

**Immigration and Public Opinion in the Western Democracies  
February 27, 28, 2009**

**Friday, February 27**

**9:45-10:00**

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Gary Freeman, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin**

**Randall Hansen, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto**

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**David Leal, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin**

**10:00 to 11:45**

**Panel I: The Structure of Immigration**

**“Native Born and Foreign Born Attitudes towards Receptivity and Conformity:  
The Dynamics of Opinion Change in Canada”**

Neil Nevitte, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

Steven White, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

**“Threat and Immigration Attitudes in Liberal Democracies”**

Gallya Lahav, Department of Political Science, State University of New York at Stony Brook

**“The Structure of Self-Interest(s): Applying Comparative Theory to U.S.  
Immigration Attitudes”**

D. Stephen Voss, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky

**“Immigration and Public Opinion”**

Rita Simon, School of Public Affairs, American University

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**Panel II: Immigration Attitudes and Public Policy**

**“Attitudes Towards Highly Skilled and Low Skilled Immigration:  
Evidence from a Survey Experiment”**

Michael Hiscox, Department of Government, Harvard University

Jens Hainmueller, Department of Government, Harvard University

**“Party Politics and Public Opinion on Immigration and Anti-Discrimination Policy:  
Implications for Immigrant Integration”**

Terri Givens, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

**“Amnesty, Guest Workers, Fences! Oh My! Public Opinion  
about ‘Comprehensive Immigration Reform’”**

Deborah Schildkraut, Department of Political Science, Tufts University

**3:45 to 5:15**

**Panel III: Latinos and Diversity**

**“Immigration Reforms from the Perspective of the Target of the Reform: Immigrant  
Generation and Latino Policy Preferences on Immigration Reform”**

Louis DeSipio, Department of Political Science, University of California at Irvine

**“Political Socialization and Diversity Attitudes in Rural Communities”**

James Gimpel, Department of Political Science, University of Maryland

**“Race, Ethnicity, and Attitudes toward Immigration Reform”**

Mijeong Baek, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

Taofang Huang, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

David L. Leal, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

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**Panel IV: Comparative European Attitudes**

**“The Paradox of Immigration Attitudes in Luxembourg:  
A Pan-European Comparison”**

Joel Fetzer, Department of Political Science, Pepperdine University

**“Cross-National and Cross-Time Views of Immigration: Evidence from the  
Eurobarometer”**

Lauren McLaren, School of Politics and International Relations, Nottingham University

**“Cross-National Comparisons of Public Opinion  
Regarding Immigration and Immigrants”**

Peer Sheepers, Faculty of Social Science, University of Nijmegen

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**Panel V: Mass Media and Public Opinion**

**“The Media and Public Opinion on Immigration in Australia”**

Bob Birrell, Centre for Population and Urban Research, Monash University

**“Media Exposure and Illegal Immigration: Evidence on Attitudes from the U.S.”**

Anna Maria Mayda, School of Foreign Service and Department of Economics, Georgetown University

**3:00**

**Concluding Remarks**