

BIDEN - YEAR 1

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CENTER IN PARIS
6 RUE THOMAS MANN, 75013 PARIS and on-line

THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY 9.30-17.30

Organized by Jennifer Merchant and Yvonne-Marie Rogez
(CERSA / Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas)

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9.30-12.30 MORNING SESSION

Moderators: Hamed Jendoubi and Yvonne-Marie Rogez

-9.30

Conference Launch by Jennifer Merchant

-9.45-10.10

Nicolas Audignon (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas)

Biden's first 100 days: Can we already assess the President's Term?

-10.10-10.35

Hamed Jendoubi (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas)

"It won't be a bit like the army": The Biden Administration's Response to the COVID 19 Pandemic and the Limits of Executive Power

-10.35-11.05

DISCUSSION and COFFEE BREAK

-11.05-11.30

Mary Fitzgerald (Non-Resident Scholar, Middle East Institute, Washington DC)

Missing In Action? Biden and the Middle East

-11.30-11.55

Martin Quenez (German Marshall Fund/Security and Defense Program)

Biden and Europe: The Difficult Renewal of Transatlantic Relations

-11.55-12.30

DISCUSSION

12.30-14.00: LUNCH

14.00-17.30 AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator Jennifer Merchant (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas)

14.00-14.25

Phil Hostak (Lawyer, specializing in civil rights, labor rights, and constitutional litigation)

“Will this Institution Survive the Stench?": The Roberts Court and the Rhetoric of Institutional Legitimacy

14.25-14.50

Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer (Université Bordeaux Montaigne)

CRT & Queer Theory & Woke, Oh My! Moral Panics and Rightwing Politics in 2021

14.50-15.15

Amélie Ribieras (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas)

Achieving Gender Equality: President Biden’s Plan for Women and Families

15.15-15.45 DISCUSSION

15.45-16.10

Jennifer Merchant and Yvonne-Marie Rogez (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas)

Tethered or Not Tethered: Viability, Parental Autonomy and Reproductive Rights

16.10-16.35

Audrey Celestine (Université de Lille)

Identity Politics in Biden’s America

16.35-17.30 DISCUSSION

Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer



Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer is a sociologist, associate professor in American studies and co-director of the Master's degree in gender studies at Bordeaux Montaigne University. He is also a junior member of the Institut Universitaire de France. He studies how people use institutions to create social change and produce meaning. Mobilizing international comparison, his research follows two axes: 1) the role of "experts" involved in controversial political debates; 2) the influence of legal contexts on the treatment of sexuality and the

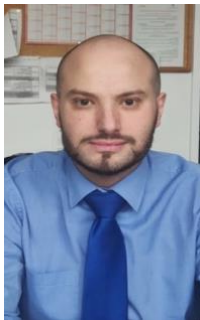
family. His current project compares experts in debates on climate change and abortion. His first book, *By the Power Vested in Me: Experts Debate Same-Sex Marriage*, is forthcoming from Columbia University Press.

Phil Hostak



Phil Hostak is a litigator and counselor focusing on state and federal constitutional law, civil rights, and labor issues. Before becoming a sole practitioner, Mr. Hostak served in as Senior Counsel for the National Education Association, the largest labor union in the US; as a Senior Attorney in the Appellate and Supreme Court Branch of the National Labor Relations Board; as an attorney with the Washington, DC law firm Bredhoff & Kaiser; and as a judicial law clerk to Hon. Dolores Sloviter of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and to Hon. Louis Pollak of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and Cornell Law School.

Hamed Jendoubi



Hamed Jendoubi is a member of the Pôle Langues at Panthéon-Assas University, where he teaches Legal English. He has a PhD in American History -his doctoral dissertation focused on the use of presidential signing statements by the George W. Bush Administration- and his research revolves around the American presidency and the American Constitution.

Martin Quenez



Martin Quenez currently serves as the deputy director of the German Marshall Fund of the United States' Paris office and a research fellow in the Security & Defense program. His work includes research on transatlantic security and defense cooperation and U.S. and French foreign policy.

He leads different research projects on European defense cooperation and the transatlantic defense partnership. He is also an associate researcher for the European Council on Foreign Relations, working in France for its European Powers program. He taught transatlantic relations at the Euro-American campus of Sciences-Po. Prior to joining GMF, he worked for the Institute of Defense Studies and Analyses in New Delhi, where he focused on French and Indian strategic thinking.

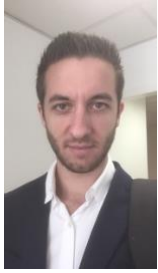
He is currently doing a PhD in contemporary history at the Sorbonne Nouvelle University.

Mary Fitzgerald



Mary Fitzgerald is a researcher specializing in the Euro-Mediterranean region with a particular focus on Libya. She has conducted research on Libya for International Crisis Group (ICG) and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) among others. She has consulted for a number of international organizations including in the areas of peace building and civil society. She is a Non-Resident Scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington DC, an Associate Fellow at the International Center for the Study of Radicalisation, King's College London, and an Associate Fellow at ISPI in Milan. Her writing has appeared in outlets including the New Yorker online, the Financial Times, Foreign Policy, the Washington Post and the Guardian.

Nicolas Audignon



A Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at the University Paris-Panthéon-Assas, he obtained his Master's Degree from this same University. His thesis is titled "Once One Becomes President... From Yes We Can to La République En Marche: The Political Myth of the First Hundred Days to Succeed". As part of his research, he spent a year at the University of Virginia Charlottesville as a Visiting Scholar where he worked at the Miller Center. More broadly, his research focuses on comparative politics, public policies and presidential leadership.

Audrey Celestine



Audrey Célestine est politiste, maîtresse de conférence à l'université de Lille et chercheuse au CERAPS. Ses recherches portent sur les identités en politique, l'Etat "outre-mer" et le mouvement *Black Lives Matter*. Elle a récemment publié : *Des vies de combat* (L'iconoclaste, 2020).