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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Looking back at this past year, it is remarkable to think about all we accomplished. In Summer 2021, we continued to grapple with the uncertain disruptions of COVID-19. By the new year, we made great strides in the shift towards hybrid meetings. To be sure, our own recent upgrades and renovations to the seminar rooms allowed us to hit the floor running. But the main reason for the successful transition lay of course with the Centre's incredible administrative team, Jodie Walsh, Katie Dey, and Kayla Klym. With tremendous support from Rowan Salverda, Laurence Claussen, Sonja Welker, and Pauline Blom, the Centre continued to evolve and grow in ways that promoted its mandate and built its capacity.

Over the fall, life in the Centre did gradually begin to resemble pre-pandemic days. The conversation between people passing in the halls rose, as did the number of fellows in their offices, and we began to gather again in large numbers. In November, we had the privilege to co-sponsor UVic's Climate and Sustainability Welcome Reception, celebrating the arrival of a new cluster of research chairs. Of special note in the spring was our celebration of the new book by Coast Salish Elder Raymond Tony Charlie (Penelakut Tribe), *In the Shadow of the Red Brick Building* which shares his personal story as a residential school survivor and his journey to

healing as a published author. Another special gathering was our launch of the Rod Dobell Room of Dialogue—a wonderful reception with many CFGS friends and alumni who came together to celebrate “a little bit of academic paradise” and to remind ourselves not to take for granted, “good problem solving with good people”.

As this report on the past year abundantly demonstrates, all of the Centre's core programs, projects, fellows, and discussion groups have enjoyed remarkable successes in building valuable connections across disciplines, across the globe, and across the academic/policy divide. They have kept our community constantly informed of rapidly changing situations around the world (from Afghanistan to China, Ghana to Ukraine), while continuing to value and understand the Indigenous knowledges and perspectives of our local communities. That vibrant energy can only continue to grow, as we welcome innovative fellowship opportunities (including scholars at risk), new Aspiration post-docs, more SSHRC projects, and bolstered cross-campus partnerships, including CIFAL (The United Nations Institute of Training and Research).

I have learnt so much from my engagement with this extraordinary community on campus, and from being a member of its remarkable leadership team. With special thanks to Oliver Schmidtke, Oliver Brandes, and Jodie Walsh for their continued support throughout the year.

## **Martin Bunton**

*Interim Director*

Centre for Global Studies



# The Globe in Perspective

The Centre for Global Studies (CFGs), founded in 1998, fosters research, reflection, and action on complex issues of local, national, and global importance. Located at the University of Victoria, CFGs is a collaborative community of scholars and leaders that is uniquely positioned to bridge academic research and student mentoring with innovative knowledge mobilization and effective community engagement.

As a truly interdisciplinary research centre exploring global and Indigenous perspectives, CFGs fosters exploration, discussion, and collaboration in new and unexpected ways. CFGs is an international community, purposefully designed to foster exchanges that lead to collaboration and innovation.

*"Being at CFGs was an overall wonderful experience. While at the Center, I was not only able to connect with scholars from a variety of disciplines and get meaningful feedback, but I was also able to make great progress on several outstanding research projects with a close colleague of mine at the Center, Kristin Brandl... I cannot iterate enough how valuable the time in person was not only with my direct colleague but also with all the individuals from the Center that provided feedback."*

ELIZABETH MOORE, ASSISTANT TEACHING PROFESSOR, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY, D'AMORE-MCKIM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS,  
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

CFGs research considers the nexus of the local and global - how local concerns have global effects and how global issues manifest at the local level. Fellows and researchers are exploring issues vital to people, places, policy, and the planet and are making an impact around the world.

Current research foci include:

- Borders and migration in the 21st century
- Environmental and social policy, and ecological governance with a strong emphasis on water
- Indigeneity and reconciliation from global and local perspectives
- Social justice and participatory democracy
- Governance as an integrated process at and across scales.



CFGS collaborates on projects across faculties and departments at the University of Victoria, as well as with communities, practitioners, partners, and universities around the globe. These projects reflect the core themes of CFGS and bring together diverse groups of people to communicate their research through events, publications, and interdisciplinary networks. CFGS makes boundary-pushing research accessible to policy makers, researchers, and the wider community.

These long-term projects are housed in the halls of CFGS. The faculty and staff involved in these projects occupy the offices at CFGS and are an integral part of the centre's day-to-day activities.

## Borders in Globalization (BIG)



Borders in Globalization (BIG) is an international partnership of academics, policy professionals, and community partners working to better understand how borders are conceptualized, how they function, and how we can move beyond a state-centric and territorial understanding of borders in the 21st Century.

In 2021, BIG hosted two summer institutes, 'Trade & Customs Borders in the 21st Century' and 'Cross-Border Management in a Comparative Perspective' which reached more than two dozen students from around the world. Going forward, these institutes will be offered through the Faculty of Continuing Studies and Professional Development Certificates and BIG has partnered with the World Customs

Organization and Canadian Border Services Agency to ensure that at least fifteen customs and borders officials attend each year. The BIG team is currently developing four additional institutes that will launch over the course of the next two years.

During this review period, BIG co-hosted an event on 'Crisis and Post-Truth Politics' with the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission and the European Community Studies Association. The Borders in Globalization Review published its fifth and sixth issues; the Borders in Globalization Book Series released two new books - *Borders and Bordering Atlantic Canada* and *A World Anthology of Border Poetry: Blurred and Political*; and, under the leadership of BIG

Post-Doc Benjamin Perrier, BIG launched the Borders in Globalization Podcast Series - which currently has nine episodes available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and the [Podcast App](#) (new episodes are released on the first Monday of every month). BIG also supported the release of a number of other publications that highlighted the findings of the original Borders in Globalization SSHRC Partnership grant (2013-2021) including: Nicole Bates-Eamer and Helga Halgrimsdottir's *British Columbia's Borders in Globalization*; Heather Nicol and Greg Anderson's *Canada's Fluid Borders: Trade, Investment, Travel, Migration*; and a special issue of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics on "Patterns in Border Security: Regional Comparisons", co-edited by Christian Leuprecht, Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Todd Hataly, and Tim Legrand.

This reporting period marked the first year of the "21st Century Borders" grant. As such, a lot of time was dedicated to establishing a core administrative team and formalizing BIG's relationship with sixteen academic partners, seven policy partners, and three community partners. BIG hired Stephanie Gruhlke as Program

Manager and funded two Post-Doctoral Fellows, four PhD Fellows and/or researchers, one MA fellow, and supported five undergraduate students. In December 2021, BIG launched its governance structure and, since then, has hosted four advisory board meetings. Lastly, BIG scholars presented at the Castle Talks on Cross Border Cooperation, the World Customs Organization's Picard Conference, the Association of Borderland Studies Annual Conference, the International Studies Association Annual Conference, and the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration Annual Conference.

Since its official launch in 2019, *Border in Globalization Review* (BIG\_Review) has provided a forum for academic and creative explorations on borders in the 21st century. Their interest is advancing high-quality and original works in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences that explore various aspects of borders in an increasingly globalized world. BIG\_Review publishes scholarship (academic articles, essays, research notes, book reviews, and film reviews) as well as artwork (photography, painting, poetry, short stories, and more). This year, the BIG\_Review published two issues, a special issue released in December 2021 on "New Border Studies South Asia" and a special issue released in June 2020 on "Mexico's Southern Border and Beyond".

Books published this reporting period included: Nicole Bates-Eamer and Helga Hallgrimsdottir (editors), *British Columbia's Borders in Globalization* (London and New York: Routledge, 2022) and Victor Konrad and Randy Widdis (editors), *Borders and Bordering in Atlantic Canada* (2022) as part of the Borders in Globalization Books Series.







First in-person meeting of the EuMePo project with the European partners at the Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS), October 2021: Diána Bartha, Francesca Tortorella, Oliver and Beate Schmidtke, Ildikó Bartha, Beata Halicka, Piotr Oleksy.

Photo Credit: Claudia Höhne

## The Europe-Canada Network

This year, as the world slowly transitioned away from strict pandemic restrictions the Europe-Canada Network's (EUCAnet) vibrant community of scholars, fellows, and interns continued to thrive, engaging in a series of activities to deepen its network and train interns in Germany, England, and Canada. During the year, EUCAnet organized several in-person events with their European partners, had a range of online events, and produced various outputs, including one major publication.

The primary area of activity was the [European Memory Politics \(EuMePo\)](#) project, a collaborative research network comprised of scholars from the University of Victoria, the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, the University of Strasbourg, and the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. Together, this network studies and reflects on the link between past injustices and contemporary political and social realities, relying on perspectives from both sides of the Atlantic. The relevance of this work was made especially clear in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as President Putin used a widely-criticized account of Ukrainian history to justify his geopolitical aims.

The Jean Monnet Network met on three occasions. It organized conferences in Hamburg in November ([Populism, Nationalism and the Politics of Memory in Europe](#)), Strasbourg in March ([European Memory versus Populism and Euroscepticism in Western Europe](#)), and Poznan in May ([Politics of History and Memory Conflicts in Post-Communist Europe](#)). These events were fruitful opportunities for the wider team to meet and collaborate, and they involved widespread participation from the university communities where they took part.

In addition, great strides were made in advancing the goals of EuMePo network through a series of online events. An [interview series of ten experts](#), including a former U.S. Ambassador, several top-notch memory politics scholars, and the long-term director of Berlin's leading international art centre, was completed in January. And, the webinar series that began in 2021 saw several new installments: Justifying War Through History: Memory Politics and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine (May 2nd 2022) and Contesting National Memory in Canada: The Role of the Right (June 23rd 2021).



However, the capstone achievement of the year was undoubtedly the digital publication “Using the Past to Define the Present: An Introduction to Memory Politics,” a project that took over a year to research, write, edit, and design. It is a unique and engaging educational resource which unpacks the concept of ‘memory politics’, through five national case studies (its official launch is in October 2022).

Beyond this EuMePo work, the EUCAnet team also finalized and launched the project’s [new website](#), a tremendous effort given the amount of content, expert profiles, and multimedia the website offers. Furthermore, EUCAnet deepened its longstanding cooperation

with the European Community Studies Association of Canada (ECSA-C), helping publish [its 25 year anniversary brochure](#) and organizing a related social media campaign.

Moreover, the EUCAnet team was instrumental in facilitating a book entitled [\*Democratic Multiplicity: Perceiving, Enacting, and Integrating Democratic Diversity\*](#) (coedited by, among others, by the CFGS-affiliated J. Tully, K. Cherry, P. Ouziel and O. Schmidtke). The book is based on the 2019 EUCAnet conference on *Democracy and its Futures* and was published by Cambridge University Press in August 2022.

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## European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE)

The year began with Nina Belmonte taking over as Acting Director of European Studies while Elena Pnevmonidou was on leave. Dr. Belmonte effectively navigated the return to in-person instruction and its challenges while also ensuring new program coordinator, Kristina Wallace, had a smooth start in September. Our thanks to Amanda Merritt, previous coordinator, for her dedication to this role for the preceding three years.

European Studies also welcomed Philosophy major Marc Allan as our work study student for the year. Many thanks to Marc for his work in outreach and communications, particularly with regard to the student course union and forthcoming student journal.



The academic program in European Studies had a successful year despite the uncertainties around COVID-19. Enrolments in the core courses were very good, about 35 students per class average required by the Dean of Humanities. There are also six students enrolled in the Minor in European Studies, up from prior years.

The ongoing pandemic continued to interfere with our two major experiential learning opportunities, though we are pleased to report that we were able to run both programs in a modified fashion this past year.

