



## BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group

12<sup>th</sup> 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 Coulson, University of Newcastle: 'How to think about US-China policy under Donald Trump'
- ❖ Nicholas Kitchen, LSE: 'Preserving American power: Measurement and meaning in the US-China balance'
- ❖ 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(?) I

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 Lusíada 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 Zatssepina-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'
- ❖ Jiantian 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**