

USA Update 2011

Teacher Seminar, 10 June 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 -10:00 Looking back: the presidential election of 2008 and Obama's "Hope and Change" campaign
- 10:00 - 10:45 Domestic politics under the Obama administration
- 10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:00 Foreign policy under the Obama administration
- 12:00 - 13:00 The Republican opposition, the midterm elections of 2010, and the presidential election of 2012