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***PRIEC@UCSB Conference Program on May 8, 2026, 8:30am-7pm***

**Host:** UCSB Department of Political Science; **Co-sponsors:** College of Social Sciences, Graduate Student Association, Migration Initiative, Department of Asian American Studies, and Center for Black Studies Research

**Meeting Venue:** IHC McCune Conference Rm (HSSB 6020—for panels #1, 2,3, 5 & all events except dinner); The Lane Room (Ellison Hall 3824—for panels #4 and #6), Multicultural Center Lounge (University Center 1504—for dinner reception)

**Visitor Info** for HSSB (Humanities and Social Science Building) 6020—IHC McCune Conference Rm is on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, look to the right after exiting the elevator.

**8:30—Breakfast (HSSB 6028)**

**8:50 – Welcome & Opening Remarks** (Interim departmental chair Mahdavi; PRIEC@UCSB co-hosts, Lien, Parker, Orr, Gonzalez, and Rice; PRIEC@ASU, Pedraza)

**9:00–10:40 – Panel #1: U.S. Public Opinion, Perceptions, & Representation**

Chair/Location: Christopher Parker, UCSB, HSSB 6020

**Effects of Humorous Counterspeech on Support for Undocumented Immigrants**

Hyojin Lee & Prateekshit "Kanu" Pandey, UCSB

**Fentanyl and Fear: Public Perceptions of the Opioid Crisis and Undocumented Immigrants in the Western United States**

Pierce Christoffersen, UCSB

**Variations in the Perception of Antisemitism among the American Public**

Bai Linh Hoang & Josh Slatter, U of Texas, Arlington

**Racial Comparability in Authoritarianism Scales: Latent Beliefs or Biased Measurement?**

Bang Zheng, U of Texas, Austin

**Senators Good, Senate Bad: Institutional Design and Unequal Representation in Congress**

G. Agustin Markarian, Loyola U—Chicago

**10:40-10:50 Morning Coffee/Tea Break (HSSB 6028)**

**10:50-12:30—Panel #2: Political Mobilization and Behavior**

Chair/Location: Alfredo Gonzalez, UCSB, HSSB 6020

**Normative Expectations Prompting Color-Conscious and Color-Blind Mobilization**

Mckenzie Bennet, U of Notre Dame

**When Exclusion Mobilizes: Institutional Design, Collective Action, and Political Participation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act**

Sonja Castaneda Dower, U of Chicago

**Running in Context: Marginalization, Political Ambition, and Candidate Emergence**

Iris Acquarone, ASU

**A Comprehensive Theory of Immigration-Based Voting Among Latinos in the 2016 and 2020 Elections**

Juan Espinoza & Jason Morin, CSU Northridge; Yoshira Macias Mejia, Montclair State U; and Gabriel R. Sanchez, U of New Mexico

**Exclusion in Political Polling and Voter Demobilization: The Case of Asian Americans**

Nathan Chan, LMU & Joyce Nguy, UCLA

**12:30 - Lunch Break (Grab a Bite from the Sandwich Buffet in HSSB 6028)**

**12:45-1:10--Lunch-n-learn Information Session: Presenting the 2024 Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey (CMPS)** by Lorrie Frasure & Natalie Masuoka, UCLA (HSSB 6020)

**1:30-2:50--Panel #3: Media Framing, Context, and Campaign**

Chair/Location: Guadalupe Madrigal, UCSB, HSSB 6020

**Media as a Context of Reception: Intergroup Symbolic Environments and Migration**

Muniba Saleem & Ismharif Ismail, UCSB

**Immigrant Race Doesn't Matter? Exploring the Impacts of Childhood and Race Cues in News Media**

Guadalupe Madrigal, UCSB

**Spillover of Hostile Media Frames of Asian Countries into American Public's Opinions of Asian Groups**

Jialing Zhou, UC Merced

**Digital Political Incorporation: A Contemporary Pathway to Office**

Deshdeep Dhankhar, UCSB

**1:30-2:50--Panel #4: Comparative Politics**

Chair/Location: Raymond Orr, UCSB, EH3824

**The Color of Politics: Skin Tone and Attitudes towards Caste-Based Voting**

Amit Ahuja, UCSB

**Who Belongs? Migration Governance and the Construction of Public Attitudes**

Jun Mung Park, UI-Urbana Champaign

**Civic Homelessness: How Deported Veterans Frame Service, Citizenship, and Belonging**

Mason Miller, UCSB

**Who Would Leave Slovakia If Russia Invaded? The Economic, Political, Religious, and Demographic Determinants of Slovaks' Propensity to Flee Abroad**

Joel Fetzer, Pepperdine U

**2:50-3:20 Afternoon Coffee/Tea Break** (in both HSSB 6028 and EH 3824)

**3:20-4:40--Panel #5: Intergroup Contact and Threat**

Chair/Location: Cynthia Kaplan, UCSB, HSSB 6020

**Beyond Contact: How Intergroup Relations with Natives Shape Immigrant Political Integration**

Younghyun Lee, UI-Urbana Champaign

**The Immigration-to-Reproduction Shift: Latino Population Growth and White Support for Abortion**

Tyler Reny, Claremont Graduate U

**Hierarchies Among the Same: State Categories, Intergroup Relations, and Conditional Belonging Among Co-ethnic Migrants in South Korea**

Eun-A Park, Waseda U, Japan

**Ethnic Trust in the Time of Corporate Management**

Zhai Gen Tan & Grace Jang, UCSB

**3:20-4:40—Panel #6: Minority Groups and Attitudes**

Chair/Location: AJ Rice, UCSB, **EH3824**

**Between Asian American Identity and the "Muslim Ban": Pan-Ethnic Identification Among Afghan Americans**

Nura Sedique, Michigan State U

**The Consistency of Immigrants' Political Beliefs Between Their Home versus Host Country**

Ewon Baik, U Southern California

**Internalizing the Narrative: How Latinx Immigrants' Attitudes about Criminality Predict Support for Draconian Immigration Policy in the US**

Makenna Cabrera, UC Davis

**Latinos and The Law: How Supreme Court Rulings Affect Group Perceptions of Judicial Legitimacy**

Sofia Rosales, Michigan State U

**5:00-5:25—Closing Remarks and Reflections** (led by PRIEC@ASU, PRIEC@UCSB co-hosts, in **HSSB 6020**)

**5:40-7:00—Post-event Dinner Reception (Multicultural Center Lounge, UCen 1504)** 🎉 🥳