The West Coast Model EU program was to return to an in-person format at the University of Washington, but due to the Omicron variation of COVID-19, the organizers shifted the event online once again. However, the UVic team, expertly led by Dr. Valerie D’Erman, was extremely engaged and made an impressive showing. UVic participants represented the countries of Ireland and Slovakia in the following roles:

- Emma Judd - Minister of Environment for Ireland
- Jasper van Weelderden - Minister of Environment for Slovakia
- Jacob Burdge - Head of State for Ireland
- Liam Peta - Head of State for Slovakia

We are also pleased to mention that Jasper van Weelderen received the award for Outstanding Environment Minister, in competition with teams from 13 other universities around North America. Congratulations to Jasper and many thanks to Valerie for her excellent mentorship.

## EU Study Tour and Internship Program

After a two-year hiatus, we were given approval in Fall 2021 with reinstating the EU Study Tour and Internship Program. Unfortunately, again due to the Omicron variant and updated travel restrictions as of early 2022, it was not possible to run the program in its normal format. Under the guidance of the Network for EU Studies Canada, the decision was made to offer a hybrid program. Participants took a “Virtual Study Tour” this May via online course and then had the opportunity to travel to Europe for in-person internships in Brussels, Antwerp, Berlin. A total of 15 students across Canada, including five from UVic were placed.

The participating UVic students are receiving travel scholarships via the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence,

as well as a small financial contribution from the Faculty of Humanities.

Many thanks to program staff Conrad King and Paul Schure as well as Kristina Wallace, Nina Belmonte and Elena Pnevmonidou for their hard work and flexibility in making the tour possible in spite of the many uncertainties of the past several months.

## Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Awards (JCURA)

UVic Political Science Major, Laura Smith, received a JCURA award for her project entitled, The EU’s East-West Divide: Assessing the Extent and Effects of Differences in the EU’s Post-Communist States of Hungary and the Czech Republic. Dr. Valerie D’Erman supervised the project. More information on the project can be found here: <https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/LearnAnywhere/2022/03/21/the-eus-east-west-divide-assessing-the-extent-and-effects-of-differences-in-the-eus-post-communist-states-of-hungary-and-the-czech-republic/>

## The Jean Monnet Borders, Human-to-Military Security Database Network

The Jean Monnet Borders, Human-to-Military Security Database Network studies borders along a continuum of human-to-military security issues in the pan European Union context and compares these with Canada. The main objectives of the network are to develop a database of EU internal and peripheral border dyads, along a continuum of policies concerning human security and state security, so that systematic comparison of all EU border region is possible with Canada (and by extension the rest of the world); engage graduate students and younger researchers and professors among all nine policy and research partners of the network; and create a new open-access course that will address how EU security policy has adapted with regard to borders and human mobility both within the union and across its frontiers.

The main goal of the network this year was to increase our research capacity and begin collecting substantial amounts of data across our indicators. In the fall of 2021, we hired Maria Finnsdottir as a Senior Research Assistant & Database Coordinator. Over the course of the year, she led a team of four junior researchers, three PhD fellows, and one masters fellow. In collaboration with our network partners in France, Germany, Hungary, Northern Ireland, and Poland, this team of researchers has expanded our datasets through research on a variety of topics including: integrated border management agreements, cross-border Indigenous groups, and cross-border connectivities.





## POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

Our mission at POLIS is to be a place of active learning and exchange where diverse people can enhance their understandings of and contributions to ecological governance, and enact changes needed for an equitable, just, and sustainable world with a regenerative (rather than degenerative) future. All of our community-engaged and action-oriented research, policy work, and education is rooted in place, and seeks to understand and address pressing, complex questions.

Our work encompasses a number of initiatives spanning the last couple of decades, each embodying the principles of ecological governance and working towards a responsible present that supports a sustainable future. Our current priority areas are:

**Water Sustainability** – driving innovative water and watershed law, policy, and governance reform to generate change towards a sustainable freshwater future.

**Biocultural Ethics** – exploring the value systems underlying the ways we treat one another and the natural world, across different cultures, geographies, generations, and species, to create guidance, shape policies, and build capacities for relational accountability and responsibility as part of the web of life

### Supporting robust implementation of the B.C. Water Sustainability Act

The B.C. government is leading a number of initiatives related to water and watershed governance and security, and the POLIS Water Sustainability Project has been fortunate to play a critical role in all aspects of this provincial-level work relating to watersheds, more effective planning, and mandated commitments to watershed security and source drinking water. Examples include:



In January 2022 the B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy announced public engagement on the province's first Watershed Security Strategy and Fund. This milestone builds on many years of our team's regular meetings and briefings for the Minister, including a bi-weekly working session with the executive team leading this effort. As an important element of this policy opportunity, our team also produced a number of public commentaries and opinion pieces and the widely-used analysis and guidance document *Making a Collective Splash: Context and Guidance for Watershed Security Strategy Submissions to Government* (Jan 2022). We understand that over 1600 submissions—a record for such an endeavour—were provided to the government, many informed by our guidance document.

In March 2022, the provincial government announced the **creation of the new Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship**. Our team provided critical direction on the form and function of this ministry, including a number of invited briefings and workshops with provincial leaders involved in this process.

POLIS and partners were instrumental in securing funding to achieve the Healthy Watershed Initiative in 2020, which provided \$27 million to watershed projects and core local capacity. We continued to build on this success in 2021, supporting efforts to secure an **additional \$30 million for watershed initiatives in Budget 2022**.

In March 2022, Cowichan Tribes and the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development announced their joint decision to pursue a **Xwulqw'selu Watershed Water Sustainability Plan**. This will be the first of its kind in the province (and country). It represents a significant opportunity to innovate and reform watershed management, and to realize co-governance and express Indigenous laws and knowledge alongside the provincial Water Sustainability Act. POLIS' Research Lead, Rosie Simms, played a significant role in advancing this precedent-setting work. More broadly, members of the POLIS team have been long-time advisors and supporters of Cowichan Tribes and the Cowichan Watershed Board, and Oliver Brandes has been an invited expert advisor to the Xwulqw'selu Watershed steering committee.

## **Building capacity and readiness for watershed governance and planning and related policy and regulatory tools with key strategic partners and regions**

The **Collaborative Monitoring Initiative (CMI)** began in May 2021 as a pilot partnership between the POLIS Water Sustainability Project, BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative, and WatershedsBC. In its inaugural year, the CMI team regularly engaged over 20 Indigenous and non-Indigenous community-based groups, and offered outreach to hundreds more. They also developed a Community of Practice approach to assisting community-based water monitoring groups in elevating their scientific and collaborative capacities, and engaged with provincial representatives to support coordination, identify areas of alignment, share information, and provide insight on long-term support for regional monitoring groups.

A further area of focus was **supporting and growing the B.C. Water Leaders' Network**. This network—which POLIS has helped build for over a decade—extends the impact of B.C.'s water sector by ensuring water groups and champions are informed, connected, and strategically engaging to elevate the water priority and advance water policy, law, and governance reform. In October 2021, we hosted significant sessions between leaders, funders, and government. We also host quarterly focused meetings.



Ania Javorski, Coordinator for the Collaborative Monitoring Initiative (CMI)

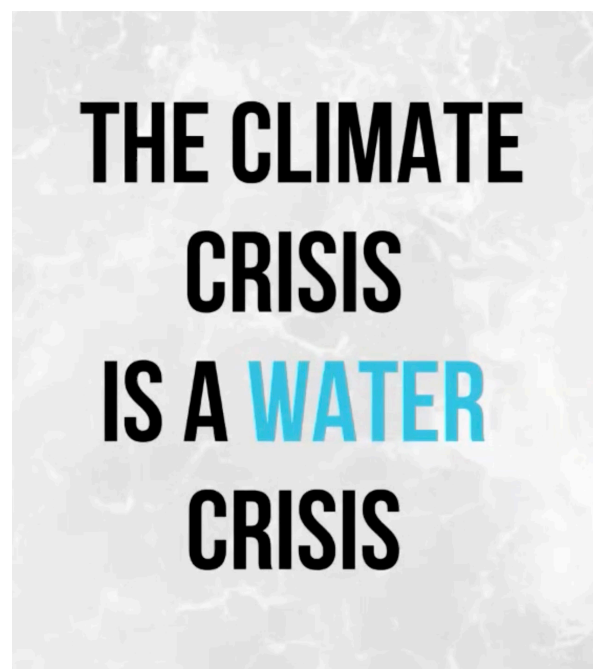
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### Laying Ethical Foundations for Mountain Research and Knowledge Co-production

The POLIS Biocultural Ethics Initiative continues to collaborate with the Canadian Mountain Network (Centre of Excellence), with support through a special initiative grant from CMN. The work involves articulating ethical foundations for 7 Knowledge Hubs that were established across Canada to conduct mountain research that draws on Western Scientific and Indigenous ways of knowing

### World Water Day Events 2022

In March POLIS hosted two webinar forums in recognition of World Water Day: The Climate Crisis is a Water Crisis, hosted by the Water Security for Canadians consortium (comprising the Global Water Futures (GWF) program, University of Saskatchewan, the Forum for Leadership on Water (FLOW), the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, the POLIS Water Sustainability Project, and UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health), and What's Beneath



Our Feet?, hosted by the POLIS Water Sustainability Project, Uvic's Groundwater Science and Sustainability Research Group, and Uvic's Centre for Global Studies.

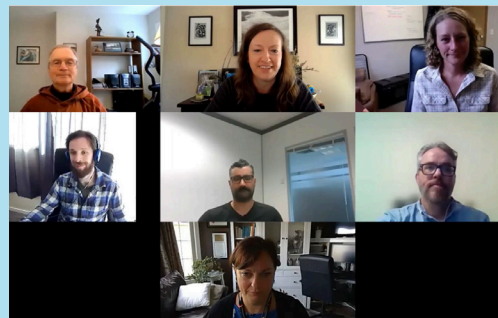
### Water Objectives Learning & Doing Workshop Series

POLIS hosted two workshops in 2021 in partnership with Northern Confluence Initiative focused on the potential of *Water Sustainability Act* Water Objectives as a useful tool in planning and advancing local priorities related to sustainable land use and watershed security. Participants included water-land managers and representatives from Crown (regional offices) and Indigenous nations from regions across B.C., including the Nicola, Tšilhqot'in, Xwulqw'selu-Koksilah, and Wetzin'kwa.

### Collaborative Monitoring Initiative Webinar Series

**October 18, 2021**

Water Data Management for Regional Community-Based Water Monitoring Groups



**January 8, 2022**

Water Data Management: Planning & Sharing

**April 26, 2022**

Indigenous Knowledge Aspects of Community-Based Water Monitoring & Data Management

## Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab

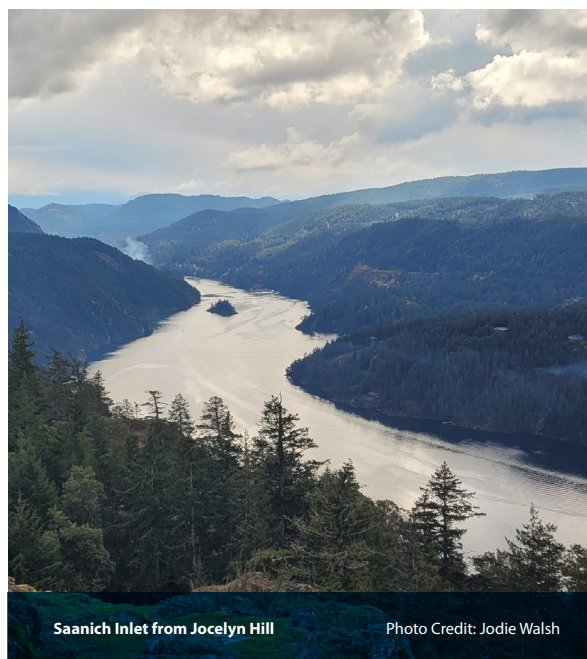
The Water, Innovation, and Global Governance Research Lab continues to strive to build capacity for and engage in transdisciplinary research rooted in social-ecological systems resilience theory. Their intention is to support knowledge and practices around water governance innovations and broader social-ecological transformations, thereby promoting sustainability and justice around the world. This year, the WIGGLab enjoyed celebrating much of its previous work coming out into the world through various reports and publications, while also forming new collaborations to create a foundation for more successes in the years to come.

