



Department of Politics and Public Administration

Presents

Decision 2012: Decoding the Obama and Romney Platforms

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Venue: Wang Gungwu Theatre, Graduate House, HKU, Pokfulam Rd., HK

The Party Platform of Barack Obama

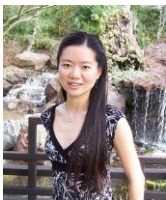


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The Party Platform of W. Mitt Romney



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Abstract:

US Presidential Elections can be difficult to follow for even the most savvy of political observers residing in the US. For interested non-citizens or even US citizens residing outside of the US, following the presidential election becomes even more difficult. Likewise, for non-US students of American presidential politics, it can be cumbersome to identify the nuances in the major issues of the day.

The purpose of this lecture/ debate is to provide an abbreviated guide to the platforms of the two US presidential candidates—Barack Obama (D) and W. Mitt Romney (R). The presenters for each side will outline the positions of the candidates on the pressing issues of concern to non-US citizens, namely: Energy Security and Foreign Policy as well as issues of pressing concern to US citizens, namely: the US domestic economy and Healthcare reform.

The format of the lecture/ debate will be that each presenter will outline the major tenets of their party platform in 5 minutes, followed by 3 minutes on each topic. Speakers will alternate with one another through the topics then have 3 minutes to provide a wrap up of their presentation. This will be followed by a Q&A session for the audience.