Programme Overview

09:30-09:45  Welcome from the PSA & Queen’s University Belfast

09:45-10:45  Panel Session 1  
  i. European Union & Brexit  
  ii. Authoritarianism

11:00-12:00  Panel Session 2  
  iii. Political Theory  
  iv. International Political Economy and MENA Politics

12:15-13:15  Panel Session 3  
  v. British and Irish Politics  
  vi. Pandemic Politics

13:30-14:30  ‘So you’re studying Politics at University, what’s next?’ Careers Panel  
  Find out more on our panellists here.

14:45-15:45  Panel Session 4  
  vii. Political Communication, Social Media and the Cyber-Space  
  viii. Democratic Challenges

16:00-17:00  Panel Session 5  
  ix. Conflict and Peace  
  x. Climate Change

17:05-18:00  ‘This is what a real emergency looks like’ Professor John Barry  
  To complete our conference put your feet up with some snacks, drinks and listen to our keynote speech from Prof John Barry. Find out more here.

Presentation details can be found below.
i. European Union & Brexit

Chairied by June Hwang (Queen’s University Belfast)

E. Gentilini (London School of Economics), Failed Secessionist Attempts and Patterns of Support for the European Union.

A. Hacon (University of Nottingham), Why did the EU Implement Fiscal Integration Architecture in its Response to the 2020 Coronavirus Crisis, but not the 2008 Global Financial Crisis?

T. Frank (Carl Von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg), Losers of Modernisation or Culturally Threatened? A Comparison of Theories on the Election of Populist Radical Right Parties in the EU.

L. Jones (University of York), Churchill’s ‘3 Majestic Circles’ and Post-Brexit Foreign Policy.

ii. Authoritarianism

Chairied by Dale Pankhurst (Queen’s University Belfast)

V. Yian, A. Dhaliwal, N. Sekhon & N. Modhubonti (London School of Economics), Authoritarian Consolidation in Religious Diarchies: The Cases of Thailand, Iran and Argentina.

E. Boyle (University of St Andrews), Authoritarian Alignment: Turkey’s Changing Position in Post- Trump Politics.

J. Mawer (University of York), Uzbekistan’s Relationship with China has been more Permanent than the Uzbek Relationship with America.

A. Drobava (Queen Mary University London), Review of the Mass Protests in Belarus after the Re-Election of Lukashenko Based on Rosa Luxemburg’s Theories.

iii. Political Theory

Chairied by James Weinberg (University of Sheffield)


M. Lubczynskyj (University of Liverpool), Decolonising the Politics Curriculum at the University of Liverpool.

D. Okumbor (University of Glasgow), Corruption as a Determinant of Political Participation: A Quantitative Analysis on the Relationship Between Corruption and Participation.

iv. International Political Economy and MENA Politics

Chairied by Thomas Ron (University of York)
L. Rodriguez Pedroso (SOAS, University of London), *Studying the Politics of the World Economy: An Elegy to what was and a Jubilee to What Could Be.*


S. Satouri (University of St Andrews), *The Role of Political Islam in Explaining the Diverging Paths of Tunisia and Egypt During the Arab Spring.*

**v. British and Irish Politics**

*Chaired by Frances Neilson (Queen’s University Belfast)*

D. Wright-Mason (University of York), *What’s Left? How Corbyn Changed British Politics.*

B. Moylan (University of Limerick), *Explaining the Absence of Successful Populist Radical Right Parties in Ireland.*

L. Metson (London School of Economics), *Examining Regional-Focus in UK Parliamentary Speech: Electoral Vulnerability and Regional Representation.*

P. H. Wong (Hong Kong Baptist University), *Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland after Brexit.*

**vi. Pandemic Politics**

*Chaired by Thomas Ron (University of York)*


A. Meredith (University of York), *Covid-19 and Populism: To what Extent has the US Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic Shown the Weakness in Populist Leadership?*

C. Robinson (University of York), *How have Attitudes Changed in Relation to Poverty that have Allowed Levels of Food Poverty in the UK in 2021?*

**vii. Political Communication, Social Media and the Cyber Space**

*Chaired by Darren Litter (Queen’s University Belfast)*

E. Fauz (University of Leeds), *Trump’s Twitter: A Coronavirus Response.*

A. Thomin (Tilbury University), *Memes in Representation of Right-Wing Narratives: German Case.*

J. Galbraith (University of Dundee), *Politics in Transition: Societal Divisions, The Cyber Sphere and New Media.*
E. Zaidman (Potsdam University), *Modernisation of Hatred: A Comparative Analysis of Antisemitic Political Communication Strategies in the Countries of Western and Eastern Europe.*

**viii. Democratic Challenges**

*Chaired by Lawrence McKay (University of Southampton)*

S. Moseley (University of York), *Democratic Backsliding.*

S. Barrett (University of Kent), *Is Democracy Dying? Assessing Indicators of Democratic Decline in Advanced Western Polities.*

Z. Oremusova (University of Essex), *Is Democracy in Decline?*

G. Cooper (University of York), *Has Partisanship Increased in the United States Under the Trump Presidency?*

**ix. Conflict and Peace**

*Chaired by Oliver Donnelly (Queen’s University Belfast)*

L. Leykun (University of Essex), *The Consequences of Ethnic Federalism and its Contributions Towards the Incitement of Ethnic-Based Violence. A Case Study on the Recent Events of Ethiopia.*


Z. Wollenschlaeger (Towson University), *Petro-Capitalism, Neoliberalism, and International Terrorism: The Case of the Syrian Civil War.*

E. Handy (University of St Andrews), *A New Dawn in the Middle East? The Normalisation of Relations Between Israel and Arab States.*

**x. Climate Change and Environmental Politics**

*Chaired by Muiris MacCarthaigh (Queen’s University Belfast)*

R. MacPherson (University of Sheffield), *Making the Impossible, Possible: How Covid-19 Shattered the Overton Window on Climate Change.*

A. Dwyer (University of Manchester), *How has Climate Change Impacted Formal and Practical Geopolitics in the Last Century?*


L. Haag (University of York), *Climate Change Denial and Populist Tendencies within Government: A Comparative Enquiry into Green Policies of the USA and Germany.*