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Political scientists converge on Tassie this week

Tasmania will see an influx of more than 200 political scientists from interstate and abroad for the annual Australian Political Studies Association conference (24-26 September).

The conference is being hosted at Elizabeth Pier by the UTAS School of Government. The conference organiser is Associate Professor Richard Eccleston.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the keynote speech by Professor Geoffrey Garrett, Founding CEO of the US Studies Centre and Dean of the University of Sydney Business School, on the topic of *What is at Stake in the 2012 US Presidential Election?*

This lecture will be between 5.30 and 6.30 pm on Tuesday 25 at the Hobart Conference Function Centre (Sovereign Room).

The conference will also feature a forum on minority government (Hobart Conference Function Centre, Marina Room, Tuesday 25 September 1-2pm) with speakers including the Green Leaders Senator Christine Milne, Nick McKim and Meredith Hunter (ACT), to be followed by the launching by Pete Hay of UTAS' Professor Kate Crowley's new book *Minority Government: the Liberal Green Experience in Tasmania* (Hobart Conference Function Centre, Marina Room, Tuesday 25 September 2-2.15pm).

Amongst those attending the conference will be Anthony Green, ABC electoral analyst, who will be involved in a special panel on *The Forthcoming Federal Election: Key Issues and Outlook* (Hobart Conference Function Centre, Marina Room, Monday 24 September 12.30-1.30pm).

The Premier Lara Giddings will be welcoming the conference participants at Parliament House on Monday 24th September.

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