PROGRAMME

REGISTRATION | 10.40 – 11.00
Arts One Foyer

WELCOME | 11.00 – 11.15
Arts One Lecture Theatre

LECTURE | 11.15 – 12.00
Is Trump a Conservative?
Prof Ray Kiely
Arts One Lecture Theatre

This session will address two questions: what is the nature of the Trump presidency, and what is conservatism? Some have argued that Trump is not a conservative but this partly depends on how conservatism is defined. So what is conservative about the Trump administration and what does this tell us about the meaning of conservatism?

LUNCH + MEET THE STUDENTS | 12.00 – 13.00
Arts One Foyer

TASTER SESSION 1 | 13.00 – 13.45

Why do we fear? A political sociological understanding of anxiety today
Prof Jef Huysmans
Arts One Lecture Theatre

Open a newspaper, an on-line newsfeed, or switch on a news programme and what do you see? A world full of dangers, insecurities, disasters ... Our times seem to be the right times to be really quite fearful. Yet, most of us are hardly ever seriously affected by these dangers. How do we then explain the grip fear seems to have on our societies and politics? And, what are social and political consequences of living in fear?

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The lecture introduces how fear is not simply an emotion we all feel at certain times but something that becomes part of us as a person and people as a result of cultural, social and political processes.

**COFFEE BREAK | 13.45 – 14.00**  
*Arts One Foyer*

**TASTER SESSION 2 | 14.00 – 14.45**  
*Britain’s Role in the World after Brexit*  
*Dr James Strong*  
*Arts One Lecture Theatre*

Having finally, painfully, left the EU, Britain now needs to find a new role for itself in the world. Doing so will be difficult. The roles states play depend on how they see themselves and on how other states see them. Britain remains heavily divided over the decision to leave the EU, and over what it can and should mean for its world role in future. Other states, meanwhile, largely agree that Brexit is a bad idea. Forging a new path in this context will be challenging, but Britain now has no choice but to try to make it work. In this session, we’ll talk about the social pressures underpinning Brexit, and the international social context in which Britain now finds itself, and how both are likely to shape its future role in international politics.

**CONCLUSION AND FEEDBACK | 14.45 – 15.00**  
*Arts One Lecture Theatre*

**CAMPUS TOUR (Optional)**