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FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
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IS ENSHRINED FOREVER

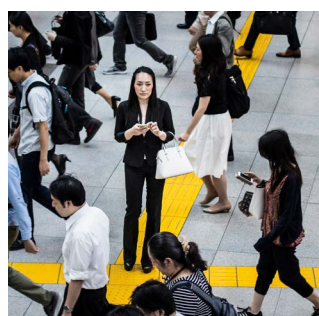
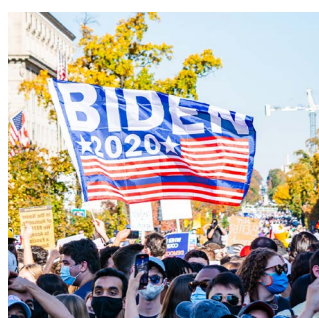


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Director's Message

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This year the United States Centre marked its fifth anniversary. It seems like only yesterday that we were opening our doors. Over the past five years, the Centre has gone from being a start-up offering a new outside-in approach to understanding America and its place in the world, to an established go-to source in London and beyond for expert international analysis and commentary about the United States.

When we launched in 2015, some worried that international interest in the United States was on the wane. If there is one thing the Centre has demonstrated over and over – through our well-attended public events, popular student research internships, active daily blog and podcast presence, and faculty-led seminars and workshops – it is that the demand for rigorous, clear-eyed and independent analysis of the US has never been greater.

From the start, the Centre has benefited from

the commitment of its world-leading faculty affiliates, the enthusiasm of its many student researchers from across the School, and the generous support of LSE alumni and friends. All have made it possible for us to develop and grow into a thriving research centre with deep connections across LSE.

We are especially pleased to mark our fifth anniversary by acknowledging the generous gift from the John and Amy Phelan Family Foundation to endow and name the US Centre. John has been a core supporter of the Centre from the beginning. This landmark philanthropic gift is a wonderful vote of confidence in the Centre and its future.

As Director, I have the pleasure of working alongside a team of talented and dedicated individuals who work day in and day out to make the Centre's promise a reality. Despite the challenges COVID-19 has presented, the team has continued to deliver on the Centre's core mission, finding new and innovative ways to drive forward our work through public lectures, faculty workshops and student internships.

Looking back over the past five years, there is much we can take pride in: our willingness to take up difficult, controversial subjects; our leadership in promoting faculty-student collaboration at the School; our commitment to civil discourse and diversity; our award-winning digital platform; and, last but not least, hosting over 120 speakers at LSE.

As we begin our next five years as the Phelan United States Centre at LSE, I want to thank everyone at the School – from faculty affiliates to professional staff and our colleagues in professional services divisions – who have helped make the Phelan US Centre the intellectually vibrant, inclusive community it is today.

Professor Peter Trubowitz

Director, Phelan United States Centre

About the Director

Peter Trubowitz is Professor of International Relations at LSE and Associate Fellow at Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs. His main teaching and research interests are in the fields of international security and foreign policy, with special focus on the United States. He has written widely about the ways domestic politics have shaped America's approach to the world since its founding, and about how geopolitics, globalisation and other international forces have influenced and shaped American political development and contemporary US politics.

Professor Trubowitz's scholarly publications include *Politics and Strategy: partisan ambition and American statecraft* (Princeton University Press) and the prize-winning *Defining the National Interest: conflict and change in American foreign policy* (University of Chicago Press), as well as articles in scholarly journals such as *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly* and *Perspectives on Politics* and more popular titles including *Foreign Affairs*, *International Affairs* and *The National Interest*.

An award-winning teacher, Professor Trubowitz has lectured on international affairs to universities worldwide as well as to government bodies, think tanks and private companies. A frequent television guest on major international media outlets such as Bloomberg, CNBC and BBC, he has undertaken research supported by grants and fellowships

from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the John M. Olin Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Social Science Research Council, among others.

Before joining the LSE, Professor Trubowitz was Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. He has also held visiting academic positions at Harvard University, Princeton University, the University of California at San Diego, Universidad de Chile, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City, and the Beijing Foreign Studies University, where he was the J. William Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer in American Foreign Policy.

Professor Trubowitz is currently working on a book, *The Retreat of the West: globalism, nationalism and the liberal order* (Oxford University Press), about the rise of anti-globalism in the West and what it portends for the future of the liberal world order.



L-R: Phelan US Centre Director Professor Peter Trubowitz, Dr. Leah Wright Rigueur (Harvard Kennedy School), Gideon Rachman (*Financial Times*), Visiting Professor Linda Yueh (LSE IDEAS) and Professor Lawrence R. Jacobs (University of Minnesota) at the event *Shaping America's Future*, 4 March 2020

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Introducing John Phelan

The LSE US Centre is named in recognition of the commitment of John Phelan and his family to outstanding scholarship, teaching and public engagement.