For the past decade, one major area of the WIGGLab's work has been exploring novel approaches in policy and law that may better enable governing institutions to respond to human-induced changes to the water cycle. Building on that work, Michele-Lee Moore collaborated with colleagues to apply the concept of "[Earth System Law](#)" to complex socio-hydrological changes, while WIGGLab alumni Dr. Rebeca Macias Gimenez released [the second paper based on her dissertation research investigating the Belo Monte Dam in Brazil and Site C in Canada](#). Additionally, Dr. Johanna Hedlund (Stockholm University, co-supervised by Michele-Lee) successfully defended her dissertation investigating collaborative water governance processes set up under the EU Water Framework Directive. Dr. Hedlund's most [recent work](#) focuses on water governance in the Swedish Norrström basin, and suggests the need for caution in evaluating actors' ability to collaborate on trade-offs for interdependent water policy issues.

As the ideas of resilience, innovation, and transformations to sustainability and justice continue to be picked up by both local and international organizations in the remaining years of Agenda 2030, the WIGGLab continues to support various efforts by international organizations to understand and undertake processes aimed at strengthening resilience as well as transformation. This included advising engagements with the [Earth Commission](#) Transformations Working Group 4, the Informal Working Groups for the

[Leadership Dialogues of the Stockholm +50 conference](#), and the OECD Environment's Pathway Initiative. Michele-Lee also led sessions on Transformations for the Systems Innovation Learning Festival hosted by Climate KIC and Sida for their partners, and contributed to the design and facilitation of [Catalyzing Change](#), a programme aimed at supporting public sector innovation in the SADC region.

To support this advisory work, Michele-Lee and her colleagues at the Stockholm Resilience Centre also conducted a [global review of investments made in resilience programming](#) by major international organizations, recently published in Nature Sustainability. Evidence showed that while there are innovative examples of doing development differently, mainstream practices largely diverge from resilience science. With new partnerships forming, the WIGGLab is now turning its energy for the upcoming year towards two main initiatives: 1) water governance and its relationship with Nature-based solutions, and 2) an exploration of how global hydrological changes are affecting local watershed organizations.



Saanich Inlet from Jocelyn Hill

Photo Credit: Jodie Walsh



# ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

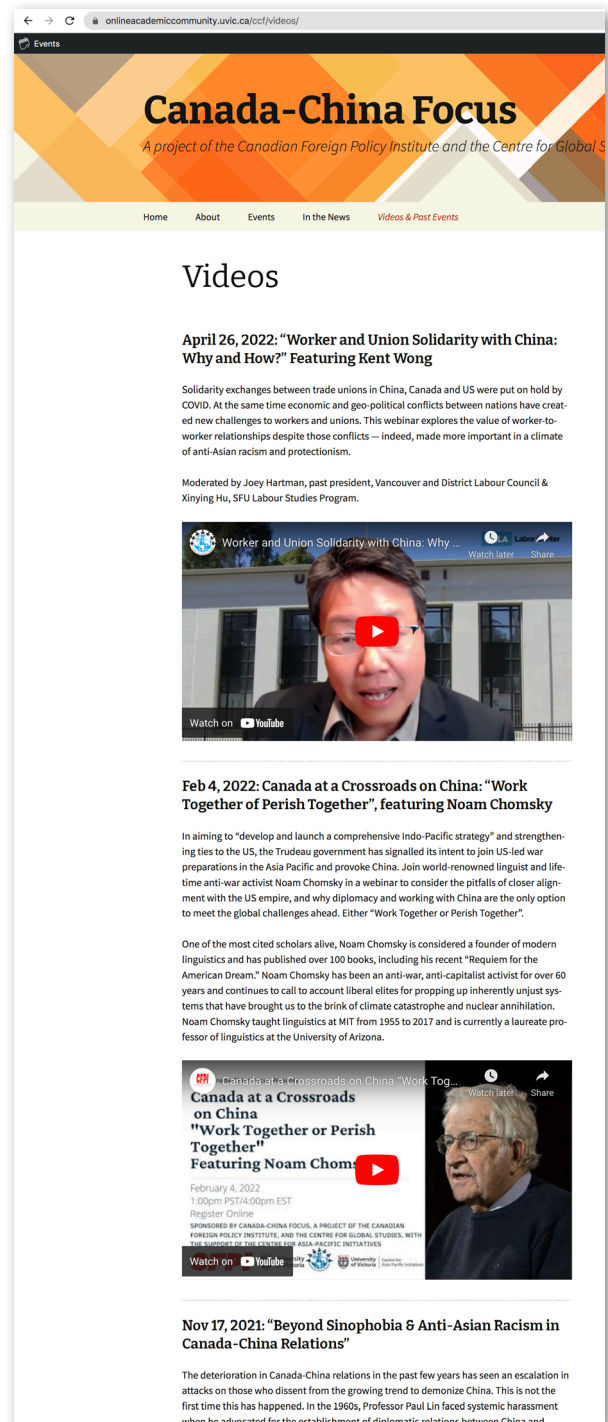
Associate projects are led by our Associate fellows and have an active presence at the CFGS. These projects are linked through our associate fellowship program and we partner with these projects to host grants, events, and guest lecturers.

## Canada-China Focus (CCF)

Launched in July 2021, the Canada-China Focus (CCF) project was started by a pan-Canadian advisory team of community activists and academic researchers. Responding to the current upsurge of anti-Asian racism and Sinophobia in Canada and recognizing the effect this is having on communities and public discourse, the CCF's aim is to promote critical dialogue on Canada's relationship with and policy towards China. More specifically, the overarching goals of the CCF are a) to facilitate constructive public discussion of Canada-China relations with an anti-racist lens and support initiatives resisting anti-Asian racism and b) to advocate for an independent Canadian foreign policy based on a deeper understanding of China and the Canada-China relationship. Sponsored by CFGS and the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, CCF seeks to advocate for the engagement of both countries in advancing global decolonization, justice, and peace.

Within its first year, CCF achieved the following:

- Three webinar events, with a total of nearly 2,500 registrations and 1,400 attendees. These webinars addressed issues including anti-Asian Racism across Canada; anti-Asian racism embedded within Canada's foreign policy towards China; and building union and worker solidarity between Canada and China.
- The creation of a CCF website, housing publications, an events calendar, webinar recordings, an index of news articles, and bios of advisory team members.
- The creation of a CCF weekly news bulletin to share related news articles, academic papers, events, and updates.
- Relationship building with other organizations and universities, setting the stage for collaboration on a Fall 2022 conference in Ottawa.



- Translating into Chinese several articles published by CCF advisory member, Dr. John Price. This is thanks to the dedicated work of Dr. Ningping Yu.

Over the next year, the CCF is planning to produce a research report synthesizing perspectives on Canada-China relations, publish a series of short videos on Canada-China relations and anti-racism, and host a conference in Ottawa to offer critical and alternative approaches to the current state of Canadian foreign policy with Asia and China.

## **Ivan Thompson**

### **Community Practitioner Fellow**

#### **Exploring Collaborative Interventions to Address Ecological Crises in Wild Salmon Watersheds**

Pacific wild salmon watersheds are increasingly under threat. Accelerating climate change, the erosion of biodiversity, and the loss of habitat are resulting in extreme heat events, warming waters, and the decline of iconic species such as wild salmon. This has a direct and dire impact on communities. Recent commitments by governments to international agreements around reconciliation of Indigenous land Rights (UNDRIP), carbon reduction (Paris Accord), and protection of biodiversity (UN Convention on Biodiversity) provide new imperatives and opportunities to modernize public decision-making. This, in turn, leaves societies better equipped to address their responsibilities to future generations.

This project explores the evolution of public policy and applied collaborative interventions of Crown governments to address the above challenges. This involves examining informed consent processes with Indigenous governing bodies (i.e., UNDRIP implementation) and working with University thought leaders, philanthropists, civil society organizations, and businesses. Moreover, the project observes planning and co-governance initiatives as they are developed in real time, thereby deepening the understanding of shifting governance arrangements in BC (and beyond) and developing case studies to help inform the ongoing collaborative interventions of government and non-government actors.

Activities that advanced this work in 2021/2022 are:

- Coordinating a major learning trip for philanthropic, government and business partners to the Skeena Nass, Stikine and Taku watersheds to meet with Indigenous leaders and ENGO partners to better understanding how Indigenous led planning processes hold promise to advance ecological and community resilience
- Advisory support to BC government officials around opportunities to engage with philanthropic and Indigenous leaders to advance the protection of biodiversity consistent with Aichi Targets under the UN Convention on Biodiversity.
- Researching and informing international conservation funders of opportunities and approaches to support the development, designation and stewardship of Indigenous protected and conserved areas in BC.
- Co-convening NGOs and funders to review the state of play in the protection of wild salmon and their freshwater habitats in BC.
- Working in close association with POLIS Project on Ecological Governance to improve understanding of land use planning, watershed security resources, and pilot examples that advance innovation in ecological governance.

## **Ross McMillan**

Ross McMillan is a consultant based in Klah ah men (Lund), Canada, with a diverse background in public service and philanthropy. He served as CEO of Tides Canada Foundation, a national public foundation focused on the environment and social justice, from 2007 to 2019. Ross started his career in public service, with positions in the City of Vancouver, and the governments of the Northwest Territories, Canada and the Province of British Columbia. Ross' recent consulting work has focused on supporting Indigenous and community interests and NGOs in large scale conservation programs and conservation financing initiatives in the Global South, as well as reconciliation, decolonizing governance structures, collaborative decision-making, and conservation in Canada

# WORKING GROUPS

CFGS is the institutional home for a number of working groups. The Centre often collaborates with these groups to promote events and research for the purpose of bringing greater visibility to the issues each group focuses on. The working groups are more informal than the CFGS core projects and they offer a unique and interactive opportunity for scholars from UVic and members of the community to meet and discuss specific topics. All of these working groups are open to the public - please contact the CFGS main office for more information on meeting schedules and events.

## **British Columbia Coalition Institute (BCCI) and the UVIC Working Group on Global Health Research**

The CFGS is the designated hub for the University of Victoria's institutional membership in the Canadian Association for Global Health [ <https://cagh-acsm.org> ]. The BCCI is both a working group that serves as the provincial chapter of the CAGH [ <https://www.bccoalitioninstitute.com> ] and the name of a series of events that have taken place across BC since 2017.

Originally established in 2003 as the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research, in 2021 it became the Canadian Association for Global Health. This includes a group of more than 30 universities (all institutional members) who meet as the CAGH University Advisory Council. The first BC Coalition Institute was held in Kelowna in 2017. Two years later in 2019, the BCCI-2 was hosted by the University of Victoria focused on the theme: *Planetary Health: local and global*". Last year, the BCCI-3 took the form of a virtual series of events, particular a 2-day symposium in October 2021, focusing on the theme: *Climate Justice: Learning from the Pandemic*". An important outcome of BCCI-3 was the realization that the BCCI, now entering its fifth year, is becoming a dynamic "community of practice" that now needs a more intentional strategic plan.

As a next step, a 3-day strategic planning event took place in Vancouver from July 20 to 22. Included is a day-long workshop on July 21 that was facilitated by Dr. Verena Rossa-Roccor. The University of Victoria was represented by Matthew Little and Vic Neufeld,

co-chairs of the CFGS-based working group on global health research (WG-GHR). A post-event report will be included in a later CFGS newsletter. The BCCI planning team greatly appreciates the support of the CFGS, both for this event and for the activities of the on-going BCCI community of practice.

