# US Elections: What now for the new president-elect?

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After a divisive and unpredictable campaign, US voters have chosen the insurgent Republican nominee, Donald Trump, to be their next president.

The 70-year old candidate who has never held elected office has wrought a 'Brexit'-style shock on an all-too-cosy Washington, defying the prognostications of pollsters, pundits, and political experts.

However, the 45th US president will enter the White House on January 20 as a wartime commander-in-chief, the CEO of an economy locked into slow growth, and leader of a free world increasingly sceptical of Washington's commitments abroad.

The following questions will be addressed:

- What can America and the rest of the world expect from president-elect Trump?
- Will the demagogue of the campaign trail be changed by occupying America's highest political office?
- Can a candidate who ripped up the rules of political orthodoxy work with Congress to deliver the jobs and policies he promised?
- How has a nasty, spiteful and highly polarised campaign changed democratic electoral politics at home and abroad?



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#### Chair

#### Paul Maidment, Director of Analysis and Managing Editor, Oxford Analytica

Paul Maidment joined Oxford Analytica in December 2014 as the Director of Analysis and Managing Editor of the Oxford Analytica Daily Brief.

He is an award-wining journalist who founded the New York-based digital editorial consultancy Bystander Media in 2010. A pioneer in combining digital and print journalism, he was previously Editor of Forbes.com and Executive Editor of Forbes, transforming a magazine website into the leading online destination for business, finance and up-scale lifestyle. Before joining Forbes in 2001, Paul was the founding Editor of the Financial Times' award-winning web site FT.com and Assistant Editor of the newspaper. His early career as an editor and foreign correspondent encompassed The Economist, the Asian Wall Street Journal and the BBC in the U.K. the U.S. and Asia — a depth of journalistic experience and breadth of media that gives him a unique perspective on the changes transforming publishing and the world economy. Paul was inducted into the Digital Hall of Fame in New York in 2010.

#### **Panellists**

### Catharin Dalpino, Visiting Fellow in Southeast Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies

Catharin Dalpino is a Visiting Fellow in Southeast Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies and a contract instructor at the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, where she teaches Southeast Asian politics, security and regional affairs. She is a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; and a former fellow at the Brookings Institution, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Atlantic Council. She has taught Southeast Asian Studies at Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins-SAIS and George Washington University. She has been a Sharkey Fellow at Seton Hall University and for two years held the Warburg Chair in Diplomacy at Simmons College.



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## Desmond King, Andrew W Mellon Professor of American Government at the University of Oxford

Andrew Mellon Professor of American Government at the University of Oxford and a Professorial Fellow of Nuffield College. He is one of the world's leading experts on US government and politics. He is the author of eighteen authored/co-authored and coedited books including Obama at the Crossroads (2012), The Unsustainable American State (2010) and The Liberty of Strangers (2005). His most recent book is about the Federal Reserve's response to the 2008 crisis – Fed Power: How Finance Wins (2016). He is a Fellow of the British Academy, a Member of the Royal Irish Academy and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

## Mark Rozell, Ruth D. and John T. Hazel Chair in Public Policy, Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University

Dr. Rozell is a political scientist and author of nine books and editor of twenty books on various topics in U.S. government and politics including the presidency, religion and politics, media and politics, and interest groups in elections. He has testified before Congress several times regarding separation of powers issues and has lectured extensively in the U.S. and abroad on similar topics. He writes columns for major news dailies and is consulted frequently by media for his expertise in U.S. national and state politics.

Dean Rozell received his Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Virginia. He has served as the Acting Dean of the Schar School since 2013 and previously as director of the Master of Public Policy program. He came to Mason in 2004 from The Catholic University of America, where he was Ordinary Professor and Chair of the Department of Politics..