“LSE’s unique capacity to convene the world by engaging audiences on campus and around the world captivated me when I was a student at the School and still resonates now. The US Centre exemplifies that approach today and I am delighted to be able to support its future.”

John Phelan (General Course in Economics, LSE 1985)

John Phelan’s relationship with LSE goes back to 1985 when he studied economics and international relations on the General Course – LSE’s study abroad programme – which he undertook while studying for his BA in Economics and Political Science at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Texas. He received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1990.

John is Co-Founding Partner and Chief Investment Officer of MSD Partners and MSD Capital, a private investment firm established in 1998 to exclusively manage the capital of Michael Dell, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dell Technologies, and his family.

John serves on multiple advisory boards, including the Board of Trustees of the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Spirit of America, and the Aspen Art Museum (as Chairman). He also serves on the Board of Dean’s Advisors for Harvard Business School, the Investment Committee for the SMU Endowment and LSE’s North American Advisory Board.

As longstanding supporters of the School, John and his wife Amy have given generous



contributions to the US Centre’s popular public events lecture series, and funded more than 30 General Course, MSc and PhD scholarships at the School.

In April 2021, John gifted \$10 million (USD) through the John and Amy Phelan Foundation to endow the US Centre and to foster its commitment to outstanding scholarship, teaching and public engagement on US affairs.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board provides external perspective and guidance on the Centre's mission and work.



CHAIR - G. John Ikenberry
Princeton University

John Ikenberry is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International

Affairs in the Department of Politics and the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He is Co-Director of Princeton's Center for International Security Studies.



Nicola Lacey
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Nicola Lacey is School Professor of Law, Gender and Social Policy at LSE.

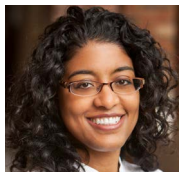
Before joining LSE, she was Senior Research Fellow at All Souls College and Professor of Criminal Law and Legal Theory at the University of Oxford.



Tim Besley
LSE

Sir Tim Besley is School Professor of Economics of Political Science and

W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics in the Department of Economics at LSE. He is a member of the National Infrastructure Commission.



Tracey L. Meares
Yale University

Tracey Meares is Walton Hale Hamilton Professor at Yale Law School and

a Founding Director of Yale's Justice Collaboratory. She served on President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.



Lloyd Gruber
LSE

Lloyd Gruber is the former Dean of LSE's Institute of Public Affairs and a

Lecturer in the Department of International Development. Before joining LSE he was Associate Professor at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy.



Leslie Vinjamuri
Chatham House and SOAS

Leslie Vinjamuri is Director of the US and the Americas Programme and Dean of the

Queen Elizabeth II Academy for Leadership in International Affairs at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs. She is a Reader (Associate Professor) in International Relations at SOAS University of London.



Matthew Jones
LSE

Matthew Jones is Professor of International History and former Head of the

Department of International History at LSE. He is the Cabinet Office Official Historian of the UK strategic nuclear programme.



John Phelan
MSD Capital, ex officio

John Phelan is Co-Founding Partner and Chief Investment Officer of MSD Partners and

MSD Capital. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Aspen Art Museum. He is a member of LSE's North American Advisory Board.

Management Committee

The Management Committee is comprised of LSE faculty who monitor our programming, research and operations.



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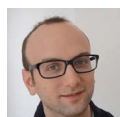


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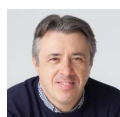
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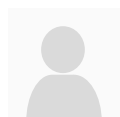
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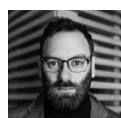
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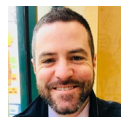
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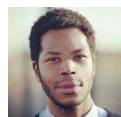
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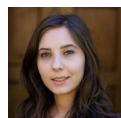
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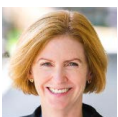
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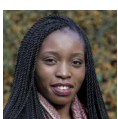
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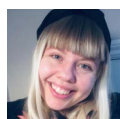
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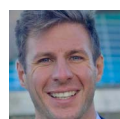


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Congresswoman
Nancy Pelosi at the event
In Conversation with
US House Speaker
Nancy Pelosi,
15 April 2019

Public Engagement

Every year, the Phelan United States Centre hosts a wide range of public events, with the aim of exploring political, policy and social issues in the US in an accessible way through discussions with high-profile speakers. Throughout 2020-21 our events have taken place online.

Phelan Family Lecture Series

The Phelan lectures are timely, wide-ranging public events about the state of American politics and society. Events feature prominent scholars, policy analysts and public intellectuals.

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Policing as a Public Good

This discussion covered the development of policing in the US from slavery to the present, and explored how it could be reinvented as a public good, central to a conception of citizenship.

