BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group

12th annual conference

University of Edinburgh, 21-22 September 2017

Programme

Conference location: Informatics Forum, 10 Crichton St., Edinburgh, EH8 9AB
Day 1: Thursday, 21 September 2017

09.15 - 10.15
Registration and refreshments
Ground floor atrium, Informatics Forum

10.15 - 11.30
Welcome and keynote lecture: ‘The world according to Trump, and does it matter?’
Steven Erlanger, London Bureau Chief, New York Times
Location: G07

11.45 - 13.00
Panel A: Power, presidents, and political practice: US foreign policy in Asia
Location: G07

Chair:
❖ Peter Hays Gries, University of Manchester

Speakers/papers:
❖ Benjamin Coulsen, University of Newcastle: ‘How to think about US-China policy under Donald Trump’
❖ Matteo Dian, University of Bologna: ‘Uncertainty and mixed signals: US-Japan and US-Korea alliances during the Trump administration’
❖ James Johnson, University of Leicester: ‘Chinese approaches to nuclear “warfighting”: A structural realist perspective on US-China relations and strategic stability in the Asia Pacific’
❖ Daniel Silva, University of Warwick: ‘The Sino-American relationship: Narratives and contestation practices’

Panel B: Obama, Oil and the Anglosphere: US foreign policy in the Middle East
Location: G07/A

Chair:
❖ Rosemary Hollis, City, University of London

Speakers/papers:
❖ Jack Holland, University of Leeds: ‘Selling war and peace: Syria and the Anglosphere’
❖ Ross Gildea, University of Oxford: ‘Public decisions to attack an autocracy: why oil matters’
❖ Ferdinand Arslanian, University of St. Andrews: ‘US policy towards Syria under Obama: A continuous re-calibrated “leading from behind” strategy’
❖ Steven Hurst, Manchester Metropolitan University: ‘Explaining foreign policy change: Obama and Iran’
13.00 – 13.45
Lunch
Ground floor atrium, Informatics Forum

13.45 – 15.00
Roundtable: US foreign policy in radical times(?)
Location: G07

Chair:
❖ Wali Aslam, University of Bath

Speakers:
❖ Leslie Vinjamuri, SOAS, University of London
❖ Steven Erlanger, New York Times
❖ Rosemary Hollis, City, University of London
❖ Inderjeet Parmar, City, University of London;

15.15 - 16.30
Roundtable A: From the domestic to the international: Trump’s emerging legacy
Location: G07

Chair:
❖ Paul Sharp, University of Minnesota Duluth

Speakers:
❖ Adam Quinn, University of Birmingham
❖ Andy Hom, University of Edinburgh
❖ Ryan Beasley, University of St. Andrews
❖ Scott Lucas, University of Birmingham
❖ Asaf Siniver, University of Birmingham

Panel B: Interventions and institutions for the protection of civilians in US post-Cold War foreign policies
Location: G07/A

Chair:
❖ Ben Coulson, University of Newcastle

Speakers/papers:
❖ Wali Aslam, University of Bath: ‘Counterterrorism and host states’ signing of peace agreements in drone-affected zones’
❖ Mattia Cacciatori, University of Bath: ‘Sending the wrong message? Mimetic theory encounters the international criminal court’
❖ Timo Kivimaki, University of Bath: ‘Discursive origins of military protection of civilians’
❖ Salla Huikuri, University of Bath: ‘Normative binding: The European Union, the United States, and the global battle on the institution of the International Criminal Court’
16.30 – 17.00
Refreshments
Ground floor atrium, Informatics Forum

17.15 – 19.30
Montague Burton lecture delivered by G. John Ikenberry: ‘The end of the liberal world order?’ (followed by drinks reception)
Location: University of Edinburgh Playfair Library, Old College, EH8 9YL

20.30
Conference dinner
Location: Howies Restaurant, 10-14 Victoria Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2HG
Day 2: Friday, 22 September 2017

9.30 - 10.45
Panel A: Historicising the Trump presidency: Foreign policy, militarism and rhetoric
Location: G07

Chair:
❖ Eugenio Lilli, University College Dublin

Speakers:
❖ David Ryan, University College Cork
❖ David Fitzgerald, University College Cork
❖ Sarah Thelen, University College Cork