At the local level, the WG-GHR continued to be challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic and met with less frequency in 2021-2022. A series of events, including a film screening and discussion series, are currently being planned for fall 2022, which will be advertised through the CFGS On Tap.

## **Latin American Research Group (LARG)**

Launched in 2016, the Latin America Research Group (LARG) works in collaboration with the CFGS to bring together scholars and those interested in Latin America to share and discuss interdisciplinary research on the region. In 2020-21, alongside CFGS, LARG co-hosted the international webinar series "Democracy in Latin America." The aim of the series was to raise awareness about democracy in Latin America while maintaining online intellectual exchanges between academia and civil society from different parts of the Americas.

LARG is led by Beatriz de Alba-Koch, Associate Professor of the Department of History and Director of the Latin American Studies Program at the University of Victoria. "Democracy in Latin America" was organized by Fabricio Teló (Federal Rural University



of Rio de Janeiro) and Marta Kleinman (University of Victoria), and chaired by Beatriz de Alba-Koch. Funding to support the webinars was provided by the Latin American Studies Program.

For the past academic year two LAS/LARG convened for two major events. On November 1, 2021 a Day of the Dead Celebration was organized by the Latinos Without Borders Student Club. Further, on March 26, 2022, the Latin America Research Group offered a workshop bringing together students and faculty across the campus from a variety of disciplines.

The full program is available online here: <https://www.uvic.ca/humanities/latinamerica/assets/docs/larg-program.pdf>

## Property Rights & Society Discussion Group

The Property Rights and Society Discussion Group comprises interdisciplinary scholars with a shared interest in the study of property across its many forms. In particular, it explores how property impacts and reflects society across global cultures and jurisdictions. The group also runs a series of work-in-progress papers involving scholars from UVic and beyond.

During this reporting period, the discussion group has focused its attention on the question of dispossession in history and across societies. Continuing a series that was launched in the previous reporting period (in March 2021), the “Property and Dispossession Speakers Series,” the group organized seven zoom-based seminars, inviting major scholars from eight universities and six countries to present on their recent work. The topics and periods covered spanned a diverse range - from the historic resistance of the Anishinaabeg Peoples in what is now the American midwest to the gradual emergence of human rights in 16th century England.

All presentations were designed to present not only recent historical work on dispossession across societies but more importantly diverse methodological approaches to the topic of dispossession.

The series attracted widespread participation and online engagement, and it will continue in the 2022-2023 academic year.

**Property & Dispossession Speakers Series**

**Presentation & Discussion**

**I've Been Here All the While: Black Freedom on Native Land**

**WITH DR. ALAINA ROBERTS**

September 24, 2021  
12:00pm-1:30pm  
Online

University of Victoria | Hosted by UVic's Property Rights and Society Discussion Group and the Centre for Global Studies.

**Property & Dispossession Speakers Series**

**Presentation & Discussion**

**The Laws and the Land: The Settler Colonial Invasion of Kahnawà:ke in Nineteenth-Century Canada**

**WITH DANIEL RÜCK**

October 15, 2021  
1:00pm-2:30pm  
Online

University of Victoria | Hosted by UVic's Property Rights and Society Discussion Group and the Centre for Global Studies.

**Property & Dispossession Speakers Series**

**Presentation & Discussion**

**Seeing Red: Indigenous Land, American Expansion, and the Political Economy of Plunder in North America**

**WITH MICHAEL WITGEN**

April 14, 2022  
12:00pm-1:30pm (PST)  
Online

University of Victoria | Hosted by UVic's Property Rights and Society Discussion Group and the Centre for Global Studies.

Launched in 1992, the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, which involves over 700 institutions in 116 countries, promotes international inter-university cooperation and networking to enhance institutional capacities through knowledge sharing and collaborative work. The programme supports the establishment of UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in key priority areas related to UNESCO's fields of competence. This year, CFGS became the institutional home for two UNESCO Co-Chairs: the UNESCO Co-Chair in Early Childhood Education, Care and Development (ECD) and the UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. This year, both continued their crucial and impactful work.

## UNESCO Co-Chair in Early Childhood Education, Care and Development (ECD)

The UNESCO Chair for Early Childhood Education, Care and Development (ECD), with Prof. Alan Pence as the Chair-holder, was established in 2008. Its primary focus is the promotion of ECD capacity in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

The Chair built on Pence's earlier work in Africa (starting in 1994) that focused on multiple approaches to promoting ECD capacity on the continent. In 2017 Pence proposed a modification to the Chair structure to include a 'next generation,' Africa-based ECD scholar and leader. Prof. Hasina Banu Ebrahim of the University of South Africa (UNISA) was subsequently approved as the Co-Chair. In 2021 Pence and Ebrahim felt it was



UNESCO CoChair in CBR and Higher Education

Photo Credit: UNESCO Chair CBRSR





important to specifically include Francophone leadership in the work of the Chair. Accordingly, Prof. Oumar Barry of Université Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) in Senegal joined the team within a UNESCO-approved Tri-Chair structure. The major work undertaken by the Tri-Chairs in 2021/2022 has been the development and completion of an edited volume that includes the work of primarily African-citizen ECD leaders and scholars (28 of 34 authors are African). The introduction to the volume notes:

“This book has been many years in incubation – considered, then put away, numerous times. In the early 2020s, however, several forces converged to end this incubation and launch the volume. Most significant was the catastrophic appearance of COVID-19 early in the year, which then spread globally. The impact of the pandemic was soon followed by an international rallying cry to defeat the virus and ‘build-back-better,’ or as UNESCO’s Global Partnerships Strategy (2021) urged: “building forward better.”

Those inspirations interacted with a third: even before COVID-19 arrived, the history of ECD in Africa was already being left behind, forgotten. As Patrick Makokoro, a self-described ‘millennial’ from Zimbabwe, expressed: “why has my generation of ECD not known about what came before!”

In considering the idea of ‘building forward better,’ and ‘why has my generation of ECD not known...?’, the Akan (Ghana) image and the admonition of *Sankofa* came to mind. The image is that of a mythical bird with its feet firmly planted forward, its head turned backwards and a seed in its beak. One translation of the word and symbol is “go back to the past and bring forward that which is useful”; another is: “it is important to fetch what is at risk of being left behind.”



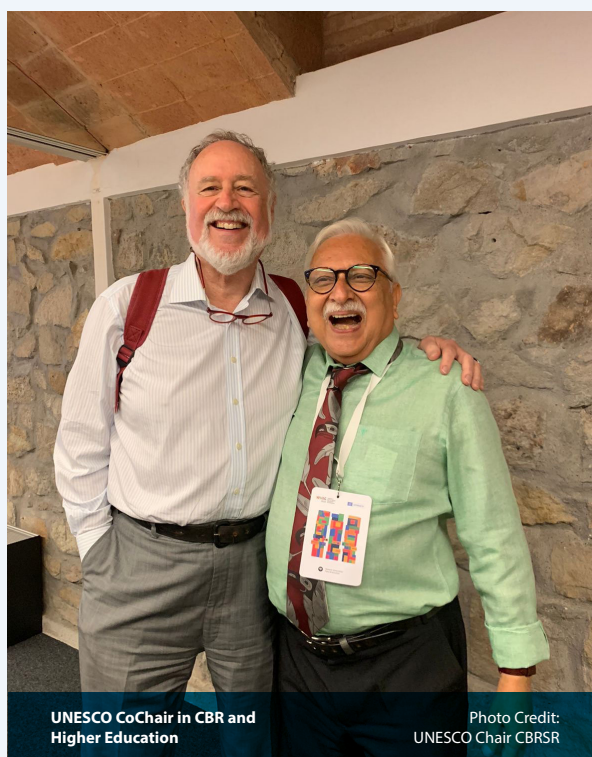
Upon completion of his doctoral work at UVic in 2021, Patrick became one of the four editors for: *Sankofa: Appreciating the past in planning the future of early childhood education, care and development*.

### UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education

In building a movement towards decolonising knowledge production, systematisation and dissemination, our Co-Chairs Dr. Budd Hall and Dr. Rajesh Tandon have been successfully making strides in influencing research and teaching at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) around the world, as well as influencing national and regional policies for making higher education inclusive, open to multiple knowledges and socially responsible. 2021 saw tremendous support from leaders of HEIs and policy makers for community-based, contextual teaching methodologies and community-led research initiatives, catalysed by several dialogues that the Co-Chairs organised in relation to their newly launched open access book “Socially Responsible Higher Education: International Perspectives on Knowledge Democracy”.



Our Co-Chairs have continued their endeavours with regional partners and multiple stakeholders to advocate for openness to multiple knowledge systems, for recognition of local knowledge and diversity, and engagement with communities in HEIs. The goal is to move towards a knowledge democracy, which acknowledges the existence of multiple epistemologies, that knowledge is created and exists in different forms,



and that knowledge is a powerful tool for taking action to solve the world's 'wicked problems', locally, nationally and globally.

The Chair's Knowledge for Change (K4C) Consortium for Training in Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) is a pioneering effort in achieving this goal. Since the inception of the program in 2017, over 120 mentors have been trained across 23 hubs in 14 countries. The establishment of K4C hubs has fostered co-production of knowledge and led to direct community-led action on local issues related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Local hubs are implementing research studies with their local communities under the Bridging Knowledge Cultures project, to understand the similarities and differences in the production, use and dissemination of knowledge systems between the community and higher education institutions.

While Dr. Budd Hall has been successfully mobilising and collaborating with higher education stakeholders at various levels from the Canadian Secretariat of our UNESCO Chair, Dr. Rajesh Tandon, who heads the India Secretariat for the Chair, has worked tirelessly with stakeholders in India at the policy level to influence and change the teaching and learning of research in the country. He has designed courses for training 200 Master Trainers at the UGC Regional Centres for Capacity Building of Faculty for Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), and already implemented trainings at two regional centres. Through consultations, advocacy, capacity building and research, our Chair's work across a range of issues from climate adaptation and resilience, open science, and the need for harnessing local knowledge for achieving SDGs is steadily influencing higher education institutions to become socially responsible.







# FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



CFGS Fellows & Scholars 2021/2022

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Since its establishment in 2012, the CFGS Fellowship Program has hosted over 126 fellows, interns, and visiting scholars from 26 countries; each has brought with them a diverse array of disciplines, perspectives, and research specialties. This reporting year alone the CFGS welcomed 12 fellows through our regular fellowship stream. This included 3 Graduate Student Fellows (Maria Finnsdottir – Sociology, Julianna Nielsen – Political Science, Debra Torok - Clinical-Lifespan Psychology), 6 Faculty Fellows (Kristin Brandl - Business, Elizabeth Moore - International Business and Strategy, Soraya Castro - International Relations, Dagmar Soennecken – Public Policy and Administration, Jordan Stanger-Ross – History, Geoffrey Whitehall – Politics), and 2 Postdoctoral Fellows (Marshall Adams - Environmental Studies, Amy Janzwood - Political Science and Environmental Studies). The CFGS also welcome 3 international interns (Pauline Blom, Julia Botscher, Sonja Welker), 3 visiting scholars (Frank Esser, Natalie Oman, and Katrina Ponti – Fulbright)

The CFGS once again welcomed interns from Europe to work with the centre broadly and with CFGS projects. This year, CFGS hosted three interns who were fortunate enough to be able to come in-person and work at the front office. Julia Botsher, Pauline Blom and Sonja Welker travelled from Germany to assist with communications, events, and the EUCANet Project. They also made the most of their time in British Columbia and shared many of their travel adventures with us—including a travel guide that is now housed on the CFGS website!

Our fellowship program continues to enrich the Centre's intellectual community. CFGS is perpetually grateful to the fellows and scholars who enhance the networks, intellectual capacity, and social dynamics here at the Centre (Annual report, 2021).

Applications for the fellowship program are accepted in November of each year with fellowship intake occurring in September of the following year, with some exceptions for visiting scholars.



