



MAKING SENSE OF THE 2020 ELECTION: POLITICAL AND CULTURAL CONSEQUENCES

A Digital Symposium May 21, 15.00-17.00

Preceded by the NAAS general meeting

The Swedish Institute for North American Studies (SINAS), Uppsala University, The Nordic Association for American Studies (NAAS) and the Swedish Association for American Studies (SAAS) welcome scholars interested in the current developments in the United States to an afternoon of engaged discussion.

The discussion will be based on three lectures in which scholars from literature, history, and political science that will place the election and its outcomes in a larger perspective. The lectures are available online a week in advance. The program on May 21 includes brief presentations by the speakers, a choice of three zoom break-out rooms for discussions of the individual lectures, and a joint and concluding session.

Speakers and Topics - lectures available online from May 14

Frida Beckman, Professor of Comparative Literature, Stockholm University:
“The Steal: Paranoia and the Re-possession of White Male Agency”

Gunlög Fur, Professor of History, Linnaeus University:
“Falling Apart Since 1607”

Steven Schier, Professor of Political Science, Carleton College:
“Piercing the Fog: Perspectives on the 2020 US Elections”

Program May 21, 2021

11.15-13.00: NAAS general meeting (for members of ASANOR, DAAS, FASA and SAAS). A separate link will be sent out to those who indicate that they are members when they sign up.

15.00-15.30: Welcome and introductory remarks from the three speakers.

15.30-16.15: Three parallel discussion sessions with the three speakers in separate meeting rooms.

16.15–16.30: Break

16.30-17.00: Concluding remarks

Sign up by e-mailing naasinfo2021@gmail.com by May 10. Please state your name, affiliation, and if you are a member of a Nordic American studies association.