



YOUTH SEMINAR

Race to the White House - the U.S. in an Election Year

October, 24 - 25 in Mainz

On November 5, Americans will cast their vote and decide who will win the White House and which party will receive the majority in the House of Representatives and the Senate. In a historic election season, Americans have witnessed a candidate having to stand trial in court, a debate that caused the Democratic contender, President Joe Biden, to eventually leave the race, an assassination attempt on Donald Trump, and the emergence of Kamala Harris as the presumptive nominee for the Democrats.

Americans now have to weigh their options and make their choice in a deeply divided country. Important issues such as democracy, abortion rights, immigration, the economy, and the support for Ukraine all play a role in this election. In this youth seminar, we want to discuss why this election is so important not just for the United States, but also for Germany and transatlantic relations. With experts, we will discuss the election system, the candidates, and the topics and what a win of either party might mean for Germany and Europe.



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Practice your English, get to know other young people and learn more about the U.S. with us this October!

Our speakers:

Prof. Sarah Surak

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science at Salisbury University.

Her research focuses on democratic participation and civic engagement. She works extensively in Germany, coordinating workshops on topics of democratic civic engagement and American government.

Dr. Mike Cowburn

Postdoctoral researcher at the European New School of Digital Studies, European University Viadrina.

His research focuses on U.S. intra-party factions, candidate selection and trends of partisan polarization in Congress. His new book „Party Transformation in Congressional Primaries“ will be published in September.

WIBZ

FRIDTJOF-NANSEN-AKADEMIE
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Thursday, 24th October 2024

Check-in until 1:45 p.m.

2.00 - 2.30 p.m.

Welcome Remarks and Introduction to the Program

Lena Oschewsky, Pia Snella, Sarah Wagner

2.30 - 4.00 p.m.

The U.S. Election System and Its Challenges: How Democratic is the System?

Prof. Sarah Surak, Salisbury University

4.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Break

4.30 - 6.00 p.m.

The Election and the Media: How Do the Candidates and Parties Communicate?

Dr. Mike Cowburn, European University Viadrina

6.00 - 7.00 p.m.

Dinner

7.00 p.m.

Interview with social media correspondent Anna Kleiser (ZDF Studio Washington)

Friday, 25th October 2024

9.00 - 10.30 a.m.

The Candidates & Their Campaigns: Style and Substance

Prof. Sarah Surak, Salisbury University

10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Workshop: "What If"?

The Impact of the Elections on Germany

12.00 - 1.00 p.m.

Lunch

1.00 - 2.30 p.m.

Where Do We Go from Here?

Presentation of Workshop Results and Final Discussion

Anmeldung /
Registration



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ORGANISATORISCHES

Anmeldung:

Das Seminar richtet sich an Jugendliche und junge Erwachsene aus Hessen und Rheinland-Pfalz. Die Teilnehmendenzahl ist begrenzt, deshalb bitten wir um rechtzeitige Anmeldung.

Anmeldeschluss: 27.09.2024

Bei Minderjährigen muss nach der Anmeldung die Einverständniserklärung der Eltern eingereicht werden. Die Anmeldung ist erst damit vollständig. Mit der Anmeldung wird das Einverständnis erklärt, dass im Seminar gefilmt/ fotografiert werden darf.

Die im Seminar entstandenen Ton- und Bildmaterialien dürfen von den beteiligten Institutionen, bspw. für Dokumentations- und Evaluationszwecke, weiter verwendet und veröffentlicht werden.

Gebühr:

25,- € mit Übernachtung in Mehrbettzimmern und Essen in der Jugendherberge Mainz. Reisekosten und Tagungsgetränke sind selbst zu tragen.

SEMINARLEITUNG

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