Politics of Visible Opinion Control
Xiaohan Yu, Duke University
Beyond Persuasion: Deepfakes, Information Warfare, and Great Power Competition
Makaela Rackow, University of Central Florida
Autumn D Perkey, University of Central Florida
Information Saturation as a Critical Barrier to Humanitarian Engagement on Social Media: How Exposure Without Action Reduces Charitable Behavior in the Arab Region
Hazar Alkatlesh, University of Sharjah
Jason Gainous, Sharjah Institute for Heritage
Kevin M Wagner, Florida Atlantic University
Synergic Security Discourse and Constructing the Great Replacement on the Gram: Artificial Intelligence, Migration and Conspiracy Theories on Instagram
Joseph Downing, Aston University

2700

Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Stability

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Gabriela Gómez Mantilla, American University, Washington D.C.

Participants
Children of War, Agents of Peace: Assessing the UN's Response to Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone
Elizabeth Haley, Valdosta State University
Election Administration, Corruption, and Post-Conflict Stability in Africa.
Johnpaul Chigozie Damian Ojukwu, The University of Alabama
The Asian Way and the Pacific Way: Operational Codes That Brought Peace
Michael Haas, University of Hawai`i
United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Patterns of Rebel Governance in War-Torn Countries
Defne Acun, University of Missouri-Columbia
Bryce Reeder, University of Missouri-Columbia

Discussant
David Hendry, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2700

From Problem Definition to Policy Change

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Long Key

Public Policy

Chair
Kerstin Hamann, University of Central Florida

Participants
How do Low Salience Issues Result in Legislative Action? The Case of Child Marriage in the U.S.
Kerstin Hamann, University of Central Florida
Mary Anderson, Salve Regina University
Elsa Mendez, Salve Regina University
U.S. First Ladies and Focusing Events, 1993-2024
Mary Anderson, Salve Regina University
Jonathan Lewallen, University of Tampa
Policy Cycle Displacement: Public Policymaking under Ideological Governance in the Islamic Republic of Iran
Armita Hooman, Georgetown University
Selling the Cloud: How Local Officials Frame Data Centers
Alisha Amin, Auburn University
Robin Rose Saywitz, Saint Louis University
Analyzing the Results of the 2026 National Firearms Survey
William English, Georgetown University - Department of Strategy, Economics, Ethics and Public Policy

Discussant
Samuel Workman, West Virginia University

The panel includes papers that investigate how the characteristics and definition of the public problem, such as its framing and salience, affect policy action. The papers cover several policy areas, including child marriage, data-center development, and focusing events such as natural disasters.

2700

Loyalty, Ties, and Representation: The Politics of Bureaucratic Personnel

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Palm

Bureaucratic Politics

Chair
Joseph Anthony, SUNY Cortland

Participants
Bureaucratic Representation and Dynamic Political Environments
Brandy Kennedy, Georgia College and State University
Connections and Attractions: Social Ties and Scenic Spots in China
Zhaoqing Li, Texas A&M University
The Purge Threshold: Loyalty, Competence, and the Conditions of Administrative Removal in Authoritarian Regimes
Sophia Wehle, The University of Oklahoma

Discussant
Fred Gui, LSU

Who serves in the bureaucracy, and on what terms, shapes both what the state can do and whose interests it reflects. This panel looks at how a changing U.S. political environment reshapes passive, active, and symbolic representation. It also covers how the value of social ties between superiors and subordinates changes over a leader's tenure in China and when authoritarian leaders decide that purging mid-level administrators is worth the cost to governance.

2700

Parties, Representation, and Democratic Support

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sabal

Latin American & Caribbean Politics/Latin American and Caribbean Politics

Participants
A Seat at the Table? Representation of Marginalized Groups in Latin American Legislatures
Kim Jacks, The University of Alabama
Corruption, Party Trust, and Democratic Legitimacy in Latin America
Guido Martin Roa Gimenez, University of Missouri
Democratic Attachment or Authoritarian Nostalgia?
Guido Martin Roa Gimenez, University of Missouri
Faith as a political cleavage? Evangelical attachments and partisanship in Central America
Lucas Perello, Florida Atlantic University
Sarah Roldan, Florida Atlantic University

2700

Firm-Level Political Risk, Ownership, and Foreign Direct Investment

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sawgrass

Comparative and International Political Economy

Chair
Laura Comini, University of Michigan

Participants
Cautious Giants? Firm Size, Political Risk and Foreign Direct Investment
Laura Comini, University of Michigan
Charting Variations in MNCs' Exposure to Political Risk
Colin Barry, University of Oklahoma
Corporate Responses to Trade Liberalization: Evidence from Firm Ownership
Timm Betz, Washington University in St. Louis
Jonas Geus, LMU Munich
Leverage at Scale: Firm Size and Heterogeneous Geopolitical Risk in Foreign Investment
Seungjun Kim, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
Who Benefits from Foreign Investment? Clientelism and the Spatial Diffusion of FDI Gains in Latin America
Shuo Wang, Peking University
Yanjun Liu, Peking University

2700

CwC #2: Data-Driven Decision-Making & AI Integration

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants
Civic Research Agenda: A National Study of Local Government Research Needs and Roadmap for University Collaboration
Kate Burns, State and Local Innovation, The Federation of American Scientist
Andy Gordon, State and Local Innovation, The Federation of American Scientists
Rose Mische Commins, State and Local Innovation, The Federation of American Scientists
Stefani Di Mauro-Nava, State and Local Innovation, The Federation of American Scientists
Augmentation or Automation? The Dual Effects of Digital Technology Adoption on Local Public Servants
Andong Zhuge, Fudan University
Shuping Wang, University of Illinois Chicago
Jiaheng Ling, Tsinghua University
Public Employees' Acceptance of AI Use: An Empirical Study on Self-Determination Theory
Jun Li, College of Charleston
Dongfang Gaozha, University of Dayton
Kendra Stewart, College of Charleston
State Policy Signals, Loose Capacity, and Feedback Loops: Artificial Intelligence Governance in U.S. Federalism
Aaron Deslatte, Indiana University
Jesse Barnes, University of Texas San Antonio
Eric Stokan, University of Maryland Baltimore County

This is a panel discussing data-driven decision-making and AI integration.

2700

Planning for Crises and Conflicts

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Snowy Egret

Public Administration

Chair
Sarah Perez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Participants

The Spencer Civil–Military Incident Complexity Framework: A Planning Model for Domestic Operations
Dr William Spencer, Slippery Rock University

Inclusion and Alignment of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in State-Level Strategic Plans
Marcelo Ferreira, University of Colorado

Restoring Service Before Assigning Responsibility: Evidence and Authority in Infrastructure Crises
Percy Yixuanchen Yu, Nanjing University

Localisation and Conflicts: Triggers, Effects and Transformation" in Afghanistan
Najia Ahadi, Western Michigan University

Bridging the Digital Wall: Administrative Burden, Collaborative Governance, and NGO Co-Production in Estonia's Refugee Integration
Michael Guo-Brennan, Troy University

Discussant
Steven P. McKnight, Missouri State University

2700

Thursday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Tarpon Key

CwC #5: Social and Environmental Contexts of Disaster Risk and Response

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Junghwa Choi, University of Nebraska Omaha

Participants
The Effects of Social Learning in a Simulated Collective Risk Social Dilemma
Thomas McDonough, Stony Brook University
The Local Roots of Perceived Exposure: Why Perceived and Realized Climate Hazards Diverge
Jongwoo Jeong, Georgia State University
Yoonyoung Choi, Georgia State University
Social and Environmental Context in the Protective Action Decision Model: Evidence from the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake
Ziyao Wang, Universirty of North Texas
Tristan Lin, University of North Texas
Alex Greer, University of South Carolina
Yueqi (Yuki) Li, North Dakota State University
Hideyuki Shiroshita, Kansai University
Preferences, trust, and index-based flood insurance: Evidence from Peru
Jose Cobian-Alvarez, Australian National University
Post-Disaster Housing Decisions: A Systematic Literature Review of Place Attachment and Residential Adjustment Choices
Ayesha Islam, University at Albany
Samantha Penta, University at Albany
Alex Greer, University of South Carolina
Too hot to handle alone? How global warming affects citizens support for transnational solidarity in the climate crisis
Elisa Paepcke, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich
Attention Not Action: The Role of Policy Design and Natural Disasters in Shaping Environmental Legislation and Public Opinion
Erin Parker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mia Costa, Dartmouth College

Discussants
Yingru Li, University of Central Florida
Jonathan Cohen, University of Colorado at Boulder

This panel examines how social and environmental conditions shape disaster risk perceptions, preparedness, decision-making, adaptation, and recovery across diverse hazard settings.

2900

2900 — Welcome Reception

Thursday
7:00pm-9:00pm
Rumfish Lawn

Meetings

3900 — Registration - Friday

Friday
7:00am-5:00pm
Grand Palm Colonnade – Registration

Meetings

3100 — Lactation Room - Friday

Friday
7:30am-6:00pm
Board Room

Meetings

Key entry only. Come to the SPSA Office for assistance accessing the room.

3100 — SPSA Office - Friday

Friday
8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 1

Meetings

3100 — AV Group - Friday

Friday
8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 2

Meetings

3100 — Student Lounge - Friday

Friday
8:00am-6:00pm
Spotted Curlew

Meetings

A lounge available for all students (both graduate and undergraduate) to take a break and enjoy light refreshments.

3100

Experiments and Causal Inference

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Banyan

Public Opinion

Participants

Equal Before the Measure: Shared Measurement and Perceived Fairness in an Unequal Order
Yuge Wang, University of Georgia

Fill-in-the-Blanks: Examining How Narratives Shape Understanding of Political Events
Lane Cuthbert, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Leah Christiani, CUNY Hunter College
Kelsey Shoub, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Learning Without Liking: How International Sports Mega-Events Improve Knowledge but not Attitudes
Haifeng Huang, Ohio State University
Chaohong Pan, National University of Singapore

Taxing flows vs. taxing stocks: self-interest, ideology, and salience in shaping tax preferences
Joao Cancela, Nova University Lisbon
Jose Santana-Pereira, ISCTE Lisbon
Mariana Esteves, Nova University Lisbon

Uncovering Heterogeneity in Cross-Partisan Cynicism
Tara Grillos, Purdue University
Janel Jett, University of Oregon

AI-Style Political Information and Citizens' Political Learning: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in France
Marta Gallina, Catholic University of Lille
Stefano Camatarri, Catholic University of Louvain

3100

International Relations, Foreign Policy, and Global Order

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Blue Heron

Program Chair's Panels

Chair
Sajjad Ahamed, Wayne State University

Participants
Beyond the Death of Civilization versus the Clash of Civilizations: A Structural Theory of Civilizational Coexistence and a Pluralist Alternative
ripu sudan singh, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow U.P. India
Images, Moves, and Rationality: Towards a Reworking of the Rational Choice Theory
Aleksandar Jankovski, Alvin College
McGovernism after 1972: Political Defeat and Foreign Policy Ideas in the Democratic Party
Mayuko Chashiro, Keio University
Middle Powers and the Global Order
Arthur Stein, UCLA
The Uneven Reach of Transnational Governance: External Review and Private Authority in Sustainable Bond Markets
Jiun-Da Lin, National Taiwan University

Discussants
Guido Martin Roa Gimenez, University of Missouri
Sajjad Ahamed, Wayne State University

3100

School Choice in Practice

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Chart Room

Public Policy

Chair
Robert Maranto, University of Arkansas

Participants
What Does Education Freedom Buy and for Whom?
Kunyou Guan, University of Arkansas
Patrick Wolf, University of Arkansas
Daniel Visness, University of Arkansas
Harry Patrinos, University of Arkansas
Available Space...The Final Frontier: How Regulatory Burden Influences Private School Participation in School Choice Programs
Misty Gallo, University of Arkansas
Patrick Wolf, University of Arkansas
Colyn Ritter, EdChoice
Do Public Schools Improve Academic Performance in Anticipation of Universal School Choice?
Temurbek Rakhmatov, University of Arkansas
Patrick Wolf, University of Arkansas
Harry Patrinos, University of Arkansas
Josh McGee, University of Arkansas
Samuel Musser, University of Arkansas
Predicting Independent School Supply, Finances, and Demographics: Evidence from Arkansas
Samuel Musser, University of Arkansas
Understanding Robert Kennedy’s Impact on HHS and the National School Lunch Program
Luke Perry, Utica University

Discussant
Jason Giersch, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

3100

Shaping Human Rights, Democracy, and Aid Choices

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Citrus

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester

Participants

The Role of Regional IOs in Implementing Women's Rights: The Case of Domestic Violence in Brazil
Luisa Turbino Torres, Florida Atlantic University

My Court, My Emotions Predicting the Outcomes of Emotional Arousals in the European Court of Human Rights
Ezgi Siir Kibris, Rochester Institute of Technology
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester

International Organizations and Democratic Backsliding: Evidence from IMF Programs and EU Membership
Farjana Akter, The University of Arizona

Does Geopolitical Rivalry with China Influence US democracy promotion in Bangladesh?
Abdul Halim, Georgia State University

The Strategic Logic of Foreign Military Training: Examining Unit Selection
Bailey Sellers, Flagler College

3100

Property, Labor, and Political Power

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Compass Room

Comparative Politics of Developing Areas

Participants

Formal Property Rights and Political Participation Revisited: Evidence from an Urban Land Lottery in Argentina
Jorge Mangonnet, Vanderbilt University

Regime Type, State Repression, and Garment Worker Protest in Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan
ISMAIL HOSSAIN, University of Texas at Dallas

Taking Property, Building Power: Revolutionary Confiscation and Post-Revolutionary Political Order
Mohammad Sayyadi, Florida International University

The Making of Aggrieved Upper Castes: The Impact of Land Reforms on Social Identity in India
Leja Joe Mathew, Brown University

3100

How January 6th Changed Congress

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair
Gregory Koger, University of Miami

Participants

Violence and Abuse Against US State and Local Officeholders: Reported Prevalence, Risk Factors, and Impacts on Representation
Maya Kornberg, Brennan Center for Justice

President of the Senate: Vice Presidential Powers in the Legislative Branch 2016-2026
Janet L Donavan, University of Colorado

The Election Deniers: The Causes and Consequences of Voting to Overturn a Presidential Election
David Parker, University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Sean M Theriault, University of Texas, Austin

Congressional Support for Democratic Backsliding: Evidence from Twitter
Jongwoo Jeong, Georgia State University
Jeffrey Lazarus, Georgia State University
Kevin Sparrow, Georgia State University

The Political Conditions and the Mix of Oversight Activity, 1975-2024
Matthew Martin Dull, Virginia Tech
Austin Bussing, Trinity University
Joshua Kennedy, Georgia Southern University

Discussant
James Curry, Notre Dame

This panel examines how the assault on the Capitol on January 6th, 2021 affected Congress and its operations. The papers on this panel investigate the changing role of the Vice Presidency in the chamber, the causes of Election Denialism that led to the vote to refuse certification of President Biden's 2020 victory, the rise of democratic backsliding among members of Congress and its effects, how political conditions affect congressional oversight with lessons for the post-January 6th Congress, and the effects of violence and abuse against US legislators on the process of representation.

3100

Teaching Political Science and Professional Pathways

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Horizons East

Program Chair's Panels

Chair
Thomas Caiazzo, Georgia Southern University

Participants

Are PhD Political Scientists Happy in Non-Academic Jobs?
Gregory B Lewis, Georgia State University
Ximena Pizarro-Bore, Georgia State University

From Professional Practice to Political Science Research: An Apprenticeship Model for Mid-Career Doctoral Students
Liane Weintraub, Pepperdine University
Eric Hamilton, Pepperdine University

Human-Centered Design as a Pedagogical Model for Public Problem-Solving
Shawn Erik Schooley, Bemidji State University

LLM-Driven Social Simulacrum: An innovative pedagogical approach for Political Science
YiFan Zhao, Harbin Institute of Technology

Using the Local Curriculum in Political Science
Drew Cagle, College of Coastal Georgia

Discussant
Thomas Caiazzo, Georgia Southern University

3100

Uncertain Dependence: Vulnerability, Risk, and Political Response

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Horizons West

Comparative and International Political Economy

Chair
Stephen Chaudoin, Harvard

Participants

Dependence, Chokepoints, and Robots
Stephen Chaudoin, Harvard
Michael-David Mangini, University of Southern California

Propping Up Allies With Uncertain Prospects
Joseph Ruggiero, University of Virginia
Kristopher Ramsay, Princeton University

Local Interests Drive Elite Immigration Messaging: Evidence from US Campaign Speeches and Migrant Shocks
Thomas Flaherty, Texas A&M University
Duy Trinh, Hong Kong University
Changlip Kim, Texas A&M University

Why Women in Poor Countries Distrust Globalization, And Why Globalization May Not Be to Blame
Daniela Donno, University of Oklahoma
Nita Rudra, Georgetown University

Discussants
Stephen Chaudoin, Harvard
Thomas Flaherty, Texas A&M University

Uncertainty surrounds dependence between states. States rely on allies who may withdraw support, on suppliers who may be cut off, and on export sectors whose gains may not materialize. Voters and candidates form preferences and policies for changes in flows that change over time, and fluctuate in ways they cannot always anticipate. These papers explore the dynamics of dependence and exposure and how this complicates international politics.

3100

Gender, Justice, and the Aftermath of War

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Juliana Gbemileke Popoola, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Participants

Assessing the Process of Truth-telling in Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Contribution to Forgiveness in Post-conflict Societies.
ANGELICA YEBOAH, University of. Central Florida

Conflict Legacies as Barriers to Advancing Women's Status
Taylor Vincent, Cornell University

Still Silenced after War: Domestic Violence in the Bangsamoro
Gabriela Sagun, Duke University

The Critical Role of Women in Peace-Building – The Israeli and the Palestinian Peace Movements Model, 2014-2025
Pnina Shuker, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Discussant
Katie M Whipkey, University of Pittsburgh

3100

CwC #1: The United States Supreme Court

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Mark Graber, University of Maryland

Participants
Strategy and Supreme Court Decision Announcements
Morgan Hazelton, Saint Louis University
Inconsistency in the Shadows
Matthew P Hitt, Colorado State University
Taylor Sosa, Colorado State University
Institutional Leverage: Tracing the Solicitor General's Footprint in Supreme Court Petitions
Sahar Abi-Hassan, The University of Tulsa
Christine Bird, Oklahoma State University
Janet Box-Steffensmeier, The Ohio State University
Dino P. Christenson, Washington University, St. Louis
Grace Higgins, Ohio State University
The Have and Have-Nots on the Shadow Docket
Anna Gunderson, University of Texas-Austin
Kirsten Widner, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The Influence of Separate Opinions on the U.S. Supreme Court
Matthew T Cota, Michigan State University

Discussants
Logan Strother, Purdue University
Justin P Wedeking, University of Kentucky
Matthew P Hitt, Colorado State University

A panel discussing the United States Supreme Court.

3100

Race and American Political Development

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Palm

American Political Development

Chair
Sharon Austin, University of Florida

Participants
Antebellum Newspaper Ads as Data: Using AI to create a definitive dataset of runaway slave ads
Trellace Lawrimore, Brown University
Creating Justicia: The Chicano Movement and the Development of Justice
C. Tyler Godines Camarillo, Grand Valley State University
Race, Honor, and Institutional Culture: African Americans and the Color Line at West Point in the Post-Civil War Era
A. Hannibal Hamdallahi, Fisk University
Restrictionist Consolidation: The Republican Party and the Politics of Immigration Policy, 1965-2016
Jack McGovern, Northwestern University
The Influence of HBCU Students on U.S. Politics and African American Social Advancement
Jair N McElveen, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
To Secure The Bounty Earned: Political Dissent and Authoritarian Consolidation in the Louisiana Sugar Industry 1892-1898
Daniel Blinderman, University of Virginia

3100

Comparative Governance, Accountability, and Environmental Policy

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Royal Tern

Program Chair's Panels

Chair
Maheen Khan, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

Participants
BRAC as a model? State, NGO engagement, and international assistance in the provision of sustainable solutions for climate-induced internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Bangladesh, the Indian Sundarbans, the Philippines and Pakistan.
Homayun Arian, Student

Governing to Win: How Opposition Parties Convert Local Office into Electoral Support
Ceren Filiz Eser, UC SAN DIEGO

Navigating the terrains of transboundary flood risk governance: a contested hazardscape of Ganga Basin
Rupak Jha, Independent Researcher

The Role of National Constitutions in Protecting Animals
Serena Sin, Winthrop University

Toward Democratic Policing: Stakeholder Perspectives on Police Reforms at Anti-Police Brutality Protest Epicenters in the United States and Nigeria
Akinbiyi Bayonle Oyekunle, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Discussant
Maheen Khan, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

3100

Money, Parties, and Organized Interests

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Sabal

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants
Breaching the Firewall: Political Consultants and Information Transmission in Campaigns
Gabriel Foy-Sutherland, Hamilton College

Ideological Extremity and the Likelihood of Political Donation: Evidence from South Korea
SONGSAN NOH, University of North Texas
Youngho Cho, Sogang University

Pledges and Payoffs: Evidence from NRA Resource Allocation in Congressional Campaigns, 2009-2017
Gabriel Foy-Sutherland, Hamilton College

The War Chest as Costly Signal: Entry Deterrence in State Legislative Campaigns
Hailey King, Dartmouth College

When Parties Invest: Timing, Incumbency, and Online Fundraising Platforms in Congressional Campaign Committee Strategy
Ethan Shumate, University of Missouri - Columbia

This panel follows how campaign resources are raised, allocated, and used. The papers study consultants who pass information between campaigns and outside groups, NRA endorsement and spending decisions, war chests as a way to deter challengers, when party committees invest in races, and who declines to donate in South Korea.

3100

Law, Institutions, & Human Rights

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Sawgrass

Human Rights

Chair
K. Chad Clay, University of Georgia

Participants

An insight into palestine conflict & role of United Nations: A Human Rights Perspective
Ayush KUMAR, Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

Autocratic Regime Durability and Human Rights Treaty Commitment
Cody Eldredge, Oakland University
Megan Shannon, University of Colorado Boulder
Kelebogile Zvobgo, William & Mary

Building a Durable Peace: National Human Rights Institutions after Civil War
Ryan Welch, University of Florida
Katrin-Deniz Natkha, University of Tampa

Human Rights Provisions in South-South Preferential Trade Agreements
Gorana Draguljic, Towson University
Nicolas Anspach, York College of Pennsylvania

The Political Foundations of Expert Independence: Evidence from Treaty Body Elections
Yooneui Kim, Texas Tech University

Qualified Immunity and The Constitution: A complex relationship between actions and consequences
Olivia Johnson, Student

Discussants
K. Chad Clay, University of Georgia
Cody Eldredge, Oakland University

3100

CwC #2: Governance Innovations I—Preemption of Local Governance

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants

The Pendulum Swings? Local Government Responses to State Preemptions
David Swindell, Indiana University

Public Opinion and Preemption: General and Context-Specific Views Toward State Preemption of Local Government
Patrick Flavin, Baylor University
Emmett Shank, University of Indianapolis
Gregory Shufeldt, University of Indianapolis

Open for business? A longitudinal study of predictable scheduling preemption laws and entrepreneurial activity
Candice M. Vander Weerdt, Cleveland State University
Patty Stoddard Dar, Cleveland State University
Lea DeRinge, Florida Atlantic University
Megan E. Hatch, Cleveland State University

Multilevel Governance Profiles for Policy Tools: Exploring the Interaction between Preemption and Policy Responses on COVID-19 Outcomes
Ruowen Shen, University of Miami
Cali Curley, University of Miami
Sam Ennett, ICF, Inc. Reston, VA

This is a panel discussing the preemption of local governance.

3100

Political Ambition, Career Persistence, and Women's Pathways to Power

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Snowy Egret

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair
Victoria Smith, Farmingdale State College

Participants
Do Gender Quotas Strengthen Women's Political Careers? Candidate Persistence in Spain
Agustin vallejo, Texas A&M International University
From Political Ambition to Executive Leadership: Women's Pathways to Statewide Executive Office
Sharon A Navarro, University of Texas at San Antonio
Is Encouragement Endogenous? Exploring the Effect of Random Campaign Encouragement on Political Ambition
Annie Jarman, University of Notre Dame
Matthew Hayes, Washington University in St. Louis
Diana Z. O'Brien, Washington University in St. Louis
Paths to Power: Gender, Ambition, and Career Trajectories of Female State Agency Directors
Christopher Eddy, East Tennessee State University
What Longer Survival Conceals: Race and Women's Congressional Tenure, 1965–2024
Songeun Emily Lee, University of Houston

Discussant
Jennie Sweet-Cushman, Chatham University

3100

CwC #3: Access, Timing, and Representation in Election Administration

Friday
8:00am-9:20am
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Josh Ferrer, American University

Participants
Linking Ballot Timing & Return Method to Vote-by-Mail Outcomes in Washington State
Scott Allard, University of Washington
Isaiah Wright, University of Washington
Lauren Woyczynski, University of Washington
Jake Grumbach, University of California Berkeley
Field Experimental Evidence that Voter Can be Nudged to Voter Earlier, Allowing a Speedier Vote Count
Thad Kousser, University of California San Diego
Seth Hill, University of California San Diego
Cheryl Boudreau, University of California Davis
Lauren Prather, University of California San Diego
Non-English Ballots and Voting Behavior
Yimeng Li, Florida State University
Michael Alvarez, California Institute of Technology
Who uses Same Day Registration? Individual Correlates of Participation
Lonna Atkeson, Florida State University
Ryan Davey, Florida State University
Concurrent Timing and Electorate Representativeness in an Unregulated Environment: The Case of Florida's Municipal Elections
Maxwell Clarke, University of Florida
Michael McDonald, University of Florida

Discussants
Josh Ferrer, American University
Joseph Loffredo, MIT

This is a panel discussing access, timing, and representation in election administration.

