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Monash CBD Conference Centre

Monash University, City Campus
Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne

**Keynote: Associate Professor Jake Grumbach
(University of California – Berkeley)**

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Registration and Welcome: Thursday 4 December, 9.00-9.30am

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Session 1: Thursday 4 December, 9.30-11.00am

Panel 1A: Large Language Model Applications, Seminar 1

Chair: Kenneth Benoit (Singapore Management University), kbenoit@smu.edu.sg

- Evaluating Analytical Variation in Large Language Models: A Many-Analysts Approach to Data Analysis Tasks
Allyson Cui (Duke University) and Rohan Alexander (University of Toronto)*
- Information disorder on Facebook around the 2020 US Presidential election
Francesco Bailo (University of Sydney)*, Justin Miller (University of Sydney), and Rohan Alexander (University of Toronto)
- Do Women Politicians Face More Interruptions? An Exploratory Analysis of Interjections in the Australian Parliamentary Debates (2012-2025)
Lindsay Katz (University of Toronto)*, Inessa De Angelis (University of Toronto), and Rohan Alexander (University of Toronto)

Panel 1B: Conflict, Security, and Authoritarianism, Seminar 2/3

Chair: Paul Kenny (Australian Catholic University), paul.kenny@acu.edu.au

- A Faustian Bargain: Military Purges and Authoritarian Leader Survival
Edward Goldring (University of Melbourne)* and Austin Matthews (East Carolina University)
- Signals, Military Balance, and Perceptions of Nuclear Escalation Risks: Evidence from Cross-National Conjoint Experiments
Kyungwon Suh (Australian National University)*
- From Bowling Alone to Patrolling with Friends? Community Self-Defense Force Participation and Social Capital in Peru
Steven Zech (Monash University)* and Joshua Eastin (Portland State University)

Coffee Break: 11.00-11.15am

Session 2: Thursday 4 December, 11.15am-12.45pm

Panel 2A: Gender and Politics, Seminar 1

Chair: Kathryn Baragwanath (University of Melbourne), kathryn.baragwanath@unimelb.edu.au

- Explaining the Modern Gender-Generation Gap in Australian Politics
Intifar Chowdhury (Flinders University)*
- Mobilisation through Marriage: Intra-Household Turnout Spillovers and Women's Political Incorporation Post-Suffrage
Isobel Kemp (University of Barcelona)*
- Does Militarisation Increase Intimate Partner Violence? A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Mexico's War on Drugs
Daniela Philipson (Monash University)*

Panel 2B: Polarization and Political Behavior, Seminar 2/3

Chair: Jake Grumbach (University of California – Berkeley), grumbach@berkeley.edu

- Elite Cooperation and Social Bonds: How Political Alliances Shape Perceptions of Cross-Party Friendships
Lie Philip Santoso (Duke Kunshan University)*
- Political Influence During Childhood
Federico Masera (University of New South Wales)*
- On the Economic Implications of In-group and Out-group Political Polarization
Edda Claus (Wilfrid Laurier University) and Viet Nguyen (University of Melbourne)*

Lunch: 12.45-1.45pm

Session 3: Thursday 4 December, 1.45-3.30pm

Panel 3A: Australian Parliamentary Politics, Seminar 1

Chair: Rohan Alexander (University of Toronto), rohan.alexander@utoronto.ca

- **Unravelling the Dimensions of Australian Political Trust: A Bottom-Up Analysis Using Structural Topic Modelling**
Osbern Huang (Griffith University)* and AJ Brown (Griffith University)
- **An expansion of Gamson - in opposition and other parliamentary spoils: An Australian case-study**
Daniel Casey (Australian Catholic University)* and Thiago Nascimento da Silva (Australian National University)
- **The 2025 Australian federal election: Evaluating long-term and short-term explanations for the result**
Sarah Cameron (Griffith University)* and Ian McAllister (Australian National University)
- **Playing to your strengths or turning things around? The impact of opinion polls on personalisation in parliamentary question time**
Daniel Casey (ACU)*, Thiago Nascimento da Silva (Australian National University), Pandanus Petter (Australian National University), and Ian McAllister (Australian National University)