*My stint as a visiting graduate student fellow at the Centre for Global Studies has provided me valuable time and support for working on my dissertation research... The CFGS community helped me expand my research networks, and engage with research and researchers I normally wouldn't have an opportunity to engage with. Overall, the community, the office space, and the financial support offered by the Centre have been invaluable.*

MARIA SIGRIDUR FINNSDOTTIR, VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, ONTARIO.

*Being a faculty fellow at CFGS has allowed me to gain a novel and multidisciplinary perspective of research at the University of Victoria. This multidisciplinary at CFGS has also enabled gaining vast new insights and experiences that otherwise would not have been possible. Thank you Martin, Jodie, and the entire CFGS team for such a great experience.*

KRISTIN BRANDL, FACULTY FELLOW,  
PETER B. GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS,  
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

*Through this busy and transformative time—between part-time jobs, volunteer work, and research—I am grateful for the sense of togetherness, inclusivity, and care created by folks here in the Centre's halls.*

JULIANNA NIELSEN, GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA.

*The time I spent at the Centre for Global Studies was a highlight of my Ph.D. From my first day everyone was kind, welcoming and supportive.*

KATRINA PONTI, VISITING FULBRIGHT STUDENT  
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

*CFGS is a model research centre: a dynamic interdisciplinary intellectual community, where outstanding scholarship is produced and shared.*

JORDAN STANGER-ROSS, FACULTY FELLOW,  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA



## FELLOWS & SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE



### **Marshall Adams**

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, CFGS

"Governing Global Food Systems: The case of cocoa traders as gate-keepers towards achieving sustainable farming outcomes in Ghana"



### **Keith Cherry**

Postdoctoral Fellow, CFGS

"Remote Indigenous Protest Sites and their Grassroots Urban Supporters: Co-creating Political Movements Across Spatial, Political and Cultural Divides"



### **Shane Baker**

Undergraduate Fellow, BIG

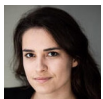


### **Frank Esser**

Visiting Researcher, CFGS

University of Zurich, Switzerland

"Social Media and Democracy: How to Improve "Digital Resilience" of Societies and Citizens in Order to Combat Political Extremism and Disinformation"



### **Diána Bartha**

European Memory Politics Fellow,  
Jean Monnet Network

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Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)



### **Maria Finnsdottir**

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Database Coordinator, Jean Monnet Network  
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"Radical Women: Gendered Citizen, National Identity, and the Nordic Radical Right"

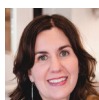


### **Nicole Bates-Eamer**

Graduate Student Fellow, CFGS

Administrative Advisor, BIG and Jean Monnet  
Network Human-to-Military Security Database

"Canada and Climate-induced Mobilities: From Discourse to Policy"



### **Maeva Gauthier**

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"Food Security, Food Sovereignty, Social and Environmental Justice and Resilience in Northern Communities"



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Post-Truth Politics, Nationals and the (De-) Legitimation of European Integration



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"Intergovernmental Organizations, Institutional Schisms, and the Global Business Environment"



### **Edwin Hodge**

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Social movement theory, gender theory, and political sociology



### **Michael Carpenter**

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Participatory governance, civil resistance, Middle East politics,  
international relations, and political theory



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"Concurrent Contestation: The Comparative Politics of Anti-Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Campaigns"



### **Soraya Castro**

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Neighbourhood Policy and Borders



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externalization of border enforcement practices subverts territorially-  
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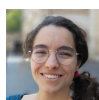
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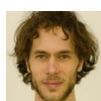
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Associate Fellows are an integral part of the CFGS intellectual community. By participating in the Centre's wide range of scholarly and social activities, Associate Fellows help to shape the development of the CFGS community while also benefiting from enhanced opportunities for research, networking, mentorship, and intellectual exchange.

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Health and sustainability integration

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Tourism, sustainability, and heritage especially film-making involving war heritage.

**Gregory Blue**

History of colonial and post-colonial societies

**Andrew Buck**

History of dispossession and the legal history of suffrage, the law of inheritance and colonial state formation, and the history and politics of property in the British Empire during the nineteenth century.

**Ron Crelinsten**

Terrorism, radicalization, and counter-terrorism in liberal democracies

**Doug Donaldson**

Political engagement in rural communities centred on connection to land, water, and kin.

**Derek Fraser**

Ukraine; fragane, dangerous, and failed states

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Sociological history, citizenship, labour, and social movements

**Budd Hall**

Community-based research, social movements, international communities development

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Public health systems and services, urban health and urban health equality, public policy and health, health and the environment

**Peter Heap**

Globalization and summit reform in the G-20

**Hanny Hilmy**

Contested interaction between the rights of national sovereignty and the requirements of international intervention

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Associate Fellow and Diplomat in Residence, CFGS

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Democratization in Spain and public philosophy of governance

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Provincial water policy reform and the ecological governance of water management

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International governance of climate engineering, environmental regulation and technological innovation

**Alan Pence**

Early childhood education, community-based aboriginal child and youth care education, capacity building in the majority (developing) world

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International development, adolescent and youth participation, child rights, gender equity, disaster risk reduction, climate justice, responsive listening, and voice

**Martin Segger**

19th century colonial architecture in India, impact of international cultural conservation protocols on museum management practice in the developing world.

**Ted Sheldon**

Local government, clean energy, and climate action with a focus on solutions to the Paris Agreement & IPCC disconnect; One Planet Cities; and UN Sustainable Development Goals

**Shefa Siegel**

History of mining examining the relationship between mining and greed, our understanding of scarcity, and how scarcity affects humanity and the environment

**Harry Swain**

Economic geography, Canadian science policy

**Lewis Williams**

Indigenous and cultural studies, cultural ecology, and social innovation

**Sarah Wolfe**

Issues of conversion theory and identity, awe and ritual in water decisions



Christmas Party Dec 2021

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CFGS Staff 2022 - Rowan Salverda, Katie Dey, Martin Bunton, Jodie Walsh, Kayla Klym

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## ROD DOBELL ROOM OF DIALOGUE LAUNCH AND RECEPTION

On June 10th, a reception was held in order to celebrate the incredible contributions of CFGS Senior Research Associate Rod Dobell, and to formally open the new “Rod Dobell Room of Dialogue.” Rod was crucial to the founding of the Centre, and since then he has been an invaluable source of wisdom, guidance, and good humour.

*When I was a child, I spake as a child—in the confident language of dynamic optimization models and micro-simulation techniques.*

*When I became a man, I tried to speak as a man—like Martin Bunton or Oliver Schmidtke, in the language of scholars commenting responsibly on human affairs more generally.*

*But now I am become a fossil, and I know not how to speak.*

*Now there are so many ways of seeing, of knowing, of speaking.  
So many ways of being, and belonging. Words fail.*

*Perhaps Room 179 just down the hall, what is now so generously named the Dobell Room, might help to address that failing of words. I guess the hope is that, equipped now as it is to bring in thoughts from all around the world, it might host many meetings of ideas and exchange of reasons, and offer a space for dialogue and deliberation, maybe even resolution of dilemmas and dispelling of doubts, sometimes.*

*I heard a comment on the CBC this morning that struck me: “What the Minister says is true, but he is not telling the true story.” Perhaps with activities in the Dobell room CFGS may continue to support students and fellows and members of many communities as they seek to sort out the stories that lie beyond the facts, the truths that do capture the story as it needs to be told. Reconciling many ways of knowing, participants may find agreement, not just in pursuit of knowledge, but for purposes of social action and community progress, back to the original goal of promoting justice, reducing inequality and abolishing poverty.*

*So thank you all very much again. Please have a glass, and sail off to the winds of the weekend, and a great future for CFGS.*

*Stay well, all.*

*~Part of speech given by Dr. A. R. Dobell June 10, 2022*

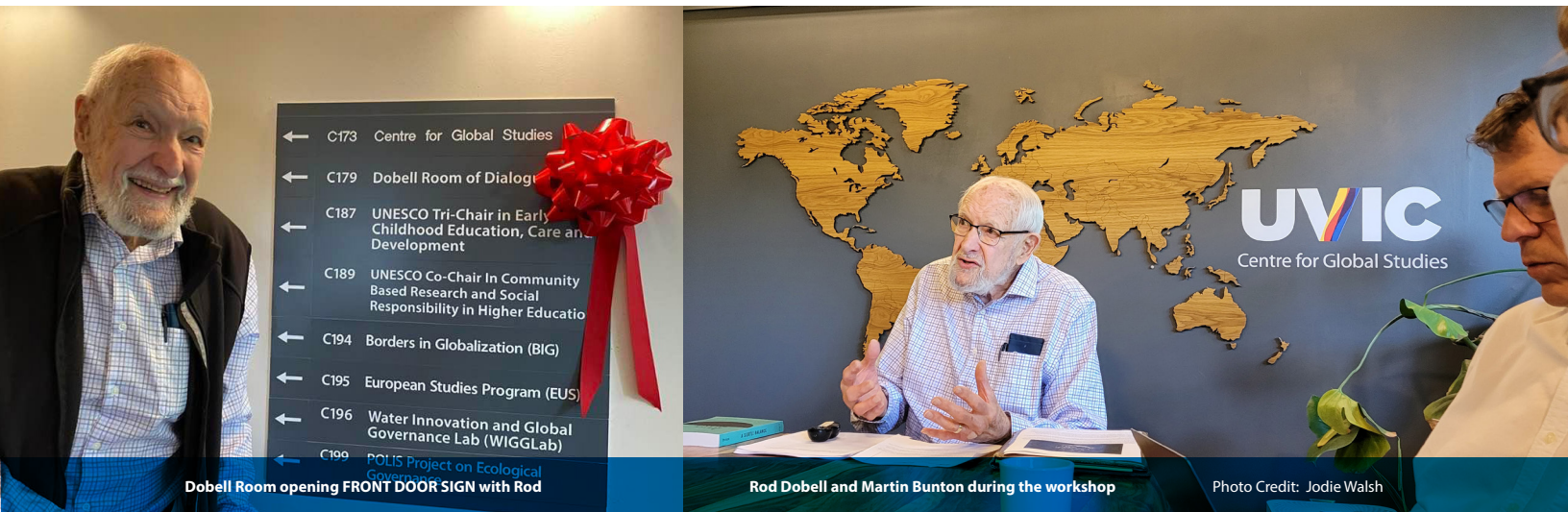


Ribbon Cutting - Martin Bunton, Jodie Walsh, Rod Dobell, Cynthia Milton, David Zussman

Photo Credit: Stephanie Gruhlke

## GLOBAL TALK & YEAR END WORKSHOP

### Global Dialogue with Rod Dobell, “Still searching for the Subtle Balance, but closer to home”



Putting the new room to immediate use, on June 15th Rod gave a special Global Talk on the past, present, and potential future of the Centre. This talk also served as a workshop, allowing the team to carefully consider the social challenges of accelerating global change.

Beginning with a discussion of the Centre’s origins in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Rod went on to trace the ongoing cycles of global change and academic resurgence that shaped CFGS’s intellectual and communal development. Turning to the present, he noted that both the academy specifically and society more broadly is facing a kind of ‘deconstruction,’ where all find themselves standing on the rubble of old assumptions and understandings. In this context, Rod invited the team to ‘pick through the rubble,’ considering where CFGS ought to head in its search for the subtle balance among the many binaries, poles and strange attractors encountered as it surfs the longish waves in academe.

To close, Rod asked the team to think towards the next set of research questions for CFGS and offered these take-home ideas:

We need to undo private ownership of the Earth that is the common heritage of humankind; social regulation and the public trust doctrine must be strengthened for this purpose.

We need to reverse the distancing of our decisions, the weakening of responsibility for the consequences of decisions and actions taken - ostensibly - in our name, through many channels. Again, many measures are proposed.

