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Annual Meeting of the Political Science Section of the German Society for American Studies

Transformation of Democracy:
Mobilisation, Representation and Responsivness

15. – 17. November 2017
Nikolakloster, Room (NK) 403
Innstraße 40
University of Passau
**Day 1 – Thursday, November 15th, 2018**

04:00pm

Welcome & Opening Keynote Address

“The 2018 Election: The People Have Spoken. What Did They Say?”

Kerry L Haynie (Duke University)

06:00pm

Keynote Address II

“Rethinking Presidential Greatness in the Age of Trump”

Justin Vaughn (Boise State University)

07:45pm Dinner

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**Day 2 – Friday, November 16th, 2018**

10:00am – 12:00pm Panel 1

**A Crisis of Democracy, a constitutional crisis or business as usual?**

Chair: Michael Dreyer

- Christian Lammert / Boris Vormann – Inequality, Responsiveness, and the Viability of Democratic Rule
- Betsy Leimbigler – Transforming democracy and partisanship: globalization and its counter-movements in the U.S.
- Jörg Hebenstreit – Transformation of Democracy Oligarchizing Tendencies, Responsiveness, Inequality and Elitist Tendencies
- Jack Thompson – Why U.S. Support for the Liberal World Order is Under Threat

12:00pm – 01:30pm Lunch Break

01:30pm – 03:30pm Panel 2

**Threats to Democracy**

Chair: Christian Lammert

- Curd Knüpfer – The other Breitbarts: Exploring the Populist Right Wing’s Digital News Environment in the US
- Natalie Rauscher – Future unknown: How Digital Technologies and the ‘Future of Work’ are Unsettling America
- Mike Cowburn – America’s Four-Party System: Party Fragmentation & The Transformation of the Primary
- Philipp Adorf – From Red vs. Blue to Black vs. White: How the Demographic Transformation of the United States has Shaped Partisan Majorities and will Transform its Democracy

03:30pm Guided City Tour

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12:15pm Farewell & Business Meeting

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**Day 3 – Saturday, November 17th, 2018**

09:00am – 10:30am Panel 3

**Changes in Institutions and Policy**

Chair: Michael Oswald

- Michael Dreyer – The Supreme Court: Shifting Majorities
- Patrick Horst – The Politics of Removal: When a President Will Be Impeached – and When Not
- Ana-Constantina Frost – Central American Advocacy in Response to the Revocation of TPS

10:30am – 10:45am Coffee Break

10:45am – 12:15pm Panel 4

**Implications of the Ongoing Elite and Mass Polarization**

Chair: Patrick Horst

- Maren Anne Schäfer – Framing “Them” – The Influence of Contemporary Populist Framing on the Anti-Authority Attitude in the United States
- Guido Rohmann – Geographies of Discontent
- Sebastian Dregger – The US Supreme Court: Source of or Barrier to Polarization?

12:15pm Farewell & Business Meeting