Panel B: Markets, the military and multilateralism: Institutions and US foreign policy
Location: G07/A

Chair:
❖ James Johnson, University of Leicester

Speakers/papers:
❖ Kristen Hopewell, University of Edinburgh: ‘When market fundamentalism and industrial policy collide: The Tea Party and the US Export-Import Bank’
❖ Kaya Ayse, Swarthmore College: ‘New institutions in the multilateral economic order: Voice over exit’
❖ Vitor Fernandes, Universidade Lusiada de Lisboa: ‘Institutional isomorphism and the persistence of international order’
❖ Ollie Ballinger, University of Oxford: ‘A balanced approach: Foreign military sales and offshore balancing under the Obama Administration’

11.00 - 12.15
Roundtable: US foreign policy in radical times(?) II
Location: G07

Chair:
❖ Oliver Turner, University of Edinburgh

Speakers:
❖ John Ikenberry, Princeton University
❖ John Peterson, University of Edinburgh
❖ Julie Kaarbo, University of Edinburgh
❖ Michael Mastanduno, Dartmouth College
12.15 – 13.30
Lunch and AGM (see below)
Ground floor atrium, Informatics Forum

12.45 – 13.30
Working Group Annual General Meeting
Location: G07A

13.45 - 15.00
Panel A: Know your adversary: How do American leaders and public assess the intentions of foreign powers?
Location: G07

Chair:
❖ Juliet Kaarbo, University of Edinburgh

Speakers/papers:
❖ Peter Hays Gries, University of Manchester: ‘Manufacturing mis/trust: How media framings of great power relations today contribute to war and peace: An experimental analysis’
❖ Marcus Holmes, The College of William and Mary: ‘The Promise of micro-sociology for analysing interpersonal trust among leaders’
❖ George Yin, Dartmouth College: ‘Can you keep a secret? Reputation and secret diplomacy in world politics’

Panel B: US Middle East policy under President Trump: A break with the past?
Location: G07/A

Chair:
❖ Adam Quinn, University of Birmingham

Speakers/papers:
❖ Matthew Hill, Liverpool John Moores University: ‘Come in full force if you think you’re going to do this: Understanding Obama’s democracy promotion in post-Arab Spring Libya’
❖ Eugenio Lilli, University College Dublin: ‘The Trump presidency and the end of Wilsonianism: The resilience of democracy promotion in US foreign policy’
❖ Noemi Rocca, University of Coimbra: ‘The Trump administration in the post-Iran nuclear deal era: US foreign policy towards Iran in a changing Middle East context’
15.15 – 16.30
Panel A: US Foreign policy in a divided Europe
Location: G07

Chair:
❖ Luba Zatsepina-McCreadie, University of Edinburgh

Speakers/papers:
❖ George Moody, University of Sussex: 'Negotiating legitimacy in the divided West: Contrasting narratives of legitimacy on armed drone usage in the US, UK and EU'
❖ Andrezej Podraza, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin: ‘US policy towards Russia and the Ukrainian conflict: Towards a new Cold War?’
❖ Marwa Wasfy, Cairo University: ‘Liberal hegemony and multilateralism from Obama to Trump: Implications for the future of the transatlantic security community’
❖ Jiangtian Xu, University of East Anglia: ‘Should the US give the UK better treatment than EU after BREXIT? Game theory analysis on US-UK civil aviation relations after UK’s departure from both the EU and EU-US Open Skies Agreement’

Panel B: Religion, ethnicity and class: Conflict in US foreign policy
Location: G07/A

Chair:
❖ Kristen Hopewell, University of Edinburgh

Speakers/papers:
❖ Christopher Campbell, University of Glasgow: ‘A shining city upon a hill? The role of religion in American foreign policy in the Trump Era’
❖ David Hughes, University of Lincoln: ‘Plus ça change: US militarism and class conflict under the Trump administration’
❖ Benjamin Miller, University of Haifa: ‘Will Trumpism increase the danger of war in the international system? IR theory and the illiberal turn in world politics’
❖ Benjamin Gannon, University of Warwick: ‘From resistance to deference: Latino elite engagement with US foreign policy’
❖ Simon Payaslian, Boston University: ‘US foreign policy and an ethnic community: The case of the American-Armenian community during the Cold War’

16.30 Conference end