3200

Exhibit Area - Friday

Friday
9:00am-4:00pm
Grand Palm
Colonnade

Meetings

3200

Hot Button Topics and Culture Wars

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Banyan

Public Opinion

Participants

Attitudes about Higher Education in the United States
James Kirk, Howard Community College
Levi Allen, Indiana State University
Abigail Hemman, Duquesne University

Cheap Words, Costly Labels: Elite Repudiation and Public Support for Police Reform in the Era of "Defunding" the Police
Craig Burnett, Florida Atlantic University
Dukhong Kim, Florida Atlantic University
James Thureson, Florida Atlantic University
Adbul Halim, Florida Atlantic University

Clouds in the Cornfield: Local Perceptions of Digital Infrastructure
Bronson Herrera, Northwest Missouri State University

Public Opinion and the Final Frontier: Correlates of Popular Support for Funding Space Programs in the United States
Jack L Reilly, Syracuse University
Debra Leiter, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Reading the Trans-mission: Shifting American Voter Attitudes Regarding Transgender Rights
Avi Weill, Louisiana State University
James C. Garand, Louisiana State University

The Limits of Partisan Learning: Race, Welfare, and Political Development
Nathan Micatka, University of South Alabama

3200

Campaign Communication and Media Attention in Historical and Comparative Perspective

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Blue Heron

Media and Political Communication

Chair

Christopher B Wlezien, University of Texas at Austin

Participants

Confusing a bright idea with a shiny object: Right-wing media as MAGA splinters
Alison Dagnes, Shippensburg University

Rare but Loud: Populist Rhetoric and News Reproduction During Elections
Yaoyao Dai, University of Pittsburgh

Reaching the Unreached: Radio, Cross-Pressure, and Republican Demobilization in the Interwar United States
Kisoo Kim, Vanderbilt University

Who Owns an Issue? Cross-Arena Communication and Candidate Attribution in South Korea’s 2022 Presidential Election
Tae Hyun Lim, Hamilton College
Yu Jeong Hwang, University of Arizona

Preaching to the Choir: Trump’s Use of Emotional Cues for Mobilization on Truth Social
Allison Ellis, USC Upstate

Discussant

Daniel Cervantes, University of California, Santa Barbara

3200

Cross-National Analyses of Religion

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Chart Room

Religion and Politics

Chair
Laura R. Olson, Texas Christian University

Participants
Assessing the Impact on Political Attitudes of Interpretations of Islam: Evidence from Six Arab Countries
Mark Tessler, University of Michigan
Religion and Authoritarian Attitudes in Today's Balkans
Laura R. Olson, Texas Christian University
Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb
Marko Veković, University of Belgrade
The Effect of Religion on Public Attitudes toward Energy Sources: Evidence from a Cross-National Study
Vaiva Kalesnikaite, Clemson University
Laura R. Olson, Texas Christian University
Zeynep Taydas, Clemson University
The State and Secularization: How Favoritism and Repression Influence Religious Change
Danail Koev, Regent University

Discussant
Noah Blakemore Briggs, University of Illinois at Chicago

3200

IO Establishment, Design, Self-Legitimation, Contestation, and Endurance

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Citrus

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Tana Johnson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Participants
International Organization for Mediation: A Constructivist Analysis of Global Dispute Resolution and Hong Kong's Role
Areesha Anwer, Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Social Purpose of the World Health Organization: Contestation Involving Reciprocation and Redistribution
Tana Johnson, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Does IO performance polarize? Ideology and Public Support for International Organizations
Farnaz Eskandari, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Andrew Lugg, University of Nevada Las Vegas
IOs Marking Milestones: Building Narratives and Networks for Endurance
Melanie H Ram, California State University, Fresno
NATO's Greatest Threat: Russia or the United States?
Richard Rupp, Purdue University Northwest

3200

Elections, Legitimacy, and Democratic Support

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Compass Room

Comparative Politics of Developing Areas

Participants

Ballots, Bullets, and Bargaining: Asymmetric Security Threats, Hybrid Governance, and Campaign Mobilization in Present-Day Nigeria
Eugene Goma Igho, Georgia State University

**Democracy Without Accountability? Elite Impunity and Public Satisfaction with Democracy
Dominic Tuffour, Florida International University

Identity-Based Proximity to Power and Selective Democratic Support: Presidential Co-Ethnicity in Sub-Saharan Africa
Liang Li, University of Houston

The political consequences of war time casualties—What impact has the Ukraine conflict had on Russian elections?
john ishiyama, University of North Texas

Who Trusts Democracy? Electoral Winners, Losers, and Democratic Legitimacy in Nigeria
David Dare Olusanjo, Florida International University

3200

Legislator Behavior and Ideology

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair
Karra Gibson, University of South Carolina

Participants

Are Black Progressives Actually Progressive?
Karra Gibson, University of South Carolina

Highlighting the Future of Art Through the Congressional Art Competition in the House of Representatives
Jacob R Straus, Congressional Research Service

Silence on the Floor: Moderates and Pivotal Bargaining in Congress, 1985–2024
Shu Fu, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Structuring Oversight: Co-partisanship in Congressional Oversight Hearings
Seonkyung Pyo, Washington University in St. Louis

Representation Relative to Expectations: Conceptualizing and Measuring Representative-District Incongruence in Congressional Elections
Bradley Madsen, Louisiana Tech University

Parliamentary Proceedings as Political Data: Scaling Industrial Policy Positions from Indian Lok Sabha Debates
Patrick Thomas Munger, Georgia State University

Discussants
Karra Gibson, University of South Carolina
Jacob R Straus, Congressional Research Service
Shu Fu, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Seonkyung Pyo, Washington University in St. Louis
Patrick Thomas Munger, Georgia State University
Bradley Madsen, Louisiana Tech University

3200

Poster Session #2: Public Policy and Research Methods

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Grand Palm Colonnade - Poster Session

Poster Session

Chair
Alisha Amin, Auburn University

Participants
An Updated Assessment of Health Profile Among Puerto Ricans in the United States and Florida
Purvaansh Valera, University of Central Florida
Fernando Rivera, University of Central Florida
Bridging the Digital Divide for All? A Policy Evaluation of Digital Learning Grants
Siyu Lyu, University of Pittsburgh
Measuring the True Population of U.S. Mosques
Hasher Nisar, University of Michigan
Mostafa El Sharkawy, University of Michigan
Minimal Risk, Undefined: A Comparative Framework for Texas Autonomous Vehicle Safety Standards
Anirudh Devatha, The University of Texas at Dallas
Ryan Plowman, The University of Texas at Dallas
Eli Cooper, The University of Texas at Dallas
Eric Garcia, The University of Texas at Dallas
Beau Christenson, The University of Texas at Dallas
The Illusion of Inclusion: Examining the Relationship between Gender Quota Design, Compliance, and Democracy in Central America
Sarah Roldan, Florida Atlantic University
Lucas Perello, Florida Atlantic University

3200

Food, Health, and MAHA

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Horizons East

Public Opinion

Participants
Beyond Distrust: MAHA, Alternative Health Authority, and the Structure of Contested Health Belief
Alee Lockman, Texas A&M University
Katherine Kurtin, Texas A&M University
Blame, Harm, and the Limits of Motivated Reasoning: Evidence from the Expiration of ACA Marketplace Subsidies
Benjamin Carter, University of Alabama
Food for Thought: The Evolution of Food Politics from Covid-19 to MAHA
Amy I Sentementes, Queens University of Charlotte
Health Insurance, Partisanship, and Public Preferences for Government Assistance with Healthcare Costs
Robert Carl Coghlan III, UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing
Partisan self-identification predicts nurses' attitudes on vaccination safety amongst children
David L Wiltse, South Dakota State University
Filip Viskupic, Iowa State University
Danielle Schievelbein, South Dakota State University

3200

Regulating Industry: Labor, Environment, and Defense Political Economy

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Horizons West

Comparative and International Political Economy

Participants

Asymmetric Exposure to Climate Change Risks and Corporate Self-Regulation
Volkan Tibet Gur, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Technology and Labor Share in Defense: Technological Advancement and Capital-Labor Substitution
Ryan Layman Boeka, United States Military Academy at West Point
Jordan Becker, Leiden University

The political economy of galamsey: Political settlements and the limits of environmental regulation in Ghana
Daniel K Banini, Assistant Professor

Varieties of Industrial Policy and Capitalism: A Gramscian Interpretation
Robert Shum, SUNY-Brockport

Artificial Intelligence and Port Decarbonization: Analyzing Comparative Pathways of Hong Kong Port and Port Klang
mohid iftikhar, Lingnan University
Genghua Huang, Lingnan University

3200

Regime Change and Political Violence

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Polina Kharmats, University of Houston

Participants

Coercing the Coalition: Targeted Sanctions and Elite Coordination in Authoritarian Regimes
Adwoa Serwaa Appiah, Louisiana State University

The Efficacy of Political Violence in Dismantling Oppressive Structures and the Path to Democracy
Mamadu Aliu Tchamo, North Carolina A&T State University

Whose Revolution Travels? Constituency Match and the Selective Diffusion of Revolutionary Episodes
Md Maniruzzaman Mamun, University of Florida

Window Is Now Wide Open: Dynamics between Mobilization and Military Coup d'état in the Authoritarian Regime
seungkyun jeong, Sogang University

Discussant
Arifur Rahaman, The University of Alabama

3200

CwC #1: Separation of Powers

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Michael Nelson, Penn State

Participants

Does Congress Pay Attention to the Supreme Court?
Benjamin Kassow, University of North Dakota
Michelle Buehlmann, University of North Dakota
Dana Harsell, University of North Dakota

Disloyal Justices? Judicial Defection, Presidential Messaging, and Public Perceptions of the U.S. Courts
Jaclyn Kaslovsky, Washington University in St. Louis
Albert Rivero, University of Virginia
Andrew R Stone, University of Mississippi

Due Diligence? How the Nuclear Option Altered the Vetting of Lower Court Nominees
Morrgan T Herlihy, Louisiana State University

Catching Feelings: How Members of Congress Shape Emotional Responses to the Supreme Court
Alex Badas, University of Houston
Nathan T Carrington, Saint Louis University
Lucia Lopez, North Carolina State University

When Do Americans Want the Branches to Check the President? Public Opinion on Constraints to Executive Orders
Joshua Baldwin, University of Georgia

Discussants
Morgan Hazelton, Saint Louis University
Sahar Abi-Hassan, The University of Tulsa
Kirsten Widner, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

A panel discussing the separation of powers.

3200

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Palm

Workshop: Analysis of Survey Data

Political Methodology

Chair
Matt Graham, Temple University

Participants
Conjoint Analysis in Political Science: Current Practices and Future Directions
Taylor Hill, Florida State University
Sarah Case, Florida State University
Caroline Robbins, Florida State University
Yusaku Horiuchi, Florida State University
Do Conjoint Experiments Accurately Measure Majority Preferences? Evidence from Individual-Level Analyses
Kirill Zhirkov, University of Virginia
Fabian Neuner, University of Colorado Boulder
Melle Scholten, University of Twente
Harrison Balsdon, University of Virginia
From Populations to People: Causal Inference with Hybrid Surveys
Ali Amini, American University
Deterring Lookups in Online Surveys
Matt Graham, Temple University
How Survey Experiments Mask Elite-Public Gaps
Erik Chi, Texas A&M University
Nathan McCoslin, Texas A&M University
Sam Sharman, International University of Japan
Sangbin Choi, Texas A&M University

3200

Journal of Politics Meet the Editors Roundtable

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Royal Tern

President's Special Panels

Chair
Tim Nokken, Texas Tech University

Discussants
Julie Wronski, University of Mississippi
Olga Shvetsova, SUNY Binghamton
Anand Sokhey, University of Colorado at Boulder

3200

Election Administration and the Costs of Voting

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Sabal

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants

State Voting Restrictiveness and Electoral Participation: Evidence from the Cost of Voting Index, 1996–2024
Michael J. Pomante II, States United Democracy Center

What Does it Cost to Fund Excellent Elections?
Andrew White, Fellow at the Center for Tech and Civic Life

Where Does the Money Go? How Election Administrators Allocate Their Budgets
Grace Marie Killian, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Who Takes the Shortcut? Partisanship, Political Knowledge, and Straight-Ticket Voting
Eric Loepp, UW-Whitewater

The Disparate Impact of Local Election Administration Spending on Voters' Wait Times
Zach Mohr, University of Kansas
Kawon Song, University of Kansas

This panel asks how laws, budgets, and ballot design shape participation and the voter experience. Papers examine state voting restrictiveness and turnout, how local election spending affects wait times and administrative performance, the cost of running high-quality elections, and who uses the straight-ticket option.

3200

CwC #6: Socratics on the City and the Soul

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Sawgrass

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Avery Williams, University of Wisconsin

Participants
The Reformation of Mourning in Plato's Laws
Samuel Mead, Hampden-Sydney College
Beauty and Persuasion in Plato's Phaedrus
Nolan Reisen, Baylor University
Goodness and Precision in Philebus 55c4-59c
Nicolas Day, Tulane University
Xenophon's Socrates on the Relationship between Enkrateia and Sophrosune
Emma Bernstein MacFarlane, Emory University

Discussants
Greg McBrayer, Miami University
Lisa Leibowitz, Kenyon College

This is a panel discussing the Socratics perspectives on the City and the Soul.

3200

CwC #2: Governance Innovations II—Explaining City Collaboration

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants
Why Do Local Governments Remain in Cooperative Inter-Municipal Agreements?
Luis Roberto Vargas Pineda, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Edgar E. Ramírez de la Cru, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Jayce Farmer, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Rules Across Boundaries: A Framework to Link Decentralization and Cross-Boundary Collaboration Rulemaking
José Sánchez, University of Colorado Denver
Alejandra Medina, University of Colorado Denver
Santiago Quintero, London School of Economics and Political Science
Beyond Relational Inertia: Exploration and Exploitation in Intergovernmental Contract Networks
Raul Gutierrez Meave, Rutgers University, Newark
Jered B. Carr, University of Illinois Chicago
Michael Siciliano, University of Illinois Chicago
Evolution of Population Structure in Public Service Networks: Community Detection of Public Safety
Jun Li, College of Charleston

This is a panel discussing city collaboration.

3200

Gender, Democracy, and Political Inclusion Across Contexts

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Snowy Egret

Women, Gender, and Politics

Participants

Beyond representation : The Transformative impact of Gender inclusivity in Politics.
Prachi Sharma, Student

Gendered (In)congruence in Democratic Attitudes: Evidence from India
Anna Verma, University of Florida

Undermining Democracy, Serving Racial Redress: Misogyny Under Zuma in South Africa
Denise Marie Walsh, University of Virginia

When Public Money Talks! A Global Analysis of Gender-Targeted Public Funding and Female Parliamentary Representation
Fernando Casal Bertoa, University of Nottingham
William Horncastle, Bedfordshire University
Halfdan Lynge, Witwatersrand University

Met with Assumption, Not Understanding: Reconceptualizing Care of Black Mothers in the Child Welfare System
Shanequewa Love, Northwestern University

Discussant

Andrea K Eckelman, University of Montevallo

3200

CwC #3: Election Confidence

Friday
9:30am-10:50am
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Thad Kousser, University of California San Diego

Participants

Expecting to Lose? Election Expectations and Receptivity to Elite Rhetoric in Michigan's 2026 Elections
Corwin D Smidt, Michigan State University

Confidence in Elections: Examining Racial Differences Using Valid Data
Martha Ellen Kropf, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

State Confidence in Elections: Results, Practice, and Legislation
Joseph Loffredo, MIT
Charles Stewart III, MIT

Emotional Politicization of Voting by Mail: Fraud vs. Administrative Practices in a Multi-Arm
Enrijeta Shino, University of Alabama
Daniel A Smith, University of Florida

Discussants

Thad Kousser, University of California San Diego
Joseph Coll, Texas Tech University

This panel discusses election confidence.

3300 SPSA Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation

Friday
11:00am-12:30pm
The Pavilion

Meetings

3400 Shutdowns, Blackouts, and Repression

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Banyan

Formal Theory

Chair
Justin Canfil, Carnegie Mellon University

Participants
How Bureaucracies Die
Ruth Holloway, University of Rochester
Innovation Blackouts
Jason Sanwalka Davis, Florida State University
Justin Canfil, Carnegie Mellon University
Michael Joseph, University of California - San Diego
Mobilizing Rhetoric: Cheap Talk, Credibility and Repression
Gaétan Nandong, New York University
When Democracies Pull the Plug: A Game-Theoretic Model of Internet Shutdowns Under Uncertainty
Anika Ibnat, University of Houston

3400

Youth, Civic Learning, and Political Engagement

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Blue Heron

Political Participation and Civic Engagement

Chair
Abraham Goldbert, JMU

Participants
Anime's Impact on Audience Political Engagement: A Case Study on One Piece's Impact on Audience Political Engagement and Beliefs
Anneliese Crumley, Indiana University
Dinner and Democracy: Assessing a Campus Dialogue Initiative in a Polarized Age
Saemyi Park, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Florida's Youth Voter Problem - An Examination
Aiden R Ramsey, Student
From Lived Civics to Civic Action: A Model for Political Science Education
Mihaela Stoica, DePaul University
Wayne P Steger, DePaul University
Does Political Science Cultivate Political Leaders?
Paul Herrnson, Dept of Political science
Scott Limbocker, US Military Academy, West Point
Aaron Phipps, US Military Academy, West Point
Guyton Lee Robinson, US Military Academy, West Point
Evolving Patterns of Young Adult Political Participation: Insights from Western Michigan University and Beyond
Nofisat Eletu, Western Michigan University

Discussant
Abraham Goldbert, JMU

This panel examines how young people develop and express political engagement across educational, media, and civic contexts. The papers consider both conventional and emerging forms of participation and the experiences that shape young people's engagement in democratic life.

3400

Conflict and Disorder

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Chart Room

Religion and Politics

Chair
Luis Felipe Mantilla, University of South Florida

Participants
Divided by the Same God? Religious Cleavages and Civil War
Yasin Bozkus, American University
Intractable Conflicts Explained: A Look into the Traits of Religious Fundamentalism
Chirasree Mukherjee, Eastern Michigan University
Race, Politics, and Religion in Florida
Heather Parker, Saint Leo University
State Violence Against Religious Leaders During Civil Wars: Evidence from Cold War Guatemala
Luis Felipe Mantilla, University of South Florida
Yoan G. Hermida, University of South Florida
Whose Suffering Matters? Universalism, Particularism, and Episcopal Responses to International Conflict
Christopher Way, Cornell University

Discussant
Mark Tessler, University of Michigan

3400

Public Perceptions of the Legal System

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Citrus

Judicial Politics

Chair
Ali Masood, Oberlin College and Conservatory

Participants
From Local Justice to National Conflict: Explaining Trust in Justice System Actors
Joshua Baldwin, University of Georgia
Jamie Carson, University of Georgia
Jeff Yates, Binghamton University
Damon Cann, Utah State University
Institutional Design, Party Politics, and Perceptions of Judicial Independence in Europe
Leonard Ray, LSU
Mapping the Supreme Court in Latino Media: A New Database of Case Coverage
Carolina Bermejo Goodwin, University of South Carolina
Rate, Review, & Subscribe: How Legal Podcasts Cover the US Supreme Court
Justin Burnworth, University of Florida
Caitlyn Pierce, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Who Deserves Access to Justice? Public Opinion Toward Civil Legal Access
Lucia Lopez, North Carolina State University

3400

Environmental Change, Land Stewardship, and Resilience

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Compass Room

Environmental Politics & Policy/Environmental Politics and Policy

Chair
Tatyana B Ruseva, Appalachian State University

Participants
Beyond Adoption: Conservation Practice Intensity and Producer-Reported Irrigation Outcomes in Arkansas
Eva Stephani Caroline, University of Arkansas
Qiuqiong Huang, University of Arkansas
Elevation as Unequal Protection: Saltwater Intrusion, Farmland Access, and Environmental Injustice in Coastal South Carolina
Jun Li, College of Charleston
Chandler Dickert, College of Charleston
Building Resilience: Landowner Recovery and Collaborative Disaster Preparedness in Southern Appalachia
Tatyana B Ruseva, Appalachian State University
Stephanie Chizmar, USDA Forest Service
Comparing Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Katrina vs. Hurricane Sandy
Zion Taylor Mayo, N/A

Discussant
Xiaodan Zhang, Auburn University

3400

Congressional Elections

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair
Jason Roberts, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Participants
Is Collaboration Costly? The Electoral Effects of Bipartisan Collaboration
Jason Roberts, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
James Curry, Notre Dame
Scandals and Senate Elections
Scott J Basinger, University of Houston
Candidate Visits, Mobilization, and Countermobilization in U.S. Senate Elections
Noah Kay Gillespie, University of Tennessee Knoxville
Jordan Carr Peterson, University of Tennessee
The Politics of Exit: Electoral Disruptions and Legislative Disengagement in Congress
Veronica Judson, Western Carolina University
The Role of Competing Audiences in Party Line Defections
John Park, N/A

Discussants
Veronica Judson, Western Carolina University
Jason Roberts, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Scott J Basinger, University of Houston
Jordan Carr Peterson, University of Tennessee
John Park, N/A

3400

Affective Polarization

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Horizons East

Public Opinion

Participants
Affective Polarization and Executive Approval
Ryan E Carlin, Georgia State University
Will Horne, Clemson University
Ideological Roots or Ideological Perceptions? Sources of Affective Polarization in the American Electorate
Eran Ray Fruehauf, University of South Florida
Parallel Publics in a Divided Country
Young Seok Kim, University of Texas a Austin
Christopher B Wlezien, University of Texas at Austin
Derek Epp, University of Texas at Austin
Same Technology, Different Divides: How IVF Use Cases Reveal Distinct Dimensions of Polarization
Alee Lockman, Texas A&M University
The Gloom and Doom of defeat: do partisans perceive more political division after an electoral loss?
Adrien Halliez, Drake University
What's Not to Like? Intergroup Exposure, Elite Rhetoric, and Political Polarization in Americans' views of Outgroups
Joshua Dyck, UMass Lowell
Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, University of Maryland College Park

3400

Economic Shocks, Discontent, and Distributive Politics

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Horizons West

Comparative and International Political Economy

Chair
Hania al-Shamat, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Participants

Democratic Backsliding and International Tourism
Lisa Vebber, Pennsylvania State University
Christopher Zorn, Pennsylvania State University

Economic Dislocation and Political Discontent: Does Manufacturing Decline Drive Populism in Japan?
Mo Gasmi, Princeton University

Economic Origins of Exclusionary Attitudes
Syamsul Bahri, University of Michigan

Explaining the Geography of Discontent: How Economic Shocks Affect the Spatial Dynamics of Protest
Paul Binder, University of Munich (LMU)

Multidimensional Redistribution in Brazilian Electoral Politics
Yuhan Zheng, Sciences Po

Discussant
Fasih Zulfiqar, Princeton University

3400

Middle East and Gulf Security

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Michael Haas, University of Hawai'i

Participants

The 2026 U.S.-Israel War with the Islamic Republic of Iran
Masoud Kazemzadeh, Sam Houston State University

US–Israel Security Architecture in the Gulf: The Mecca Joint Defense Agreement and Iran
Ayush KUMAR, Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

Wealth Without Strategic Autonomy: Chokepoint Vulnerability and State Security in the Middle East
Mohammad Hamza Iftikhar, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) - Pakistan

What Smart Bomb Trap? Political Restraint in the Era of Precision Weapons
Shawn Cochran, US Air Force Air Command and Staff College

Discussant
Young Joon Oh, New College of Florida

3400

CwC #4: Blame Attribution in Autocracies

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Shiran Victoria Shen, WashU

Participants
Off the hook: Disasters and the absence of accountability in authoritarian Russia
Noah Buckley, Trinity College Dublin
Moral conformity and the social construction of blame: Experimental evidence from Taiwan
Howard Liu, South Carolina
Narrative, blame attribution and the effect of repression: the case of China's famine
Jiahui Xu, Penn State

Discussant
Lucie Lu, North Carolina State University

A panel on blame attribution in autocracies.

3400

AI, Measurement, and Causal Inference in Political Science

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Palm

Political Methodology

Chair
June Seok Shin, Duke University

Participants
What Is the Causal Effect of a Conversation? Estimands and inference in AI mediated conversations
Adriane Fresh, Duke University
June Seok Shin, Duke University
Synthetic Crowds: Can Prompt-Induced Diversity Reproduce the Benefits of Crowd Annotation?
James H Bisbee, Vanderbilt University
Cassy Dorff, Vanderbilt University
Debiased Inference for AI-Generated Data without Gold-Standard Labels: Identification via Multiple Imperfect Measurements
Naoki Egami, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Sooahn Shin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Discussant
June Seok Shin, Duke University

As AI becomes increasingly embedded in empirical political research, it raises new challenges for research design, measurement, and inference. This panel brings together papers that examine how political scientists can define and interpret empirical quantities when data are shaped by computational systems, language-based methods, and researcher choices. Together, the papers highlight methodological questions about validity, bias, uncertainty, and causal and statistical inference in the age of AI.