We have to move from claiming and recognizing rights to Nature to honouring the rights of Nature. Indeed, we have to recognize the many ways of seeing, knowing, and belonging in a world where it is our commitment to all our relations - including those in other places and in other times - that must drive our individual and social decisions on consumption, investment, and ways of acting in the world. Dramatic revision in worldviews are implicated here.

This conversation will inform CFGS’s strategic planning in the next year.



# KEYSTONE EVENTS

This reporting period there were several events that were particularly meaningful and significant. Collectively, the following selection of 'Keystone Events' encapsulate the research, reflection, and action at the heart of the Centre's purpose. These events also provide a vivid demonstration of the unique community upon which CFGS depends. While one of the six is the Dobell Room of Dialogue, this event has a special feature section. So, we have highlighted 5 others below:

## **THE OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (OVPRI) AS PART OF THE CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN - CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY WELCOME RECEPTION**

On November 26th the Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation hosted an exciting in-person event at the University Club as part of the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan. CFGS, along with UVic in the Anthropocene, played a key role in the organization of this event.

The purpose was to bring together around 70 members of the UVic community who are making valuable contributions to climate and sustainability research initiatives, and was a unique opportunity to connect in-person. These climate experts included 5 presenters who are new research chairs or chairs in formation as part of UVic's recent cluster hire. This was a unique opportunity for individuals to connect in-person after many months of virtual events, and after presentations there was ample time for mingling and connecting with UVic faculty.



Climate and Sustainability Event

Photo Credit: Jodie Walsh



## Canada at a Crossroads on China “Work Tog...



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CCF Noam Chomsky Event

### CANADA AT A CROSSROADS ON CHINA “WORK TOGETHER OR PERISH TOGETHER” FEATURING NOAM CHOMSKY

On February 4th, CFGS co-sponsored a panel discussion with a thrilling keynote speaker. Alongside its partners at the Canada China Focus and the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, the Centre welcomed world-renowned linguist and lifetime anti-war activist Noam Chomsky to speak on the importance of diplomacy and mutual-cooperation with China.

The webinar was, in part, a response to the Trudeau government’s recent efforts to “develop and launch a comprehensive Indo-Pacific strategy,” which displayed a clear alignment with the policies of the United States. Parsing the pitfalls of such an alignment, Chomsky discussed the notion that military and diplomatic

confrontation was the only way to deal with China. He argued that such a course is motivated by imperialistic ambitions and capitalist greed, and would only lead to mutual destruction. Over the course of the talk, he also discussed the broader patterns of American foreign policy in the Pacific and other regions, thereby highlighting the need for an independent and responsible Canadian foreign policy.

One of the most cited and influential scholars alive, Noam Chomsky has published over 100 books and is considered a founder of modern linguistics. Yet he did not speak alone; he was joined in this panel event by former leader of the Canadian Green Party The Honourable Elizabeth May, past president of the Vancouver and District Labour Council Joey Hartman, UVic Professor Emeritus and CCF Advisor John Price, and Hua Foundation Program Manager Kimberly Wong.



## UNDERSTANDING UKRAINIAN NATIONHOOD, RESILIENCE AND PERSISTENCE

On April 28th, the Centre welcomed three distinguished Ukrainian scholars to speak on the Russian invasion of Ukraine: Serhy Yekelchuk, UVic Professor in German and Slavic Studies and History, Mychailo Wynnyckyj, Associate Professor and Director of the Doctoral School at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, and Tamara Krawchenko, Assistant Professor in the UVic School of Public Administration.

Arguably the most significant global event in the past year, Russia's invasion prompted various events, discussions, and reflections at the Centre. In this talk, however, the focus was on understanding the Ukrainian national identity. More specifically, the three speakers explained how a sense of Ukrainian nationhood has endured despite centuries of Russian colonialism and continues to flourish despite, and indeed because of, the ongoing fight for its existence. Yekelchuk, Wynnyckyj, and Krawchenko also touched on the future, exploring how Ukrainian leadership and civil society can continue to plan for a resilient and thriving future based on the principles of dignity, freedom and respect.

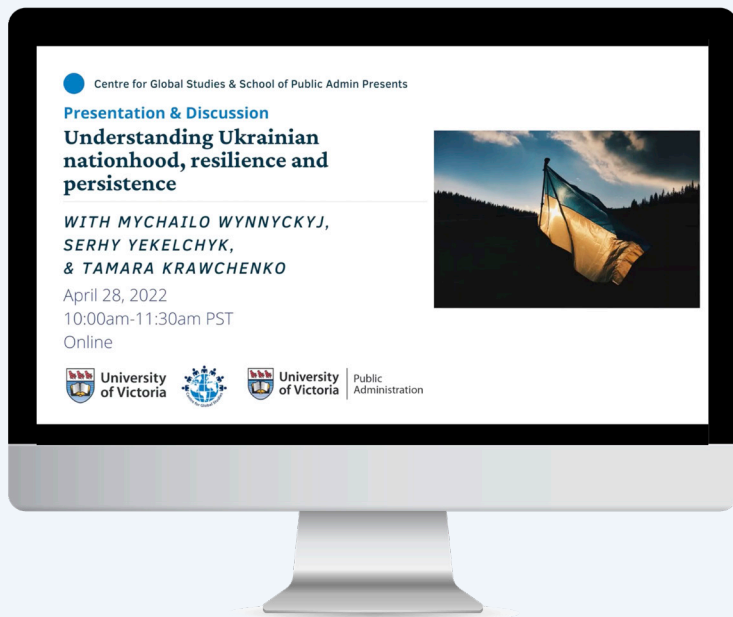
The event was sobering but enlightening, and helped the CFGS community better understand the social and political dynamics in play during this critical moment of European and world history.

## A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT: GLOBAL RESET & THE FUTURE OF HOPE

On May 11th, the Centre hosted and co-sponsored a public event alongside POLIS, CIFAL Victoria (part of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research), and The Gail O'Riordan Climate & The Arts Legacy Fund. In response to the increasingly dire planetary and environmental situation, as well as the ongoing failure of the Trudeau government to form an independent Canada Water Agency, the Centre and its partners invited Robert Sanford to participate in an exciting panel discussion.

Sanford holds the Global Water Futures Chair in Water and Climate Security at the United Nations Institute for Water, Environment, and Health. He is also senior advisor on water issues for the Interaction Council, a global public policy forum composed of more than thirty former Heads of State including Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, U.S. President Bill Clinton and the former Prime Minister of Norway, Gro Brundtland. In his talk, Sanford spoke persuasively about the need for political leadership in order to create a more sustainable and climate resilient Canada. He also spoke in depth about the tangible benefits an official Canadian Water Agency and updated Canada Water Act would provide. In doing so he relied on both the most recent scientific research and language that can be meaningfully translated into public policy.

Oliver Brandes, Co-Director of the POLIS Project, and Crystal Tremblay, Acting Director of CIFAL Victoria, joined the conversation as discussants, offering astute commentary and providing their own expertise on the critical question of water conservation in Canada.







Family, friends, and event hosts from POLIS and CFGS celebrate Elder Ray Tony Charlie.

Photo Credit: Kyle Charlie and Stephanie Gruhlke

### **“IN THE SHADOW OF THE RED BRICK BUILDING” BOOK LAUNCH**

On June 2nd, the Centre held a reception to formally launch Coast Salish Elder Raymond Tony Charlie’s new book, “In the Shadow of the Red Brick Building.” Thirty people gathered on the University of Victoria campus (plus another sixty-five online) to celebrate his accomplishment, but also to listen, witness, and join in the difficult learning about the traumatic and shameful history of Canada through Ray Tony’s personal experience.

Ray Tony is a POLIS advisor and mentor who, as a child, attended both Kuper Island (now Penelakut Island) residential school and St. Mary’s residential school in Mission. He previously shared his story as a residential school survivor with the broader CFGS community in person in 2016 and then in an online Sharing Circle

in 2021, inspiring the community with his patience, strength, and honesty. In a spirit of reciprocity, the Centre for Global Studies and POLIS Project on Ecological Governance began supporting the publication of Ray Tony’s memoir several years ago, including reviewing the draft manuscript. Now published and on the shelves, Ray Tony’s book aims to help people understand these tragic events and to support others in finding ways to heal their own traumas.

To stand with Ray Tony and to offer cultural support at the event, he was joined at the reception by Florence and Rocky James. Florence is a cultural, language, and environmental expert and educator, and, like Ray Tony, is a long time advisor and mentor to POLIS. Rocky is a Salish social policy expert and Treaty Communications Coordinator for Penelakut Tribe.

# CFGS EVENTS

This year, CFGS hosted, sponsored, or supported 65 events. These events ranged from weekly Global Talks and newly launched webinar series to larger collaborative events, workshops, and conferences. Given the online nature of this year's events, we were able to welcome even more guest speakers and partners from around the globe to participate in and attend events.

## Global Talks



Signature Series Global Talk with Bob Sanford

Photo Credit: Jodie Walsh

Established in 2013, the *CFGS Global Talks Series* is a weekly speaker's series and a forum through which the greater CFGS community can share their research and reflect on critical questions and emerging issues. These informal talks provide an opportunity to highlight the work of CFGS fellows, their projects and working groups. Over the past eight years, the Global Talks program has grown and now represents a regular fixture within the greater UVic community. The *Global Talks Signature Series* typically occurs on the first Wednesday of every month and is publicized more widely within the community. This series includes presentations given by senior experts or practitioners within the CFGS community as well as invited guests from other universities. The 2021/2022 Signature Series consisted of seven presentations:

- **October:** 'Worlds of Resistance in Claustrophobic Times,' by Geoffrey Whitehall (October 13th)
- **December:** 'The governance of 'vulnerable' migrants - who decides?,' by Dagmar Soennecken (December 1st)
- **January:** '2022 Project Showcase' by CFGS Project leads
- **February:** 'America's 'Moment' in the Middle East: The Rise & Fall of US Hegemony,' by Martin Bunton (February 2nd)
- **March:** 'The Russian Aggression against Ukraine: Contextualizing the Unthinkable,' by Serhy Yekelchuk (March 2nd)
- **May:** 'A mama!n I goes to Yuquot,' by John Price (May 4th)



- **May:** ‘Intergovernmental Organizations, Institutional Schisms, and Global Business Environments,’ by Elizabeth Moore and Kristin Brandl (May 18th)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in an effort to continue fostering a sense of community within CFGS networks, the administrative team decided to continue to host our regular Global Talk series using a mixture of virtual and hybrid platforms. Global Talk

recordings are published on the [CFGS Youtube Page](#) and on the events section of the website as they become available.

To avoid overwhelming our community or contributing to “zoom fatigue”, CFGS made the conscious decision to host a number of our public events in Global Talk time slots. For more information on these events see the Public Events, Panels, and Guest Lectures section of this report.

## Webinar Series

### Creating a Blue Dialogue Series

[\[https://poliswaterproject.org/events-webinars/\]](https://poliswaterproject.org/events-webinars/)



This series brings together expert water practitioners and thinkers, as well as emerging water leaders, to engage with innovative ideas on water policy and governance in Canada. Promoting interest in and conversation about Canadian water issues, the series strives to raise awareness as well as strengthen the national capacity to engage with and solve problems. Hosted by the POLIS Water Sustainability Project, this year’s series included three webinars: [Working for Watersheds: How B.C. Can Grow a World-Class Watershed Sector](#); [Pathways to Action on the B.C. Watershed Security Fund](#); and the [Third Annual Water Research Roundup](#). These webinars brought together experts from across Canada and drew the interest of over XXX registrants including local, First Nations, provincial, and federal government representatives; students and researchers; environmental NGOs, practitioners, and local watersheds groups. To date the recordings of these webinars have been watched over XXX times.

