

Politics to the Extreme: American Political Institutions in the 21st Century

October 15-16, 2012
California State University Channel Islands
All Sessions in Grand Salon

DAY ONE

| | <i>Author</i> | <i>Practitioner Discussant</i> | <i>Academic Discussant</i> | <i>Paper title</i> |
|-------------|---|--|---|--|
| 9:00-9:50 | Sean Theriault <i>University of Texas</i> | | Morris Fiorina <i>Stanford University</i> | The Gingrich Senators, the Tea Party Senators, and Their Effect on the U.S. Senate |
| 10:00-10:50 | David Parker <i>Montana State University</i> | Michael Willis <i>Marlowe & Company</i> | Christian Grose <i>University of Southern California</i> | The 'Weaponization' of Congressional Oversight |
| 11:00-11:50 | Lawrence Dodd & Scot Schraufnagel <i>University of Florida & Northern Illinois University</i> | Howard Marlowe <i>Marlowe & Company</i> | Thomas Brunell <i>University of Texas, Dallas</i> | Party Polarization, Member Incivility, and Legislative Productivity: A Two-Dimensional Perspective on Conflict and Moderation in Congress |
| 12:00-1:15 | Conference Participant Lunch (by invitation) | | | |
| 1:30-2:30 | Douglas Harris <i>Loyola University of Maryland</i> | Carl Cannon * <i>RealClearPolitics</i> | Lawrence Becker <i>CSU Northridge</i> | Let's Play Hardball: Congressional Partisanship in the Television Era |
| 2:30-3:00 | Coffee Break | | | |
| 3:00-3:50 | José Marichal <i>California Lutheran University</i> | Darry A. Sragow <i>DNR Denton</i> | Sarah Anderson <i>University of California Santa Barbara</i> | Profile Politics: Examining Polarization through Congressional Member Facebook Pages |
| 4:00-4:50 | Lara Brown <i>Villanova University</i> | Les Francis <i>Washington Media Group</i> | Chris den Hartog <i>Cal Poly San Luis Obispo</i> | Necessary and Damaging: Presidential Base Electoral Strategies and Partisan Polarization |
| 4:50-6:00 | Break | | | |
| 6:00-7:30 | <i>Keynote: Thomas Mann (Brookings Institution) and Norman Ornstein (American Enterprise Institute)</i> | <i>It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism</i> | | |
| 8:00-10:00 | Conference Participant Dinner (by invitation) | | | |

DAY TWO

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| 9:00-9:50 | Kevin McMahon <i>Trinity University</i> | | | A Polarizing Supreme Court? Judicial Decisions in a Red/Blue America |
| 10:00-10:50 | Frank Mackaman <i>Dirksen Congressional Center</i> | Thomas Mann <i>Brookings Institution</i> | | Growing Apart: ‘Civilista’ Attempts to Bridge the Partisan Rift |
| | | Norman Ornstein <i>American Enterprise Institute</i> | | |
| 11:00-11:50 | Seth Masket <i>University of Denver</i> | Timm Herdt <i>Sacramento Bureau Chief, <u>Ventura County Star</u></i> | | Can Polarization be Mitigated? California’s Experiment with the Top-Two Primary |
| | | Joe Mathews <i>New America Foundation</i> | | |
| 12:00-1:15 | Mickey Edwards <i>Aspen Institute</i> | <i>The Parties Against the People: How to Turn Democrats and Republicans into Americans</i> | | |
| 1:15-2:30 | Concluding Lunch (by invitation) | | | |