The Affordable Housing Crisis

Monday, October 5th

New York City faces an affordable housing crisis forcing the city’s poor and elderly to risk homelessness, or forgo basic needs to remain in their homes. This panel discussion, featuring Council Member Jumaane Williams, will address the City Council's efforts to respond to the issue and the Council's working partnerships with other government offices and non-profits. Sponsored by the Political Science Students Association, the Columbia Political Union (CPU), and Columbia Student Engagement.

Lerner Hall, Room 555
Door Opens at 7 PM; Event from 7:00PM - 8:30PM
Coffee/tea reception to follow

Empowering Marginalized Voices

Tuesday, October 6th

A part of the Activist Speaker Series, speakers will discuss how groups are utilizing the electoral process to empower marginalized voices in United States politics. The event features Cesar Vargas, “New York’s first undocumented lawyer”, and Dennis Gonzalez, from Voto Latino. Together, they will highlight the challenges racial and ethnic minorities face, especially the Latino community, the struggles of activism, and effective strategies for political change. Sponsored by the Columbia College Democrats, Latino Heritage Month, the Activist Speaker Series, and Voto Latino. Moderated by Columbia professor Van Tran.

Lerner Hall, Party Space
Door Opens at 7 PM; Event from 7:15PM - 9:00PM
Coffee/tea reception to follow

Climate and Economic Justice in New York City, Post-Sandy

Tuesday, October 6th

Hurricane Sandy was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season as well as the second-costliest hurricane in United States history. Its
storm surge hit New York City on October 29, flooding streets, tunnels and subway lines and cutting power across the city. The Rockaways were no exception to this devastation. Come hear from local resident and activist Lexy Smallwood about her organizing with Rockaway Wildfire to gain community control over land in the peninsula and construct gardens.

*Lerner Hall, Room 568*
Door Opens at 5 PM; Event from 5:30- 7:00PM

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**Success and Failure in Nascent Democracies**

*Wednesday, October 7th*

Moderated by Columbia Professor Andrew Nathan, this panel discussion explores the causes behind young democracies' success or failure. Panelists include John Campbell, former Ambassador to Nigeria, Michael Hanna from the Century Foundation, and Sheri Berman, Barnard Political Science professor. Closing remarks will be provided by Mikiko Sawanishi.

*Lerner Hall, Satow Room*
Door Opens at 6:30 PM; Event from 7PM - 9:00PM
Coffee/tea reception to follow

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**Black Lives Matter Tactics**

*Wednesday, October 7th*

The Black Lives Matter movement is a growing presence in political conversation and has pressured political candidates this primary season in both parties. What does political accountability mean, for a presidential bid, in the age of aggressive Black grassroots movements? The panel seeks to start a conversation about the approaches the Black Lives Matter movement has used and the accountability they seek. Sponsored by the Men of Color Alliance, Columbia Black Law Students Association, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

*Lerner Hall, Broadway Room*
Door Opens at 7 PM; Event from 7:30PM - 9:00PM
Coffee/tea reception to follow
Awakening Our Democracy: The American Dream Immigration, and Belonging

Thursday, October 8th

Awakening Democracy is a new conversation series on race, ethnicity, disparities, and justice issues at the forefront of the University's and nation's consciousness. This event will include lunch and a lively discussion about immigration and belonging moderated by Duarte Geraldino of Al Jazeera America, featuring TED Fellow and social justice comedian Negin Farsad (SIPA alumna), Assistant Professor of Sociology Van C. Tran (Columbia University), and activist for pro-immigration reform, Co-Director of the Dream Action Coalition, Cesar Vargas. Sponsored by Office of University Life.

Pulitzer Hall, Room 300
Event from 12:00PM - 1:30pm

Voting Week Talmud Discussion

Thursday, October 8th

Want to learn about how to connect Judaism and politics? Want to know how you can use your beliefs to make informed voting choices? Come to our discussion and read Jewish texts and commentaries related to various political issues from Planned Parenthood to climate change and beyond. Explore what these texts mean to you and how they connect (or conflict!) with your political views, and help each other learn in a safe, respectful environment. Leading the discussion will be members of the Hillel Social Justice Fellowship including Jenna Bergmann (Barnard Class of 2018).

Kraft Center 3rd Floor at 8:30PM

The Challenges of a Two Party System

Friday, October 9th

Governor Johnson will speak Friday about his firsthand experience challenging the political duopoly of the Republican and Democratic parties. He will offer his unique
perspective on a variety of key issues including lowering health care costs and how to revive the trust between our police and our citizens. As Governor of New Mexico, he presided over one of the most successful administrations in the state’s history, able to improve services while cutting taxes and expenses. As a Presidential candidate, he finished third in the 2012 Presidential elections, and is considering a run in 2016. Sponsored by The Columbia Libertarians, CPU is co-sponsoring.

*Roone Cinema in Lerner Hall*
Door Opens at 3:30 PM; Event from 4:00PM - 6:00PM
Coffee/tea reception to follow