



Political Science and
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Code Of Conduct For Public Events

UCL Political Science is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive experience for all participants of our public events, seminars and lectures.

As a university, we welcome people from a wide range of backgrounds and views. Sometimes we may disagree, but it is important that we maintain respect for each other. UCL believes in [‘disagreeing well’](#).

Because we have a lot of different people coming to our public events, we have written a short code of conduct. If you are coming to one of our events, please take a look and familiarise yourself with what is expected from everyone taking part.

Code of conduct

All participants (including organisers, speakers, volunteers and attendees) are expected to abide by the following code of conduct.

1. Behave professionally.
Harassment and sexist, racist, or exclusionary comments or jokes are not appropriate. Harassment includes sustained disruption of events, inappropriate gestures, sexual attention or innuendo, deliberate intimidation, stalking, and photography or recording of an individual without consent. It also includes offensive comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, political affiliation, race or religion.
2. All communication should be appropriate for a diverse audience including people of many different backgrounds.
3. Be kind to others. Do not insult or put down other participants.
4. *At in-person events*, please respect the speakers and other audience members by keeping distractions/noise to a minimum. You are welcome to use devices to take notes but browsing social media or playing games (for e.g.) is not appropriate.
5. *During online events*, use the chat/Q&A feature to ask questions and engage in discussion. Be patient with the hosts as they relay your question to the speaker



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and understand that questions may not be answered if deemed inappropriate or if we do not have time.

Participants asked to stop any inappropriate behaviour are expected to comply immediately.

Participants violating these rules may be removed from the event, at the sole discretion of the organisers.

Reporting

If you observe someone making you or anyone else feel unsafe or unwelcome, please report it as soon as possible to the meeting organisers/hosts.

Finally, a reminder that all UCL students and staff are expected to abide by UCL's [code of conduct for students](#) and [ways of working for staff](#).