The first, held on July 13th, discussed the real opportunity to grow a world-class watershed sector in B.C. by highlighting ongoing community-driven work in watersheds across the province. The second, held on December 7th, shared proposed directions for the B.C. Watershed Security Fund from a new strategic directions paper released by the Sustainable Funding Working Group - an independent group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous experts. And the third, held on March 8th, brought together a panel of emerging researchers to discuss their work on topics related to freshwater management and governance, including hydrologic changes on social and ecological systems, community-based monitoring, and Indigenous laws and ways of knowing.

### [Crisis and Post-Truth Politics: Comparing North America and Europe–May 4th](#)

On May 4th, 2022 the Borders in Globalization program, with funding from the 21st Century Borders SSHRC Partnership grant and the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission, hosted a roundtable discussion as part of the European Communities Studies Association–Canada’s 25th Anniversary Celebration Series. Michael Carpenter began the conversation with a focus on crisis, post-truth politics, and the view from North America. Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir and Benjamin Perrier then provided the European context for comparison. Maria focused on the Nordic countries, exploring in particular

the role of party rhetoric, gender, and anti-immigration sentiment. Ben spoke to the political nature of the French social movement of the “Yellow Vest” within the context of neoliberalism and the consequences for democracy.

### European Memory Politics Webinar Series

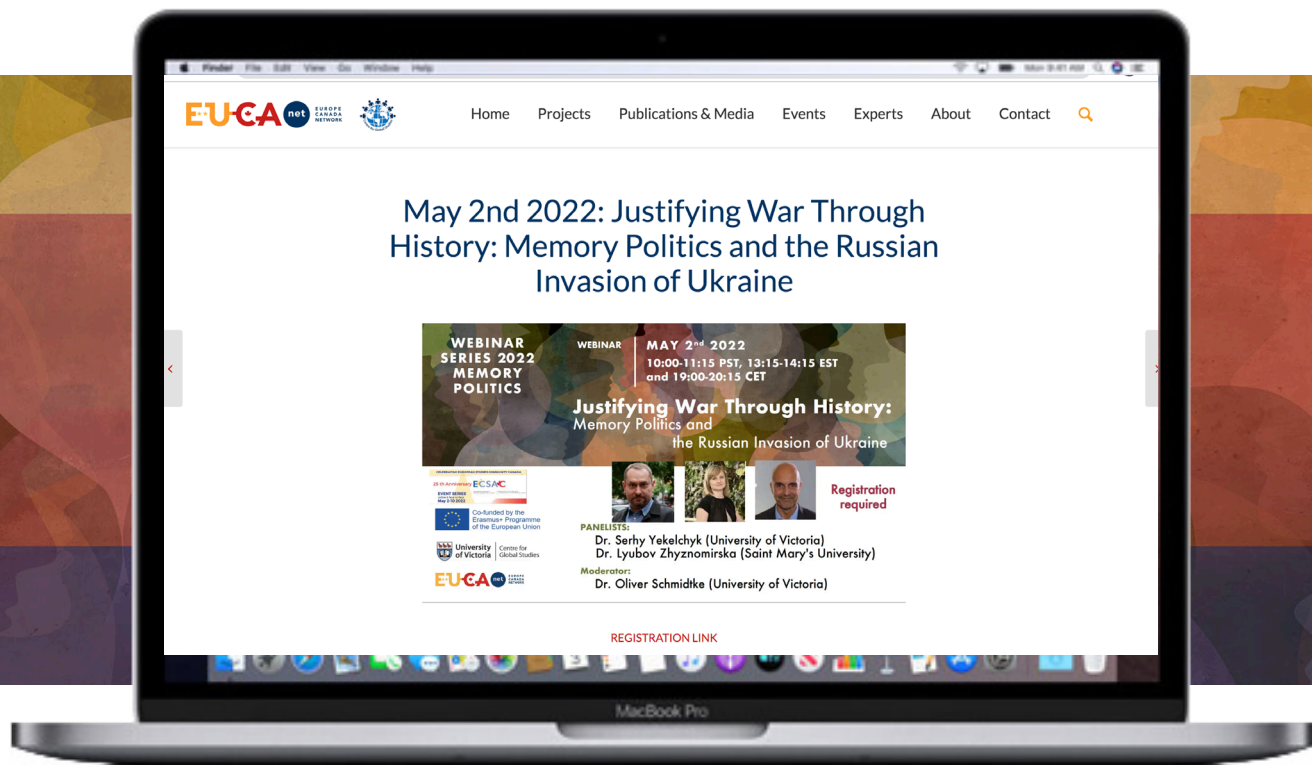
[\[https://www.eucanet.org/projects/memory-politics/\]](https://www.eucanet.org/projects/memory-politics/)

In the spring of 2021, EUCANet, in collaboration with its Jean Monnet Network “European Memory Politics” and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Ottawa, launched a webinar series entitled *European and North American Perspectives on Commemorating and Addressing Past Injustice*. The series was motivated by the recognition that the early 2020s are a critical turning point for how the transatlantic world remembers and learns from the past. The dominant historic reference points for these societies, the Second World War and the Holocaust, rely less and less on lived memory, while the legacy of authoritarianism and genocide are perhaps more contested and politically fraught than at any other time. And in Canada, recent discoveries of unmarked graves at

Residential Schools have made the need to address past injustices more urgent.

This reporting period the series saw two more installments, a webinar in October and May. The first webinar addressed memory politics through national lenses in a hybrid format; along with the online presentation, an in-person workshop was held in Hamburg in collaboration with the Hamburg Institute for Advanced Studies (HIAS). The aim was to examine different national perspectives on the collective memories of the 20th century, in particular the traumas surrounding the World Wars, the Cold War, and the Holocaust. The scholars involved parsed the similarities and differences across Canadian, French, German, Polish, Hungarian, and Russian case studies, and suggested how these memory dynamics could shape the future of the societies involved.

The second webinar, held in May, specifically examined the war in Ukraine, and how the Putin regime has used historical narratives to justify geopolitical aims. In a





panel discussion moderated by CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtko, Serhy Yekelchuk of UVic and Lyubov Zhyznomirskaya of St. Mary's University sought to explain Putin's manipulative and inaccurate use of history by placing the current conflict in a broader context of Russian nationalism and Ukrainian identity. The panel provided insightful yet sobering evidence on the contemporary influence of memory politics in global affairs.

## Property and Dispossession Series

[\[https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/discussion-groups/discussion-group-property-rights-and-society-/index.php\]](https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/discussion-groups/discussion-group-property-rights-and-society-/index.php)

Organized by the Property Rights and Society Discussion Group and launched during the previous reporting period, this series examines different social and historical conceptions of property and the ways in which specific groups have been historically dispossessed. Each webinar serves as a platform for the invited scholar(s) to present on a recently published or forthcoming book. This year, there were seven excellent webinars, bringing together scholars from eight universities and six countries:

- **September:** Dr. Alaina Roberts (History, University of Pittsburgh) presented on *I've Been Here All the While: Black Freedom on Native Land* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2021);
- **October:** Dr. Daniel Ruck (History, University of Ottawa), presented on *The Laws and the Land: The Settler Colonial Invasion of Kahnawake in Nineteenth-Century Canada* (University of British Columbia Press, 2021);
- **November:** Dr. Cristy Clark (Law, University of Canberra, Australia) and Dr. John Page (Law, University of Canterbury, New Zealand) presented on *The Lawful Forest: A Critical History of Property, Protest and Social Justice* (University of Edinburgh Press, 2022);
- **January:** Dr. Peter Cook (History, UVic) and Dr. Neil Vallance (Law, UVic) presented on *To Share, Not Surrender: Indigenous and Settler Visions of Treaty*

*Making in the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia* (University of British Columbia Press, 2022);

- **March:** Dr. Susan Marks (Law, London School of Economics) presented on *A False Tree of Liberty: Human Rights in Radical Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2019);
- **April:** Dr. Michael Witgen (History, Columbia University) presented on *Seeing Red: Indigenous Land, American Expansion, and the Political Economy of Plunder in North America* (University of North Carolina Press, 2022);
- **April:** Sabine N. Meyer (American Studies, Bonn University, Germany) presented on *Native Removal Writing: Narratives of Peoplehood, Politics, and Law* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2022).

Given the success of the series, it will continue into the next academic year, with the first session being held in September 2022.

## Democracy in Latin America Series

COVID-19 not only raised new questions on democracy, it also forced the cancellation of many events where people could discuss this topic. Through public webinars, the series Democracy in Latin America aims to bring together researchers, graduate students, and civil society to discuss the current state of democracy in Latin America.

### Sept 23, 2021: Democracy in Latin America: Technology and Democracy

This is the fifth webinar of the international series Democracy in Latin America co-sponsored by the Centre for Global Studies and the Latin American Studies Program. The aim of the series is to raise awareness about democracy in Latin America by maintaining online intellectual exchanges between academia and civil society from different parts of the Americas. This session focuses on the impacts of technology on democracy. Panelists will discuss the use of information and communication technology by Indigenous movements, biometrics and rights, and the use of technology during the pandemic.

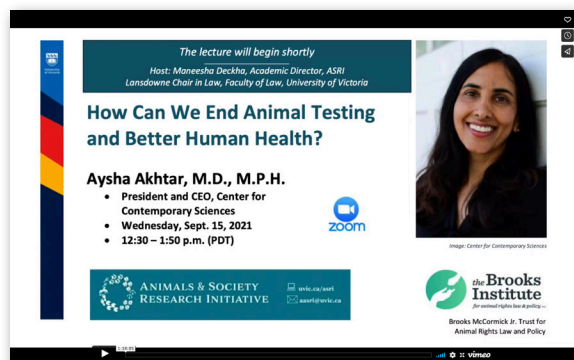
## Animals and Society Research Initiative Distinguished Lecture Series (ASRI, CAPI, CFGS) [<https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/asri/upcoming/>]

The Animals and Society Research Initiative (ASRI) brings together students, faculty, independent scholars, and community members to consider and debate how anthropocentrism and speciesism, along with their entanglements in other power-laden social forces, shape our societies and communities in terms of how humans and humanity imagine, represent, interact with, and are constituted by animals and animality.



This year, they organized a distinguished lecture series, inviting five scholars to speak on different case studies and perspectives pertinent to the ASRI mandate.

Dr. Aysha Akhtar, President and CEO at the Center for Contemporary Sciences, gave the first lecture on September 15th [<https://vimeo.com/606252622/151b117502?embedded=true&source=vimeo-logo&owner=125689001>], discussing the growing body of scientific literature that raises important concerns about the reliability and predictive value for human outcomes of animal testing. Then, on October 20th [<https://vimeo.com/637787872?embedded=true&source=vimeo>]



[<https://vimeo.com/647204791?embedded=true&source=vimeo-logo&owner=125689001>], Dr. Krithika Srinivasan, Senior Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, discussed the ethics, politics, and ecologies of the Indian livestock industry.

Next, on November 17th [<https://vimeo.com/668401913?embedded=true&source=vimeo-logo&owner=125689001>], Dr. Núria Almiron of Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona examined the role lobbies and think tanks play in shaping discourses regarding nonhuman animals whose lives are interfered with by humans.

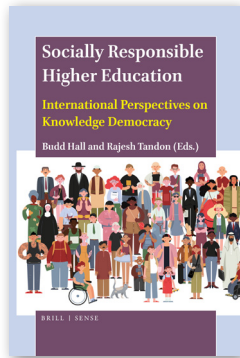
This was followed on January 19th by Dr. María Elena García [<https://vimeo.com/689181365?embedded=true&source=vimeo-logo&owner=125689001>], Associate Professor at the University of Washington, who presented on the impact of political violence on other-than-human life in Peru during the war between the state and the Shining Path (1980-2000).

Finally, on March 16th Dr. Jodey Castricano of the University of British Columbia (Okanagan) [<https://vimeo.com/689181365?embedded=true&source=vimeo-logo&owner=125689001>] spoke about the catastrophic species loss of the Anthropocene and the ways in which people can bear witness through storytelling.