Speaker

Tracey L. Meares (Yale Law School)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 22 October 2020

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The Next Four Years: what should we expect for America?

A roundtable discussion covering the new Biden administration's international and domestic priorities.

Speakers

Desmond King (University of Oxford)

Mark Landler (The New York Times)

Paula D. McClain (Duke University)

Theda Skocpol (Harvard University)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 21 January 2021

Phelan public lectures in 2020-21

Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism

Speakers Anne Case (Princeton University)

Sir Angus Deaton (Princeton University)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 30 September 2020

A World Safe for Democracy

Speakers G. John Ikenberry (Princeton University)

Leslie Vinjamuri (Chatham House, SOAS)

Baroness Minouche Shafik (Director, LSE)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 8 October 2020

Policing as a Public Good

Speaker Tracey L. Meares (Yale Law School)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 22 October 2020

Two Faces of Populism

Speakers Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley)

Stephanie J. Rickard (LSE Department of Government)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 24 November 2020

The Next Four Years: what should we expect for America?

Speakers Desmond King (University of Oxford), Mark Landler (The New York Times), Paula D. McClain (Duke University), Theda Skocpol (Harvard University)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 21 January 2021

The Recurring Crises of American Democracy

Speakers Robert Lieberman (Johns Hopkins University) Suzanne Mettler (Cornell University)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 10 February 2021

Race and Democracy in America

Speaker Khalil Gibran Muhammad (Harvard Kennedy School)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 30 March 2021

Where Are All the 'Welfare Queens'? Diversity and European Evidence on Single-Parent Families

HOSTED WITH LSE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL POLICY

Speakers Janet Gornick (CUNY), Laurie C. Maldonado (Molloy College), Ive Marx (University of Antwerp), Rense Nieuwenhuis (Stockholm University SOFI)

Chair Amanda Sheely (LSE Department of Social Policy)

Date 20 May 2021

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The Wenger Distinguished Lectures

The Wenger lectures promote greater understanding of America's role in the world economy through high-profile engagement with academics, policymakers and business leaders. Topics span international trade, law and institutions.



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Why Does Globalisation Fuel Populism, and What Can We Do About It?

An exploration of the globalisation backlash and an alternative model of globalisation more compatible with economic prosperity and social inclusion.

Speakers

Dani Rodrik (Harvard Kennedy School)
Sara Hobolt (LSE Department of Government)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 8 December 2020



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The Work of the Future: where will it come from?

A discussion exploring the relationships between emerging technologies and the future of work in America and beyond.

Speakers

David Autor (MIT)
Judy Wajcman (LSE Department of Sociology)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 5 May 2021

LSE Festival: Shaping the Post-COVID World

LSE FESTIVAL 2021

The LSE Festival took place from 1 to 6 March 2021 and explored the direction the world could and should be taking after the crisis.

