

## USA Update 2011

### Teacher Seminar, 9. Dezember 2011 Speaker: Dr. Markus Hünemörder, LMU

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In the third year of the Obama presidency, where does the United States stand? While the Obama administration was remarkably successful in passing progressive reform legislation, the popularity of the president and his Democratic fell sharply throughout 2010, leading to partial defeat in the Congressional elections of 2010. With the Republicans in control of the House of Representatives, is “change we can believe in” still possible? This class will examine current main issues in domestic and foreign policy, as well as political culture and American society, including the role of the so-called Tea Party. We will look at the upcoming presidential election of 2012, especially possible Republican candidates. As usual, political satire and humor will help provide perspective on the serious business of politics.

09.00: assessing Obama's first three years in office: domestic policy

10.00: assessing Obama's first three years office: international relations

10.45: coffee break

11.15: the Republican Party: issues, primaries and possible candidates

12.00: unresolved issues in American politics and society

12.30: preview: the presidential election of 2012

13.00: end