Day 1  
Friday, 15th January, 2021

9:00 - 9:05am  
Course Overview and Introductions  

Marc Farinella (Program Director)  
Senior Advisor, Center for Effective Government  
Executive Director, Center for Survey Methodology  
Harris School of Public Policy  
University of Chicago

9:00-10:30am  
Live Session 1: What Is the State of American Democracy in 2020-2021?  

This panel will examine the health of democracy in the United States. We will consider the question of whether faith in crucial democratic norms and institutions maybe eroding, and, if so, what must be done to restore confidence.

William Howell (Moderator)  
Sidney Stein Professor in American Politics  
Harris School of Public Policy  
University of Chicago

Susan Stokes  
Tiffany and Margaret Blake Distinguished Service Professor  
Director, Chicago Center on Democracy  
University of Chicago

Aziz Huq  
Frank & Bernice J. Greenberg Professor of Law  
University of Chicago

Anthony Fowler  
Professor  
Harris School of Public Policy  
University of Chicago
9:00-10:30 am

**Live Session 2: What Did The Voters Tell Us on Election Day?**

This panel will examine the factors that drove the election outcome and explore the demographic, cultural and political changes underway in the U.S. electorate.

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*Jeff Horwitt*
Sr. Vice President
Hart Research
Co-Director of the Wall Street Journal/ NBC Poll

*Whit Ayres*
President
North Star Opinion Research

*Trevor Tompson*
Sr. Vice President, Public Affairs and Media Research
Director, The Associated Press
NORC- Center for Public Affairs Research
University of Chicago
9:00-10:30am

**Live Session 3: The Domestic Issues Landscape in 2021**

This panel will address President-Elect Biden’s domestic policy agenda and consider what can and can’t get done in our closely divided Congress.

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Sidney Stein Professor in American Politics
Harris School of Public Policy
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*Anita Kumar*
Politico White House Correspondent & Associate Editor

*Karen Tumulty*
Washington Post Political Columnist

*Lynn Sweet*
Washington Bureau Chief for Chicago Sun-Times

*Alexi McCammond*
Political Reporter at Axios
9:00-10:30am

**Live Session 4: America’s Place in The World in 2021**

President Trump upended America’s long-standing multi-lateral approach to foreign affairs. This panel will explore where the outgoing administration leaves us today and where the incoming Biden administration might take U.S. foreign policy.

**Ethan Bueno De Mesquita (Moderator)**
Sidney Stein Professor and Deputy Dean  
Harris School of Public Policy  
University of Chicago

**Scott Gehlbach**
Professor  
Department of Political Science &  
Harris School of Public Policy  
University of Chicago

**Dali Yang**
William Claude Reavis Professor  
Department of Political Science  
University of Chicago

**Rachel Bronson**
President & CEO of the  
Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

**Paul Poast**
Associate Professor  
Department of Political Science  
at the University of Chicago
9:00-10:30am

Live Session 5: The Social Movements Reshaping America & Its Politics

This session will explore the major social trends reshaping America’s political and cultural landscape.

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Errin Haines
Editor at Large
The 19th

Kathleen Belew
Assistant Professor of US History
Department of History
University of Chicago

Elisabeth Clemens
Professor
William Rainey Harper
Distinguished Service Professor
Department of Sociology
University of Chicago

Katrease Stafford
National Race and Ethnicity Writer
The Associated Press
9:00-10:30am

**Live Session 6: Threats and Opportunities**

We’ll talk with two prominent members of Congress— one Democrat and one Republican— about the mounting challenges confronting our nation and how and whether the U.S. government can respond.

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*Mike Quigley*
Member of Congress
Illinois, 5th District

*Tom Cole*
Member of Congress
Oklahoma, 4th District

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