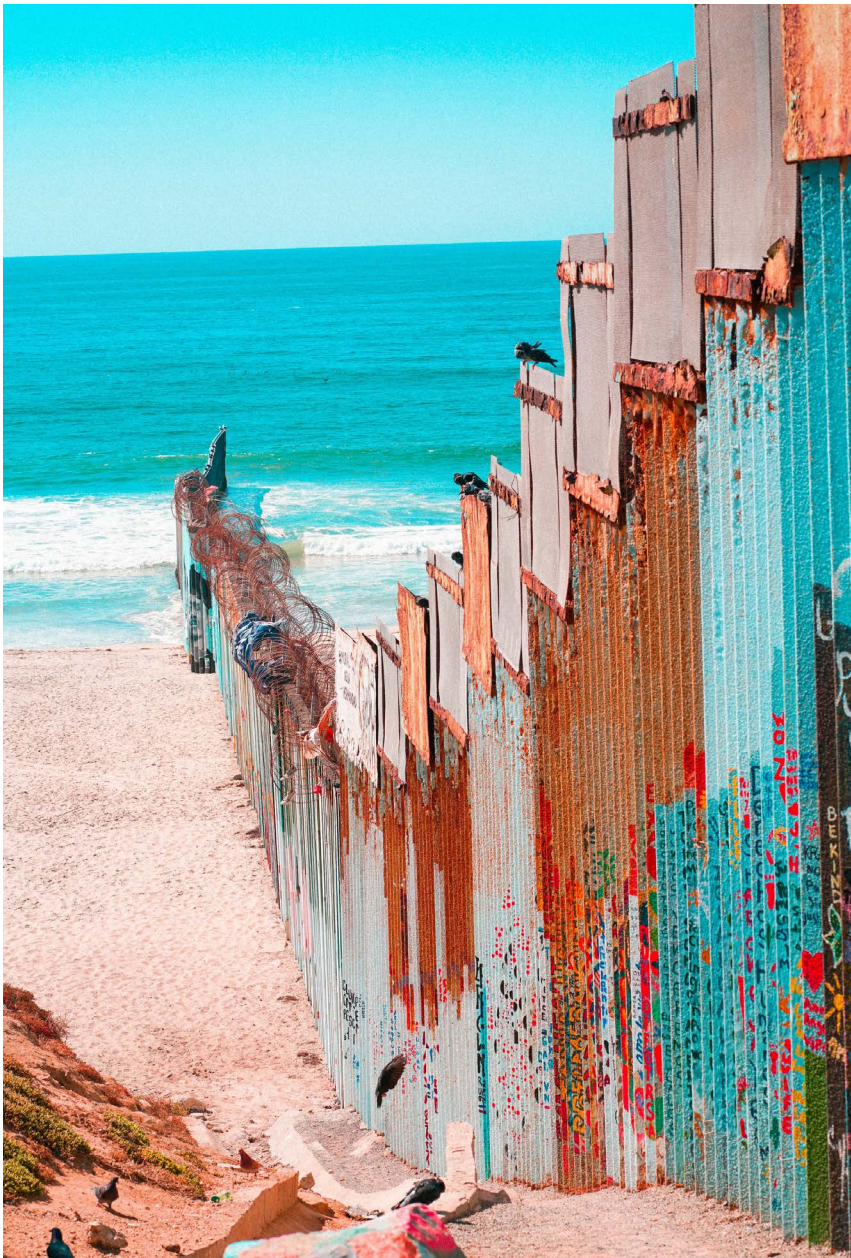


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Isolationism: the future of US foreign policy?

A discussion of the new book *Isolationism: a history of America's efforts to shield itself from the world*, covering how the resurgence of isolationism is reshaping America's foreign policy.

Speakers

Charles Kupchan (Georgetown University)

Leslie Vinjamuri (Chatham House, SOAS)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 4 March 2021

AFLSE 50th Anniversary Event

In 2020, the Alumni & Friends of LSE in the United States (AFLSE) celebrated their 50th anniversary. As part of these celebrations, the Phelan US Centre was invited to keynote the AFLSE anniversary with the event *A World Safe for Democracy* with G. John Ikenberry, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, in conversation with Leslie Vinjamuri, Reader in International Relations at SOAS University of London. Baroness Minouche Shafik, Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science, delivered welcoming remarks. She commented on AFLSE's many contributions to the life of the school and thanked LSE alumni in the US for their support of the School.

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A World Safe for Democracy

A discussion of the history of liberal internationalism and its relevance as a force to protect liberal democracy in the 21st century.

Speakers

G. John Ikenberry
(Princeton University)

Leslie Vinjamuri
(Chatham House, SOAS)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 8 October 2020

This event was part of the Centre's Phelan Family Lecture Series.



Other US Centre Events

The 1619 Project on the Legacy of Slavery in the US

Speaker Nikole Hannah-Jones (The New York Times)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 5 October 2020

American Resistance

HOSTED WITH LSE SOCIOLOGY

Speaker Dana R. Fisher (University of Maryland)

Chair David Madden (LSE Department of Sociology)

Date 8 October 2020

What Just Happened? Analysing the 2020 US Presidential Election

Speakers Meena Bose (Hofstra University)

David Smith (University of Sydney)

Jeffrey K. Tulis (University of Texas at Austin)

Linda Yueh (LSE IDEAS, University of Oxford)

Chair Peter Trubowitz

Date 5 November 2020

International Climate Politics after the US Presidential Election

HOSTED WITH THE GRANTHAM RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Speakers Anne-Marie Slaughter (Princeton University)

Lord Nicholas Stern (LSE Grantham Institute)

Naomi Oreskes (Harvard University)

Laurence Tubiana (ECF, Sciences Po)

Moderator Peter Trubowitz

Chair Robert Falkner (LSE Grantham Institute)

Date 9 November 2020

International Religious Freedom under the Biden Administration

HOSTED WITH LSE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND LSE RELIGION AND GLOBAL SOCIETY UNIT

Speakers Judd Birsall (Georgetown University)

Courtney Freer (LSE Middle East Centre)

H. A. Hellyer (University of Cambridge)

Chair James Walters (LSE Department of International Relations and LSE Religion and Global Society Unit)

Date 15 June 2021



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Centre Affiliate Conferences and Seminars

As part of our programme of scholarly research and engagement, in 2020-21 Centre faculty have held conferences and seminars, such as 2020's Race and Gender in US Politics in Historical and Contemporary Perspective series, and our 2021 conference on Single-Parent Families. These conferences and seminars bring together scholars from the US, Europe and LSE, and help train and professionalise postdoctoral fellows and PhD students at the School.