3400

Seeking Research Funding from Foundations: Grant and Fellowship Opportunities for Political Scientists

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Royal Tern

President's Special Panels

Seeking research funding is an increasingly competitive process and preparing a successful application can be a challenging and time-consuming exercise. This session will provide a practical overview of applying for research support in political science from the Russell Sage Foundation, and academic scholars who have applied for and received funding as well as served as reviewers for the process. Funder panelists will discuss their funding priorities, the grant writing and review process and the basics of what makes a good grant proposal, processes for developing ideas for funding and budgeting, and resources that specify what to include in research proposals. With extensive funding experience and evaluating proposals as part of the grant-making process, funder panelists will discuss how to develop and write a sound grant application from the perspective of a funding organization. Scholar panelists will discuss and provide insights about the application and review process from the grant-seeking side. A key focus will be on tips for good grant-writing – the specifics of what often makes for a good grant proposal and the mistakes that grant-seekers should avoid in drafting an application.

3400

Democratic Theory

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Guy Ras, California State University, Sacramento

Participants
Appreciative Democracy: A Framework for Rebuilding Institutional Trust
Shawn Erik Schooley, Bemidji State University
Keeping Democratic Time: Temporal Horizons and Political Trust
Craig French, American University
Schmitt contra Calhoun: The Antinomies of Federalism and Democracy
Jonah Forrest McCoy, Baylor University
Threats (Barriers?) to American Democracy: Individuals, Institutions and the Political Order
Allan Rachlin, Franklin Pierce University
Holding the Polemic Open During Digital Uncertainty: Publius' Prescription for Democratic Agency in The Federalist
Marguerite Williamson, Pepperdine

Discussant
Guy Ras, California State University, Sacramento

3400

CwC #6: Aristotelian Perspectives on Human Nature and the Community

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sawgrass

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Evan Cree Gee, Emory University

Participants
Friendship as the Bond of the Polis in Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics and Politics
Angela Lin, Cleveland State University
Imagination and Time in Aristotle's Parva Naturalia
Mathew Wells, Miami University
Aristotle's Defense of Rhetoric
Derek Foret, University of Texas at Austin
Man's Political and Social Nature
David Futscher, University of Texas at Austin

Discussants
Judd Owen, Emory University
James Guest, Miami University

This panel discusses Aristotelian perspectives on human nature and the community.

3400

CwC #2: Governance Innovations III—Local Governance Institutions

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants
What's in a Name? The Evolving, Unstable Departments of Local Governments
Brad A. M. Johnson, University of Nevada Reno
Charter-Based Institutional Arrangements and City Manager Tenure in Texas Home-Rule Cities
Osama Ahmed, University of North Texas
Simon Andrew, University of North Texas
The Voting Rights Act and Special Districts
Christopher B. Goodman, Northern Illinois University
Sustainability as Necessity: Economic Distress and the Basic-Service Portfolio of Special- Purpose Governments
Thomas Skuzinski, Northern Illinois University

This is a panel discussing local governance institutions.

3400

Gendered Identity, Socialization, and Political Engagement

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Snowy Egret

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair
Maggie K Martin, SUNY Plattsburgh

Participants
Expectations and Vulnerability: Voters Evaluations at the Intersections of Gender and Class
Sam Allen, Texas Tech University
Fathers, Femininity, and the Forgotten Lens: Black Daughters Raised by Single Fathers
Mia Addison, Student
The Feminist You Know: How Social Networks Influence Affect and Identification with Feminists
Elizabeth Connors, University of South Carolina
Katelyn Stauffer, University of Georgia
The Mammies of U.S. Democracy: Race, Gender, and the Persistent Politics of the Mammy Archetype
Tammy Greer, Georgia State University
Daphne M Michelle Cooper, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Rhyan Taylor, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Women of Color Identity Formation and Political Engagement Among Latinas
Melissa Watanabe Mata, University of Southern California

Discussant
Sharon A Navarro, University of Texas at San Antonio

3400

CwC #3: Election Security, Access, and Public Perceptions

Friday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Corwin D Smidt, Michigan State University

Participants
Election Intimidation Concerns Ahead of the 2026 Midterm Elections
Laura Uribe, University of Georgia
Jenn Merolla, University of California Riverside
Understand What Drives Support for Documentary Proof of Citizenship Laws
Michael Hanmer, University of Maryland
Jillian Andres Rothschild, University of Maryland
Partisan Fraud, Strategic Reasoning, and Support for (Under-)Securing Elections
Joseph Coll, Texas Tech University
Matt Lamb, Texas Tech University
Election Transparency: Do Postelection Audits Improve Voter Confidence?
Sarah Case, Florida State University

Discussants
Corwin D Smidt, Michigan State University
Yimeng Li, Florida State University

This is a panel discussing election security, access, and public perceptions.

3400

Awards Reception

Friday
12:30pm-1:30pm
The Pavilion

Meetings

3500

Partisan Polarization and Partisan Sorting

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Banyan

Public Opinion

Participants

Have Americans Polarized, or Just Sorted? Using Prediction Models to Revisit an Old Debate
John Konicki, University of California, Berkeley

Issue Ownership Perceptions in the United States
Sarah Heise, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Measuring Ideological Differences Between Different Types of Partisan Campaign Activists
Peter M Olson, University of Oklahoma

Policy or Groups? A Report on Progress Toward Comparable Polarization Measures
Jack Santucci, GW and NYU Washington, DC

Politics over Price: Political Sorting and Residential Mobility
Sean Richey, Georgia State University
Areebah Zia, Georgia State University

3500

CwC #7: SPSA Women: Adapting to External Pressures and the Changing Landscape of Higher Education

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Blue Heron

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Alixandra Yanus, High Point University

Discussants

Andrea K Eckelman, University of Montevallo
Angela Lewis, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Mary Anderson, Salve Regina University
Jocelyn Evans, University of West Florida
Shamira Gelbman, Wabash College
Kristyn Karl, Stevens Institute of Technology
Meghan Iverson, University of Chicago
Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard, Northwest Missouri State University
Sarah Perez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Tolu Odukoya, Georgia Southern University

Higher education is at a pivot point. Enrollment declines. Demographic shifts. Rising costs. Funding uncertainty. Value skepticism. AI and technological changes. Our traditional workflows are rapidly changing across teaching, research, and service. Join SPSA Women for a forward-looking discussion of the external pressures that have changed the landscape of higher education.

3500

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Chart Room

Power, Governance, and Political Change in a Global Context

Undergraduate Research

Chair
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Participants

From Intervention to Revolution: Did the United States Inadvertently Strengthen the Cuban Revolution It Sought to Prevent?
Gabriela Suarez, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Shared Borders, Shared Issues: The Democratic Backsliding of Honduras and El Salvador
Dominique Mondragon Vidal, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

A Rock and a Hard Place: Oman's Place in Regional Diplomacy
Gabriel Harper, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Climate Capacity and State Vulnerability: The Role of Economic and Political Stability in Climate Action
Mackenzie Gresham, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Shared Worlds, Divided Worlds: Belief, Cooperation, and Conflict in Human Society
Danielle Bates, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Death of a Regime, Birth of a Crisis: Syria and the Remaking of the Middle East
John Runci, Georgia Southern
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Discussant
Lisa Samuel, Florida International University

How do political communities maintain order, legitimacy, and stability amid internal and external pressures? This panel examines how power is exercised, challenged, and sustained across diverse political contexts. Drawing on cases from Latin America, the Middle East, and the broader international system, the papers explore the consequences of foreign intervention, democratic backsliding, diplomatic mediation, state capacity, and the social foundations of cooperation and conflict. Together, these studies highlight the complex relationship among institutions, political culture, and collective behavior, showing that governance is shaped not only by formal structures but also by the beliefs and relationships that underpin political life. Collectively, the panel offers insight into the challenges facing contemporary states and the conditions that enable political resilience, change, and legitimacy.

3500

Legal Gatekeeping

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Citrus

Judicial Politics

Chair
Jake Truscott, University of Florida

Participants

Monitoring the Laboratories: State Policy Innovation and Supreme Court Review
Amanda Savage, Loyola University Chicago
Shannon Letourneau, Loyola University Chicago

One-and-Done Border: CBP One, Digital Gatekeeping, and the Reshaping of U.S. Asylum Access
Adam Golob, Centenary College of Louisiana
Brisa Cardenas Lopez, Centenary College of Louisiana

The Crux of the Matter: Agenda Composition and Evolution in the U.S. Supreme Court
Sahar Abi-Hassan, The University of Tulsa
Janet Box-Steffensmeier, The Ohio State University
Dino P. Christenson, Washington University, St. Louis
Chandler L'Hommedieu, The Ohio State University

To Affirm or Reverse? A Study of the Role of Certiorari Determinants on Supreme Court Outcomes
Lisa Hager, South Dakota State University
Alicia Uribe-McGuire, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Who You Gonna Call? Justice Assignment and Shadow Petition Outcomes
EmiLee Smart, Northern Arizona University

3500

Class and Inequality: Power & Instability

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Compass Room

Class and Inequality

Chair
Dustin Fridkin, Santa Fe College

Participants

Non-Democracy in America: Apprehensions of Sub-National Politics in the United States
Dustin Fridkin, Santa Fe College

The Ghost of 1789: Wealth Concentration, Declining Mobility, and the Risk of Revolution in the Modern West
Roman Krastev, pvamu

The Extraction Prospectus: How Institutional Housing Investors Disclosed Their Strategy and What it Cost Tenants
John McCaskill, The University of Texas at Dallas
James Harrington, University of Texas at Dallas

The Intellectual Crisis of Public Policymaking Theory: The Persistent Underestimation of the Upper-class/Corporate Bias
Carter Andrew Wilson, Northern Michigan University

3500

Social Norms, Representation, and Inclusion

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Glades

Comparative Politics of Developing Areas

Participants

How Is Power Shared Below the Cabinet? Ethnic and Gender Representation in the Nigerian Federal Civil Service
Ada Johnson-Kanu, University of Kentucky
Sullivan Edeani, University of Kentucky

Inherited Suspicion: Bureaucracy, Spatial Stigma, and Civic Exclusion in Postcolonial South Asia
Arifur Rahaman, The University of Alabama

Maybe in my backyard: Does self-selection into intergroup contact programs improve cooperation outcomes?
Rebecca Wai, University of Notre Dame

The Effects of Visual Soft Propaganda on Enduring Perceptions of Gender Roles: Evidence from Albania, North Macedonia, and Russia
Ingrid Bego, Western Carolina University
Katerina Spasovska, Western Carolina University

What Holds Girls Back? Norms and Girls' Education in Bihar
Franziska Roscher, Georgia Institute of Technology

3500

Issues in Contemporary American Politics

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Horizons East

Public Opinion

Participants

Can Issues Beget Issues? Evidence from U.S. Panel Data
David Macdonald, University of Florida

Partisan Motivations and Public Support for Mid-Decade Redistricting
Rolland Grady, University of Florida
Daniel A Smith, University of Florida

Perceptions of Trump's Leadership 2.0
Myunghee Kim, University of Central Florida

Public Opinion Toward Redistricting and How It Is Done
M.V. (Trey) Hood, University of Georgia
Seth C. McKee, Oklahoma State University

To Allow or not to Allow a Rally: Political Tolerance and Mayoral Approval
Seyoung Jung, Illinois State University

3500

CwC #8: Externalized Borders and Migration Diplomacy

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Horizons West

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Beth Elise Whitaker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Participants
Regularization as a Two-Level Game
Andrea Pena-Vasquez, University of Pittsburgh
Migration Agreements and Crowding Out
Miranda Simon, University of Oxford
Mollie Gerver, King's College London
Patrick Lown, University of Essex
Dominik Duell, University of Innsbruck
Refugees as Leverage: Human Rights Accountability in the Age of Migration Diplomacy
Perisa Davutoglu, University of Central Florida
Aid as Migration Control: Civilian Loyalty and the Governance of Forced Displacement During Civil War
Zhejun Qiu, Univerity of Pittsburgh

Discussants
Burcu Savun, Rutgers University
Sandra Joireman, University of Richmond

This panel discusses externalized borders and migration diplomacy.

3500

Identity, Historical Memory, and Legitimation in World Politics

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Micah Thoreson Wilkes, Belmont Abbey College

Participants
Post-Imperial Nostalgia and Geopolitical Revanchism: Explaining Military Support for Empire Restoration in Russia
Valery Dzutsati, Augusta University
Rebels on K Street: Why Armed Groups Hire American Public Relations Firms
Sean Paul Ashley, University of Maryland
The Goal of Colonialism: Destabilizing South Africa and the Caribbean
Brielle Brooks, North Carolina A&T State University
Thorn in the Side: When Disputes Over Shared History Spoil Inter-State Relations
Daniel Yoon, George Washington University

Discussant
Jong-Hwan Lee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3500

CwC #4: Propaganda & Information Control in Autocracies

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Joshua A Tucker, New York University

Participants
The autocrat's two bodies: Public image as a signal of regime stabilit
Georgiy Syunyaev, Vanderbilt
Mikhail Turchenko, Northwestern
Should I protest? Variation in political advice from Russian, Chinese, and U.S. Large Language Model
David Avagian, University of Mannheim
From local governance to global messaging: Bureaucratic socialization in China's overseas propaganda
Tongtong Zhang, American University
Lucie Lu, North Carolina State University

Discussant
Tony Sirui Yang, Emory

A panel discussing propaganda and information control in autocracies.

3500

Workshop: AI-Based Measurement

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Palm

Political Methodology

Chair
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester

Participants
Estimating Intergroup Social Distance from Street-Level Imagery: A Computational Analysis of Appearance-Based Religious Markers Across Europe
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester
Zhizhuang Chen, University of Rochester
LLM Politics: Speech Regimes and Political Alignment in AI Systems
Joan Timoneda, Purdue University
Unlocking Open Ended Data – ANES Like Dislike Classification 2012 – 2024
George Quinn, Rutgers University
Measuring Citizen Participation in Local Government: Audio-Based Classification of Speakers in City Council Meetings
Menglin Liu, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

3500

Presidents' Roundtable on Academic Freedom and Challenges to Higher Education

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Royal Tern

President's Special Panels

Discussants
Kirk A. Randazzo, University of South Carolina
Beth A Simmons, University of Pennsylvania

3500

Modern Political Theory

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Elvis Valentino Williams, Baylor University Department of Political Science

Participants
Locke on Conquest
Samuel Kimzey, Hillsdale College Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship
Political Education in Max Weber's Leader Democracy
Nicholas Noloboff, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
The Role of Glory in Hobbesian Political Life
Joshua Waechter, Hillsdale College
Tocqueville on the American Midwest
Ivy Flessen, Duke University
French Statesmanship: Tocqueville, Democracy, and Empire
Adam Kasti, University of Richmond

Discussant
Elvis Valentino Williams, Baylor University Department of Political Science

3500

CwC #6: Religion, Philosophy, and the Political Community in Early Modernity

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sawgrass

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Emily Davis, Princeton

Participants
Machiavelli on Philosophy and Politics
Benjamin Schwabe, University of Texas at Austin
The People, Political Animals, and Postliberalism: The Difficulty of Harmonizing Aristotle and Machiavelli
Evan Cree Gee, Emory University
Angels and Beasts: Montaigne on Humanity and Piety
Neco Donohue, University of Texas at Austin
Hobbes's Civil Religion
William Lombardo, Boston College

Discussants
Fred Baumann, Kenyon College
Christopher Lynch, University of Texas--Austin

This is a panel discussing religion, philosophy, and the political community in early modernity.

3500

CwC #2: Sustainability and Resilience II: Climate Resilience

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants
Climate Change Policies at the Local Level in Japan and South Korea: Punctuated Equilibrium May Not Mean What you Think it Means
Hye Jin Wang, Incheon Research Institute
Jill L Tao, Incheon National University
From Funds to Impact: Understanding the Role of Federal Grants in Local Sustainability Performance
Xiaoou Cheng, Texas Tech University
Sung-Wook Kwon, Texas Tech University
What Influence Tactics Work and with Whom?
Christopher Hawkins, University of Central Florida
Navigating Preemption and Intergovernmental Gaps: Community-Based Governance for Refugee Health and Disaster Resilience in Gulf Coast Municipalities
Ming Xie, University of Maryland Baltimore County

This panel is discussing climate resilience.

3500

CwC #9: Cultivating Student Engagement , Inclusion, and Civic Empathy through Civic Education

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Snowy Egret

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Nathanial Bork, University of Arkansas

Participants
Students Discussing Public Issues Online with Politically Diverse Peers
Alina Lewis, SUNY Albany
From Literature to Civic Practice: Community Partnerships for Democratic Learning
Lidia Radi, University of Richmond
Learning Civic Empathy in College
Jason Giersch, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Heather Coffey, UNC Charlotte
Stephanie Norander, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Ashley Robinson, UNC Charlotte
Vaughn Schmutz, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Elizabeth Stearns, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Discussants
Carah Ong Whaley, University of Virginia
Diana Owen, Georgetown University

This panel investigates how pedagogical interventions and dialogic frameworks foster civic empathy, open mindedness, and democratic participation among diverse student cohorts. Moving beyond passive civics instruction, the researchers utilize mixed methods approaches, design based classroom trials, and transatlantic literary collaborations to evaluate how structured classroom interactions enable youth to engage across differences. By examining General Education courses, cross district virtual issue discussions, humanistic storytelling practices, and culturally relevant teaching efficacy, these papers collectively demonstrate how civic education can serve as an active mechanism for reducing affective polarization in pluralistic societies.

3500

Friday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Tarpon Key

CwC #3: Legitimacy, Trust, and Democratic Resilience

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Paul Herrnson, Dept of Political science

Participants
The Winner Takes It All and a Toll: The Effects of Institutions on Election Denial
Min Kyu Chang, University of Missouri
The Social Costs of Fraud? How Social Proximity Affects Citizen Acceptance of Voter Fraud
Matt Lamb, Texas Tech University
Joseph Coll, Texas Tech University
Evaluating Poll Worker Drafts: Does Exposure to Election Administration Increase Election Confidence and Knowledge?
Josh Ferrer, American University
Lauren Prather, University of California San Diego
Daniel Thompson, UCLA
Behind the Count: How Transparency in Election Audits Can Influence Voter Confidence
Sarah Case, Florida State University
Lonna Atkeson, Florida State University

Discussants
Paul Herrnson, Dept of Political science
Erik Herron, University of West Virginia

This panel discusses legitimacy, trust, and democratic resilience.

3500

Friday
2:30pm-4:00pm
Grand Palm Colonnade - Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream Social

Meetings

3600

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Banyan

Models of International Conflict and Cooperation

Formal Theory

Chair
Jason Sanwalka Davis, Florida State University

Participants
Engineering Illusions: When is Military Technology Exaggeration Credible?
Justin Canfil, Carnegie Mellon University
Regime Complexity and Incentives to Compromise in Venue Selection
Joseph Warren, University of Alaska Anchorage
The Foreign Politics of State-Making: How External Interference Kept Europe Weakly Institutionalized
Mason T Auten, Vanderbilt
War as an Internal Information Problem
Jason Sanwalka Davis, Florida State University

3600

CwC #7: SPSA Women: Networking and Skill building for the Future

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Blue Heron

Conference Within A Conference

Participants

Developing & Implementing Tabletop Exercises & Simulations for Classroom or Research Use
Meghan Iverson, University of Chicago

Prompting AI: Best Practices for Success
Tolu Odukoya, Georgia Southern University

Teaching-Focused Networking
Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard, Northwest Missouri State University

Research-Focused Networking
Kristyn Karl, Stevens Institute of Technology

Work-Life Networking
Sarah Perez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Discussants

Shamira Gelbman, Wabash College
Alixandra Yanus, High Point University

Join SPSA Women for a networking and skill building session - all attendees are welcome! This interactive opportunity is designed to encourage meaningful connections and skill development despite a short amount of time. Attendees will self-select into skill building exercises and small group conversations by topic. This format encourages your active preparation for the challenges facing higher education and the expansion of your connections across the field.

3600

The Idea of Totalitarianism A Century Later: Theory, Historiography, and Revisionism

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Chart Room

Undergraduate Research

Chair

Thomas Earl Porter, North Carolina A&T State University

Participants

Totalitarianism: Reality or Cold War Weapon?
Triston Dunn, North Carolina A&T State University

Totalitarianism: To What Extent did the German People Support Hitler?
Rachel Rorie, North Carolina A&T State University

Totalitarianism in Stalin's Russia
Alina Glover, North Carolina A&T State University

This undergraduate research project examines the concept of Totalitarianism. It will rethink the nature of the Nazi and Soviet regimes that will transcend the outdated model of totalitarianism based on ideology and personality. Students will take a fresh look at the two most murderous dictatorships of the twentieth century in order to understand not only the connections between nationalism and socialism in European history but also the extent to which these regimes elicited voluntary consent from its populations, as well as where and why coercion was sometimes required. This will serve to restore historicity to these so-called “abnormal” polities that were supposedly disconnected from the broader patterns of European history.

3600

The Evolution of Legal Doctrine

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Citrus

Judicial Politics

Chair
Kirsten Widner, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Participants

Alive and Well or a Zombie Interred? The Functional Displacement of Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire in Oklahoma
Keith Eakins, University of Central Oklahoma

Due Process of Natural Law: From Structure to Substance
Joseph S Devaney, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Reimagining the Rule of Law for a Legally Plural World
Holly Dunn, Colby College

The Supreme Court as Legitimator: Revisiting Robert Dahl
Thomas Halper, Baruch College/CUNY

Whose Grief Is It? AI-Generated Victim Impact Statements at the Intersection of Law and Moral Authority
Vince Bagnulo, Texas State University
David Levy, Texas State University

3600

Class and Inequality: Racial & Economic Disparities

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Compass Room

Class and Inequality

Chair
Scott Fitzgerald, UNC Charlotte

Participants

Policies and Oral Health Disparities Among Children
Amber Zale Moser, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Food Apartheid: The Correlation Between Food Accessibility in Black Communities
Kelly Jones, North Carolina Agriculture & Technical State University

Ghosts Not in the Graveyard: Cemetery Segregation in a Suspected Sundown Town in Iowa
Jayme L Renfro, University of Northern Iowa

Economic insecurity in Hidalgo County: A look into residents' experiences and the role of government in alleviating it.
Adam Bernal, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

3600

Black Politics, Identity and Behavior

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Glades

Race and Ethnicity

Participants

Black Brothers and the Ballot: Unpacking the Political Behavior of Black Men in the 2024 Presidential Election
Emmitt Riley, University of the South

Black VEP Changes as Electoral Leverage in Mixed Race Political Jurisdictions
Ernest McGowen, University of RIchmond
Tasha Philpot, University of Texas at Austin

Closeted Conservatism in Black America: Ideological Suppression and Intragroup Norms
Jessica Kristin Reese, University of Maryland

Fragmented Blackness: Social Identity and Framing as catalysts of Intra-Racial Division between African Americans and African Immigrants in the United States
Ebuka A. Ifeanyichukwu, University of Delaware
Lindsay Hoffman, University of Delaware

Strategic Candidate Winnowing: How Black Voters Choose Candidates in Majority-Black Congressional Districts
Kevin Sparrow, Georgia State University

3600

Poster Session #1: Conflict and Security

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Grand Palm
Colonnade - Poster Session

Poster Session

Chair
Jared McDonald, University of Mary Washington

Participants

How has political rhetoric surrounding migration in European politics shifted due to the Syrian Civil War?
France Nicole Segui, Florida Gulf Coast University

Russian Revanchism and The Future of NATO
Charles Benfanti, Christopher Newport University

The Call is Coming From Inside the House: How Perceptions of Terrorists Affect Counterterrorism Policy
Lauren Marie Vanden Heuvel, University of Georgia

The Harm Handicap: Moral Tradeoffs in Public Opinion on Domestic and Foreign Policy
Amman Jawed Dhanani, Rice University

3600

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Horizons East

Representation

Public Opinion

Participants

Can Policy Mood Travel? Aggregate Preferences and Partisan Representation in Taiwan
Yi-Bin Chang, Tamkang University, Taiwan

Mechanisms of Thermostatic Public Responsiveness
Katherine Annemarie Keil, Columbia University
Christopher B Wlezien, University of Texas at Austin

Political Attention and Responses to Diplomatic Crises: Evidence from Japan-China Relations
XINGTING DENG, University of Georgia

Can Climate Contributions Reshape Trade Attitudes under Dumping Concerns? Evidence from Chinese EVs in Europe
Yike CHEN, Zhejiang University
Li SHAO, Zhejiang University
Wei SHEN, Zhejiang University

3600

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Horizons West

CwC #8: Borders, Displacement, and the Limits of Openness

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Taylor Trummel, Denison University

Participants

When Hosts Reform: Refugee Policy Shocks and Conflict in Origin States
Burcu Savun, Rutgers University
Zhejun Qiu, Univerity of Pittsburgh

Borders, Ethnic Exclusion, and Migrant Acceptance
Öner Yigit, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Beth Elise Whitaker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Property and Return Migration After Regime Change: Evidence from Post-Assad Syria
Sandra Joireman, University of Richmond

Immigration for Realists: How We Misread the Evidence, and How to Do Better
Alexander Kustov, University of Notre Dame

Discussants
Natalie Chwalisz, Dickinson College
Andrea Pena-Vasquez, University of Pittsburgh

This is a paper discussing borders, displacement, and the limits of openness.

