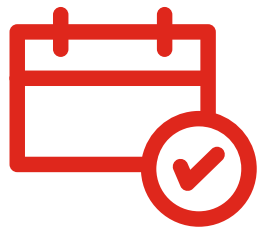




AS LEVEL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN TURBULENT TIMES CONFERENCE



3RD MARCH 2021
VIRTUAL MICROSOFT TEAMS
9.55AM – 1.00PM

AGENDA

9.55 School's Login

10.00 Welcome and Introduction to the School
Dr Muiris MacCarthaigh

10.15 Can the United States of America be governed?
Dr Chris Raymond

The business of government in the US has become more and more difficult to conduct in recent decades as increasing polarisation, tribalisation, and animosity stall the formal channels of policymaking. In this presentation, we will consider some of the informal workarounds and adaptations to these challenges, as well as some of the proposals for reform, and the constitutionality of these trends.

10.45 Political Power and Climate Change
Prof John Barry

This lecture explains Elitist, Pluralist and Marxist definitions of power, and examines whether such definitions of power are adequate for making sense of contemporary societies in general, and the politics of the climate crisis and how we respond to it, in particular.

11.15 Comfort Break

11.30 Interactive Quiz

11.45 Party Competition in Northern Ireland
Dr Peter McLoughlin

This lecture will focus on party competition between the two main parties, Sinn Féin and the DUP, considering whether they might be considered allies as much as adversaries, their having a symbiotic political relationship. It will also briefly look at the effects of this relationship for the UUP and SDLP, and the opportunities created for cross-community parties in a changing political environment.

12.15 The British Politics Process: the Balance of Power between Parliament and Government
Dr Elodie Fabre

This presentation will discuss the powers of Parliament under the Johnson government. Whereas the period of minority government under Theresa May's premiership placed Parliament's powers under the spotlight, the return to majority government has changed this relationship and reasserted the predominance of the Executive. This presentation will discuss what this means for Parliament and whether further reforms are needed to ensure Parliament can hold the government to account

12.45 Studying Politics at QUB
Dr Muiris MacCarthaigh

13.00 Close