Digital Content Innovation

In 2020-21, the Phelan US Centre has continued to make connections with a wide audience via our far-reaching, innovative digital platforms. Through our daily USAPP blog, podcast series, explainer videos, and our award-winning digital project The State of the States, we provide a growing global community of hundreds of thousands of people with easily accessible and academically grounded commentary and analysis on the US and its role in the world.

USA Politics and Policy (USAPP) blog

About LSE USAPP

The LSE Phelan US Centre's USAPP blog

is our online platform where academics, activists, policymakers and others come together to discuss the current challenges facing the US. The blog's aim is to make social science research on topics from COVID-19 to political polarisation relevant by translating it for a wide audience including policymakers, students, activists and other interest groups.

Blog content consists of commissioned pieces based on recent academic journal articles or requests for comment on current events from experts in the US, UK and elsewhere; on current events; unsolicited submissions from academics and others; and reposts from other LSE blogs. In 2020-21, USAPP published 170 original articles, and cross-posted over 100 academic book reviews

and other articles from other LSE blogs.

Since 2018, the USAPP blog has supported the research for, and the development of, the Phelan US Centre's award-winning digital project, *The State of the States*.

Reach and Impact

■ The USAPP blog is now widely seen as an authoritative source of accessible information and commentary on US politics and policy. In 2020-21, articles published on LSE USAPP were mentioned in media outlets including the *Financial Times*, *Vice*, *The Washington Post*, *Bloomberg*, *The Conversation*, *The Hill*, *Bangor Daily News*, *Politico*, *Vox*, *City Observatory*, *The Daily Signal*, and a United Nations report on drug policy. We are also aware of academics in the US and the UK using USAPP resources as part of their curricula.



Image: Martin Sanchez/Unsplash

The USAPP blog is supported by LSE's Knowledge Exchange and Innovation Fund (KEIF).

The Ballpark podcast

About The Ballpark

The Ballpark is the Phelan US Centre's regular podcast series which explains US politics, policy and society to a wide, non-academic audience. Since 2016, the Phelan US Centre has released 35 episodes of The Ballpark and 31 episodes of The Ballpark: Extra Innings, featuring event recordings, interviews with high-profile academics and experts on US politics and policy, and topic-based explainers.

As part of The Ballpark, the Phelan US Centre also produces the regular podcast series The State of the States. With eight episodes already released, and a new series planned for 2021, these podcasts take a deep dive into the policy and political issues facing specific American states.

Launched in March 2021, The Politics of Race in American Film podcast builds on the

research of Dr Clive Nwonka, Centre Affiliate and LSE Fellow in Film Studies in the Department of Sociology. The four episodes released to date examine how racial politics in America are represented by its films, Hollywood cinema's role in how race is framed, and how this framing has contributed to broad, intersectional representations of racial inequality.

"An excellent podcast, really interesting debates and perspectives & I've now got a growing list of films to watch or re-watch!"

(Apple Podcasts review, *The Politics of Race in American Film*)



Image: Kieth Pitts/Unsplash

The Politics of Race in American Film is supported by LSE's Knowledge Exchange and Innovation Fund (KEIF).

Explainer Videos

About our Explainer Videos

Ahead of the 2020 US presidential election, the Phelan US Centre commissioned three election [Explainer Videos](#) with the LSE's Film and Audio unit. These short videos covered the role of race and populism in the 2020 elections, and how the US government works.



Race in US elections

Melanie R. Brown, Atlantic Fellow for Social and Economic Equity at LSE's International Inequalities Institute, provides explanation and commentary on some of the key questions about race in America: its history, how it affects society today, and what needs to change.



How the US government works

Dr Thomas Gift of UCL, a former Phelan US Centre Visiting Fellow, provides explanation and commentary on some of the key questions about government in America: what the separate branches of government are, their responsibilities, and how they work (or do not work) together.



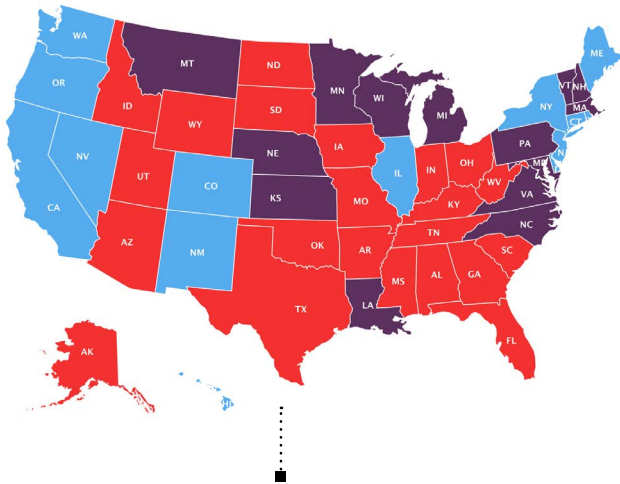
Populism in the US

Former Phelan US Centre Visiting Fellow Dr David Smith of the University of Sydney answers some of the key questions about populism: how to define it, where it originated, and how it affects US politics.

