

# HOMO POLITICUS:

## IGNORANT, DOGMATIC, IRRATIONAL?

*Conference on Political Ignorance and Dogmatism*

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**Sunday, August 31, 2008, Sheraton Boston Hotel • 12-6 PM**

A series of hour-long roundtables followed by audience discussion. APSA members welcome.  
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**12-1 PM: Public Ignorance: Rational, Irrational, or Inevitable?**

Bryan Caplan, *George Mason University*  
Jeffrey Friedman, *University of Texas, Austin*  
Ilya Somin, *University of Pennsylvania*

DISC.: Nassim Nicholas Taleb, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

**1-2 PM: Political Ignorance and Error**

John Bullock, *Yale University*  
Arthur Lupia, *University of Michigan*  
Paul J. Quirk, *University of British Columbia*

DISC.: Scott Althaus, *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*

**2-3 PM: Political Ignorance, Empirical Realities**

Samuel DeCanio, *Georgetown University*  
Michael Murakami, *Yale University*  
Nick Weller, *University of Southern California*

DISC.: David R. Mayhew, *Yale University*

**3-4 PM: Political Dogmatism**

David Barash, *University of Washington*  
George E. Marcus, *Williams College*  
Charles S. Taber, *Stony Brook University*

DISC.: Jeffrey Friedman, *University of Texas, Austin*

**4-5 PM: Normative Implications**

Tom Hoffman, *Spring Hill College*  
Russell Muirhead, *University of Texas, Austin*  
Mark Pennington, *University of London*  
Ilya Somin, *University of Pennsylvania*

DISC.: William A. Galston, *University of Maryland*

**5-6 PM: Plenary Discussion**



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