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US ELECTION WATCH 08

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

E-news

21 October 2008

Event Spotlight

Has America Lost Its Moral Authority?

6:45pm, Wednesday 29 October
City Recital Hall, Angel Place
US Studies Centre Chief Executive Geoff Garrett and a distinguished panel will debate the issue. [Details](#)

Election Day Spectacular

Experience the culmination of the race to the White House at the largest election gathering in Australia. National and international media will be there. [Will you?](#)

The President-Elect: What Can We Expect?

A free public forum with a panel of Australian and North American experts analysing the outcome. Panel included a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist. [Details](#)

Centre News

The US Studies Centre appoints four leading social scientists with expertise in key areas of interest to the US and Australia. [Read more](#)

This week the Centre releases a major study, *Australians, Americans and the 2008 Election*. Visit the Election Watch website this Thursday to download the findings.

Commentators' Corner



[The Election Edge:](#)

Articles with cutting edge analysis

- How the US Poll Affects Aussies
- Aqui Se Vota! Latinos and the US Election
- Money, Money, Money
- Cultural Politics and the Legacy of the 1960s in the 2008 Election
- The Shoulders on which Obama Stands



[Face Off!:](#)

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

Lesley and James face off on everything from Sarah Palin's wardrobe to taxes. It's not just the campaign trail where things are heating up.

Public Forum Video

"Thank you for an engaging talk. I found the analysis spot on". - Kevin



If you missed the public forum [The Foreign Politics of Obama and McCain](#), watch the [video](#) on-line. Kim Beazley, Mike Chinoy, Paul Kelly and Geoff

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Garrett discuss not only foreign policy but many aspects of the race to the White House.

Competition Countdown

The deadline for **Campaign Mash Up** videos has been extended to **Monday, 3 November**. Calling all creative types to submit an entry.



Pick the President closes just after Halloween, at midnight on **1 November**. If you are one of the several thousand who has already entered and are keen to win, encourage family and mates to enter, using your expertise. (Just make sure you pick people who will pick you as their companion on the trip!)

[Competition details](#)

US Election Watch Web Highlights

Elections 101

- Compare the experience of Australians and Americans on [Voting Day](#)
- If you happen to miss it, see sample [American ballots](#)

The Race: There's more on the federal ballot than just the presidential race. Explore the [Congressional races](#).

Participate:

- Can US elections be truly fair when a partisan elected official in most states oversee the administration of elections. Answers in [Ask Uncle Sam](#).
- Test your knowledge of [election trivia](#).

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