

PSA American Politics Group Call for Papers:

Masterclass with Professor Larry Jacobs on “President Trump and the End of Democracy?” on 8 November 2019, British Library, London

Early career scholars are invited to submit paper proposals on topics aligned with the APG/BAAS colloquium keynote address. A small number will be selected to form an innovative masterclass session in which the presenters will benefit from individual expert feedback by Professor Jacobs and discussion with the colloquium audience.

Thanks to the generosity of the Political Studies Association’s Pushing the Boundaries programme, we are able to cover panelists’ reasonable expenses, including UK travel, accommodation and the conference fee. We are able to subsidise air travel for non-UK panelists up to £100.

The APG colloquium is a one-day meeting devoted to the most recent events and developments in American politics. Featuring a list of international experts, the colloquium is aimed at students, academic staff and interested members of the general public.

This year’s keynote speaker, Professor Larry Jacobs, is the Walter F. and Joan Mondale Chair for Political Studies and Director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance in the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute and Department of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. He has published 14 books and numerous articles. He is one of the most prominent and decorated scholars of American politics, and this year a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, University of Oxford.

Professor Jacobs’ keynote address will ask whether President Trump is responsible for edging America closer to an “end of democracy” or if his actions are an extension of an institutional pattern of the presidency established by prior Congressional acquiescence and Democratic and Republican Chief Executives since the Second World War.

Much popular and scholarly attention has been directed at President Trump's violations of governing “norms” and the legal process, but it is possible that the

President's most significant—often unilateral—national security and foreign policy decisions capitalize on the rolling back of constitutional checks by Democratic and Republican elites in Washington. If so, President Trump's conduct would reflect not simply his unique personality and governing style but the erosion of Madisonian accountability well before 2017.

The American Politics Group invites young scholars to apply to present their views of Trump's presidency following Professor Jacobs's keynote and to join this vitally important and lively debate. Please email the chair of APG, Dr Andrew Wroe, at a.j.wroe@kent.ac.uk with expressions of interest and abstract by **30 September 2019**.

The colloquium is organized in co-operation with the British Association for American Studies and hosted by the Eccles Centre at the British Library in London