



Panel: Kristallnacht & Donald Trump: Can Fascism Emerge in the United States?

Scholars from across campus to discuss pressing political and social issue, rise of far-right movements

London, ON – In the wake of a volatile US presidential campaign and equally divisive election results, Huron University College will host a panel discussion asking the question “Can Fascism emerge in the United States?” on November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. A timely and important event, this panel – which is free and open to the public - helps highlight the need for inclusive and thoughtful discussion regarding current socio-political issues.

The panel title references the fact that Donald Trump was elected on the eve of the anniversary of Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass), a systematic pogrom in Nazi Germany from November 9 to November 10, 1938, after which already dire conditions for German Jews significantly worsened.

Dr. Tracy Lemos, event organizer and Professor of Theology at Huron, elaborates: “This panel brings together scholars of Nazism, Italian fascism, politics and the media, African-American history, and religious violence to address what is arguably the most pressing political and social issue of our time: the rise of far-right movements in western democracies.”

Kristallnacht and Donald Trump: Can Fascism Emerge in the United States begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall at Huron University College, 1349 Western Road, London, Ontario.

Panelists include:

Paul Nesbitt-Larking, Professor of Political Science, Huron University College

Eli Nathans, Associate Professor of History, Western University

Robert Ventresca, Associate Professor of History, King’s University College

Nina Reid-Maroney, Associate Professor of History, Huron University College

Moderated by Tracy Lemos, Associate Professor of Theology, Huron University College