3600

Bargaining, Spoilers, and Civil War Termination

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Hongbi Choi, Texas A&M University

Participants
Between War and Peace: The Strategic Logic of Violence during Negotiations
Evan Perkoski, University of Connecticut
Allard Duursma, ETH Zurich
Commitment Problems and Negotiating Behavior: An Exploration of Mechanisms
David Hendry, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Sunhee Park, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Spoiling the peace? Insurgent targeting of civilians across messy peace processes
Gabriela Gómez Mantilla, American University, Washington D.C.
The Corruption Discount: The Logic of Informal Transfers in the Bargaining Model of War
Rachel Canino, Florida State University

Discussant
Yasin Bozkus, American University

3600

Cwc #4: Political Engagement and Responsiveness in Authoritarian Regimes

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Daniel Tavana, Pennsylvania State University

Participants
Authoritarian consolidation and political engagement: Panel survey evidence from Russia
Ora John Reuter, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
Performing responsiveness: Public consultation under authoritarian rule in Kazakhstan
Isabelle DeSisto, Princeton
Evgeniia Mitrokhina, University of Wisconsin Madison
Raushan Zhandayeva, George Washington University
Making climate harm claimable: Climate shocks and petitionary demand in China
Shiran Victoria Shen, WashU

Discussant
Eddy Yeung, Oxford University

This is a panel discussing political engagement and responsiveness in authoritarian regimes.

3600

Workshop: Survey Design and Statistical Power

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Palm

Political Methodology

Chair
Jeff Gill, American University

Participants
Calculating Sample Size for Significance and Power in Political Science Experiments
Kabita Sen, American University
Jeff Gill, American University
Power Rules: Automating With Pilot Data
Carlisle Rainey, Florida State University
Estimation Power in Dynamic Time-Series-Cross-Section/Panel Linear Model Estimation
James Stephen Mosher, Ohio University
Incentivizing Anonymous Online Surveys while Maintaining Anonymity
Mohamed Sabry Amer, Washington University in St Louis

3600

David W. Rohde and the Study of Congress: Scholarship, Mentorship, and Institutional Legacy

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Royal Tern

Legislative Politics

Chair
Jamie Carson, University of Georgia

Discussants
Charles Finocchiaro, University of Oklahoma
Mark Hurwitz, SPSA
Nathan Monroe, University of California, Merced

This roundtable honors David W. Rohde's extraordinary influence on the study of Congress and the broader political science profession. Participants will reflect on how his scholarship reshaped our understanding of parties, leadership, and legislative organization; his role in building institutions and scholarly communities; and his remarkable legacy as a mentor. The discussion will consider both the enduring importance of his ideas and the generations of scholars whose work and careers he helped shape.

3600

Political Virtue in Medieval and Modern Political Philosophy

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Rachel Mackey, Hudson Institute

Participants
Human Virtue in The City of God: Augustine's Use of Sallust
Aaron Cooper Slutkin, University of Texas at Austin
Aquinas and Kant on Practical Reason
Grace Benz, Boston College
Virtue in John Jay's Account of The Federalist
Michael C. Lucchese, Law and Liberty
Smith's Influence on Hegel's System of Needs
Jillian Holley, Boston College
Greatness of Soul: Nietzsche's Pascal
Julia G Mahoney, Boston College

Discussant
Rachel Mackey, Hudson Institute

This panel of graduate students takes up questions of virtue and political order in Augustine, Aquinas, Kant, Neitzsche, and the authors of The Federalist. Beginning with Augustine's reinterpretation of Roman history, Aaron Slutkin (UT-Austin) sketches the first great Christian account of political virtue in a fallen world. Grace Benz (Boston College) steps into modernity to compare the relationship between nature and virtue in another Christian, Aquinas, and Kant. Michael Lucchese (Law & Liberty) answers contemporary arguments that the American Founders did not establish the first modern republic with a view to virtue by examining John Jay's contribution to The Federalist. Jillian Holley (Boston College) turns to Hegel's understanding of Adam Smith. Finally, Julia Mahoney (Boston College) examines Nietzsche's account of the modern Christian whom he must thought exhibited greatness of soul, Pascal, to determine how Pascal might have answered Nietzsche's criticisms. This panel will be of interest to students of political philosophy, virtue ethics, Christianity, modernity, and postmodernity.

3600

Artificial Intelligence and Public Opinion

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sawgrass

Information, Technology & Politics/Information Technology and Politics

Participants
Does AI Credibility Survive Transparency? An Experiment on Capture Disclosure and Fact-Check Trust
Raushan Zhandayeva, Institute for Data, Democracy, and Politics
Teaching the AI tool in online American National Government: Do LLM prompt strategies affect learning, institutional trust, or ideological attitudes?
Patrick Alan Stewart, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Spencer C. Hall, University of Arkansas Medical Sciences
Austn D. Eubanks, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Camie Wood, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
A Content Analysis of Legacy Media and Social Media Discourse about Data Centers and Community Sentiment
Ken Rogerson, Duke University
Eli Coustan, Duke University
Samantha Lefkowitz, Duke University

3600

CwC #2: Social Equity and Vulnerability

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Participants

Sharing the Wealth: Effects of Neighborhood Organizations on Single-Family Home Property Values across Home Conditions
Michael Craw, The Evergreen State College
Simon Andrew, University of North Texas
Ahmed Eraky, University of North Texas

When Mobility Meets Immobility: How Do Chinese Cities Build Administrative Bridges Across the Hukou Divide?
Shuwen Zhang, University of Macau
Zhishan Li, University of Macau

Racial Dynamics of Inter-Municipal Collaboration in the Legacy City Context
Meghan Rubado, Cleveland State University

Evict, Repair, or Sell? How Ownership Structure Shapes Reinvestment in Single-Family Rental Properties
Ahmed Eraky, University of North Texas
Simon Andrew, University of North Texas
Michael Craw, The Evergreen State College

This is a panel discussing social equity and vulnerability.

3600

CwC #9: School Governance, Policy, and Culture War Conflicts in K-12 Civic Education

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Snowy Egret

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Lidia Radi, University of Richmond

Participants

Contested Commons: School Boards, Culture Wars, and Prolonged Conflict in Purple - State Battlegrounds
Nathanial Bork, University of Arkansas

Teaching Dialogue in Divided Times: Politics, Policy, and Civic Education in American Schools
Eleni 'Marylena' Mantas-Kourounis, Sacred Heart University

Community-based Civics: Comparing Approaches in Detroit and Chicago
Matthew Nelsen, University of Miami
Andrea Benjamin, University of Oklahoma
Abigail Dym, Providence College
Anne-Lise Halvorson, Michigan State University
Jane Lo, Michigan State University
Sarah Reckhow, Michigan State University

Discussants
Carah Ong Whaley, University of Virginia
Robert Maranto, University of Arkansas

Focusing on the political and policy pressures surrounding elementary and secondary schooling, this panel explores how macro level polarization and culture war battles reconfigure local educational spaces and professional workforces. The presenters leverage case studies of school board decision making, administrative analyses of educator relocations, and assessments of deliberative dialogue practices in district curricula. Together, their findings show how conflicts over curricula and governance constrain the environment in which civic learning occurs, directly reshaping teacher discretion, public dissent, and community polarization.

3600

Democratic Purgatory and Popularism: Rethinking Democratic Failure in the Twenty-First Century

Friday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Tarpon Key

Comparative Political Institutions

Chair
Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern University

Discussants
Jacek Lubecki, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University
Lisa Samuel, Florida International University
Raluca Viman-Miller, University of North Georgia
Denis Rey, University of Tampa

The concept of democratic purgatory describes a condition affecting consolidated liberal democracies that enter a period of political stasis in which governing institutions remain functional but progressively lose democratic legitimacy, creating opportunities for illiberal authoritarian actors to gain power through ostensibly democratic processes. Building on Christopher Brown's earlier theoretical work, this recently published volume applies the concept to six comparative case studies: Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Colombia in Latin America, and Hungary, Poland, and Romania in East-Central Europe. Through these empirical analyses, the volume further develops and refines the democratic purgatory framework while introducing the complementary concept of popularism, understood as populism from above. This roundtable brings together scholars of comparative politics specializing in Latin America, the Caribbean, and East-Central Europe to assess the volume's conceptual innovations, empirical findings, and broader theoretical contributions. The discussion will focus on the explanatory value of democratic purgatory as a framework for understanding democratic stagnation, institutional erosion, and the emergence of illiberal forms of governance. Particular attention will be given to the concept's applicability across diverse regional contexts and its implications for the comparative study of democratic resilience, decline, and authoritarian resurgence.

3700

Security, Stability, and Alignments

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Banyan

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
MP Broache, UNC Greensboro

Participants
Explaining State Party Responses to US Targeting of the International Criminal Court
MP Broache, UNC Greensboro
Alliance Choices During International Conflicts: How African States Navigate Partnerships with Western Powers and Russia During Periods of Interstate Tension
Ibs Sackey-Rockson, Louisiana State University
Authoritarian Alignment: Domestic Threats and the Search for External Patronage
Shaarif Sameer, University of Utah
The Alternative Norms and Symbolic Politics of Sino-Russian Relations
Elizabeth Plantan, Stetson University
Calla Li, Columbia University
India's Response to Pakistan's Engagement with BRICS+
Ayush KUMAR, Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

3700

CwC #7: SPSA Women: Business Meeting

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Blue Heron

Conference Within A Conference

Discussants

Kristyn Karl, Stevens Institute of Technology
Shamira Gelbman, Wabash College
Alixandra Yanus, High Point University
Meghan Iverson, University of Chicago
Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard, Northwest Missouri State University
Sarah Perez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Tolu Odukoya, Georgia Southern University

The SPSA Women's Business Meeting.

3700

Race, Memory, and the Politics of Representation

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Chart Room

Undergraduate Research

Chair

Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Participants

Erasure by Statute: Law, Land and the Struggle of Coastal African American Communities
Thomas L. James, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Between the Badge and the Community: Black Representation and the Limits of Police Power
Taylor Mellish, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

“Let My People Go”: Has Christianity Truly Been Decolonized in the Black Community? The Role of Race and Religion from Slavery to Today
Morgan Mckinnon, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Filling the Linework: The History of Racial Fetishization in American Traditional Tattooing and Its Connection to American Imperialism
Cassandra Wieckowski, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Misogyny in Leftist Movements: Gender, Participation, and the Limits of Progressive Politics
Olivia Desimas, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

History Rewritten? Social Media, Generative AI, and the Politics of America's Past
Benjamin Doughtie, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Discussant

Lisa Samuel, Florida International University

How do historical systems of inequality continue to shape contemporary experiences of identity, belonging, and political participation? This panel explores the enduring impact of race, gender, religion, and institutional power on marginalized communities and social groups. Through analyses of land dispossession, policing, religious transformation, popular culture, and gender dynamics within political movements, the papers examine how individuals and communities navigate structures of exclusion while simultaneously creating new forms of resistance, representation, and empowerment. Taken together, these studies reveal that struggles over memory, identity, and recognition remain central to broader debates about justice, inclusion, and power in contemporary society.

3700

AI, Computational Methods, and Political Measurement

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Citrus

Program Chair's Panels

Chair
Md Maniruzzaman Mamun, University of Florida

Participants
The Ontic-Epistemic Distinction: Implications for Robust General Intelligence for AI administration and State Policy in Human Society
Shreya Ishita, Google LLC
The Visible Vote: Political Signs and Electoral Outcomes in America's Swing Counties
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester
Dino P. Christenson, Washington University, St. Louis
What a Model Refuses, a State Fears: How Authoritarian Information Control Reproduces in Language-Model Guardrails
Menglin Liu, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
Why City Governments Are Like Hollywood: The Complexity in Municipal Budgets
Daniel Joseph Lane, Northeastern Illinois University

Discussant
Md Maniruzzaman Mamun, University of Florida

3700

Class and Inequality: Income & Labor Markets

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Compass Room

Class and Inequality

Chair
Dylan Benjamin Moore, Duke University

Participants
Rethinking Job Security: Alternatives to the Tenure Model in a Changing Labor Market
Miki Malul, Ben-gurion university
Same Citizenship, Different Institutions: Geographic Heterogeneity in Employment Outcomes Within a Single Tribal Nation
Dylan Benjamin Moore, Duke University
From Income to Class: The Francophone–Anglophone Gap in Quebec, 1961–2021
Marc-Antoine Dupuis, Université Laval
Yannick Dufresne, Université Laval
Beyond Native Attitudes: Local Unemployment and Immigrants' Experiences of Discrimination
Sumin Kim, Korea University
Labor Politics in a Dual Economy
Syamsul Bahri, University of Michigan

3700

Political Institutions, Trust and Inequality

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Glades

Race and Ethnicity

Participants

All Reparations Ain't Repair: Local Administrative Autonomy, Public Participation, and Black Trust in Government
Anaya Nicole Wilson, Georgia State University

Experience with Government After Disaster: Identity, Aid, and Political Trust
Ashley Ross, Texas A&M University at Galveston
Joshua Babachuwekem Vorodam, Texas A&M University
Stella Rouse, Arizona State University

Addressing misperceptions of racial wealth inequality
Nicole Yadon, Ohio State University

How did federal housing policies in the 20th century systematically limit black homeownership in the United States, and what impact did systemic racism play in forming these polices play?
Jamal Anthony Dunlap, North Carolina A&T State University

Pan-tribal Identity, Belonging in the U.S and Political Participation
Valerie Martinez-Ebers, University of North Texas
Regina Branton, University of North Carolina Charlotte

3700

Measurement and Methods

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Horizons East

Public Opinion

Participants

Artifactual Polarization in Questionnaires: Are mentions of prominent polarizing figures inflating polarization?
Adrien Halliez, Drake University

The Effects of No Effect: Public Attitudes Toward Null Findings in Social Science
John Holbein, UVA
John V Kane, New York University

The Rare Traits Problem in Survey Research
Matt Graham, Temple University

Unmoved Mover, Running Tally, or Malleable Anchor? A Reassessment of Partisanship's Long-Term Durability
John Konicki, University of California, Berkeley

Zipping up your sampling bias: Measuring equitable sampling across space in subnational surveys
John Curiel, YouGov

Chilling Effects: How Repression Shapes Survey Responses on Democratic Support in Hong Kong
Kelvin Chun-Man Chan, University of Texas at Dallas

3700

CwC #8: Climate, Gender, and the Unequal Capacity to Move

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Horizons West

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Alexander Kustov, University of Notre Dame

Participants
Close to Home: Framing, Disaster Experience, and Attitudes toward Climate Refugees in Japan
Jieun S. Park, Concordia College, Moorhead
Jiyoung Kim, Michigan State University
When Do People Consider Moving? Climate Conditions, Economic Security, and Migration Aspirations in Kenya
Jordan Blekking, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Michael Ewers, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Beth Elise Whitaker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Migration Management and the Push to Move Onward
Natalie Chwalisz, Dickinson College

Discussants
Miranda Simon, University of Oxford
Morteza Shams, Toronto Metropolitan University

This is a panel discussing climate, gender, and the unequal capacity to move.

3700

Territorial Disputes

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Jasmine

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Heng-Te Liao, National Chengchi University

Participants
How Secessionists Draw Territorial Claims
David Carter, Washington University in St. Louis
Rachel Goodman, Washington University in St. Louis
Kenneth Schultz, Stanford University
Lab Coat Leviathans: How States Use Scientific Inquiry to Seize Territory
Matthew Ellis, Augusta University
Territorial Disputes in the Shadow of Law: Legal Claims and the Use of Force
Furkan Yavuz Benliogullari, UC San Diego
Why Do Some Dyads Never Experience a Militarized Interstate Dispute? A Comparison of the Territorial Peace and Democratic Peace
Andrew Owsiak, University of Georgia
John A Vasquez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
An Experimental Approach to Salami Tactics
Phedias Theophanous, Stanford University

Discussant
Phedias Theophanous, Stanford University

3700

CwC #4: Public Opinion in Authoritarian Regimes

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Xu Xu, Princeton

Participants

The effects of Stalin's purges on present-day responses to autocratic coer- cion: Observational and experimental evidence from Russia
Quintin Beazer, Florida State University
Noah Buckley, Trinity College Dublin
Holger Kern, FSU

Beyond the verdict: The impact of juries on judicial support
Yingjie Fan, Princeton
Yutian An, UCLA

Can the guardians of democracy truly restore democracy? Lessons from Korea's impeachment trials
Haemin Jee, Swarthmore College
Seunghoon Chae, University of Leeds

Discussant
Hanzhang Liu, Florida State University

This is a panel discussing public opinion in authoritarian regimes.

3700

Personality, Identity, and Political Judgements

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Palm

Political Psychology

Participants

Mental Health and National-Security Service: Does Gender Shape Perceptions of Competence and Care?
Kelsey Larsen, University of Central Florida

Our Generation, Our Turn: Patriotism During War
Eyal Lewin, Ariel University

The Big Five Personality Traits and Support for American Democracy
Levi Allen, Indiana State University
Spencer Lindsay, University of Arizona

Who Is Blamed and Who Is Harmed: Experiments on Group Identity and Moral Conviction in Politics
Benjamin Carter, University of Alabama
Riley Scott, University of Alabama

Why Won't Linked Fate Die Already?
Darren Davis, University of Notre Dame
David Wilson, University of California - Berkeley
Arica Schuett, University of Notre Dame

Discussant
Briana Garcia, University of Michigan

3700

The Constitution and the Federal Government

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Royal Tern

American Political Development

Chair
Robert Mellen, University of South Florida

Participants
"A Living Constitution: Thomas Jefferson on the Mechanisms of the Heart"
Kenlea Rayne Barnes, Miami University
Checking Judicial Supremacy
Ana Isabel Duarte, Texas State University
Constitutional Time and the Twenty-Seventh Amendment Debate
Roger P Abshire, Texas State University
The Erosion of the U.S. Senate's Treaty Power
Sarah Mallams, University of Houston
The Progresive Presidency, 1901-1932
Matthew Mark Caverly, Middle Georgia State University

Discussant
Daniel Blinderman, University of Virginia

3700

Music, Literature, and Political Theory

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Megan Gallagher, The University of Alabama

Participants
A mirror of conflict: Worlds Apart problems the same
zakel Warren, Student
Beats without a care or cause
Cherri Morgan, NCAT
Musical Theoria in Plato's Laws: Reexamining the Influence of Foreign Music on Civic Harmony
Rebecca LeMoine, Florida Atlantic University
The Necessary but Despised Machiavellian Hero Versus the Wild Hobbesian West – A Political Philosophic Analysis of Louis L'Amour's The Empty Land
Elvis Valentino Williams, Baylor University Department of Political Science
Thinking Machines: How Dune Redefines Progress in a Techno-Optimist Landscape
Illyssa Annelle Gonzalez, Texas A&M International University

Discussant
Megan Gallagher, The University of Alabama

3700

Artificial Intelligence, Rights, and Governance

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sawgrass

Information, Technology & Politics/Information Technology and Politics

Participants

"Give me Liberty or Give me Artificial Intelligence: How Countries Balance the Civil Liberties and AI Development Trade-Off."
Sinan Nadarevic, University of Colorado Boulder

Responsibility-Inflected Agency in the Last Mile of AI Governance
Xinyi Li, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Artificial Intelligence, Creativity, and Corporate Power: Examining the Political Implications of AI Expansion
Jeremiah Jackson, North Carolina A and T

Algorithmic Sovereignty and the Administrative State: Reassessing Lorenz von Stein's State
Tzu-Yu Chiou, Hsuan Chuang University

When Access Becomes Capability: Commercial Drones, Technical Learning, and Violent Non-State Actors
Jim Alpheus Clayton, The University of Texas at Tyler

3700

CwC #2: Roundtable: Discussion on the Emerging Challenges to Local Governance

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sawyer Key

Conference Within A Conference

Discussants

Jered B. Carr, University of Illinois Chicago
Meghan Rubado, Cleveland State University
Eric Stokan, University of Maryland Baltimore County

This is a roundtable discussing emerging challenges to local governance.

3700

CwC #9: Civic Literacy, Free Inquiry, and Applied Pedagogy

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Snowy Egret

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Eleni 'Marylena' Mantas-Kourounis, Sacred Heart University

Participants
Free Speech and Civic Education
Robert Maranto, University of Arkansas
Nathanial Bork, University of Arkansas
Can Civic Education Code a Healthier Democracy?
Carah Ong Whaley, University of Virginia
Daily Double Democracy: Evaluating Civic Literacy on Jeopardy!
Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University
Preparing Students for Democratic Engagement: The Interplay of Civic Knowledge and Competencies
Diana Owen, Georgetown University
Donna Phillips, Center for Civic Education

Discussants
Alina Lewis, SUNY Albany
Matthew Nelsen, University of Miami

Integrating liberal political theory, longitudinal survey analysis of civic knowledge and skills, applied problem solving frameworks, and analysis of popular phenomena like Jeopardy!, this paragraph investigates how civic education is conceptualized, taught, and absorbed. The panel establishes that robust civic education requires pairing institutional knowledge with actionable competencies, free inquiry, and systemic reflection, offering scholars and practitioners concrete pathways to cultivate healthy democratic practices.

3700

Democracy or Presidential Empowerment? Roundtable on Recent Developments in National Administration

Friday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Tarpon Key

American Political Development

Chair
Ryan Williams, The Claremont Institute

Participants
Is Vacatur Constitutional?
Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, United States District Judge
Is Anti-Administrativism a Thing?
Gary Lawson, University of Florida College of Law
Understanding Recent Trends in Removal Power and Deference to Agencies
Ronald Pestritto, Hillsdale College
What State Higher Education Can Teach Us About Trends in National Administration
Clifford Humphrey, University of West Florida

Over the last two decades, there have been some highly consequential legal and political developments that may indicate a reversal in the growth of national administration. The Supreme Court has, just within the last two years, reversed itself on deference to agency interpretation of law ("Chevron Deference") and on presidential removal power over agency officials. These decisions are likely to have major consequences, though the exact nature of those consequences is yet to be determined. This roundtable will examine the recent developments and offer thoughts on their consequences.

3800 SPSA President's Address

Friday
6:30pm-7:30pm
The Pavilion

Meetings

3900 SPSA President's Reception

Friday
7:30pm-9:00pm
The Pavilion

Meetings

4900

Registration - Saturday

Saturday
7:00am-2:00pm
Grand Palm Colonnade - Registration

Meetings

4100

Lactation Room - Saturday

Saturday
7:30am-5:00pm
Board Room

Meetings

Key entry only. Come to the SPSA Office for assistance accessing the room.

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SPSA Office - Saturday

Saturday
8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 1

Meetings

4100

AV Group - Saturday

Saturday
8:00am-6:00pm
Conference Office 2

Meetings

4100

Student Lounge - Saturday

Saturday
8:00am-4:00pm
Spotted Curlew

Meetings

A lounge available for all students (both graduate and undergraduate) to take a break and enjoy light refreshments.

4100

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Banyan

Identity, Culture, and Social Status

Program Chair's Panels

Chair
Steve Voss, University of Kentucky

Participants
Ambedkar for All: Revisiting His Economic, Caste, Development, and Social Thought in Contemporary India
Ayush KUMAR, Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi
Do New Migrants Settle Where the Old Ones Did? Evidence from the Chinese in Japan
Chenyang Sun, Free University of Berlin
Jason Arday and Butterflies
Daniel Joseph Lane, Northeastern Illinois University
Life-Course Changes in Religiosity and Their Effects on Philanthropic Giving
Gabel Taggart, University of Wyoming
Murals and Memory in the Public Spaces of Georgia: The Urban Core versus the Courthouse Town
Jocelyn Evans, University of West Florida
Keith Gaddie, Texas Christian University

Discussant
Bryan Dubin, Hillsborough College

4100

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Blue Heron

Political Economy, Institutions, and Technology

Program Chair's Panels

Chair
Orlandrew E Danzell, James Madison University

Participants
Beyond Polarization: Career Trajectory Divergence under Routine-Biased Technological Change
Youngmin Chu, Arkansas State University
Innovation Policy in Transformation: Twenty-Five Years of Paradigms, Instruments, and Governance
Moonmoon Khanam, Auburn University
Selling Connectivity: Techno-Capitalist Logics in Starlink's Commercial Partnerships in Indonesia
Radix Renald Prasetyo, Universitas Indonesia
Sustainable Development Financing in the Ghanaian Banking Sector: Policy and Institutional Challenges.
Agnes Afi Agbogbo, Wayne State University
The Accountability Commitment Trap: How Electoral Accountability Shapes Contract Renegotiation in Public-Private Partnerships
Sophia Rose Calof Lander, University of Texas at Austin
The Process of Institutional Correction
Marcos Lüdy, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Discussants
Orlandrew E Danzell, James Madison University
Syamsul Bahri, University of Michigan

4100

Ideas, Identity, and Social Change

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Chart Room

Undergraduate Research

Chair
Gabriel Harper, Georgia Southern University

Participants

Age-Appropriate Consent Education and the Impacts on Boundaries, Communication, and Sexual Violence Prevention
Lauren Winters, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Does Social Media Have a Voice? A Relationship Between Traditional Gender Role Trends and Human Rights Legislation
Riley Giglio, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

When Does Political Correctness Go Too Far? Media, Audience Expectations, and Creative Freedom
Rayne McNeill, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Smooth Brains and Dull Hearts: A.I.'s Impact on Young Adult Psyches
Kayden Neloms, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Understanding Devotees: A Sociological Analysis of the Satanic Movement
Aaron Michael Brown, Georgia Southern University

Connected or Divided? Has Social Media Improved Human Connection, or Made Society More Isolated?
Janae Johnson, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Discussant
Lisa Samuel, Florida International University

What forces shape how individuals understand themselves, relate to others, and participate in society? This panel investigates how beliefs, values, and identities form in a rapidly changing social and technological environment. The papers examine topics ranging from consent education and gender norms to social media, artificial intelligence, alternative religious communities, and debates over creative expression. Despite their diverse topics, each study explores how cultural narratives, socialization processes, and emerging technologies influence human behavior and social relationships. Together, the presentations demonstrate that ideas are not merely personal convictions but powerful forces that shape communities, institutions, and patterns of social change in the contemporary world.

