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# US ELECTION WATCH 08

**THE UNITED STATES  
STUDIES CENTRE**  
at the University of Sydney

E-news

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## Event Spotlight

### America's Moral Authority Debate

6:45pm, Wednesday 29 October

City Recital Hall, Angel Place

US Studies Centre Chief Executive Geoff Garrett and a distinguished panel will discuss whether or not America has lost its legitimacy in a [debate organised by Intelligence Squared Australia](#).

### Election Day Spectacular

Experience history at the largest and most diverse gathering of election aficionados. Avoid the queues at the door and buy your [tickets](#) in advance.

### The President-Elect: What Can We Expect?

The American electorate has spoken. ABC journalist Leigh Sales hosts a post-election analysis with a panel of leading experts. [Read more](#)

## Event Highlight

### The Foreign Policy of Obama and McCain: Which is Australia's Gain?

A [podcast](#) with a sample of last week's public forum is now available. The full video featuring, Kim Beazley, Mike Chinoy, Paul Kelly and Geoff Garrett will be on the Election Watch web site by next week.

## Commentators' Corner



### [The Election Edge:](#)

Articles with cutting edge analysis

- America's New Social Democracy
- Polling the Metropolises: The Mysteries of Multipolar America
- Where Have All the Values Voters Gone?



### [Face Off!:](#)

A unique blog with competing partisan takes on the race, literally 'from left to right'!

On the left, Lesley Russell questions the whereabouts of the real McCain and if he'll ever find a winning strategy. On the right, James Morrow argues that making up (lost ground) is hard to do and all we need to do is stop worrying and just love Obama.

## Competition Countdown

Only 6 more days to submit a Campaign Mash Up video.

Only 10 days left to enter Pick the President.

Will you be a winner in our [competitions](#)?



## Presidential Hack

Master of US Studies students are continuously presented with interesting opportunities. Triple j TV featured two of our postgraduate students, Matt

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[America's Moral Authority Debate](#)

5 November:  
[Election Day Spectacular](#)

11 November:  
[Post Election Public Forum](#)

## > Our Partners



**The  
University  
of Sydney**

Cross and Laura Crommelin, in a Hack series spotlight on the US election.

[Watch the triple j video](#). Learn more about what Matt and Laura [study](#).

## US Election Watch Web Highlights

**Elections 101** - Follow the money trail in [Campaign Finances](#)

**The Race:** Take an interactive journey through the life of [The Candidates](#).

**Participate:**

- Why Americans vote on a Tuesday in [Ask Uncle Sam](#).
- 81% of Australians would vote for Obama. But which candidate do you really agree with most -- and on which issues? Find out in [Choose A Candidate](#).

## Centre News

### High School Outreach

Nearly 100 students from Year 10 and Year 11 gathered at Sydney University on 17 October for an interactive lecture on the US with Geoff Garrett, USSC Chief Executive. The event gave students the experience of a large university lecture and the chance to explore current academic theory in international relations on the US.



Use of keypad technology provided an anonymous and instantaneous means to poll students on their thoughts on everything from the US-Australian military alliance to the future economic power of the US and China. Professor Garrett compared and contrasted students' responses with those in the Centre's national survey, Australian Attitudes towards the US. He then shared with students three schools of thought on the emerging role of the US in the 21st century.

Students came from both public and private schools from throughout the Sydney region to participate. Feedback on the day's event indicated the desire for more opportunities to explore the US. The Centre plans to introduce Year 11 units on the US through the University's Summer School. These units will count both towards a student's high school certificate and a University of Sydney degree.

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