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The State of the States

About The State of the States

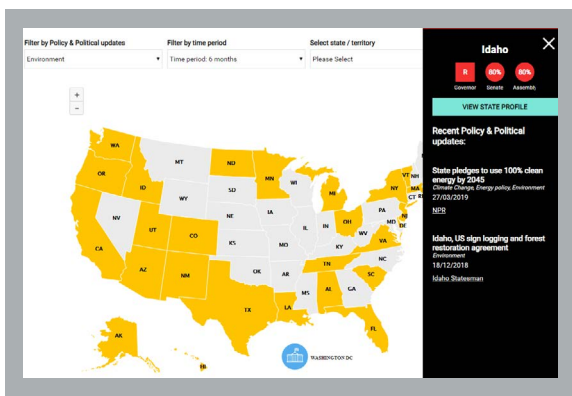
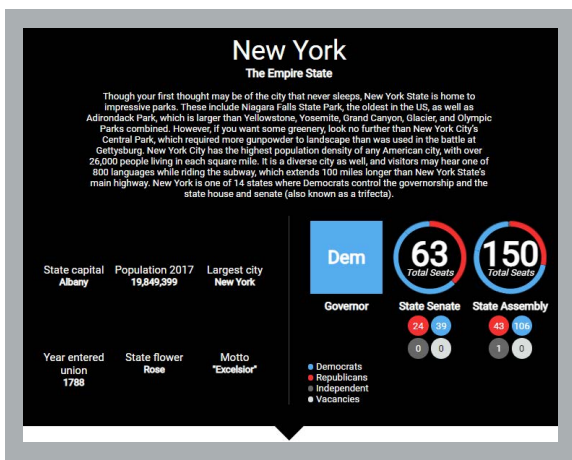


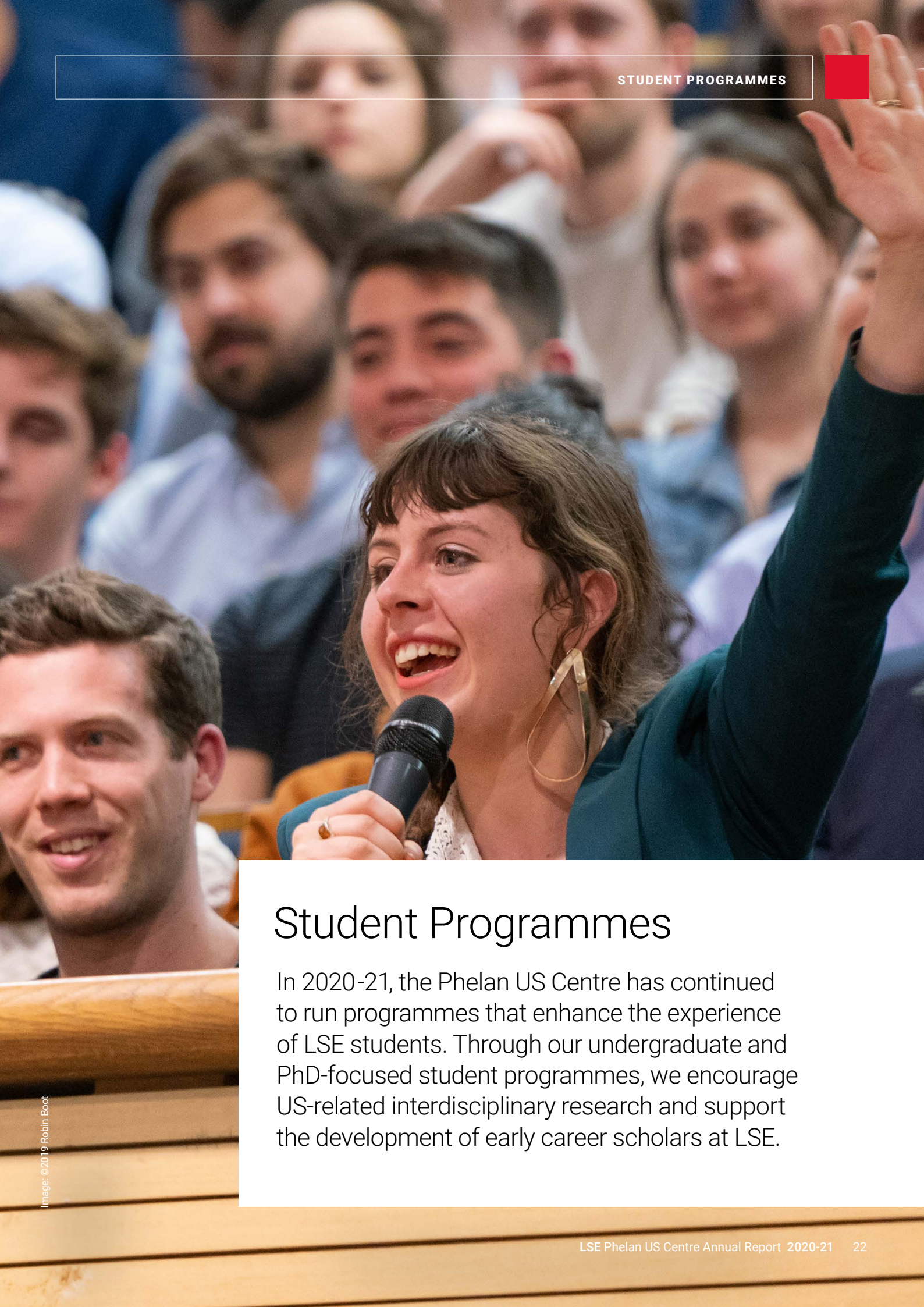
An outgrowth of the Phelan US Centre's USAPP blog, **The State of the States** project is an online portal that explores and explains politics and policy issues across all 50 states and Washington, DC. It's a unique, free to use, apolitical resource aimed at students, academics, local government practitioners, and those working in charities and other non-governmental organisations.