Panel 3B: Prejudice and Intergroup Relations, Seminar 2/3

Chair: Leonie Huddy (Stony Brook University), leonie.huddy@stonybrook.edu

- **Can AI Help Reduce Prejudice? Evaluating the Effectiveness of AI-Powered Personalized Persuasion on Support for Transgender Rights**
Charles Crabtree (Dartmouth College)*, John B. Holbein (University of Virginia), Mitchell Bosley (University of Toronto), and Semra Sevi (University of Toronto)
- **Why are some jobs slower to diversify than others? The dynamics of segmented diversity in America**
Salma Mousa (University of California – Los Angeles), Lachlan McNamee (Monash University)*, and Kyle Peyton (University of Melbourne)
- **Local Diversity and Opposition to Immigration**
Leonie Huddy (Stony Brook University), Romeo Gray (Stony Brook University), Becca Vogt (Stony Brook University), and Stanley Feldman (Stony Brook University)*
- **Evaluating DEI Trainings in Higher Education**
Salma Mousa (University of California – Los Angeles)*, Lachlan McNamee (Monash University), and Kyle Peyton (University of Melbourne)

Keynote Address: Thursday 4 December, 3.45-5.00pm, Seminar 2/3

Jake Grumbach (University of California, Berkeley)



Professor Grumbach is an award-winning scholar of American political economy and a leading voice on the study of democratic institutions and public policy in the United States. His research uses advanced quantitative methods to investigate how political institutions and policies shape democracy, federalism, labor relations, and racial and economic inequality. His research has appeared in top academic journals, including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and other leading outlets in political science.

He is the author of *Laboratories Against Democracy: How National Parties Transformed State Politics* (Princeton University Press, 2022), a groundbreaking study of the nationalization of state-level politics and its effects on American democracy, which won the 2023 APSA Merze Tate – Elinor Ostrom Outstanding Book Award. Named one of The New Yorker's 100 Best Books, the book argues that the nationalization of the Democratic and Republican parties has disrupted American federalism. Grumbach's recent research focuses on money in politics, gerontocracy, the labor movement, and the politics of racial and economic inequality.

ASQPS Annual General Meeting

5.00-6.00pm, Seminar 2/3

Dinner: Thursday 4 December, 6.30-9pm.

Neighbourhood Wine and Spirits, 1 Reid St, Fitzroy North VIC 3068

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Welcome (Day 2): Friday 5 December, 9.00-9.15am

Morning coffee: 9.00-9.15am

Session 4: Friday 5 December, 9.15-10.45am

Panel 4A: Political Communication and Media, Seminar 1

Chair: Aaron Martin (University of Melbourne), aaron.martin@unimelb.edu.au

- Deception in Political Rhetoric
Paul Raschky (Monash University)*
- Public interest advocacy in the news
Max Groemping (Griffith University)*, Darren R. Halpin (Australian National University), Anne Sofie Cornelius Nielsen (Australian National University)
- Framing the energy transition: A computational method for analyzing parliamentary discourse in Australia
Alfie Chadwick (Monash University)*

Panel 4B: National Identity, Belonging, and Representation, Seminar 2/3

Chair: Edward Goldring (University of Melbourne), edward.goldring@unimelb.edu.au

- The Politics of Flag Display: How Grassroots Mobilisation Shapes Political Resistance to Nation-Building
Isobel Kemp (University of Barcelona)*, Albert Falco (University of Barcelona)
- The Boundaries of National Belonging: Experimental Evidence from the United States, Australia, and France
Sarah Ganty (Yale Law School and Université catholique de Louvain)*, Kyle Peyton (University of Melbourne)
- Non-Native Politicians
Tze Yong Tan (Monash University)*

Coffee Break: 10.45-11.00am

Session 5: Friday 5 December, 11.00am-12.30pm

Panel 5A: International Relations and Global Governance, Seminar 1

Chair: Paul Raschky (Monash University), paul.raschky@monash.edu

- Governance surveillance by the International Monetary Fund: Are country reports (still) politically biased?
Seraphine Maerz (University of Melbourne)* and Andrew Walter (University of Melbourne)
- Engaging with China's Belt and Road Initiative: Understanding Why States Participate
Nuan Song (Monash University)*
- Getting Along or Getting Ahead? The Domestic Roots of Status-Seeking in International Relations
Ashani Amarasinghe (University of Sydney)* and Kathryn Baragwanath (University of Melbourne)

