

Ranking American Presidents Conference

Thursday February 23, 2012

Northumbria University

Department of Humanities

PROGRAMME

10:00 am **Registration and Reception** (School of Arts and Social Science Foyer)

10:30 – 11:30 **Introduction: The UK Survey of US Presidents** (SQ – CPD001)

Iwan Morgan (Institute for the Study of the Americas)

11:30 – 12:30 **Panel 1: Ranking Individual Presidents** (SQ – CPD001)

Peter O'Connor (Northumbria)

“A Better than Average President: John Quincy Adams”

Sylvia Ellis (Northumbria)

“LBJ: If it Wasn't for Vietnam”

Tony McCulloch (Canterbury Christ Church)

“Simply the Best: FDR as America's Number 1 President”

12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch** (SQ – CPD002)

1:30 – 2:30 **“Reevaluating the Harding Presidency”** (SQ – CPD001)

Niall Palmer (Brunel)

2:30 – 2:45 **Coffee Break**

2:45 – 3:45 **Panel 2: Ranking Multiple Presidents** (SQ – CPD001)

Hector Mackenzie (Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade)

“The View from the Summit(s)? King's Presidents, 1921-48”

Paweł Laidler (Jagiellonian University)

“When Politics and Law Collide: Ranking American Presidents from the Perspective of their Policy toward the U.S. Supreme Court”

J. Simon Rofo (SOAS)

“Presidential Peacemaking: Why do President’s Fail to Make Good Peacemakers?”

3:45 – 4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00 - 5:00 **Panel 3: Ranking Individual Presidents (SQ – CPD001)**

Clare Elliott (Northumbria)

“Whitman and Lincoln”

Michael Cullinane (Northumbria)

“Theodore Roosevelt: A (Near) Great President?”

Sally-Anne Treharne (University College Cork)

“The Reagan Presidency in Retrospect: An Assessment of Ronald Reagan’s Legacy at Home and Abroad”

5:00 - 6:30 **Ranking Two Presidents of Our Time (SQ – CPD001)**

Chair and Comment: Don Akenson (Queen’s Ontario)

John Dumbrell (Durham)

Bill Clinton

David Haglund (Queen’s Ontario)

Barack Obama