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**US Foreign Policy**

## **Ukraine, Russia and the US**

*For panels that consist of 4 speakers you will have 12 minutes maximum*

*For panels that consist of 6 speakers you will have 10 minutes maximum*

09:30-10:30 registration and drinks

10:30-12:00 session 1: **Ukraine, US and Russia**

Student Life Building (SLB) room 205

Chair Trevor McCrisken (Warwick)

1. *Distorting fundamental norms of international law to resurrect the Soviet Union: the international law context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine* by Sofia Cavandoli (LJMU) and Gary Wilson (LJMU).
2. *Taking Russia seriously: US foreign policy, Russian ontological security, and the war against Ukraine* by Ruth Deyermond (KCL)
3. *Anchoring U.S. strategy – Russia's place in U.S. strategic culture and nuclear policy* by Valentina Cassar (Malta)
4. *The war in Ukraine amid US-Russia-Ukraine relations* by Vitor Fernandes (Lusiada University)
5. *Understanding Congressional Narratives and US Public Opinion on the Ukraine War* by Jonny Hall (LSE)
6. *Public Diplomacy: US Credibility vs. Kremlin Propaganda in the Russo-Ukrainian War* by Carl Mirra (Adelphi)

12:00-1:15 lunch

Student Life Building (SLB) room 205

1:15-2:45 roundtable: **The Russian invasion of Ukraine and its impact on international and domestic politics**

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Chair: Matthew Alan Hill (LJMU)

Participants are Ruth Deyermond (KCL), Trevor McCrisken (Warwick), Alexander Evans (LSE and FCDO), Maria Ryan (Nottingham).

2:45-3:15 tea break

3:15-4:45 session 2a: **Conceptualising US foreign policy**

Student Life Building (SLB) room 205

Chair: Jan Andre Ludvigsen (LJMU)

1. *What is Great Power Competition?* By Nick Kitchen (Surrey).
2. *Constructivism, narratology, and the protagonist: US foreign policy in Syria – beyond identity binaries, towards narrative power* by Jack Holland (University of Leeds) and Xavier Mathieu (University of Liverpool).
3. *The US-China ‘tech war’: Decoupling and the Case of Huawei* by Maria Ryan (Nottingham) and Steve Burman (Sussex)
4. *Mr Wilson goes to Kiev* by Ashley Cox (SOAS)

3:15-4:45 session 2b: **US foreign policy in practice**

Student Life Building (SLB) room 204

Chair: TBD

1. *The infrastructure of democracy promotion: democratisation and US national security from Bush to Biden* by Robert Pee (Reading)
2. *Afghanistan: Transatlantic lessons learnt from 20 years of democracy, development and security* by Osman Hassan (Warwick)
3. *US corporate elite decision-making in the occupation of Iraq – from subverting democracy to shifting regional and global power dynamics* by Bamo Nouri (UWL)
4. *Coups, narcos, and terrorists: norm contestation and the ban on assassination under H. W. Bush and Clinton* by Luca Trenta (Swansea)

4:45-5:25 AGM