4100

Displacement, Aid, and Migration in Conflict

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Citrus

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Elizabeth Haley, Valdosta State University

Participants

One Size Does Not Fit All: Repression, Conflict, and the Uneven Geography of Asylum Surges, 2001–2024
Chad Endalwaght, University of Houston

What Remains Between Us: Care, Correspondence, and Knowledge After Conflict Fieldwork
Katie M Whipkey, University of Pittsburgh

Beyond Altruism? The United Arab Emirates' Humanitarian Aid in the Israel's-Hamas War
Doron Feldman, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin
Ruth Pines Feldman, Tel Aviv University

Discussant
Pnina Shuker, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

4100

Democratic Attitudes and Political Trust

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Compass Room

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems

Chair
Tuomas Kari, VATT Institute for Economic Research

Participants
Beyond Nominal Independence: Electoral Management and Losers' Satisfaction with Democracy
Ahmad Qabazard, KUWAIT UNIVERSITY
Democratic Attitudes among Party Members in South Korea
Youngho Cho, Sogang University
Multi-level Governance and Citizen Trust: Survey Evidence from Bihar, India
Patrick Thomas Munger, Georgia State University
Anjali Thomas, Georgia Institute of Technology
Charles Hankla, Georgia State University
The Paradox of Trust, and Accountability: List Experiment Evidence of Vote-Selling Willingness from Finland and Hungary
Davit Totadze, University of Turku
Turning Out for Democratic Principles?
Matt Graham, Temple University
Milan Svolik, Yale University

Discussant
Taishi Muraoka, Academia Sinica

4100

Collaboration and Networks in Legislatures

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair
Sarah Treul, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Participants
Class Acts: Does Senate's Electoral Structure Shape Legislative Networks?
Jesse Crosson, Purdue University
Elizabeth Donaway, University of Texas
From Strong Ties to New Weak Ties: Staff Mobility and Legislative Collaboration
Fred Gui, LSU
Alma Doesn't Matter? Shared Educational Ties and Judicial Confirmations
Christine Bird, Oklahoma State University
Ryan DeTamble, Oklahoma State University
Zachary McGee, Kenyon College
Lawyers and Advancement to Legislative Leadership
Eric Hansen, Loyola University Chicago
Sarah Treul, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Collaboration as a Skill or Power: Gender and the Hitchhiker Pathway in Congress
Ayodeji Temitope Oyekunle, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Akinbiyi Bayonle Oyekunle, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Discussants
Eric Hansen, Loyola University Chicago
Ryan DeTamble, Oklahoma State University
Jesse Crosson, Purdue University
Fred Gui, LSU
Ayodeji Temitope Oyekunle, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

4100

Navigating Hardened & Weakened Borders: Crime, Migrants, & Trade

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Horizons East

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Beth A Simmons, University of Pennsylvania

Participants

Crafting the Neoliberal Border: Infrastructure, Migration, and Transborder Trade
Beth A Simmons, University of Pennsylvania
Michael Kenwick, Rutgers
Junghyun Lim, UNC Chapel Hill
Nicholas N Ray, Texas A&M

Strategic Reckoning with Criminals, Not Chargés d'Affaires: Transnational Crime and the Limits of State-Centric Diplomacy
Evan Renfro, University of Northern Iowa

International Organizations and Hybrid Governance at Criminalized Borders
Naida Softic, Loyola University Chicago

"Dropped in the Middle of Nowhere. The Point is to Scare People": An Open Source Investigation into How Third-Country Deportations Offshore Legal Violence and Racialize Migration
Kerin Shilla, George Washington University
Thomas J Rachko Jr., George Washington University

Under what conditions do identity, security, and economic considerations influence migration decisions?
John Akoeda, University of Central Florida

4100

CwC #8: Belonging, Identity, and Migrant Acceptance

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Horizons West

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Sandra Joireman, University of Richmond

Participants

The Fragmented Meanings of Welcome Culture: A Computational Analysis of Syrian and Ukrainian Refugee Discourse in German Media
Min Ji Kim, University of California San Diego
Eugene Chiou, University of California San Diego

Who Owns the City? How Migration Shapes Urban Ethnic Mobilization
Mashail Malik, Harvard

From South to North: Immigrant Attitudes on Immigration and Democracy
John Doces, Bucknell University
Garrett Van Blarcom-DeLuise, Johns Hopkins University

Multi-layered Membership: The New Politics of Belonging in Urban Africa
Elizabeth Wellman, University of Memphis
Kabiri Bule, University of the Witwatersand, Johannesburg
Loren Landau, Oxford University and the University of the Witwatersrand

Discussants
Taylor Trummel, Denison University
Öner Yigit, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

This is a panel discussing belonging, identity, and migrant acceptance.

4100

Political Competition and Rents

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Jasmine

Formal Theory

Chair
Daniel Gibbs, Virginia Tech

Participants
A Contest Model of Positive and Negative Campaigning
Dan Alexander, University of Rochester
Ivan Tsekvava, University of Rochester
Endogenous Policy Timing and Electoral Accountability
Daniel Gibbs, Virginia Tech
Politics for Sale
Matheus Cosso, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
The Political Logic of State Capitalism: Selectorates, Redistribution, and Political Stabilization
Russell Cui, Independent Scholar

4100

CwC #4: Legislatures in Authoritarian Regimes

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Daniela Donno, University of Oklahoma

Participants
Sacred times, sectarian politics: Group identity and legislative behavior in authoritarian regimes
Daniel Tavana, Pennsylvania State University
Mostafa El Sharkawy, University of Michigan
Gender and law-making in authoritarian regimes: The case of Russi
Sarah Hummel, Harvard
Valeria Umanets, Tulane
Barking dogs never bite: Opposition speech and the sequencing of control in the Russian Duma
Artur Baranov, Northwestern

Discussant
Ora John Reuter, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

This is a panel discussing legislatures in authoritarian regimes.

4100

Elite Rhetoric, Media, and Polarization

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Palm

Media and Political Communication

Chair
Allison Ellis, USC Upstate

Participants
Mediated Separation: How TikTok's Algorithm Reinforces Partisan Polarization on Abortion
Marissa Taylor, Univeristy at Buffalo
Do Source Cues or Issue Frames Explain Local News Effects on Polarization?
Johanna Dunaway, Syracuse University
Emily Sydnor, Syracuse University
The Role of Polarizing Elite Rhetoric
Elizabeth Coggins, Associate Professor and Department Chair
Challenging the Commander in Chief: Opposition Rhetoric and Unilateral Uses of Force
Sean Ewing, Florida Gulf Coast University
Who do Presidents Talk to? State of the Union Speeches and Group Appeals
Will Horne, Clemson University
Khamani Williamson, Clemson University
Principles vs. Interests: The Asymmetry of Partisan Messaging
Rachel Horvath, Rutgers University

Discussant
Robert Jefferson Dillard, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

The panel traces polarization from elites through news to algorithms.

4100

Ancient Political Theory

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Rebecca LeMoine, Florida Atlantic University

Participants
Beware of Greeks Bearing Gifts: Odysseus, Arete, and Athens
Joyce Marie Mullan, Stevens Institute of Technology
Female Drama: The Goddesses of Socrates' Escape in the Republic's Three Waves
Simeon Burns, Northwood University
On the Gorgias: Oedipus Strikes Again
Kenneth Mathew DELUCA, No Affiliation
The Epistemic Fragility of Democracy: Aristotle on Pluralism, Demagoguery, and Institutional Defense
Joshua Miller, UNC Charlotte
"Us" as "Them"? Populist Immigration Rhetoric and the Disruption of Cultural Dichotomies in Plato's Apology and Crito
Kenneth Kyle Bennett, Florida Atlantic University
Rebecca LeMoine, Florida Atlantic University

Discussants
Joshua Miller, UNC Charlotte
Rebecca LeMoine, Florida Atlantic University

4100

Repression, Regime Type, and Political Behavior

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Sawgrass

Comparative and International Political Economy

Chair
Shaarif Sameer, University of Utah

Participants

Do Chinese Phones Mobilize or Demobilize? Affordable Communication Technology and Protest
Ji Yeon Yeon Hong, University of Michigan
Hyomin Lee, University of Michigan
Zhen Zhang, University of Michigan

Remittances and Democratic Accountability
Shaarif Sameer, University of Utah

Repression-Induced Institutional Brain Drain: Selective Exit and Democratic Erosion
Xiaocun Qiu, University of Oxford
Noam Yuchtman, London school of economics and political science
Rayna Xu, Miami University

Stated Loyalty, Revealed Exit: Latent Dissent Under Repression
Fasih Zulfiqar, Princeton University

Who Opens the Gate? Regime Type Conditions Responses to Capital Account Liberalization
Ying Yang, Tulane University

Discussant
Hania al-Shamat, University of North Carolina Charlotte

4100

Cooptation, Consultation, and Control in Authoritarian Regimes

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Sawyer Key

Comparative Political Institutions

Chair
Joan Timoneda, Purdue University

Participants

Beyond Clientelism: Theorizing Cooptation of External Elites in Authoritarian Regimes
Jessica Teets, Middlebury College
Sebnem Gumuscu, Middlebury College

Consultation Without Information: On Preference Falsification in Authoritarian Regimes
Mo Gasmi, Princeton University

Reading the Writing on the Wall: Lower Level Officials and Repression in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes
Edward Blake Morris, University of South Carolina

Voting Without Quorum in the Russian State Duma
Sarah Hummel, Harvard University

Projects of Memory and Collective Narratives of Dictatorship: Cultural Evidence from Portugal
Sally Joy Bonsall, University of Nebraska Omaha

Discussants
Reda Tamtam, Princeton University
Joan Timoneda, Purdue University

4100

Education, Representation, and Political Inequality

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Snowy Egret

Local and Urban Politics

Chair
John Kuk, Michigan State University

Participants

Different Routes to Partisan Segregation: Partisanship and the Residential Production of Racial Context
John Kuk, Michigan State University

Mobilizing for Mamdani: Ethnicity and endorsements
Lucca Carlson, University of Florida

Navigating the New Scarcity: Findings from a Multi-Site Study of School Closure Processes
Sara Dahill-Brown, Wake Forest University
Lesley Lavery, Macalester College
Stefanie Chambers, Trinity College

New York State's Foray into Campaign Finance Reform: Public Financing of State Elections
Jeffrey Kraus, College of Staten Island

School Supports for Students in Publicly Supported Housing
Rachelle Haynik, University of Pittsburgh
Chelsie Spinner, University of Pittsburgh

Slowing Down, Not Speeding Up: Did San Francisco's Math Detracking Reform Benefit Students?
Vivaan Kuruganti, Independent Researcher
Jacob Harris, Georgia State University

Discussant
Brooke Shannon, University of Memphis

This panel focuses on how political and educational institutions shape participation, representation, and opportunity. Through studies of racial and partisan segregation, voter mobilization, campaign finance reform, school closures, student support systems, and educational equity reforms, the papers explore how public policies and political processes affect access to civic and educational resources. Together, they illuminate the mechanisms through which inequality is reproduced, challenged, and governed at the local and state levels.

4100

CwC #3: Election Administration Infrastructure: Data, Technology, and Institutional Change

Saturday
8:00am-9:20am
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Mitchell Brown, Auburn University

Participants
Vendor Bender: A Vehicle to Better Understand Election Tech Contracts and Documentation
Chris Mann, Skidmore College
Data in Distress: How Researchers Can Rescue Bad Election Data
Kira Flemke, Center for Election Innovation and Research
Chris Mann, Skidmore College
Opting Out: The Consequences of Leaving ERIC
Anita Manion, University of Missouri-St. Louis
David Kimball, University of Missouri St. Louis
Plus ca change? The State of Election Administration 2026
Ciarra McGlynn, Elections & Voting Information Center at Portland State University

Discussants
Mitchell Brown, Auburn University
Paul Manson, Portland State University

This is a panel discussing election administration infastructure.

4100

Executive Council Meeting II

Saturday
8:30am-10:55am
Royal Tern

Meetings

Participants
Kirk A. Randazzo, University of South Carolina
Mary Anderson, Salve Regina University
Martha Ellen Kropf, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Seth C. McKee, Oklahoma State University
Whitney Ross Manzo, Meredith College
Kerstin Hamann, University of Central Florida
Timothy Hellwig, University at Buffalo
Tim Nokken, Texas Tech University
Daphne M Michelle Cooper, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Erik Herron, University of West Virginia
Michelangelo Landgrave, University of Colorado Boulder
Ingrid Bego, Western Carolina University
Ryan E Carlin, Georgia State University
Robert Mickey, University of Michigan
Angela Lewis, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Mark Hurwitz, SPSA
Jared McDonald, University of Mary Washington
Patricia Brown, Southern Political Science Association
Hope Martinez, SPSA
Zoe Rapp, University of Mary Washington

4200

Exhibit Area - Saturday

Saturday
9:00am-2:00pm
Grand Palm
Colonnade

Meetings

4200

Political Parties as Strategic Actors

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Banyan

Political Parties & Interest Groups/Political Parties and Interest Groups

Chair
Wayne P Steger, DePaul University

Participants
Political Parties as Rent-Seeking Coalitions
Wayne P Steger, DePaul University
Political Parties Beyond Borders: Legal Conditions, Opposition First-Movers, and the Functions of Overseas Organization
Bengi Gumrukcu, Rutgers
Progress Without Power: The Prohibition Party's Place In a Two-Party System
Theodore Gercken, Hamilton College
Revisiting the "Primary Bonus" in U.S. Congressional Elections
David B Ebner, Arizona State University
Shifting Contexts and Party Campaign Behavior
Andrew Ballard, Florida State University
Hans Hassell, BYU
Bryson Lyon, Florida State University

4200

Political Participation of Marginalized Groups

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Blue Heron

Political Participation and Civic Engagement

Chair
Nofisat Eletu, Western Michigan University

Participants
Native American Voter Turnout
James W Endersby, University of Missouri
Democratically Responsive Pedagogy: Recovering a Tool for Civil Rights Strategy and Mobilization
Andrew Stein, Northwestern University
The Last Mile to the Ballot: When Does Accessibility Reform Produce Equal Access?
Dilek Aksu, University of Alabama
Leaning Right to Feel Right: Political Alignment as Status Work among Chinese in the United States
Qingyao Sun, Vanderbilt University
Unpolarizing Voting: Contributors to an Equitable Voting Experience in the U.S.
david Niven, University of Cincinnati

Discussant
Nofisat Eletu, Western Michigan University

4200

Influencers

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Chart Room

Undergraduate Research

Chair
Michael Romano, Shenandoah University

Participants
When Religion and Ideology Conflict: Measuring Political Anxiety Among Cross-Pressured Believers
Drew K Longley, Chapman University
John Compton, Chapman University
Legislating Opposition to Immorality: Religious Influence and the Constitutional Architecture of Sports Betting Prohibition
Kristyn Griffin, Georgia Southwestern State University
The Authority Gap: Differential Effects of Judicial and Religious Elite Messages on Social Attitudes: Lab-in-the-Field Evidence from Tanzania
Kate SantaMaria, Lafayette College
Benjamin Risley, Cornell Law School
Dylan W. Groves, Lafayette College
The Impact of African American Leadership on Community Engagement in Dallas
Sarye Tyler Francis, North Carolina Agricultural & State University
Barriers to Youth Participation: Analyzing Generational Disparities in Civil Society
Emily Marie Swartzbaugh, Shenandoah University
Michael Romano, Shenandoah University

4200

State Governance and Institutional Capacity

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Citrus

State Politics

Chair
Matt Grossmann, Michigan State University

Participants
Do Selection Methods Affect State Attorney General Success?
Nick Waterbury, University of Illinois Springfield
Alan Simmons, University of Illinois Springfield
Matthew Geras, University of Illinois Springfield
Governing the AI Boom: Water Stress, Population Growth, and State Responses to Data Centers
James Harrington, University of Texas at Dallas
John McCaskill, University of Texas at Dallas
Policy Feedback and Diffusion Across the U.S. States
Kelly Smith, Stetson University
Cybersecurity at the State Level: A Comparative Analysis of U.S. Subnational Governance
Shivram Sundar, UCF
Aubrey Jewett, University of Central Florida
Inequity By Design: State Policy Variation in U.S. Special Education
Gianni Layah Jackson, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Bureaucracies or Battle Buddies? Explaining Veteran Suicide Rates, 2001-2021
Jordan Dakota Grace Brumit, University of South Florida
Richard Ledet, Troy University

Discussants
Alexandra Artiles, Boise State University
Nathan Micatka, University of South Alabama

This panel discusses how states respond to emerging policy challenges.

4200

Political Parties and Party Competition

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Compass Room

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems

Chair
Yannick Dufresne, Université Laval

Participants
Does Ethnicized Support Pay Off? Party Competition and Electoral Performance in Africa
Ahmed Hamza, University of North Texas
Protest, Proximity, and Party Strategy: Evidence from Minority Protests in Majoritarian India
Anirvan Chowdhury, University of Louisville
Shahana Sheikh, Yale University
Leja Joe Mathew, Brown University
Shamindra Nath Roy, O.P. Jindal Global University
When the two-party system cracks: partisan dealigment and third-party voting in Puerto Rico
Mayra Velez Serrano, University of Puerto Rico
Luis Cámara Fuertes, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
Voting from Abroad: Introducing DEPART (Dataset on Electoral Participation Abroad: Registration and Turnout)
MUGE UGUZ, George Washington University

Discussant
WooJin Kang, Kyungpook National University

4200

Experiential Learning for Civic and Global Engagement

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Glades

Teaching Political Science

Participants

Adapting Active Learning Role-Playing to the Online Classroom: The Threshold of Democracy
David Jesuit, Central Michigan University

Cultivating Civic Leadership
Jamie Elliott, Kennesaw State University

Extending the Boundaries of Justice: Assessing the Efficacy of a Course Dealing with Academic Freedom, Transnational Advocacy and Global Citizenship.
Mohsin Hashim, Muhlenberg College

Political Discourse in Online Discussion Forums
Josh Squires, Glenville State University

Teaching Sport-Based Social Change as Political Science
Luisa Turbino Torres, Florida Atlantic University

This panel explores experiential and active-learning strategies that connect political science courses to civic leadership, democratic participation, global citizenship, and social change. The papers examine role-playing, online political discussion, transnational advocacy, and sport-based instruction, highlighting creative approaches that encourage students to apply political concepts beyond the traditional classroom.

4200

China and Russia: Geopolitical Cooperation and Competition

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Horizons East

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Elizabeth Plantan, Stetson University

Participants

A Revisionist or a Positionalist?: China’s Regimecraft at New Frontiers
Youcheer Kim, Duksung Women's University

Authoritarian Pathways to Status: China’s Foreign Propaganda in the Early Reform Era
Andrew Devine, Tulane University

Geopolitical Competition with China and US Democracy Promotion in Developing Countries
Abdul Halim, Georgia State University

Geopolitics and Scientific Cooperation: The extent to which neofunctionalism influences cooperation practices between the United States and Russia in frontier zones
Charlotte Louise Henderson, Duke University

Who Gets the Panda and Who Gets the Wolf? Explaining China's Strategic Use of Attraction and Confrontation in Foreign Policy
Tu Anh Ha, Rollins College

Discussants
Elizabeth Plantan, Stetson University
Charlotte Louise Henderson, Duke University

4200

CwC #8: Labor, Integration, and Economic Inclusion

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Horizons West

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Öner Yigit, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Participants

Restrictions Increase Willingness to Pay for Immigrant Integration Policy
Taylor Trummel, Denison University
Clayton Nall, University of California Santa Barbara

Immigration Policy and Regional Labour Market Disparities in Canada: A Systematic Review
Morteza Shams, Toronto Metropolitan University
Marshia Akbar, Toronto Metropolitan University

Succeeding Against the Odds: Career Pathways of First-Generation Immigrants in the U.S.
Saltanat Liebert, Virginia Commonwealth University
Grant Rissler, University of Richmond
Daniel Morales, Virginia Commonwealth University
Gabriela León-Pérez, Virginia Commonwealth University

Beyond Foreigner Parity: A Double Decoupling of Refugee Employment Rights in the Global South
Ibtissam Ghaich, Mohammed V University of Rabat
Mohammed Lemouden, Mohammed V University of Rabat

Discussants
Alexander Kustov, University of Notre Dame
Perisa Davutoglu, University of Central Florida

This panel discusses labor, integration, and economic inclusion.

4200

Bias, Posing, and Signaling

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Jasmine

Formal Theory

Chair
David Foster, Florida State University

Participants

Bias and Responsiveness in Strategic Communication
Anna Denisenko, Copenhagen Business School
Catherine Hafer, NYU

Costly Receiving: Participatory Institutions and Housing
David Foster, Florida State University
Joseph Warren, University of Alaska Anchorage

Posing
Tak Huen Chau, LSE
Ryan Hübert, LSE

The Logic of Strategic Bias in Science
Phedias Theophanous, Stanford University

4200

CwC #4: Social Media in Authoritarian Regimes

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld, UCLA

Participants
Online self-moderation in response to regime repression
Kristina Pedersen, NYU
Joshua A Tucker, New York University
Moral propaganda and social order in dictatorships
Yingdan Lu, Northwestern
Wenwei Peng, Harvard
Xu Xu, Princeton
Swiping democracy away? How TikTok shapes democratic values and pub- lic opinion toward China
Tony Sirui Yang, Emory
Rex Weiye Deng, NYU Abu Dhabi
Tzu-Kuan Liu, WashU
Leo Yuen Tien, WashU
Hsu Yumin Wang, National Tsing Hua University

Discussant
Georgiy Syunyaev, Vanderbilt

This is a panel discussing social media in authoritarian regimes.

4200

Misinformation, Disinformation, and Correction: Evidence from Europe, Egypt, Japan, and the United States

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Palm

Media and Political Communication

Chair
Nicole Pankiewicz, College of Coastal Georgia

Participants
Artificial Infiltration: How Low-Quality Sources Shape AI Chatbots' Political Advice
Agustin Prinetti, Rice University
Can Individuals Be Inoculated against Fake News: An Experimental Study on a Sample of Egyptian Social Media Users
Mazen Hassan, Cairo University
Mohamed Sabry Amer, Washington University in St Louis
Asmaa Abd El Khalek, Cairo University
Sarah Mansour, Cairo University
Zeyad Kelani, Cairo University
The Accuracy of News on the Air and Online
Jennifer Hwang, UCLA
Stuart Soroka, UCLA
Christopher B Wlezien, University of Texas at Austin
Trusted but Misremembered: Source Misattribution in Political Fact-Checking during Japan's National Elections
Morihiro Ogasahara, Toyo University
“Turning Up the Volume: Disinformation Actors and their Amplification Strategies”
Fahad Mirza, University of Central Florida

Discussant
Moran Yarchi, Reichman University Israel

4200

Machiavelli's Republicanism and Its Lessons for Domestic and International Politics

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Michael Driscoll, Florida State University

Participants
Ruler and Citizen: Machiavelli's Castruccio Castracani and Shakespeare's Bastard in King John
Khalil Habib, Hillsdale College
Machiavelli's Art of War as His City in Speech
Casey Wheatland, New College of Florida
Machiavelli's Teacher of Tyranny? Interpreting the Hiero
Glenn Ellmers, The Claremont Institute
Epicureans Grown Active, Designing, Turbulent, and Seditious: Machiavelli and Montaigne
John Colman, Ave Maria University

Discussant
Michael Driscoll, Florida State University

Machiavelli's teaching on republicanism – and his observations on the republican politics of his time – continues to be relevant to the deeper crises of our time. Papers on this panel will address the necessary qualities for citizenship in a republic, the dangers of tyranny in certain kinds of republics, and the manner in which republics can most prudently conduct foreign policy and war.

4200

CwC #6: Radical Challenges to the Idea of the Community

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Sawgrass

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Derek Foret, University of Texas at Austin

Participants
The Education of the Will in Rousseau's Emile
Bridget Isenberg, University of Texas at Austin
Rousseau's Reunification of the Divided Self
Jack Carlson, The University of Texas at Austin
Reason and Rhetoric in Kant's 'What is Enlightenment?'
Joseph Keegin, Miami University
Kant's Dwelling: Hope and Reason in the Critical System
Nicholas Anderson, Tufts University

Discussants
Zach Bennett, University of North Carolina
Richard Velkley, Tulane University

This is a panel discussing radical challenges to the idea of the community.