Reach and Impact

■ In April 2019, The State of the States won a Guardian Universities Award in the digital innovation category. In 2020, spurred on by this success – and the need for the platform to become sustainable – the Phelan US Centre entered the project into the SUCCESS programme, funded by Research England, which aims to commercialise academic work.

The project was also subsequently funded by LSE Research and Innovation to create a new platform in the summer of 2021. This new platform will continue to focus on providing state politics and policy data, but it will also provide case studies of US state policy effectiveness, which users can interact with and comment on. These case studies will aid those working in US state government to do their jobs better by providing them with easily accessible examples and policy learning points.





Student Programmes

In 2020-21, the Phelan US Centre has continued to run programmes that enhance the experience of LSE students. Through our undergraduate and PhD-focused student programmes, we encourage US-related interdisciplinary research and support the development of early career scholars at LSE.

Undergraduate Research Assistantships

With the generous support of LSE alumni, the Centre's popular Undergraduate Research Assistantship programme allows students to collaborate with Centre faculty affiliates on their academic research. Students are paired with academics who require assistance in collecting or processing new data, gathering archival resources, conducting library research, or writing up blog articles.

Research Projects supported in 2020

1. Charismatic infrastructure for climate change adaptation in the US

Research Assistant:
Emily Douglas,
Department of Geography
and Environment
Faculty Research Lead:
Dr. Rebecca Elliott,
Department of Sociology

2. The acceleration of prison reform in the age of COVID-19

Research Assistant:
Hawa Patel,
Department of
International History
Faculty Research Lead:
Dr. Johann Koehler,
Department of Social Policy

3. The disasters of the international financial system after World War I

Research Assistant:
Johann Power,
Department of Philosophy,
Logic and Scientific Method
Faculty Research Lead:
Dr. James Morrison,
Department of
International Relations

4. Examining the legacy of Henry Kissinger

Research Assistant:
Saijjad-Ali Mohajerani-Irvani,
Department of International
History
Faculty Research Lead:
Dr. Roham Alvandi,
Department of International
History

5. How using Zoom has changed Congressional hearings on economic policy

Research Assistant:
Matthew Bradbury,
Department of Economics
Faculty Research Lead:
Professor Cheryl
Schonhardt-Bailey,
Department of Government

6. How US state institutions seek to control socially marginalised women

Research Assistant:
Sarah Ang,
Department of Social Policy
Faculty Research Lead:
Dr Amanda Sheely,
Department
of Social Policy



L-R: Joss Harrison, Arundhati Suma-Ajith and Maria Cerdio, members of the 2018-19 UGRA cohort

"The Research Assistantship program was one of the highlights of my LSE experience and has given me a myriad of personal, academic and professional skills."

Eileen Gbagbo, Undergraduate Research Assistant 2019-20

"I thought research assistantships were a very good idea, as they provide a different academic challenge that would not otherwise be undertaken in undergraduate study."

Stephan Guetter, supporting donor and LSE alumnus (MSc Accounting and Finance 1995).

Centre PhD Summer Research Grants

Aimed at encouraging innovative research on the United States, our Summer Research Grants support LSE PhD students who are pursuing postgraduate research on topics related to the Centre's mission of promoting internationally oriented scholarship on America's changing role in the world. The grants support the development of early career scholars at LSE while also assisting them to carry out activities including data collection, fieldwork, and survey design and implementation.

