

# Politics to the Extreme: American Political Institutions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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All Sessions in Grand Salon

## DAY ONE

	<i>Author</i>	<i>Practitioner Discussant</i>	<i>Academic Discussant</i>	<i>Paper title</i>
8:15-8:50	<b>Welcome</b> President Richard Rush, <i>CSU Channel Islands</i> Sean Kelly, <i>CSU Channel Islands</i>			
9:00-9:50	<b>Sean Theriault</b> <i>University of Texas</i>	Brian Newman <i>Pepperdine University</i>  Jennifer Merolla <i>Claremont Graduate Univ.</i>		<b>The Gingrich Senators, the Tea Party Senators, and Their Effect on the U.S. Senate</b>
10:00-10:50	<b>David Parker</b> <i>Montana State University</i>	Michael Willis <i>Alden Street Consulting</i>	Christian Grose <i>University of Southern California</i>	<b>The ‘Weaponization’ of Congressional Oversight</b>
11:00-11:50	<b>Lawrence Dodd &amp; Scot Schraufnagel</b> <i>University of Florida &amp; Northern Illinois University</i>	Howard Marlowe <i>Marlowe &amp; Company</i>	Thomas Brunell <i>University of Texas, Dallas</i>	<b>Party Polarization, Member Incivility, and Legislative Productivity: A Two-Dimensional Perspective on Conflict and Moderation in Congress</b>
12:00-1.15	<b>Conference Participant Lunch (by invitation)</b>			
1.30-2.30	<b>Douglas Harris</b> <i>Loyola University of Maryland</i>	Les Francis <i>Washington Media Group</i>	Lawrence Becker <i>CSU Northridge</i>	<b>Let’s Play Hardball: Congressional Partisanship in the Television Era</b>
2.30-3.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>			
3:00-3:50	<b>José Marichal</b> <i>California Lutheran University</i>	Darry A. Sragow <i>DNR Denton</i>	Sarah Anderson <i>University of California Santa Barbara</i>	<b>Profile Politics: Examining Polarization through Congressional Member Facebook Pages</b>
4:00-4:50	<b>Lara Brown</b> <i>Villanova University</i>	Les Francis <i>Washington Media Group</i>	Chris den Hartog <i>Cal Poly San Luis Obispo</i>	<b>Necessary and Damaging: Presidential Base Electoral Strategies and Partisan Polarization</b>
4:50-6:00	<b>Break</b>			
6:00-7:30	<i>Keynote: Thomas Mann (Brookings Institution) and Norman Ornstein (American Enterprise Institute)</i>  Moderator: Lou Cannon	<i>It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism</i> Book signing to follow.		
8:00	<b>Conference Participant Dinner (by invitation)</b>			

## DAY TWO

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