4200

Institutions, Authority, and the Unintended Consequences of Governance

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Sawyer Key

Comparative Political Institutions

Participants

Statutory Vagueness and Domestic Military Deployment
Natalia Barthel, Winthrop University

Drowning from Disclosure: The Cognitive Paradox of Transparency and Democratic Risks
Sarah Gonzalez, Winthrop University

Justified Sanctions or Disproportionate Punishment?: Rethinking Collateral Consequences And State-Level Reintegration Policy Under The Eighth Amendment
Alyssa Quetel, Winthrop University

The Historical, Political, and Societal Influences on Limited Legal Prostitution Laws: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of the United States, United Kingdom, and Japan
Heaven Lawson, Winthrop University

Supplemental Government: International Addendum-Governance and the Spectrum of Delegation
Adam Leger, Winthrop University

This panel examines how political and legal institutions shape the relationship between authority, individual rights, organizational outputs, and democratic governance. Bringing together analyses of domestic military deployment, criminal-justice reintegration, prostitution law, and government transparency, the papers explore how institutional arrangements designed to address legitimate public concerns can produce unintended consequences for individual liberty and democratic accountability. One paper examines how the Insurrection Act has transformed domestic military authority and potentially weakened constitutional protections. A second considers state-level penal authority, analyzing whether collateral consequences constitute an extension of punishment that conflicts with Eighth Amendment protections and undermines successful reintegration. A third uses a comparative analysis of the United States, United Kingdom, and Japan to examine how historical, institutional, and societal differences produce divergent approaches to prostitution law. The fourth examines how large-scale government transparency initiatives aimed at increasing legitimacy and authority can overwhelm citizens' capacity to process information, potentially producing cognitive distortions and informal punishment even when the disclosed information is accurate. The fifth examines the authority of international multilateral organizations, and argues for a distinct class of organization, the Addendum-Governance Organization. Collectively, the papers demonstrate the importance of examining not only what institutions are designed to accomplish, but also how institutional structures shape their effects on authority, political behavior, and governance.

4200

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Snowy Egret

Anti-Feminism, Gender Backlash, and Conservative Mobilization

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair

Elizabeth Connors, University of South Carolina

Participants

Anti-feminism as an Intersectional Ideology: Nationalism and Conspiracy Thinking in the Crusade against Equality
Karin Liebhart, University of Vienna / University of Trnava / Institute of Conflict Research Vienna

Monitoring the "Manosphere": A Content Analysis of Online Gender-Based Rhetoric Before and After the 2024 Presidential Election
Lindsay Hoffman, University of Delaware

Pro-Family Federalism? The Pro-Family Movement and the Downfall of Roe
Ayla Alexandria Dodson-Hestand, Rutgers University

Setting the Agenda: Religion and Partisan Branding through the Politics of Abortion
Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, University of Maryland College Park
John McTague, Towson University

What's in a label? Far-right parties' "pro-family" agenda between rhetoric, policies, and outcomes
Gabriela Greilinger, University of Georgia

Discussant

Denise Marie Walsh, University of Virginia

4200

Saturday
9:30am-10:50am
Tarpon Key

CwC #3: Information, Access, and Representation in American Elections

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Mary Jo McGowan, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Participants

Website-Watching: County Election Sites Before, During, and After the 2026 General Election
Aamuktha Kottapalli, MIT

Fifty Approaches to Maintaining Voting Eligibility: Examining State Policy for Voter Registration Inactivation and Removal
April Tan, Center for Election Innovation and Research
Ethan Brown, Georgetown University
Prisha Singh, George Washington University
Kira Flemke, Center for Election Innovation and Research
Chris Mann, Skidmore College

Misunderstanding, Mischaracterization, and Fabrication: Navigating Claims about Noncitizen Registration and Voting
Kyle Yoder, Center for Election Innovation and Research
Carly Colen, The Center for Election Innovation and Research
Iris Lam Ong, The Center for Election Innovation & Research
Mia Minkin, The Center for Election Innovation and Research
Daniel Mussell, The Center for Election Innovation and Research

When Women Win: Electoral Performance and Representation of Women Candidates Running for Local Office
Honor Durham, MIT

Reading Up or Rolling Off? Voter Guide Content and Voter Engagement in Ballot Measure Elections
Zayne Sember, MIT

Discussants

Mary Jo McGowan, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Murat Abus, Arkansas State University

This is a panel discussing information, access, and representation in American elections.

4300

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Banyan

Conceptualizing, Witnessing, & Experiencing Human Rights Abuse

Human Rights

Chair
Jamie Rowen, University of Massachusetts

Participants

Disposable Workers: Exit Destruction and Neoliberal Enslavement in South Korea
Monti Narayan Datta, University of Richmond

Framing Genocide
Jamie Rowen, University of Massachusetts

Indian knowledge system & philosophical leading towards a virtuous society : Human rights prospective
PRANJAL KUMAR MIAHRA, researcher
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

What Rights Feel Like: Theorizing the Link between Moral Emotions, Cultural Expression, and Human Rights
Ben Luongo, Union Commonwealth University

When Kidnapping Kills More Than Bullets: Humanitarian Antagonism and Food Crisis Severity in Armed Conflict
Uchenna Hillprieston Okwara, University of Central Florida

Witnessing Genocide in the Age of Social Media
Zoe Knowles, University of South Florida

Discussants
Jamie Rowen, University of Massachusetts
Monti Narayan Datta, University of Richmond

4300

CwC #7: SPSA Women: Building Boundaries and Creating Balance - Responding to External Challenges

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Blue Heron

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Kristyn Karl, Stevens Institute of Technology

Discussants
Meghan Iverson, University of Chicago
Ellen Key, Appalachian State University
Jamie Elliott, Kennesaw State University
Whitney Ross Manzo, Meredith College

Join SPSA Women for this roundtable discussion focused on successful strategies for managing the professional and personal impacts of the current challenges facing higher education. Potential topics include expanding your network, cross-disciplinary collaboration, responding to external pressures, strategies when pay is not keeping pace, and legal & practical concerns for women scholars.

4300

Public Policy

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Chart Room

Undergraduate Research

Chair
Sharon Austin, University of Florida

Participants
Sex and Sterilization: State by State Comparison
Krystal Crooms, Middle Georgia State University
Diversion Programs Saving Youth from Prison
Rachel Harper, Middle Georgia State University
The President's Campaign Priorities Versus the Priorities of His First 100 Days
Gage Griffin, Florida Gulf Coast University
Power, Punishment and Progress
Jordyn Williams, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
The Impact Of Artificial Intelligence On The Racial Wealth Gap
Cory Ray, Student
Who Watches the Watchers? Assessing the Ethics, Privacy, and Accountability in AI Surveillance
Ava Zoe Dumitrescu, University of Texas at Dallas
Catalina Gutierrez, The University of Texas at Dallas
Aafreen Makani, The University of Texas at Dallas
Jennifer Wesson, UT Dallas

Discussant
Sharon Austin, University of Florida

4300

Drones, Information Warfare, and the Changing Technology of Conflict

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Citrus

International Conflict and Security

Chair
S. Hansi Munasinghe, University of Central Florida

Participants
Choose Your Battles: How Ukrainian Drone Strikes Change Where and How Russia Fights
Taylor Cox, University of Washington
Fearful Messages, Dangerous Outcomes: Threat Narratives in State-Controlled Media and De-escalation of Conflict
Polina Kharmats, University of Houston
Lessons from the Battlefield: How Russia's Invasion of Ukraine Accelerated Drone Proliferation and the Spread of Terrorism
Mintaek Hong, Sogang University
Media Biasness and Western Vulnerability in Hybrid Warfare
G Doug Davis, Troy University
Tactical Adjuncts to Fire Ants: A Strategic Foresight Analysis of Drone Futures in Warfare
Kerry Chavez, Institute for Future Conflict
Weaponizing Vision: How Ukraine Uses Drone Imagery as Information Warfare
OMER E OZKAN, University of Cincinnati

Discussant
Robert M Farley, University of Kentucky

4300

Teaching Political Science in the Age of AI

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Compass Room

Teaching Political Science

Chair
Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University

Participants
A Narrative of Adapting Asynchronous Political Science Courses to the AI Era
Juan David Irigoyen Borunda, Florida State University
Bringing Campaigns to Life: An AI-Enhanced Simulation and Real World Election Experience
David Fleming, Furman University
Making Mechanisms Visible: Scaffolded AI Personas for Teaching Political Judgment
Joel Moore, Monash University
Public Affairs Education and Artificial Intelligence: Observations from an MPA Capstone Course
Julie Lester, Florida Southern College
Teaching in the Brave New World of AI: Perspectives from Political Science Faculty Around the World
Phillip Ardoin, Appalachian State University
Renee Scherlen, Appalachian State University
The Unexamined Case Is Not Worth Briefing: AI-Supported Socratic Tutoring in Undergraduate Constitutional Law
Chris Riley, Abilene Christian University

This panel examines how artificial intelligence is reshaping political science education across multiple instructional settings, including asynchronous courses, campaign simulations, public affairs capstones, and constitutional law. Presenters assess AI-supported personas and tutoring, share faculty perspectives from around the world, and consider how instructors can use emerging technologies while preserving meaningful student engagement, judgment, and learning.

4300

Influence and Effectiveness in Legislatures

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Glades

Legislative Politics

Chair
Nicholas Howard, Concordia College

Participants
Legislative Effectiveness and Differences in State Legislative Experience
Nicholas Howard, Concordia College
Mark Owens, The Citadel
Okay, Boomer: The Effects of Age on Legislative Behavior, Success, and Influence
Kathleen A Bratton, Louisiana State University
Kerry L Haynie, Duke University
The Funneling Effect: Burden Committees as Institutional Gatekeeping of Historically Marginalized Representatives
Iliya Liampert, Michigan State University
Responding to Review: Regulatory Review & Legislation Adoption in Congress
Hunter Christopher Smith, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Two Faces of the 19th-Century Senate President pro tempore: “Adams Norm” Placeholder and “Acting Vice President”
Jeff Grynaviski, Wayne State University
Congressional Attention and the Policy Gap in American Cybersecurity
SIRAJUM MONIR SHISHIR, Political Science

Discussants
Nicholas Howard, Concordia College
Kerry L Haynie, Duke University
Iliya Liampert, Michigan State University
Hunter Christopher Smith, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jeff Grynaviski, Wayne State University
SIRAJUM MONIR SHISHIR, Political Science

4300

State Interests and the Limits of Global Governance

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Horizons East

International Organizations, Foreign Policy, and IR Theory

Chair
Behrooz Kalantari, Savannah State University

Participants
The Architecture of Impunity: An Institutionalist Analysis of Hegemonic Power and International Norms
Behrooz Kalantari, Savannah State University
The International Criminal Court's Race Issue
Kerin Shilla, George Washington University
Are the European Court of Human Rights Judges Biased?
Ezgi Siir Kibris, Rochester Institute of Technology
Security Gap Under the Shadow of Institutional Design
Naime Feyza Karataş, University at Albany
International Organizations and the Limits of Global Governance: The Unresolved Rohingya Crisis in South Asia
Md. Saiful Islam Shanto, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University

4300

CwC #8: Enforcement, Rights, and Migrant-Supporting Institutions

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Horizons West

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Saltanat Liebert, Virginia Commonwealth University

Participants
Trust Under Threat: Social Capital and Informal Networks among Honduran Immigrant Women in Durham, NC
Ana Ramirez Calderon, University of Pennsylvania
Informing Immigrant Integration in Charlotte: Data and Voices of Children of Immigrants
Stephanie Potochnick, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Abolition, Reform, and Visitation: Complementary Actions in the Fight for Immigrant Rights
Anne Marie Choup, University of Alabama in Huntsville
Tolerated Ties: Immigrant Social Ties and Economic (Im)mobility in Informal Demolition Work
Guillermo Paez Gallardo, University of California Irvine

Discussants
Elizabeth Wellman, University of Memphis
Mashail Malik, Harvard

This pannel discusses enforcement, rights, and migrant-supporting institutions.

4300

Strategic Models of Electoral and Legislative Behavior

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Jasmine

Formal Theory

Chair
Clifford J Carrubba, Emory University

Participants
Electoral Incentives for Roll Call Vote Requests
Caitlin Ainsley, University of Washingtobn
Sandeep Soni, Emory University
Matt Gabel, Washington University of St. Louis
Stephen Morkel, Emory University
Zhang Jeremy, MIT
From Ballot Box to Cabinet Table: Electoral Trajectories and Government Participation in Multiparty Democracies
Lanny Martin, University of Bocconi
Campaign Contributions and Legislative Lobbying
Dan Alexander, University of Rochester
William Gerew, University of Rochester
Why Do Moderate Legislators Select Extreme Leaders?
Alexander Evert, University of Chicago
Anthony Fowler, University of Chicago

Scholars have extensively studied strategic candidate behavior in elections and strategic legislator behavior in policy and government formation. This panel explores new ground in the interaction of the two. How do electoral incentives impact government behavior and how do decisions at the government level impact electoral behavior when these choices are co-determined.

4300

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Long Key

CwC #4: Repression in Authoritarian Regimes

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Howard Liu, South Carolina

Participants
Surveillance cameras and protest: Evidence from China and Turkey
Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld, UCLA
Han Zhang, Brown University
George Bai, MIT
Who gets to come home? Soviet decision-making in Estonian exile petitions
Isabelle DeSisto, Princeton
The double edge of embeddedness: How strong and weak ties shape state violence
Haley Allen, University of Central Florida
Pearce Edwards, Texas Christian University

Discussant
Tongtong Zhang, American University

This pannel discusses repression in authoritarian regimes.

4300

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Palm

News Media Under Political Pressure and Debate: Media Framing and Coverage

Media and Political Communication

Chair
Johanna Dunaway, Syracuse University

Participants
Alarm, Patrol, or Circle the Wagons? Newspaper Coverage of Threats to the Press
Jalen Ward, University of California, Davis
Media Framing and Election Denial: How Journalists Covered the Aftermath of the 2020 Election
Jacob Ausubel, George Washington University
Racial Context and Media Framing of Gun Violence in the United States
Jayden Ta'Nia Joyner, North Carolina A&T University

Discussant
Will Horne, Clemson University

4300

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Sabal

Author Meets Critics: Bradley Rebeiro's "Until the Last Yoke Is Broken: The Constitutional Vision of Frederick Douglass"

Political Theory

Chair
Vincent Phillip Munoz, University of Notre Dame

Discussants
Bradley Rebeiro, Brigham Young University
Melvin Rogers, Brown University
Keidrick Roy, Dartmouth University

Author meets critics panel Bradley Rebeiro's Until the Last Yoke Is Broken: The Constitutional Vision of Frederick Douglass In his celebrated address “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” Frederick Douglass denounced America’s hypocritical celebration of freedom. But he did not blame the nation’s founding document for enabling the evil of slavery. Rather, he proclaimed that “interpreted as it ought to be interpreted, the Constitution is a Glorious Liberty Document.” In the Fall of 2026, Harvard University Press will publish an important new book on Douglass’s political and constitutional thought, Until the Last Yoke Is Broken: The Constitutional Vision of Frederick Douglass, by Bradley Reberio. Our panel will place Professor Bradley in conversation with two of the nation’s most thoughtful African American political thought scholars, Melvin Rogers (Brown) and Keidrick Roy (Dartmouth). We will also hope to add a third panelist if our panel is accepted.

4300

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Sawgrass

CwC #6: The Modern Community and the Problem of History

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Joseph Keegin, Miami University

Participants
State Individuality and War in Spinoza and Hegel
Jack Stetter, University of South Florida
The Religious Basis of Liberal Civic Virtue in Hegel's Political Philosophy
Ian MacFarlance, Emory University
Three Waves of History
Benjamin Haines, University of Wisconsin
Hannah Arendt Against History
Yiyang Zhuge, Boston College

Discussants
Joseph Keegin, Miami University
Alexis Carre, University of Texas at Austin

This is a panel discussing the modern community and the problem of history.

4300

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Sawyer Key

Nation-Building, Nationalism, and Citizenship

Comparative Political Institutions

Chair
Amir Mahdavi, University of Connecticut

Participants
Between Victory and Defeat: The Nation-Building Process in Belarus, Catalonia, and Puerto Rico
Santos Rivera-Cardona, Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Beyond Paglayan: Revisiting the Indoctrination Incentives of Civil War Termination
Litong Wang, Emory University
Socialist Scotland and United Ireland: Economic Rhetoric in Secessionist versus Irredentist Parties
Sarah Snowmann, Stetson University
The political effects of Cross-transborder ethnic kin state support in the institutionalization of party system
Taposi Padma Sinha, University of North Texas
Why Do Majority Citizens Support Laws That Structurally Exclude Minorities? The Indian Case Study via Citizenship Act 2019
Aheli Bose, Louisiana State University

Discussant
Sally Joy Bonsall, University of Nebraska Omaha

4300

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Snowy Egret

Housing, Land Use, Urban Development, and Participation

Local and Urban Politics

Chair
Jonathan Lewallen, University of Tampa

Participants
Developing Data Centers in Virginia: Media Coverage and Local Incentives
Jonathan Lewallen, University of Tampa
Brooke Shannon, University of Memphis
Digital Participation in Toronto: Infrastructures, Innovation and Inequalities
Zachary Spicer, York University
Party Competition and the Politics of Housing in Berlin
Andreas Knorr, German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer
Understanding Power in Land-Use Regulation: A Systematic Review of Political Influence in Urban Policy Decisions
Damian Maffioletti, University of Maryland College Park
Where Families Can Live, Where Children Go to School: Rental Housing and School Segregation in Connecticut
Samaila Adelaiye, Partnership for Strong Communities

Discussant
Sara Dahill-Brown, Wake Forest University

This panel investigates the politics of urban development and the governance of place. The papers examine housing policy, land-use regulation, data center development, public participation, and educational opportunity as products of local political conflict and decision-making. Collectively, they highlight how governments, markets, advocacy groups, and residents compete to shape urban growth, allocate resources, and define the future of communities.

4300

Perceptions of Democratic Institutions and Backsliding

Saturday
11:00am-12:20pm
Tarpon Key

Comparative Political Institutions

Chair
David Dare Olusanjo, Florida International University

Participants
Judicial Checks and Public Support for Democratic Backsliding
Martín Gandur, Texas Christian University
Tunisia in Democratic Purgatory: Popularism and the Internal Dynamics of Democratic Reversal
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University
Jacek Lubecki, Georgia Southern University
Mass attitudes toward Horizontal Accountability and Courts in democracies under strain.
Jose Jans Carretero, University of Illinois at Chicago
Who Thinks Legislators Are Corrupt? Explaining Public Perceptions of Corruption in Nigeria's National Assembly
David Dare Olusanjo, Florida International University
Liberated Minds? How Chinese International Students Interpret Democracy and Autocracy
Diana Fu, Cornell University
Jessica Teets, Middlebury College

Discussant
Bryan Daves, Ameircan University

4400

Depolarization, Political Reasoning, and Belief Change

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Banyan

Political Psychology

Participants
From Performance to Habit: Preference Falsification Becomes Self-Reinforcing
Fasih Zulfiqar, Princeton University
Timur Kuran, Duke University
Narrating Change: Older Voter Narratives of Partisan and Attitudinal Changes
Jennifer Lucas, Saint Anselm College
Elizabeth Rickenbach, Saint Anselm College
Kevin Doran, Saint Anselm College
Participatory refinement of an evolving lexicon for political depolarization
Eric Hamilton, Pepperdine University
Recursive Reflection Theory: How Evaluating Our Own Reasons Changes Political Beliefs
Emily West, University of Pittsburgh
The Issue is Not the Issue: Affective Depolarization and Discourse Analytics
Eric Hamilton, Pepperdine University
Liane Weintraub, Pepperdine University

Discussants
Benjamin Carter, University of Alabama
Adrien Halliez, Drake University

4400

Public Opinion and Law

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Blue Heron

Undergraduate Research

Chair
Whitney Ross Manzo, Meredith College

Participants
Public Approval of Party Nominee Replacement Across Electoral Contexts
Olivia Lauren Gust, University of Florida
Beyond the scope of partisanship, the changing perspective on nuclear energy
Ethan Sedlak, Univesirty of Central Florida
Analyzing the Reaction to Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health (2022): Has Partisan Polarization of Public Confidence in the Supreme Court Prevailed?
Hannah Dickson, Christopher Newport University
The Cost of Free Speech: Shifts in Independent Expenditures After Citizens United
Shriyan Sai Yamali, Independent Researcher
How Artificial Intelligence Is Reshaping Decision-Making, Evidentiary Practice, and the Business of Law in the United States.
Danielle Simone Bunker, North Carolina A&T State University
Country for Sale: The Cost of Turning Culture into Capital
Mackenzy S Grant, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Discussant
Whitney Ross Manzo, Meredith College

4400

Political Media and Communication

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Chart Room

Undergraduate Research

Chair
Andrew Lugg, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Participants
What Stories Do Journalists Choose?: A Conjoint Experiment with Tanzanian Journalists
Savannah Nivin, Lafayette College
Dylan W. Groves, Lafayette College
Marco Kitundu, Economic and Social Research Foundation
Recommendation Algorithms and Polarization: Lab Experimental Evidence Comparing Chinese vs. American Social Media
Jessica Chai, The University of Texas at Austin
Minh Duc Trinh, The University of Texas at Austin
Political Instagram Reels and Perceived Ideological Differences Among Arkansas College Students
Katherine McClain, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Winking to the Masses: how the Department of Homeland Security promotes White Nationalism on Twitter
Noah Lee Gaines, Huntingdon College
Talking Through the Cuts: Republican Congressional Communication and DOGE
Anne Estelle Holtze, Florida Gulf Coast University
Responsive Presidential Rhetoric: Considering Economic Conditions and Integrative Complexity
Madeline Krieger, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Andrew Lugg, University of Nevada Las Vegas

4400

State Capacity, Fiscal Institutions, and Crisis Governance

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Citrus

Comparative and International Political Economy

Chair
Mo Gasmi, Princeton University

Participants
Crises and the Transformation of the State
Preeti Nambiar, Vanderbilt University
De Jure Devolution, De Facto Dependence: The Two Fiscal Margins of Ukraine's Decentralization Reform
Anastasiia Vlasenko, New York University
Double Fiscal Contraction: When Aid Withdrawal Turns Violent
Francois Kabre, Auburn University
Where The Sun Never Sets: Empire and Metropolitan Democratization, 1832-1975
Jose Aleman, Fordham University
Who Gets Served First? The Temporal Allocation of State Capacity in Wartime Recovery
Xiaohan Yu, Duke University
The State versus Capital: Fiscal Constraint and the Politics of Extraction
Kevin Thomas, University of Florida

Discussant
Mo Gasmi, Princeton University

4400

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Compass Room

Governing Environmental Risk: Institutions, Inequality, and Resilience Across Policy Contexts

Environmental Politics & Policy/Environmental Politics and Policy

Chair

Suman Acharya, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

Participants

Who Benefits from Local Climate Adaptation? Policy Effectiveness, Social Inequality, and the Politics of LAPA Implementation in Nepal
Suman Acharya, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

From Qualitative to Quantitative Analysis: Lessons from case studies on Collaborative Governance Contexts
Jacopo Baggio, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

Administrative Backlog as a Governance Failure: Evidence from Nepal's Community Forestry
Dhiraj Bhatta, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

Governing a Conflict-Affected Commons: Human Security and Sustainable Resource Management in the Lake Chad Basin
Olusumbo Adeyemi, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

Governing Zoonotic Risk: Water-Based Surveillance and the Rural Biosurveillance Gap
Anna Jiang, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

The Long-tern Cognitive and Social Impacts of Lead poisoning in Inner-city Urban Communities
Anthony Rowson, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Discussants

Jacopo Baggio, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

Dhiraj Bhatta, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

Olusumbo Adeyemi, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

Anna Jiang, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA), University of Central Florida

4400

Technology, Trust, and Decision-making

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Glades

Public Administration

Chair
Patience Kajulo, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Participants

A Command Performance? How Different Forms of Government Performance Influence Trust in Civil Servants
Andrew Morelock, Marshall University

Mapping Public-Sector AI Harm: Risk Conditions and AI Functions Across Incident Repositories
Moonmoon Khanam, Auburn University
Marshia Mim, University of Alabama

When States Prioritize AI: Procurement and the Diffusion of Administrative Purpose
Kolbe Dumas, University of Houston

Implementing Policy When Institutions Lack Public Trust: Evidence from the Use of DNA Technologies
Andrew Whitford, University of Georgia
Jeff Yates, Binghamton University
Eunji Choung, University of Georgia

Appellatio Inanis: Empty Appeal in Institutional Redress Regimes and a Discipline-Agnostic Assay
Rachel Lynn Pittaluga, University of Central Florida/Valencia College

Discussant
Kyoung-cheol (Casey) Kim, University of Central Florida

4400

Immigration and Emigration

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Horizons East

Public Opinion

Participants

Colonialism and Contemporary Migration Beliefs in Europe
Zhai Gen Tan, University of California Santa Barbara
Sophia Tomany de Brito, University of California Santa Barbara
Maeve Li Oak, University of California Santa Barbara

Conscription experience and attitudes towards immigrants
Rebecca Wai, University of Notre Dame
Alexander Kustov, University of Notre Dame

Emigration Intentions among Young Americans
sefa secen, University of South Florida

Rooted Prejudices: Invasive Species and Immigration Attitudes
Madhavi Devasher, University of New Hampshire
Jen Spindel, University of New Hampshire

Who Deserves Protection? Personal Discrimination and Humanitarian Policy Beyond the Nation
Jain Choi, University of Florida

4400

State Contests: Governors, Senators, Attorneys General, and School Boards

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Horizons West

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants

Are We Still Irrelevant? Examining Competition in State Boards of Education Elections
Belinda Davis, Louisiana State University
Michael Henderson, Louisiana State University

Candidate Experience and Split-Ticket Voting in Gubernatorial Elections
Abida Sultana, University of Florida

A Genuine Two-Party State? Triangulation of Texas Politics in the 1960s to 1980s
Joel Campbell, Troy University

Legal Battles Against the President: Are State Attorneys General Rewarded in Primary Elections?
Hyein Yang, Vanderbilt University

Limited to the State: A Comparison of Electoral Behavior in Senate and Gubernatorial Primaries
Jason Byers, University of Connecticut
Aaron Hitefield, Mississippi State University

This panel focuses on elections below the presidency. Papers examine how candidate experience affects gubernatorial ticket splitting, candidate emergence in Senate and gubernatorial primaries, whether attorneys general gain from suing the president, competition in state board of education races, and Texas's transition to two-party competition.