Panel 5B: Methods, Metrics, and the Discipline, Seminar 2/3

Chair: Kyle Peyton (University of Melbourne), kyle.peyton@unimelb.edu.au

- Capturing Tradeoffs in Conjoint Experiments using Random Utility Models
Daniel Bogiatzis-Gibbons (Birkbeck College)*
- The Biography of the Adjusted R^2 on the Occasion of the Centenary of its Invention
David Gow (ACSPRI)*
- Beyond the United States: Undergraduate Political Science Curricula in Five English-Speaking Democracies
Rich Frank (Australian National University)*

Lunch: 12.30-1.30pm

Session 6: Friday 5 December, 1.30-3.15pm

Panel 6A: Environmental Politics and Policy, Seminar 1

Chair: Andrew Walter (University of Melbourne), andrew.walter@unimelb.edu.au

- **Holding Ground: The Resilience of Protected Areas during Institutional Weakening**
Kathryn Baragwanath (University of Melbourne)*, Ella Bayi (Columbia University), and Guilherme Fasolin (Vanderbilt)
- **Climate change and foreign direct investment**
Rich Frank (Australian National University)*
- **Backlash at the Ballot Box: Electoral Repercussions of Climate Activism**
Pushkar Maitra (Monash University)*, Quynh Do (Curtin University)
- **A Study on Environmental Concern in Mainland China Based on the Latest Three Waves of the World Values Survey**
Peter Chai (Waseda University)*

Panel 6B: Elections and Voting Behavior, Seminar 2/3

Chair: Ashani Amarasinghe (University of Sydney), ashani.amarasinghe@sydney.edu.au

- **Are Asian-Origin Voters Different? Political Behavior and Attitudes in Australia, Canada and the United States**
Yan Xue (Australian National University)* and Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca (Australian National University)
- **Rejection to compulsory voting and perception of complex ballots leads (unintentional and intentional) informal voting**
Ferran Martinez Coma (Griffith University)*, Lisa Hill (University of Adelaide), Rodrigo Praino (Flinders University)
- **Heterogeneous Effects of Horizontal Concurrent Elections**
Shunya Shimada (Gakushuin University)*
- **Voters' Leading Problems: Introducing a New Combined Dataset for Most Important Problem Survey Questions**
Nathan Fioritti (Monash University)*, Andrew Klassen (University of Cambridge), Elaine Tagert (University of Mississippi)

Coffee Break: 3.15-3.30pm

Session 7: Friday 5 December, 3.30-5.00pm

Panel 7A: Political Economy and Development, Seminar 1

Chair: Lachlan McNamee (Monash University), lachlan.mcnamee@monash.edu

- **Paving Over Streets of Gold: The Economic Impact of Emigration and Restriction on Sending Regions**
Dean Hoi (University of Melbourne)*
- **From Nobleman to Businessman: The Enduring Legacy of Poland's Szlachta**
Pawel Charasz (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)*, Krzysztof Krakowski (King's College London)
- **The Economics of Presidential Approval: Evidence from the Philippines**
Paul Kenny (Australian Catholic University)*, Enrico Antonio La Vina (University of California-Davis)

Panel 7B: Roundtable on the Future of Survey Research, Seminar 2/3

Moderator: Stanley Feldman (Stony Brook University)

A discussion on the evolving challenges of survey research in an era of rising non-response rates, shrinking research budgets, and technological change. Short presentations will highlight key challenges and opportunities before opening into a broader conversation about how to sustain trustworthy, representative, and affordable survey research.

- Kyle Peyton (University of Melbourne)
- Sarah Cameron (Griffith University)
- Shaun Ratcliff (University of Sydney and Accent Research)

Farewell drinks: Friday 5 December, from 5.30pm.

Spring Rock Public Bar, 87 Bourke St., Melbourne VIC 3000
