

## **American Studies Seminar - Athens**

**March 26 - April 7, 2008  
Deree College Downtown Auditorium  
6-8 Xenias Street, Plateia Mavili**

### **“American Politics at a Crossroads: Roosevelt, Reagan, and the 2008 Presidential Election”**

#### **Wednesday, March 26 Making the Modern American State: 1900-1930**

- 4:30 Student registration  
5:00 Opening ceremony, welcome remarks  
5:15 Lecture: “*Transformation of the Political System*”  
6:15 Lecture: “*Creation of the Modern Economy*”  
7:00 Break  
7:30-9:00 Lecture: “*Transformation of American Culture: media presentation*”

#### **Thursday, March 27 The Coming of the New Deal**

- 5:00 Lecture: “*A Political Revolution: FDR’s Elections in 1932 and 1936*”  
5:45 Lecture: “*A Social Revolution: The Creation of the New Deal*”  
6:30 Break  
7:00 Lecture: “*The Invention of the American Dream*”  
7:30-9:00 Film showing

#### **Friday, March 28 Long-term Consequences of the New Deal: 1940-1968**

- 5:00 Lecture: “*Transformation: U.S. Political Parties and the Presidency*”  
6:00 Lecture: “*Domestic Policy: Creation of the Modern Welfare State*”  
7:00 Break  
7:30-9:00 Panel: “*Transformation of U.S. Foreign Policy*”  
a. Creation of the Modern Foreign Policy/Intelligence Establishment  
b. From Isolationism to Internationalism  
c. Creation of Postwar International Institutions

#### **Monday, March 31 The Coming of the Reagan Revolution**

- 5:00 Lecture: “*A Second Revolution: Reagan’s Elections in 1980 and 1984*”  
6:00 Lecture: “*The New Money Culture—Greed is Good: media presentation*”

6:30 Break  
7:00-9:00 Film showing: "*Wall Street*"

**Tuesday, April 1**  
**Long-term Consequences of the Reagan Revolution (Part I)**

5:00-7:00 Panel: "*Domestic Consequences of the Reagan Revolution*"  
a. Politics  
b. The Economy  
c. The Society  
7:00 Break  
7:30-9:00 Lecture: "*The Bush Legacy and the 2008 Election*"

**Wednesday, April 2**  
**Long-term Consequences of the Reagan Revolution (Part II)**

5:00-7:00 Panel: **Foreign Policy**  
a. The Cold War and Its Aftermath  
b. The Middle East  
c. Europe  
d. Asia  
7:00 Break  
7:30-9:00 Lecture: "*Elections and U.S. Foreign Policy*"

**Thursday, April 3**  
**The 2008 Election**

5:00 Lecture: "*The Significance of the 2008 Election or America at a Crossroads*"  
5:45 Lecture: "*The Media and the Election: media presentation*"  
6:30 Break  
7:00-9:00 Film showing

**Friday, April 4**

5:00-6:00 *Examination*

**Monday, April 7**

5:00-6:00 *Graduation Ceremony*  
6:00-7:30 *Reception*