4400

Paradoxes of Accountability and Policy

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Jasmine

Formal Theory

Chair
John W Patty, Emory University

Participants

Enforcement Agency
David Foster, Florida State University

Scapegoating
Ruth Holloway, University of Rochester

The Access-Harm Tradeoff: A Formal Dilemma for Algorithmic Governance
Elizabeth Maggie Penn, Emory
John W Patty, Emory University

The Persson Paradox: Emotion-Driven Accountability Destabilizes Climate Cooperation
Fengming Liu, University of Chicago
Mingyu Shu, Anhui University
Fengsheng Xu, Renmin University of China, School of Economics
Yanxin Zhang, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics

4400

The Attention Economy of Political Communication: Visibility, Messengers, and Engagement in Digital Media

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Palm

Media and Political Communication

Chair
Kisoo Kim, Vanderbilt University

Participants

From Fear to Banter? Humor and Audience Engagement with Violent Actors on Social Media
Toyosi Ajibade, University of Central Florida
Shalewa Babatayo, University of Central Florida

News, Memes, and Democratic Engagement on Social Media in India
Prateekshit Pandey, UC Santa Barbara
Shahana Sheikh, Yale University

Podcasting Misogyny? Hostile Sexism in the Joe Rogan Experience
Jesse Hessler Rhodes, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Emma Cooper, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The Attention Trap: How International Celebrity Intervention Displaces Policy Discourse in Protest Movements
Shreyas Meher, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Black Digital Influencers as the New Political Messengers: How Community Voices Compare to Traditional Journalism
Ananda Collins, Florida International University

Tweeting Is Cheap, Attention Is Scarce: The Congressional Visibility Hierarchy on Twitter/X
Daniel Cervantes, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussant
Agustin Prinetti, Rice University

4400

Civic Republicanism, Virtue, and the Common Good

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sabal

Political Theory

Chair
Allan Tellis, University of Texas at Tyler

Participants

A Civic Approach to General Social Friendship
Luna Zhang, Dartmouth College

Care, Service, and Sacrifice: Reimagining Dignity
Manu Samnotra, University of South Florida

Digital Dominium: A Neo-republican Approach to Data Insecurity
Dominick Van Cleve, UC Davis

Disaggregating the Common Good: A Framework for Analyzing Rival Conceptions
Jacob Williams, Princeton University

Liberalism and the Supreme Good
Brett Larson, Tulsa Community College

Discussant
Allan Tellis, University of Texas at Tyler

4400

CwC #6: Author-Meets-Critics : Avery Williams, Universal Tyranny: The Socratic Attack on Tyrannical Psychology (SUNY 2026)

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sawgrass

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Erik Dempsey, University of Texas at Austin

Participant
Universal Tyranny: The Socratic Attack on Tyrannical Psychology
Avery Williams, University of Wisconsin

Discussants
Emily Davis, Princeton
Robert Bartlett, Boston College
Dana Stauffer, University of Texas at Austin
Greg McBrayer, Miami University

An Author-Meets-Critics session discussing "Universal Tyranny: The Socratic Attack on Tyrannical Psychology" by Avery Williams.

4400

Presidents, Populism, and Democratic Erosion

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Sawyer Key

Latin American & Caribbean Politics/Latin American and Caribbean Politics

Participants
Fujimori's Takeover, Castillo's Downfall: A Comparative Analysis of the Peruvian Autogolpes
Corinne Nicole Lyons, The University of Alabama
How Brazil's Electoral Authority Became an Active Pillar Against Autocratization: Origin, Democratic Gains and Institutional Risks
Alejandro Gonzalez Ruiz, PhD in Political Science
Navigating Polarity's Pressures: The Impact of Great Power Competition on Latin American Populists
Natalie Ryan, Drexel University
Robert Portada, Kutztown University
Steve Lem, Kutztown University
Social Movements, Patron-Client Networks, and Populism in Latin America
Amy Lynch, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The Burden of Inaction: Measuring Executive Legislative Capacity in Latin America
Lucia Eugenia Abad, University of SALAMANCA

4400

Race, Identity and Political Attitudes

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Snowy Egret

Race and Ethnicity

Participants

Racial Discrimination, Identity Salience, and Group-Directed Political Responses
Josiah Van Egdom, Syracuse University

The Cross and The Republic: Comparing Identity Measures in Explaining Support for Political Violence
Alexandra Filindra, University of Illinois Chicago
Noah Blakemore Briggs, University of Illinois at Chicago

Understanding Indigeneity: Comparing Native Hawaiians and Native Americans in Political Identities, Preferences, and Issue Concerns
Pei-te Lien, UC Santa Barbara
Autumn L Lott, Duke University

Respectability Politics and the Restructuring of Panethnic Politics
Miranda Sullivan, University of Texas at Austin

Reconsidering the Immigratization of Welfare Attitudes: The Role of Party Identity and Intra-Party Heterogeneity
You-Chen Chen, University of Houston

4400

CwC #3: Election Administration, Public Attitudes, and Democratic Legitimacy

Saturday
12:30pm-1:50pm
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Martha Ellen Kropf, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Participants

Front End or Back End Burden: Public Values and State Legislative Electoral Policies
Mitchell Brown, Auburn University

Race, Ethnicity, and Support for Accessing the American Electoral Enterprise
Joseph Coll, Texas Tech University
Scott LaCombe, University of Missouri

Running Tally: Election Administration in National and State Party Platforms
Liz Stark, University of Pennsylvania

Nationalization, Local News, and Voter Confidence in Elections
Murat Abus, Arkansas State University
Cameron Wimpy, Arkansas State University

Discussants

Martha Ellen Kropf, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Matt Lamb, Texas Tech University

This is a panel discussing election administration, public attitudes, and democratic legitimacy.

4500

Political Psychology of Risk, Threat, and Violence

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Banyan

Political Psychology

Participants

Caught in 4K: Vicarious Punishment and the Inhibition of Public Risk-Taking
Bo McGregor, University of Delaware
Lindsay Hoffman, University of Delaware

Disentangling Gender and Policy Effects on Violence Against US Mayors
Lucas J Lothamer, University of Texas at Tyler
Martha C. Johnson, Northeastern University

Evaluating Americans' Perceptions of Global Catastrophic Risks
Kristyn Karl, Stevens Institute of Technology

Political Rage and Road Rage: The Relationship Between Elections, Psychological Distress, and Road Safety
Alan Simmons, University of Illinois Springfield
Mickey Edwards, University of Illinois Springfield
Hoon Oh, University of Illinois Springfield

Social Isolation, Political Polarization, and Support for Political Violence
Whitney Lauraine Court, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

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4500

Political Theory

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Blue Heron

Undergraduate Research

Chair
Raul Sanchez Urribarri, Stanford University

Participants

Lael Brainard at the Federal Reserve: Dissent, Deregulation, and the future of Financial Stability.
Alice Qiang, Tulane University

A Broken Contract?: Social Contract Theory, Antimonopoly, and the New American Economy
Sandra Ukah, University of Florida

Pacted or Ruptured: The Impact of Transition Type on Future Democratic Quality and Stability
Juliet Wesley Kaufman, San Francisco State University

Comrade Vanya: Revolutionary Culture and the Persistence of Tradition in Soviet Socialist Realism
Patch Hearn, Georgia Southern University
Christopher M. Brown, Georgia Southern University

Red Monday: Reassessing the Warren Court's Multifaceted Response to Communism
Audrey Grutzik, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Rawls on the Status of Future Citizens
Michael Moeny, University of Central Florida

Discussant
Raul Sanchez Urribarri, Stanford University

4500

Terrorism and the Political Economy of Violence

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Chart Room

International Conflict and Security

Chair
Defne Acun, University of Missouri-Columbia

Participants

Arming the blind Leviathan: Military aid, state capacity, and human rights
Andrew Boutton, University of Central Florida

Do Educational Outcomes Mediate the Relationship Between Mining Intensity and Domestic Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa? A Cross-National Analysis.
Orlandrew E Danzell, James Madison University

Escalating Extremism: How Expanding FTO Designations and Coercive Responses Intensify Transnational Violent Extremist Threats in an Era of Strategic Competition
stacey Erin Pollard, National Defense University - National Intelligence College

Managing Regime Complexity in Counterterrorism: Ghana's Balancing of Domestic, Regional, and Global Security Frameworks.
Dennis Larbi Mpere, University of Central Florida
Doris Senyah Afriyie, Ohio University

The role of state capacity in regarding the relationship between resource extraction and violence
Lina Maria Garcia Arrieta, University of Arkansas
Eric D Button, University of Arkansas

Discussant
Mintaek Hong, Sogang University

4500

Democracy and Institutions

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Citrus

Religion and Politics

Chair
Tonia Toufic Attie, American University

Participants

Allegory of the Shepherd: Religious Rhetoric and Democratic Decline
Tonia Toufic Attie, American University

Ideology, Religious-Secular Competition and Political Parties
Nikola Mirilovic, University of Central Florida

Incidental and Particular: Recognition of Religious Rights in the United States and Israel
Brendan Jacob Szendro, Barry University

Religious Leaders and Distributive Politics in Postwar Italy
Massimo Troncone, NYU

Sufi Ethics and African American Political Engagement
A. Hannibal Hamdallahi, Fisk University

Discussant
Laura R. Olson, Texas Christian University

4500

Environmental Policies Across Time, Place, and Scale

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Compass Room

Environmental Politics & Policy/Environmental Politics and Policy

Chair
Aerang Nam, Korea Institute of Energy Technology

Participants

Development Without Demand? A Dual-Level Approach to Renewable Energy Development in South Korea
Yoonyoung Cho, Georgia State University

Low Carbon for the Short Term? Political Time Horizons and Incentives for Climate Policy
Johnathan James Guy, Georgia Institute of Technology

Policy Coherence for the United States Coasts
Jonathan Lewallen, University of Tampa
Samantha Ella Arbeit, The University of Tampa

Policy Image Shifts and Local EV Infrastructure Expansion: Explaining Policy Change in Coastal Georgia
Aerang Nam, Korea Institute of Energy Technology
Rabeya Khanom, Savannah State University

Comparing Governance Models in Water Infrastructure: Implications for Public Health, Reliability, and Sustainability
Jocelyn Ramirez, Mercer University

Discussants
Yoonyoung Cho, Georgia State University
Aerang Nam, Korea Institute of Energy Technology

4500

New Processes and Technological Change in the Public Sector

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Glades

Public Administration

Chair
Kolbe Dumas, University of Houston

Participants

An Examination of Operational Inefficiencies in State-Level e-Procurement Systems: Case Study of Maryland's e-Procurement System
Patience Kajulo, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Chul Hyun Park, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

At the Boundary of Delegation: Do Responsibility and Authority Reconcile in Human-AI Delegation?
Kyoung-cheol (Casey) Kim, University of Central Florida

Beyond the Scoreboard: Public Subsidies, Athletic Infrastructure, and Academic Spending
Leigh Nanney Hersey, University of Louisiana Monroe
Eleonora Franco, University of Louisiana Monroe

From AI Governance to Implementation: A Systematic Review of Bureaucratic Discretion and Sectoral Gaps
Moonmoon Khanam, Auburn University
sheikh parvez mahamud, Student

To Whom Are Civil Servants Loyal? Leadership, Objects of Loyalty, and Illiberal Administrative Behaviour
Adrian Ritz, University of Bern, Switzerland

Discussant
Andrew Whitford, University of Georgia

4500

Opinion About International Affairs

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Horizons East

Public Opinion

Participants

Leaders, Summits, and National Images: How South Korean and Japanese Citizens Evaluate Bilateral Relations
Ahlim Lee, Yonsei University

Made in China? Chinese Propaganda through Culture as Foreign Influence Operation and its Political Impacts in South Korea
Yongsu Cho, Texas A&M University

Structural Antecedents, Political Propaganda, and the Public Attention to Anti-Corruption News in China
Huan Zhang, Renmin University of China

4500

The State, Public Policy, and American Political Development

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Horizons West

American Political Development

Chair

Trellace Lawrimore, Brown University

Participants

Designed to Constrain: Reconsidering the 1990 Budget Agreement
Derek Bixler, University of Oklahoma

From Security to Securitization in U.S. State Development
Jeremy Strickler, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Path Dependency, Capacity, and the Development of Federal Litigation Enforcement
Paul Gardner, Queen's University

The American Left: Resurgent
Thomas Kolasa, Troy University

Wounded Trust: Vietnam Veterans and the Breakdown of Veterans' Institutions
Samuel Little, Boston College

Discussant

Roger P Abshire, Texas State University

4500

Technology, Industrial Policy, and Great-Power Competition

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Jasmine

Comparative and International Political Economy

Chair
Volkan Tibet Gur, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Participants

Announcement Is Not Capacity: The Realization Gap in Taiwan's AI Compute Stack and the Limits of Weaponized Interdependence, 2024 to 2026
Fang-Yi Huang, Soochow University

Competing to Deploy: US-South Korea-Japan Industrial Coordination in the Emerging SMR Market
Minhwa Jeong, Korea Foundation

How to Achieve AI Advancement: The Chinese Model and Its Limitations
Tianjing Liao, University of Tennessee

Technological Power and Great-Power Rivalry: Networked Interdependence and the U.S.–China Semiconductor Competition
Md Kishan Miah, University of South Florida

The Evolution of Economic Security Strategies in South Korea and Japan: A Comparative Analysis of the Semiconductor Industry
In Tae Yoo, George Washington University | Dankook University

The Openness-Security Dilemma: Does Research Security Undermine Technological Competitiveness?
Justin Canfil, Carnegie Mellon University

4500

CwC #4: Elites in Authoritarian Regimes

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Hanzhang Liu, Florida State University

Participants

The Nazi Party membership dataset
Holger Kern, FSU
Georg Vanberg, Duke University

Breaking the chains of autocracy: Military elite purging and civil-military relations in South Korea
Hongbi Choi, Texas A&M University

Command and loyalty: Political choices of authoritarian military elites in civil war
Linchuan Zhang, Emory

Discussant
Pearce Edwards, Texas Christian University

This panel discusses elites in authoritarian regimes.

4500

2028 Program Committee Meeting

Saturday
2:00pm-3:30pm
Royal Tern

Meetings

Participants

Jared McDonald, University of Mary Washington
Seth C. McKee, Oklahoma State University
Adam Myers, Providence College
Joel Sievert, Texas Tech University
Spencer Goidel, Auburn University
Patrick Flavin, Baylor University
William Hatungimana, University of Oregon
Haruka Nagao, University of Oregon
Frank Thames, Texas Tech University
Royce A Carroll, University of Houston
Pearce Edwards, Texas Christian University
Sally Joy Bonsall, University of Nebraska Omaha
Kristin Olofsson, Colorado State University
Kellen Kane, University of Texas
Rebecca Reid, University of Texas at El Paso
Heather Evans, University of Virginia Wise
Jesse Johnson, University of Texas
Stephen Nemeth, Oklahoma State University
David Hughes, University of Louisiana Lafayette
Luisa Turbino Torres, Florida Atlantic University
Christian Grose, University of Southern California
Kay Hales, Transylvania University
Davia Cox Downey, University of Memphis
Allison Archer, University of Houston
Brian Amos, Wichita State University
Andrew Ballard, Florida State University
Herschel Thomas, University of Texas
Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, University of South Florida St. Petersburg
Zachary Albert, Brandeis University
Robert Lupton, University of Connecticut
David Lay Williams, Depaul University
Terrence L Chapman, University of Texas
Scott Wolford, University of Texas
Robin Taboni, University of Texas
David Crockett, Trinity University
Curt Nichols, Baylor University
Suzanne Leland, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Elizabeth Simas, Texas A&M University
David Macdonald, University of Florida
Ernest McGowen, University of RIchmond
Brooklyn Walker, University of Tennessee
Joseph Coll, Texas Tech University
Holley Hansen, Oklahoma State University
R. Bruce Anderson, Florida Southern College
Maggie K Martin, SUNY Plattsburgh
Zoe Rapp, University of Mary Washington

4500

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sabal

Book Author Meets Critics: Michelle Belco's "The Administrative Presidency: Presidential Directives and Executive Policymaking"

Presidential and Executive Politics

Critics

Joshua Kennedy, Georgia Southern University
Karen M. Hult, Virginia Tech
Wilbur C. Rich, Wellesley College

Author

Michelle Helene Belco, University of Houston

4500

Florida Politics Roundtable

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sawgrass

State Politics

Chair
Aubrey Jewett, University of Central Florida

Discussants
Susan MacManus, University of South Florida
C.Bruce Anderson, Florida Southern College
Michael McDonald, University of Florida
Kathryn Depalo-Gould, Florida International University
Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University

This roundtable brings together 6 well-known experts on Florida politics to discuss the 2026 Florida election results and Florida's role in national politics. For about 24 years, until 2020, Florida was the most competitive battleground swing state. Since then, it has rapidly become a Republican state. With Florida Governor DeSantis leaving office and Florida "Man" President Donald Trump term limited, just how "Red" is the Sunshine State?

4500

Revolutions and Historical Legacies

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Sawyer Key

Comparative Political Institutions

Chair
Vu Khanh Luong, University of Florida

Participants
Opposition Capacity, Grievance Potential, and Recurrent Revolutionary Challenges
Md Maniruzzaman Mamun, University of Florida
Revolutionary Origins and the Institutional Hollowing of Democracy in Iran
Amir Mahdavi, University of Connecticut
The Restoration Paradox: Counterrevolutionary State-Building in the Vendee and White Russia
Vu Khanh Luong, University of Florida
Graded Control: The Architecture and Targets of Film Censorship in Fascist Italy, 1913–1943
Reda Tamtam, Princeton University
Historical Statehood and Contemporary Gender Inequality
Christoffer Cappelen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Charles Butcher, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Kari-Anne Helland Barland, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Drug Trafficking Organizations
Areona Jones, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Discussant
Alisa Gaunder, Southwestern University

4500

Gender, Race and Political Representation

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Snowy Egret

Race and Ethnicity

Participants

As Told by Themselves: The Experiences of Black Women in Elective Office
Sydney Carr-Glenn, College of the Holy Cross

Blue Velvet: The Weaponization of Sex Work in Policy
Claudette Medina, University of Colorado Boulder

Racial Authenticity: Measuring Perception-Based Candidate Identities
Ella Moenne-Loccoz, Brown University

Sorted by Stereotypes: Race and Gender in Congressional Committee Assignments
Iliya Liampert, Michigan State University

When Black Conservatives Run: Assessing the 2026 Gubernatorial Campaigns of Black Republicans
Sharon Austin, University of Florida

4500

CwC #3: The People Behind Election Administration

Saturday
2:00pm-3:20pm
Tarpon Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair

Chris Mann, Skidmore College

Participants

Who Wants a Bigger Role for Election Offices? Job Satisfaction, Career Pathways, and Election Officialsâ€™ Policy Preferences
Paul Manson, Portland State University
Ciarra McGlynn, Elections & Voting Information Center at Portland State University

Behind the ballot: Emotional labor and staff strain in election offices after the midterms
Christina Barsky, University of Vermont
Amanda D Clark, Florida International University

Preparing for Post-War Elections in Ukraine
Erik Herron, University of West Virginia

National Election Director Salary Study
Mary Jo McGowan, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Discussants

Chris Mann, Skidmore College
Kyle Yoder, Center for Election Innovation and Research

This is a panel discussing the people behind election administration.

4600

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Banyan

State Identity and Regionalism

State Politics

Chair
Eric Hansen, Loyola University Chicago

Participants

Crafted Political Talk: Gubernatorial Mentions of other States in State of the State Speeches
Frederick J. Boehmke, University of Iowa
Olive Kuester, University of Iowa
Julianna Pacheco, University of Iowa

Following the Lone Star: Imagination and Separation
Thomas R Brooks III, New Mexico Highlands University
Rhonda Balzarini, Texas State University
William Blake Erickson, Texas A&M University - San Antonio
Victor Hinojosa, Western Texas College
Alyssa R Jones, Tarleton State University
Alicia Machione, West Texas A&M University
Nicholas P Maxwell, Midwestern State University
Stephen Reysen, East Texas A&M University
Alannah Shelby Rivers, Texas Woman's University
Jeremy Shelton, Lamar University
Eric Stocks, University of Texas at Tyler

Secession Utopias: The ‘New Illinois’ State Separation Movement
Steven H Corey, Columbia College Chicago
Alexandra Filindra, University of Illinois Chicago

Political Dynasties in West Virginia; The Power Generation; Joe Manchin, Shelley Capito, and Others
CARL TAYLOR, Walsh University

Policy Opinion in the "American Nations"
Samuel Harper, University of Tampa
Jessica Arias-Saire, University of Tampa
Edward Berndt, University of Tampa
Dominic Condo, University of Tampa
Sydney Draeger, University of Tampa
Katrin-Deniz Natkha, University of Tampa

Discussants
Kevin K Banda, States United Democracy Center
John Cluverius, University of Massachusetts Lowell

This panel examines how geographic political identities shape contemporary state politics.

