

USA: Discourse and the political and economic geography in a Trump era



Student conference

Faculty and students engaged in this seminar invite the public to attend the open student conference. The seminar introduces BA and MA students to current discourse(s) connected to the political and economic geography of the US in the Trump era.

We utilize a critical discourse and critical geography analysis in order to understand contemporary underlying trends and reasons for Trump's election. Leading experts from the US partake via skype conversations during the conference.

Seminar held by

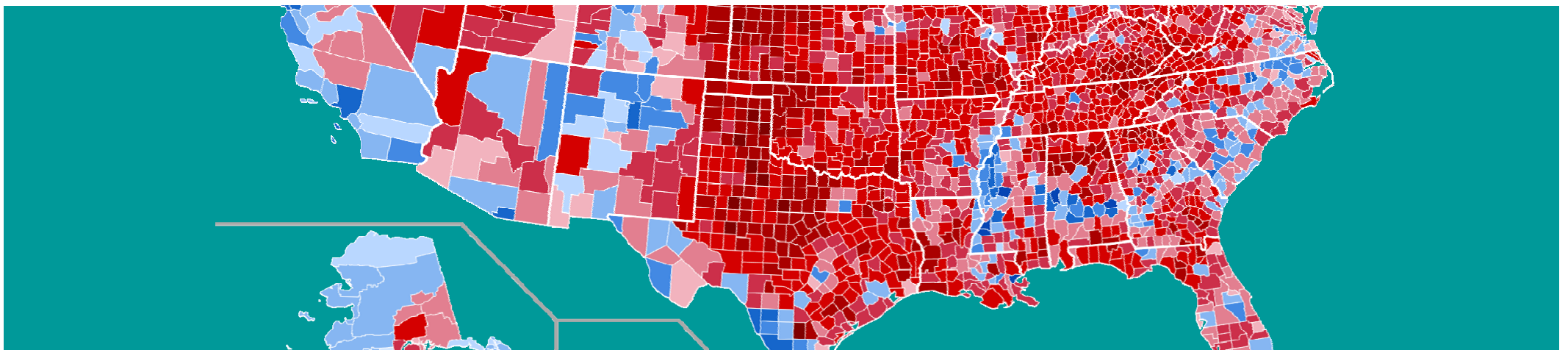
Heike Mayer, Unit Economic Geography, Institute of Geography, University of Bern, Switzerland

Kellie Gonçalves, Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan, University of Oslo, Norway

Where & when

Friday, May 19th, 2017 → Room F123, Uni Tobler, 9-5 pm

Saturday, May 20th, 2017 → Room A126, UniS, 9-4 pm



Friday May 19th Room F123, Uni Tobler

- 09:00 Welcome, coffee & poster session
- 09:45 "America First" - True?
Laavanya Amirthalingam, Ramona Schürch
- 10:15 Trump, Clinton & Globalization
Lena Joos, Adeline Chardonnens, Nuria Alva
- 10:45 Hillary Clinton - Did she make him president?
Manuel Henzi, Julius Wiebecke
- 11:30 Skype session with invited speaker:
Prof. Dr. Jessie Richardson (College of Law, West Virginia University)
- 12:15 LUNCH (on your own)
- 13:45 Populism
Flavia Polli, Terry Classen
- 14:15 Countermovements (artists, political groups, etc.)
Mirjam Bühler, Nina Hänni
- 15:00 Trump in the Media: A Critical Discourse Analytic Approach
Christoph Neuenschwander (English Department, University of Bern)
- 16:00 Skype session with invited speaker
Prof. Dr. Shonna Trinch (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY)
- 16:30 Skype session with invited speaker & final discussion
Jen Kassakian (Senior Associate, Industrial Economics, Inc. (IEc))

Saturday May 20th Room A126, UniS

- 09:00 Coffee & poster session
- 10:00 How Trump tackles climate change?
Marc Steinemann, Kyana Lawrence, Caroline Brönnimann
- 10:30 Trump and the role of religion
Marlies Schneider, Sonja Bürgi
- 10:30 Trump and Putin/Russia
David Streiff, Samuel Winkler
- 11:00 Trump, Ties and Suits
Silvan Steiger, Samuel Wirth, Linus Fässler
- 11:30 The Commodification of Trump
Dr. Kellie Gonçalves (Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan, Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo)
- 12:00 LUNCH (on your own)
- 13:30 Skype session with invited speaker (TBA)
- 14:15 Skype session with invited speaker (TBA)
- 14:30 Plenary discussion
- 15:00 Wrapping up & good-bye

