

**Global Leadership Crisis, Rising Inequalities, and Culture Wars:  
Contestations of the Liberal Script in the US**

**Online Workshop, 14-15 October 2021**

**Oct. 14**

3pm Berlin/7am Wyoming  
Welcome Remarks

3.15 pm/7.15 am – 5.30 pm/9.30 am

**Panel 1: “What is Liberal?” Understanding American liberalism and its resilience**

- Jan-Werner Müller: How Liberal is American Liberalism?
  - Friederike Kuntz & Tully Rector (SCRIPTS): Masterminds of American Contestations Right and Left
  - Peter Parolin (UWYO): Capacious Liberalism: Plays by Shakespeare and Its Reception in the US
  - Lora Viola (FU Berlin): The Illiberalism of America’s Liberal Internationalism
- Discussants: Tanja Börzel and Jean Garrison

6 pm/10 am – 8 pm/12 noon

**Panel 2: Is American populism ‘exceptional’? Global and historical comparisons**

- Hans-Jürgen Puhle (Uni Frankfurt): Varieties of North American populism: Exceptional, Mainstream, or Model?
- Marcia Pally (NYU): Why is Populism Persuasive? A culturally situated case study of American populism, left and right, and the role of evangelicals
- Nathan Jessen (University of Maryland): Populist Ambivalence: Freedom, Antagonism, and the Power of the State in America

Discussants: Thomas Risse and Stephanie Anderson

**Oct. 15**

3 pm/7 am – 5 pm/9 am

**Panel 3: Contemporary Contestations of Liberalism in the US: Populism and Beyond**

- Andrew Garner (UWYO): Contestation of Liberalism and Polarization in US Politics
- Omar Ali (University of North Carolina), Black Populism Organized and Expressed: From the Post-Reconstruction South to Black Lives Matter, U.S.A.
- Robert Benson (SCRIPTS): From Trump to Sanders: The Paranoid Style Revisited

Discussants: Tanja Börzel and Jean Garrison

5.30 pm/9.30 am – 6.45 pm/10.45 am

**Retrenchment from global leadership? Contestations of U.S. foreign policy**

- Tanja A. Börzel/Thomas Risse (SCRIPTS): The Liberal International Order, the US and Europe: Still Cooperation Among Democracies?

- Stephanie Anderson/Jean Garrison (UWYO): Donald Trump in Perspective: Continuity and Change in U.S. Perspectives toward the Liberal World Order  
Discussants: Friederike Kuntz and Andrew Garner

7.15 pm/11.15pm – 8.30 pm/12.30 pm

- Ana Covarrubias/Maria Celia Toro (El Colegio di Mexico): Immigration in US-Mexico Relations: Do Human Rights Matter?
- Tom Seitz (UWYO): Ceding the Field? Retrenchment of US Democracy Promotion in the Face of Increasing, Illiberal Competition  
Discussants: Thomas Risse and Stephanie Anderson

8.45 pm/12.45 pm – 9.30 pm/1.30 pm

**Concluding Discussion and Next Steps**