

REFORMING AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

JANUARY 11, 2025
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

PANEL I: REFORMING CONGRESS

Chair: Emily Ommundsen, University of Mississippi
Discussant: Jesse Crosson, Purdue University

Leah Rosenstiel, University of Chicago

Title: “Reforming the Appropriations Process”

J.D. Rackey, Bipartisan Policy Center

Title: “Not a Moment But a Movement: Our Shot to Build Congressional Capacity”

Lee Drutman, New America

Rob Oldham, Princeton University

Title: “The Congress of Tomorrow: Institutional Reform for a More Pluralistic Legislature”

PANEL II: REFORMING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Panel Chair: Jesse Crosson, Purdue University

Panel Discussant: Logan Strother, Purdue University

Christina Kinane, Yale University

Title: “Balancing Power and Efficiency: Dual Pathways for Reforming the U.S. Appointment Process”

Soren Dayton, Niskanen Center

Title: “Building Congressional Processing to Respond to *Loper-Bright*”

Daniel Gibbs, Virginia Tech

Title: “Civil Service Reform: Recent Theoretical and Empirical Work”

PANEL III: REFORMING THE JUDICIARY

Chair: Logan Strother, Purdue University

Discussant: Sarah Benesh, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Eileen Braman, Indiana University

Title: “Democratic Implications of Empirical Research on Judicial Behavior”

Morgan Hazelton, Saint Louis University

Title: “Who is in the Driver’s Seat? The Politics of Congressional Authorizations for Federal Judgeships”

James Wallner, R Street Institute & Clemson University

Title: “The Supreme Court and Sortition: An Ancient Solution for a Modern Problem”

PANEL IV: REFORMS TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Chair: Jesse Crosson, Purdue University

Discussant: Logan Strother, Purdue University

Alyx Mark, Wesleyan University

Title: “The Case For (and Against) Greater Centralization of State Court Administration”

Sarah Staszak, Princeton University

Title: “Restoring Access to Justice: The Limits and Promise of Arbitration Reform”

Richard Barton, Syracuse University

Title: “Nonpartisan Primaries and Responsible Political Parties”