Research Grants in 2019-2020

1. Parklet city: governing American public space
Frida Timan, Department of Geography and Environment

2. Negative partisanship in multi-party systems
Katharina Lawall, Department of Government

3. Henry L. Stimson, American grand strategy and the Second World War, 1940-1945
Grant Golub, Department of International History

4. The re-engineering of the Post-BW global monetary order
Aisénour Bitsen, Department of International Relations

5. Cold refuge: Honduran refugee camps and Central America's global Cold War
Fionntán O'Hara, Department of International History



L-R: Phelan US Centre Director Professor Peter Trubowitz with 2018-19 PhD Summer Grant recipients Marral Shamshiri-Fard, Jacklyn Majnemer and Ariel Perkins, and Dr Harold Glass, the programme donor

Research Grants in 2020-2021

1. (Un) certainty and (in)action: disentangling perceptions of repression and 'No Dissent' using terror and horror
Agnes Yu, Department of International Relations

2. From the individual to the system and back again: bridging the gap between deconsumption and degrowth for a sustainable path forward
Dallas O'Dell, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science

3. Group-orientated politics: Using group identities and orientations to better understand and predict vote choice, perceptions of candidates, and election results
Denise Baron, Department of Methodology

4. Populism in parties, politicians and public opinion
Julia Leschke, Department of Government

5. The interaction of health, aging, housing and public finance in the USA
Nilesh Raut, Department of Health Policy

6. The political economy of European competition policy
Tommaso Crescioli, Department of European Institute

"The Summer Research Grant programme is a wonderful opportunity for young researchers to develop grant work experience"

Ariel Perkins - 2018-19 Grant Recipient

Annual Report Statistics

The Phelan US Centre in numbers



Events

Average online audience	550+
Total countries reached	103
Average number of countries reached per event	33
Total speakers for 2020-21	39

Digital content innovation

Ballpark episodes released (2016-21)	35
Extra Innings episodes released (2016-21)	31
The State of the States number of sessions* (2020-21)	1,750

US Centre at 5 (2016-2021)

Event speakers	120
Events hosted	77
Media appearances by Centre Affiliates	500+
USAPP blog sessions*	2.5 million

Social Media Followers

Twitter	7,608
Instagram	1,123
Facebook	2,815

*A session is a user's interaction with the blog which takes place within a 30-minute period. Interactions at longer intervals are multiple sessions.

Global Reach

In 2020-21 audiences joined our online events platform from:



1.	Albania
2.	Algeria
3.	Argentina
4.	Armenia
5.	Australia
6.	Austria
7.	Azerbaijan
8.	Bahrain
9.	Bangladesh
10.	Barbados
11.	Belgium
12.	Benin
13.	Bolivia
14.	Botswana
15.	Brazil
16.	Bulgaria
17.	Cameroon
18.	Canada
19.	Chile
20.	China
21.	Colombia
22.	Costa Rica
23.	Croatia
24.	Cyprus
25.	Czechia
26.	Denmark
27.	Dominican Republic
28.	Ecuador
29.	Egypt
30.	Estonia
31.	Finland
32.	France
33.	Georgia
34.	Germany
35.	Ghana

36.	Greece
37.	Guinea
38.	Guyana
39.	Honduras
40.	Hong Kong
41.	Hungary
42.	Iceland
43.	India
44.	Indonesia
45.	Ireland
46.	Israel
47.	Italy
48.	Jamaica
49.	Japan
50.	Jordan
51.	Kenya
52.	Korea, Republic of
53.	Kuwait
54.	Latvia
55.	Lebanon
56.	Lithuania
57.	Luxembourg
58.	Malaysia
59.	Malta
60.	Mauritius
61.	Mexico
62.	Montenegro
63.	Morocco
64.	Myanmar
65.	Nepal
66.	Netherlands
67.	Nigeria
68.	Norway
69.	Oman
70.	Pakistan

71.	Panama
72.	Paraguay
73.	Peru
74.	Philippines
75.	Poland
76.	Portugal
77.	Puerto Rico
78.	Romania
79.	Russia
80.	Saudi Arabia
81.	Senegal
82.	Serbia
83.	Singapore
84.	Slovakia
85.	Slovenia
86.	Somalia
87.	South Africa
88.	Spain
89.	Sri Lanka
90.	Sweden
91.	Switzerland
92.	Taiwan
93.	Tanzania
94.	Thailand
95.	Turkey
96.	United Arab Emirates
97.	United Kingdom
98.	United States of America
99.	Uruguay
100.	Uzbekistan
101.	Venezuela
102.	Vietnam
103.	Zimbabwe





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