4600

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Blue Heron

The Psychology of Participation

Political Participation and Civic Engagement

Chair
Drew Cagle, College of Coastal Georgia

Participants
Grievance without Voice: Fiscal Visibility and the Conversion Problem of Accountability
Xiaohan Yu, Duke University
Meng Miao, Renmin University of China
Lingtian Bu, Renmin University of China
Knowing and Giving: Objective and Subjective Knowledge in Philanthropic Behavior
Gabel Taggart, University of Wyoming
Decentralized Institutions Promote Cooperation Better Than Centralized Ones
Chris Hale, University of Alabama
Alessandro Del Ponte, Chapman University
Bilingual Ballots and Political Choice: A Regression Discontinuity Approach
David Hendry, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The Dual Effects of Out-Party Animus: Mobilizing Participation While Reinforcing Gender Gaps in Ambition
Cynthia Ann West, Florida State University

Discussant
Drew Cagle, College of Coastal Georgia

4600

Gender, Family, Migration, and Life Chances

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Chart Room

Women, Gender, and Politics

Chair
Tammy Greer, Georgia State University

Participants

Foreign Brides, Local Hierarchies: Social Standing Threat and the Gendered Politics of Marriage Migration
Minhye Joo, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Jieun S. Park, Concordia College, Moorhead
Dahjin Kim, University of Notre Dame

How does intergenerational trauma shape the lived experiences and family dynamics of Black women?
Breyonne Harper, North Carolina A&T State University

Origin-Country Gender Norms and AI Vulnerability: Occupational Sorting of Immigrant Women in U.S. STEM
Jocelyn Zhao, The Harker School

Private Progress, Public Barriers: How Elite Messaging Impacts Household Investments in Female Human Capital in India
Anjali Thomas, Georgia Institute of Technology
Franziska Roscher, Georgia Institute of Technology
Charles Hankla, Georgia State University
Sayan Banerjee, Texas Tech University

Success Backlash: Professional Achievement and Women's Attitudes toward Refugees
Jieun S. Park, Concordia College, Moorhead

Discussant
Brian Turnbull, University of South Florida

4600

Comparative and International Political Theory

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Citrus

Political Theory

Chair
Mohsen Jalali, Midwestern State University

Participants

Beyond Civil, Political, and Social Rights: International Mobility and the Stratification of Citizenship
Ugur Altundal, Dartmouth College

"Constitutional Democracy at 76 : Revitalising Democratic ethos for a State in Making as Vikasit Bharat 2047"
Prof Tanuja Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi
Vaishali Bhandari, Researcher and Consultant , Department of Education, New York, USA

The Re-Constitution of Warfare
Alexis Carre, University of Texas at Austin

The Veil of New Beginning: False Consciousness, the State of Exception, and the Dialectic of Imperialism in Postcolonial Vietnam
Lam Nhat Nguyen, University of British Columbia

Who Becomes a Subject? Radical Democracy and Its Others in Postwar Japan
Shunsuke Tanaka, The University of Tokyo

Thymos Subverted: The Powell Memo, the Washington Consensus, and Iran's Foreign Policy of Recognition
Asif Siddiqui, MacEwan University

Discussant
Mohsen Jalali, Midwestern State University

4600

Public Responses to Environmental Governance: Assessing the Empirical Evidence

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Compass Room

Environmental Politics & Policy/Environmental Politics and Policy

Chair
Tatyana B Ruseva, Appalachian State University

Participants

Beyond Administration: Public Opinion as a Driver of Green Infrastructure Funding In The Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Farzana Zinnat, Auburn University

Bias Against Mobile Capital: Evidence from U.S. Environmental Enforcement
Jerry Min, Harvard University

Public Acceptance of Fuel Subsidy Removal: Experimental Evidence from the Global South
Taiwo Ayodeji Ahmed, University of Gothenburg

Reading Collaborative Governance: Public Literacy, Institutional Legibility, and Public Responses to Institutional Design
Dani McLaughlin, University of Kentucky
Yuhao Ba, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

The Evolution of Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Research: A Systematic Review and Bibliometric Analysis
Xiaodan Zhang, Auburn University

Discussant
Jun Li, College of Charleston

4600

Institutions and Behaviors: LGBTQ Rights and Their Effects

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Glades

LGBTQ Politics

Participants

Identity as a Resource? Assessing LGBTQ Group Consciousness and Political Participation in the United States
Nicholas D'Amico, Syracuse University

Impacts of the U.S. Sociopolitical Climate on Black LGBTQ+ Young People's Mental Health
Lindsay A. Taliaferro, University of Central Florida
Kiara L. Moore, New York University
Stephanie H. Cook, New York University
Jennifer J. Muehlenkamp, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Myeshia N. Price, Indiana University
Lisa Armstrong, University of Central Florida
Sarah A. Job, University of Central Florida
Robert D. Dvorak, University of Central Florida
Eric W. Schrimshaw, University of Central Florida

Somtimes Justice Really is Blind: The Surprising Lack of Relationship between Homonormativity and Judicial Outcomes
Rachel Janie O'Neal, Cottey College

4600

Class and Inequality: Policy & Race

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Horizons East

Class and Inequality

Chair
Scott Fitzgerald, UNC Charlotte

Participants
Entrapment Disguised as Help: How Discriminatory Housing Policies Drive the Incarceration of Black Americans
Brooklyn Maranda Pierre, Politcal Science Student
Highways Americas last line of segregation: Environmental Racism in the pavement
Charles Jay McCloud, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
The Adultification of Black Youth: The Criminalization of Youth Behavior and Educational Inequality
Karlene Gist, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
The Socioeconomic Impacts of Hard Drugs within Inner-City Communities
Darrin Christian Davis, North Carolina A&T State University
War On Drugs
Autumn Lindsey-Wright, North Carolina A&T

4600

The 2026 Midterms: Waves, Maps, and Presidential Influence

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Horizons West

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants
A Wave or a Ripple: Explaining the 2026 Midterm Elections
Alan Ira Abramowitz, Emory University
Did Gerrymandering or Immigration Enforcement Affect the Midterms of 2026? An Analysis of Turnout and Voting
Jeremy Douglas Mayer, George Mason University
Democrats Through a Mirror, Darkly: Variation in Voter Evaluations of Independent U.S. Senate Candidates
Jamie McClenaghan, Trinity College Dublin
Forecasting a President-Centered Midterm: Political Personalization and the Limits of Structural Models in the 2026 US Midterm Elections
Mohammad Hamza Iftikhar, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) - Pakistan
Louisiana v. Callais and the Realignment of Political Power in Louisiana
Pearson Cross, University of Louisiana at Monroe
Joshua Stockley, The University of Louisiana at Monroe

This panel looks at the forces shaping the 2026 midterm elections. Papers assess the size of the midterm wave, the effects of mid-decade redistricting and immigration enforcement, how well forecasting models handle a president-centered election, Louisiana's post-Callais remapping, and Democrats' strategy of backing independent Senate candidates.

4600

Trade Politics: Firms, Institutions, and Labor

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Jasmine

Comparative and International Political Economy

Chair
Shaarif Sameer, University of Utah

Participants

Does the Label Matter? Preferences toward Country-of-Origin Labeling in the United States
Nallely Valenzuela, UCLA

Electoral Institutions and Geographic Dispersion in Production Networks
Timm Betz, Washington University in St. Louis | LMU Munich
Paul Binder, LMU Munich
Jonas Geus, LMU Munich

Populism, Political Uncertainty, and Foreign Direct Investment: Sectoral Effects in OECD Economies
Cassio Furtado, Texas Tech University
David Lektzian, Texas Tech University

Regional Integration and Changing Trade Patterns in Eurasia after 2022
Ainur Kenzhetayeva, Harvard University

Worker Expectations, Trade, and Labor Institutions: Evidence from the Moroccan Garment Industry
Alessandro Guasti, ESADE
Matthew Amengual, University of Oxford
Gregory Distelhorst, Cornell University

Why Electoral Systems Increasingly Matter to How Much Governments Tax Capital and How Much the Economy Automates: A Study of 14 OECD Countries (1995-2022)
Jingjing Huo, University of Waterloo
Hui Feng, King's University College, Western University, Canada

Discussant
Laura Comini, University of Michigan

4600

CwC #4: Local Politics in Authoritarian Regimes

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Quintin Beazer, Florida State University

Participants

Conditional congregational costs: Sectarian geography and religious elite behavior under authoritarianism
Mostafa El Sharkawy, University of Michigan

Mayors as autocratic pawns
Albert Falco-Gimeo, Barcelona
Jaume Magre-Pont, NYU
Pau Vall-Prat, Barcelona

Municipalities and territorial reforms in the context of authoritarianism
Sabri Ciftci, Kansas State University
Murat Abus, Arkansas State University

Discussant
Noah Buckley, Trinity College Dublin

This is a panel discussing local politics in authoritarian regimes.

4600

Asian American Politics

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Palm

Race and Ethnicity

Participants

Between Identity and Policy: Determinants of Asian American Voting Behavior,2016-2024
Rufaida Aaneela, Texas Tech University

Desis For Office: Understanding South Asian American Candidates
Madhavi Devasher, University of New Hampshire
Tavishi Bhasin, Kennesaw State University

Interview Language and Measurement Bias in Asian American Public Opinion
Bang Q Zheng, Eastern Connecticut State Universirty

Race, Ethnicity, and Public Opinion on Foreign Policy Among Asian and Latine Americans
David B Ebner, Arizona State University

Racial Invisibility in American Public Opinion
Matt Tokeshi, Williams College

4600

Presidential Campaigns and Electoral Politics

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sabal

Presidential and Executive Politics

Chair

Mark Andrew Kelso, Queens University of Charlotte

Participants

Bias and Mischief in the Electoral College
Jon Bond, Texas A&M University
Gregory Koger, University of Miami

The Emergence of Winner-Take-All States in Presidential Elections
Gregory Koger, University of Miami

A Friend of Zion?: Donald Trump and Israel
Matthew Wilson, Southern Methodist University

Discussant

Patrick W Buhr, Vanderbilt University

4600

Causes & Consequences of Human Rights Abuse

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sawgrass

Human Rights

Chair
Ragnhild Nordaas, University of Michigan

Participants
International Food Prices and the Restriction of Political Freedoms
Ragnhild Nordaas, University of Michigan
Ida Rudolfsen, PRIO
Legitimizing Press Freedom Restrictions: Security, Legality, and Whataboutism
Deniz Aksoy, Washington University In St. Louis
Ruilin Lai, Washington University In St. Louis
Outsourcing Violence, Escalating Abuse: Pro-Government Militias and Rebel Human Rights Violations
Olusegun Nicholas Somide, University of Tennessee
The Long Arm of the Lawless: Personalized Dictatorship and Transnational Repression
Sean Paul Ashley, University of Maryland
Voter Repression and Dissent
Nicole Anderson, UGA

Discussant
Ragnhild Nordaas, University of Michigan

4600

State Institutions and Society in China

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Sawyer Key

Comparative Political Institutions

Chair
Ying Yang, Tulane University

Participants
Calibrating to the Center: How Central Priorities Shape Policy Attention in China's Two Sessions
Ying Yang, Tulane University
Making Local States Legible: Intra-State Legibility and Social Unrest in Contemporary China
Andy Jiayu Wang, Duke University
Vertical Pressure, Horizontal Politics: Environmental Accountability and Transboundary Pollution in China
Zhaoqing Li, Texas A&M University
When Incorporation Demobilizes: Local Citizenship, State Reach, and Migrant Labor in China
Zian Li, New York University
Hierarchical Institutional Trust and Compromise: The Gig Economy Networks of Chinese Food Delivery Riders Under an Authoritarian Regime
Boyang Zhang, The London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussant
Jessica Teets, Middlebury College

4600

Teaching Civil Rights in a Polarized America

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Snowy Egret

Race and Ethnicity

Chair
Mandi Bailey, Middle Tennessee State University

Discussants
Bryon D'Andra Orey, Jackson State University
Kesicia Dickinson, Morgan State University
Jasmine Jackson, Texas Christian University
Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Purdue University
Sharonda Woodford, Texas A&M Texarkana

This panel brings together American Politics scholars at varied career stages to discuss teaching civil rights-related material in highly polarized political environments. We will consider how to create spaces where students can engage with challenging topics, how to handle so-called "divisive concepts" as defined by evolving state laws, and how to navigate encroachments on academic freedom. What risks do faculty face in teaching these kinds of courses? Is there ever a time to call it quits? While the challenges are many, what opportunities arise when teaching content labeled as controversial in a polarized political environment?

4600

Reimagining the American Politics Classroom

Saturday
3:30pm-4:50pm
Tarpon Key

Teaching Political Science

Participants
Female Public Servant Exemplars in an American Politics Course
Beth Rosenson, University of Florida
From Institutions to Impact: Using Public Policy Analysis to Teach Introductory Government
Stevie Carter, Tarrant County College
Policy Impacts on Educational Decline: Analyzing How U.S. Education Policies Influence Student Reading and Test Performance
Ri'Yan Williamson, student
Teaching American Political Thought
Kevin Matti Kearns, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
The System Works: Teaching American Politics Through Storytelling, Music, and Systems Thinking
Kenneth Bryant, University of Texas at Tyler
Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story: Making the Founding More Interesting
Bobbi Gentry, Middle Georgia State University
Christopher Lawrence, Middle Georgia State University

This panel presents innovative approaches to teaching American politics, government, public policy, and political thought. Contributors consider the use of public-servant exemplars, policy analysis, storytelling, music, systems thinking, and engaging narratives about the American founding. Collectively, the papers show how instructors can make institutions, ideas, policies, and historical debates more accessible and relevant to today’s students.

4700

Backlash Politics: State Power and LGBTQ Rights

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Banyan

LGBTQ Politics

Participants

Coordinated Resistance after Democratic Erosion: The Defeat of Same-Sex Partnership Legislation in Hong Kong
Haohan Chen, University of Hong Kong
Kaidierdan Muzhapaer, The University of Hong Kong
Zhiyao Yan, The University of Hong Kong

Rights in Retreat? Democratic Backsliding, Populist Backlash, and LGBTQ+ Empowerment in Europe
Conor O'Dwyer, University of Florida
Anjali Sethi, University of Florida

Using Anti-LGBTQ Rhetoric for Political Mobilization
Kaley Edwards, University of Central Florida

Why LGBTQ Rights Matter to the New Right: the Post Liberal Challenge to Liberalism
Anne Caldwell, University of Louisville

4700

Workshop: Using AI as a Research Tool

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Blue Heron

Political Methodology

Chair
Benjamin James Radford, University of Pittsburgh

Participants

Accounting for AI Contamination in Survey Data
João Alipio-Correa, University of Pittsburgh
Benjamin James Radford, University of Pittsburgh
Yaoyao Dai, University of Pittsburgh

Beyond Classification: Evaluating LLM-Assisted Inductive Codebook Development
Privadevi McNamara, Purdue University
Hanna Sistek, Harvard University
Normand Péladeau, Provalis Research

Beyond Language
Adam Ménard, Université Laval

Deduplicating Event Reports in Multi-Source LLM Pipelines: Tradeoffs, Validation, and Lessons from A Protest Event Dataset
Elizabeth Parker-Magyar, Yale University
Mohamed Sabry Amer, Washington University in St Louis
Noah Darwich, Independent
Killian Clarke, Georgetown University

When Rulers Become the State: Computer Vision and Visual Politics under Democratic Backsliding
Cantay Caliskan, University of Rochester
Zhizhuang Chen, University of Rochester

4700

Political Science, Remixed: Pop Culture, Art, and the Undergraduate Classroom

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Chart Room

Teaching Political Science

Discussants

Jennifer Dumas, University of Louisiana Monroe
Courtney Harris, University of Louisiana Monroe
John Sutherlin, University of Louisiana Monroe

Pop culture references are pedagogical mainstays often helpful in engaging students with complex theories, frameworks, and concepts in an accessible and entertaining way. This roundtable explores a variety of ways to incorporate pop culture and the arts in the undergraduate Political Science classroom. As examples, we discuss use of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (TMNT) franchise to guide students through a number of major International Relations theories and concepts, from collective action to political violence. Further, the roundtable participants discuss the development of a classroom simulation based on concepts drawn from Andor, of the Star Wars universe, to illustrate political ethics concepts. Finally, undergraduate students often lack the technical understanding to comprehend environmental issues and subsequent environmental politics and regulations through policy. As such, using popular cultural references of music and film can often raise awareness and understanding of these complex issues. Whether older artists like Joni Mitchell or the Talking Heads (music) or more recent examples like Pinegrove, and contemporary films like Don't Look Up or documentaries like An Inconvenient Truth, popular culture has many opportunities to facilitate environmental learning. This roundtable seeks to provide useful and scalable classroom exercises and advance discourse among educators on the role of pop culture and the arts in higher education.

4700

Information, Repression, and Collective Action

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Citrus

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems

Chair

Chridtian Peter Welzel, Leuphana University

Participants

Does partisan cue-following predict misinformation susceptibility?
Wendy Marie Lawson, University of Tennessee

Do Repression Targets Condition Dissent? Experimental Evidence from Turkey
Enes Yapar, Vanderbilt University

Inference vs. Coordination: Newspapers, the Postal System, and Local Revolt in Late Qing China
Ying Chi, Duke University

Translating the Kremlin: Cross-Language Censorship in Russia's Presidential Speech Archive, 1999--2025
Daria Blinova, University of Delaware
Gayathr Emuru, University of Delaware
Rakesh Emuru, University of Delaware
Benjamin Bagozzi, University of Delaware

When Enough is Enough: Corruption, Brazenness, and Collective Action
Uriel Galace, Duke University

Discussant

Mayra Velez Serrano, University of Puerto Rico

4700

Climate Change and Resource Governance in the Global South

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Compass Room

Environmental Politics & Policy/Environmental Politics and Policy

Chair
Samuel Adam Wilkins, Appalachian State University

Participants

Climate Policy Preferences in Africa: Evidence on Policy Design and Cost Distribution
COSMOS Saviour ANSAH, Northern Arizona University

Climate Shocks and Indigenous Contentious Politics: A Subnational Comparison Across Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa
Samuel Adam Wilkins, Appalachian State University

Interrogating Migration/ Mobility in the underbelly of development: Case of Jhamar Kotra, Aravallis in India
Neha Singh, Independent Researcher

Loss and damage as ecological debt: the political economy of unequal exchange in climate-induced disasters
Amine Amar, Al Akhawayn University
Khalid Riffi Temsamani, Founding President Moroccan Biosafety Association

The Strength of Weak Ties in Commons Governance
Godfreyb Ssekajja, Grinnell College

Discussant
Tatyana B Ruseva, Appalachian State University

4700

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Glades

Local Governance, Fiscal Capacity, and Institutional Change

Local and Urban Politics

Chair
Brady Baybeck, Wayne State University

Participants

Autonomy, Fiscal Decentralization and County Expenditure Priorities: Understanding Developmental and Redistributive Policies across U.S. Counties
Nathaniel Nyarko-Debrah, Wayne State University
Brady Baybeck, Wayne State University

Does Experience Matter: A Study Examining the Relationship Between Professional Background and Mayoral Effectiveness
Alexander Stephen Marshall, Mercer University

From Path Dependency to Path Renewal: Local Governance and Institutional Change in Rural Resource Communities
Joshua Barrett, University of Prince Edward Island

Local Governance, Intergovernmental Relations, and Fiscal Capacity in U.S. Metropolitan Areas: A Comparative Analysis of Chicago, Washington DC, and Atlanta Using OLS, Logistic Regression, and Spatial Econometric Methods
Darry Powell-Young, Roosevelt University

Quality of Subnational Democracy in Poland and the US: Multilevel Perspective
Adam Szymański, University of Warsaw, University of Florida

Unwinding the bypass: what happens to the local government when populist delivery is withdrawn
Uki Chowdhury, Alumnus, Jadavpur University

Discussant
Zachary Spicer, York University

This panel examines how local governments respond to changing economic, political, and institutional environments. The papers explore the effects of fiscal decentralization, intergovernmental relations, leadership backgrounds, democratic quality, and institutional adaptation across diverse local contexts. Together, they address a central question in local politics: how much agency local actors retain in shaping governance outcomes despite structural constraints and broader political pressures.

4700

Class and Inequality: Participation & Public Opinion

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Horizons East

Class and Inequality

Chair
shaun krueger, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Participants
The political perspectives of the American precariat
Jack Garigliano, University of Central Florida
Structural Inequalities and Favoring of Policies: A Proposal for a New Method to Measure Inequality
Julia Hofbauer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill / University Bremen
Inequality at the Polls: Race, Political Efficacy, and Trust in Voter Turnout
shaun krueger, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
When Membership Matters: Union Local Activity in an Era of Union Decline
Daniel Little, University of Texas at Austin

4700

What Candidates Say: Issues, Attacks, and Appeals

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Horizons West

Campaigns & Elections/Campaigns and Elections

Participants
Issue Emphasis in Presidential Campaigns
Thomas Chamberlain, University of Pennsylvania
Naming the Opponent: Polling Deficits and Explicit Opponent Referencing in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Campaign
Li Ning, University of Houston
Stuff vs. People: Ideological Perceptions and Dimensions of Candidate Rhetoric
Amanda Loehrke, University of California, Davis
Max Welch, University of California, Davis
Christopher Hare, University of California, Davis
The Bullfighter Theory: How Losing the Argument Can Win the Election
Alec Ross Ewig, Columbia University
Whom do Candidates Speak to in campaign advertisements?
Will Horne, Clemson University
Nicole Kliewer, Villanova University

This panel examines the content and strategy of campaign rhetoric, drawing on stump speeches, social media posts, campaign websites, and television ads.

4700

Linking Interests and Institutions: Interest Groups and Legislative Staff in American Politics

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Jasmine

Political Parties & Interest Groups/Political Parties and Interest Groups

Chair
Thomas Holyoke, California State University, Fresno

Participants

Changing Yet Staying the Same: New Trends in Twenty Years of State Interest Group Data
Thomas Holyoke, California State University, Fresno

Black Employee Resource Groups and Corporate Political Activity
Ananya Hariharan, UCLA

In the Choir but Not Singing: Non-disclosure and the understatement of conservative bias in the interest-group system
TzuFeng Huang, Vanderbilt University

Educational Polarization in the Party Organizations: Elite Education among Democratic and Republican Staffers
Kal Munis, Montana State University
Zoe Nemerever, Montana State University
Robert Saldin, University of Montana

Upgrading Civic Capacity
Matt Grossmann, Michigan State University

4700

CwC #4: Democratic Backsliding and Resilience

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Long Key

Conference Within A Conference

Chair
Haley Allen, University of Central Florida

Participants

Foreign democratic erosion and domestic democratic resilience: Evidence from a multisite experiment
Ka Ming Chan, Newcastle University
Hsu Yumin Wang, National Tsing Hua University
Eddy Yeung, Oxford University

US retrenchment and global elections: Implications for contention
Daniela Donno, University of Oklahoma
Kelly Morrison, University of Tennessee Knoxville
Burcu Savun, Rutgers University

When middle class wealth undermines democracy
Connor Simon, University of California San Diego

Discussant
Isabelle DeSisto, Princeton

This is a panel discussing democratic backsliding and resiliance.

4700

Immigration and Responses

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Palm

Race and Ethnicity

Participants

Bomb or Be Bombed? Immigration and Domestic Right-Wing Terrorism in the United States
Ziwei Zhao, University of Houston

Constructing the Great Replacement on the Gram: Artificial Intelligence, Migration and Conspiracy Theories on Instagram
Joseph Downing, Aston University

Understanding Dynamics in the Expression of Xenophobia in Congress, 1966-2022
Jesse Hessler Rhodes, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Douglas Rice, UMass Amherst
Tatishe Nteta, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Who Counts as "Us"? Affective Polarization and the Boundaries of Immigrant Solidarity
You-Chen Chen, University of Houston
Anika Ibnat, University of Houston

When Candidates Defy the Party-Race Linkage: Counter-Stereotypic Candidacies and Immigration Attitudes
JeongKyu Suh, University of Houston

Do Federal Incentives Worsen Local Arrest Disparities?
Sidak Yntiso, University of Rochester

4700

The Unilateral Presidency and Public Policy

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sabal

Presidential and Executive Politics

Chair
Adam L. Warber, Clemson University

Participants

Marking Time: Presidential Setting of American Collective Memory Through Proclamations
Jacob R Straus, Congressional Research Service

Presidential Power and Proclamations: The Antiquities Act and the Creation of National Monuments (1906-2024)
Aaron Hitefield, Mississippi State University
Bi Zhao, Gonzaga University

Hitting the Ground Running in the First 100 Days: The Case of President Trump
Michelle Helene Belco, University of Houston
Joshua Kennedy, Georgia Southern University

State Attorneys General and Litigation: Do Legal Challenges Shape Public Opinion on Unilateralism?
Hyein Yang, Vanderbilt University

Discussant
Adam L. Warber, Clemson University

4700

Congress, the President, and the Politics of Agency Oversight

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sawgrass

Bureaucratic Politics

Chair
Brandy Kennedy, Georgia College and State University

Participants
McCarthy's List: Robert E. Lee, the Lee List, and the Politics of Congressional Investigations
Matthew Martin Dull, Virginia Tech
Beyond Ideology: Structural Exposure and Congressional Oversight
yao yao, University of Georgia
By Loyalty and Leverage: Presidential Influence at the Federal Reserve
Lucas Cain, University of Chicago

Discussant
Huchen Liu, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Why do some agencies draw persistent political scrutiny, and through what channels do elected officials try to shape what agencies do? The panel starts with the archival origins of a defining episode in congressional investigation. It then explains which agencies consistently attract oversight across five decades and closes with how presidents exert influence over the Federal Reserve, an agency that is nominally independent.

4700

Institutional Design and Bargaining

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Sawyer Key

Comparative Political Institutions

Chair
Sarah Hummel, Harvard University

Participants
Diagnosis and Design: How Interpretations of Interwar Failure Shaped Postwar Institutions in Japan and West Germany
Alisa Gaunder, Southwestern University
Sarah Wiliarty, Wesleyan University
Impossible Pardons: Constitutional Bargaining and Executive Accountability
Bryan Daves, Ameircan University
The Recursive Politics of Institutions
Onsel Gurel Bayrali, University of Montreal
Olga Shvetsova, SUNY Binghamton
When Participation Becomes State Power: Apex Participatory Oversight Branches and Democratic Accountability in Ecuador and Venezuela
Romulo Paul Troncozo, Tulane
Institutions, Choice, and Elite Preferences: The Role of Ethnic Kin Guarantors in Ethnically Divided Regions
Sarah Snowmann, Stetson University

Discussant
Martin Gandur, Texas Christian University

4700

State, Society, and Political Economy

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Snowy Egret

Latin American & Caribbean Politics/Latin American and Caribbean Politics

Participants

Early Transnationalization of Civil Society: The Flag of 'Porto-Rico'
Santos Rivera-Cardona, Rutgers University - New Brunswick

The Kids Aren't All Right: Student Mobilization in Chile and the Quest for a New Constitution
Leesa C Rasp, Harris-Stowe State University

The "Political" Managers: A Comparative Analysis of CEOs in the State-owned Oil Enterprises of Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia
Carlos Ricaurte, Florida International University

Universal Pensions across Political Transitions: Resource Revenues and Institutional Change in Bolivia
Suji Lee, Jeonbuk National University Institute of Spanish and Latin American Studies

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4700

Teaching Research Methods

Saturday
5:00pm-6:20pm
Tarpon Key

Teaching Political Science

Chairs

Elizabeth S Smith, Furman University
Svet Derderyan, University of Colorado

Discussants

Elizabeth S Smith, Furman University
Besir Ceka, Davidson
David Fleming, Furman University
Svet Derderyan, University of Colorado
Jaroslav Tir, University of Colorado Boulder

Research methods courses in political science are often met with trepidation by undergraduate students. In this roundtable, panelists will discuss how best to get students interested in and excited about such a course. The discussion will center on how to teach methods effectively. Panelists, who are contributors to the third edition of the acclaimed methods textbook, Political Science Research in Practice (Routledge Press), will explain how this book provides a kind of "backdoor" entry for students to get engaged in an important political question. Students then learn firsthand from the scholars who have tried to answer that question. Each of the panelists will share their own scholarly journey and what students can learn from these stories about choosing a question and using a particular research method to answer it. This roundtable will also provide plenty of time for others to share their best practices and challenges when teaching research methods.

4900

SPSA Saturday Night Party at Coconut Charlie’s

Saturday
7:00pm-9:00pm
Coconut Charlie's

Meetings

The SPSA Finale Event, taking place on the beach at Coconut Charlie's. This is a ticketed event; tickets are limited and can be purchased at Registration.