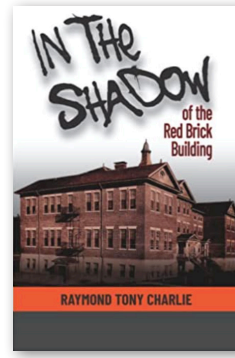
## Book Launch



### **Socially Responsible Higher Education: International Perspectives on Knowledge Democracy (GUNi, UVic, PRIA) - Victoria Forum Webinar**

**Oct 6, 2021**

The Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi), the University of Victoria (UVic) and Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) organized a webinar-book launch “Socially Responsible Higher Education: International Perspectives on Knowledge Democracy.” The book, edited by UNESCO Co-Chairs in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility, Budd Hall and Rajesh Tandon, is structured in 4 parts and 22 chapters that provide a world of good practices, creative initiatives and reflections encompassing aspects such as engaged teaching, learning, decolonised curricula and partnerships. Most importantly, the book, through its chapters and examples, constitutes an inspiring narrative of social responsibility and knowledge democracy in the 21st century, allowing us to envision another model of university, which is more democratic, inclusive and sustainable. Although universities have been since their inception eminently social institutions, in recent years, the emphasis on university social responsibility has been renewed. Universities find themselves balancing global and local demands, trying to address pressing societal issues at local and global levels while striving to be competitive in the global arena. The webinar-book launch explored these questions by delving into different cases, initiatives and reflections from South Africa, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia and Ukraine. The experiences and viewpoints of guest speakers provided a valuable insight into the world of knowledge democracy and university social responsibility that is not often present in mainstream media or literature.



### **In the Shadow of the Red Brick Building by Coast Salish Elder Ray Tony Charlie**

**June 2, 2022**

On June 2, 2022 CFGS and POLIS co-hosted a special event to celebrate the publication of **Coast Salish Elder Raymond Tony**

**Charlie's** new book, *In the Shadow of the Red Brick Building* (Askew Creek, 2022). In the book Ray Tony shares his personal story as a residential school survivor and his journey to healing.

As a child, Ray attended both Kuper Island (now Penelakut Island) residential school and St. Mary's residential school in Mission, B.C. His new book is one of several ways that he has patiently shared his struggles and healing journey to help people understand what really happened at these institutions, and to support others in their own healing.

This was a unique opportunity to stand with Ray Tony Charlie to celebrate his accomplishment as a new author and to acknowledge the journey he took to get there.

**Penelakut Elder Florence James and her son Rocky James** stood with Ray as relatives and offered cultural support at the event. This event took place in-person with a small sharing circle and was also live-streamed to reach a large audience of Ray's supporters.

## Public events, panels and guest lectures

Sept 2, 2021-Sept 31, 2021

### Bauhaus, Design and the Livable Anthropocene, Exhibition and Colloquium celebrating the 102nd year of the Bauhaus School

with Dr. Thomas Heyd at the McPherson Library.  
(Department of Philosophy/CFGS)

“Bauhaus, Design, and the Livable Anthropocene” celebrates the innovative approach to design and architecture developed at the Bauhaus School, founded in Weimar, Germany, in 1919. The aim is to reflect on the historical impact of this approach, and explore its potential for addressing the design challenges of the Anthropocene. The Bauhaus photographs by Jean Molitor, brought to UVic by the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Vancouver, present an exceptionally beautiful record of modernist buildings from around the world. The Exhibit is accompanied by an inter-disciplinary colloquium.

Nov 17, 2021

### Beyond Sinophobia and Anti-Asian Racism in Canada-China Relations

with Honourable Yuen Pau Woo, Xiaobei Chen, Timothy J. Stanley (CFGS, CCF, CCHS)

The deterioration in Canada-China relations in the past few years has seen an escalation in attacks on those who dissent from the growing trend to demonize China. This is not the first time this has happened. In the 1960s, Professor Paul Lin faced systemic harassment when he advocated for the establishment of diplomatic relations

between China and Canada. This on-line webinar will explore anti-Asian racism & the many dimensions of Canada-China relations, past and present.

Feb 4, 2022

### Canada at a Crossroads on China “Work Together or Perish Together”

featuring Noam Chomsky (CFGS/CCF/CFPI)

In aiming to “develop and launch a comprehensive Indo-Pacific strategy” and strengthen its ties to the US, the Trudeau government has signaled its intent to join US-led war preparations on the Asia Pacific and provoke China. World-renowned linguist and lifetime anti-war activist Noam Chomsky presented a webinar to consider the pitfalls of closer alignment with the US empire, and why diplomacy and working with China are the only option to meet the global challenges ahead. Either “Work Together or Perish Together.” One of the most cited scholars alive, Noam Chomsky is considered a founder of modern linguistics and has published over 100 books, including his recent “Requiem for the American Dream”. Noam Chomsky has been an anti-war, anti-capitalist activist for over 60 years and continues to call to account liberal elites for propping up inherently unjust systems that have brought us to the brink of climate catastrophe and nuclear annihilation. Noam Chomsky taught linguistics at MIT from 1955-2017 and is currently a laureate professor of linguistics at the University of Arizona.

Mar 17, 2022

### Ghana Youth Video Programme

with Jeff Grischow, Magnus Mfoafo-M'Carthy, Mark Terry

Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada (SSHRC Insight Development Grant), the Ghana Youth Video Programme provides Ghanaian Youth aged 18-30 with the guidance, skills, and understanding to produce short documentary films on climate change for the United Nations. The films will be shared online through the interactive website of the Youth Climate Report and selected films will be screened at the UN's COP27 conference in Cairo (November, 2022).







Canadians Going Global

**Mar 31, 2022**  
**Canadians Going Global:**  
**Student International Career Night**  
 with CFGS/CIC

**Panel:** Chris Kilford, Adrian Norfolk, Katie McGowan, and Corey Levine

This was our third time co-sponsoring this event with the Canadian International Council and the Undergraduates of Political Science to bring students together on campus to learn how to kick-start their international career. Anureet Kaur, Director of Student Affairs for UPS, moderated as our expert panellists shared their international careers and provided advice and valuable information about working abroad.

**Apr 26, 2022**  
**Worker and Union Solidarity with China:**  
**Why and How?**

with Kent Wong (SFU Labour Studies/CFGs/CCF)

Solidarity exchanges between trade unions in China, Canada and US were put on hold by COVID-19. At the same time economic and geo-political conflicts between nations have created new challenges to workers and unions. This webinar explored the value of worker-to-worker relationships despite those conflicts — indeed, made more important in a climate of anti-Asian racism and protectionism. Kent Wong is the director of the UCLA Labor Center, where he teaches labor and Asian American studies at UCLA. This event was moderated

by Joey Hartman, past president, Vancouver and District Labour Council and Xinying Hu, SFU Labour studies.

**Apr 28, 2022:**  
**Understanding Ukrainian nationhood, resilience,**  
**and persistence**  
 with Serhy Yekelchuk, Mychailo Wynnickyj, Tamara Krawchenko (CFGs/ UVic SPA)

Ukrainian identity has endured despite centuries of Russian colonialism. While Ukraine fights for its very right to exist at this moment, Ukrainian leadership and civil society continue to plan for a resilient and thriving future based on the principles of dignity, freedom and respect. Dr. Mychailo Wynnickyj, Kyiv Mohyla provided a broader sociology and politics of Ukraine and Ukrainian nationhood.

**May 2, 2022**  
**What Does the Ukraine War Mean for Canada**  
 with Roland Paris (CIC, CFGs)

This was an in-person discussion with Roland Paris, professor of international affairs and former senior advisor on foreign policy to the prime minister of Canada.

The Ukraine war might seem far away from Canada, but its implications are being felt in this country and across the globe. What's at stake for Canada? How might this war affect Canada's security, economy and geopolitical position? Is Canada ready for what comes next.

## Event Support

**Oct 20, 2021-Oct 21, 2021**

**Medicine, Wellness and Post-Institutional Spiritualities: An Interdisciplinary Workshop**  
with Research and Innovation, Faculty of Humanities,  
Island Medical Program, CSRS, CFGS

The Centre for Studies in Religion and Society brought together scholars and practitioners for a two-day workshop on health humanities. It opened up critical conversations about what it means to be healthy and to promote health in societies in which alternative spiritualities impact both the ways people think about their own health and the kinds of problems healthcare providers are asked to address. They had public lectures by Jane Macnaughton, the Director of Durham University's Centre for Medical Humanities, and Andrea Jain, a religious studies scholar and author of *Peace, Love, Yoga: The Politics of Global Spirituality* (2020).

**Nov 24, 2021**

**PUO-OP L(a)unchtime Talks: North America's Arctic Borders**

with Heather Nicol, Andrew Chater (BIG/CFGS)

The Borders in Globalization team celebrated the launch of Heather N. Nicol and Andrew Chater's new BIG book, "North America's Arctic Borders: A World of Change?" with an event hosted by the University of Ottawa Press. This free one-hour virtual event was open to the public and was held primarily in English. This book demonstrated how North America's Arctic borders are being reshaped by globalization even as these borders are adjusting to new internal pressures such as devolution and the rise of sub-national territorial interests.

**Jan 17, 2022**

**"Bending Towards Justice- The Ghandi-King Lecture Series on International Relations and Peace Studies" with Budd Hall, Rajesh Tandon (University of West Virginia, Indian Community of Morgantown)**

Hosted by the University of West Virginia and sponsored by the Indian community of Morgantown, WV, this series celebrated the work and wisdom of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This annual lecture discussed the ongoing significance of a peaceful, nonviolent approach to dealing with national and international problems, issues, and conflicts. Whenever possible, the lecture made connections between contemporary India and the United States. A major goal for this event was to encourage the WVU community to learn about and consider the continuing legacy of Gandhi and King.

**Jan 18, 2022**

**Japanese Diaspora in Brazil During the World War II Period**

with Gustavo Taniguti, Leiko Morales, Monica Okamoto (CFGS/CAPL)

When Brazil declared war on the Axis powers in 1942, it was home to the largest Japanese ethnic community in the Americas, comprising some 190,000 people. What happened to them in the years that followed? How does their story report to stories of internment and dispossession? What legacies did the era leave behind? In this talk, three scholars of Japanese Brazil of the Past Wrongs, Future Choices network discussed the history and legacies of the 1940s.

**Feb 24, 2022**

**"Reclaiming Populism to Bridge Divides" Victoria Forum**

Populism has been used to describe Hugo Chávez's Bolivarian socialism in Venezuela, the anti-communism of the Kaczyński brothers in Poland, Donald Trump's MAGA movement in the USA and President Kais Saied's power grab in Tunisia. Populism has been seen among academics and politicians as a threat to contemporary democracies and the social order worldwide. Populism has grown so much in recent years that people are already talking of an era of populism. At the same time, populism is one of our time's most incorrectly used terms. At its root, populism promotes the idea that elites have



unfairly rigged socio-economic and political systems and the “true people” should instead exert political control. As part of the debate on bridging divides in an era of populism, the Victoria Forum presented this webinar on reclaiming populism. A panel of thought leaders discussed the following questions: 1. What is populism? Why is it attractive? 2. Is populism a threat to democracies and the socio-economic order? What are its potential damages? 3. How to reclaim populism? How to bridge the different divides feeding populism?

**May 4, 2022**

**“Crisis and Post-Truth Politics: Comparing North America and Europe - Borders in Globalization (BIG)”**

**with Michael Carpenter, Maria Finnsdottir, Ben Perrier**

In recent decades, both the North American and European contexts have seen the renewed electoral success of the radical right – a family of political parties characterized by antiestablishment populism and anti-immigrant xenophobia. Embracing fake news, disinformation, and post-truth politics is a strategy embraced by many of the nationalists and/or populist actors on the far right. Michael Carpenter began the conversation with a focus on crisis, post-truth politics, and the view from North America, with emphasis on recent events in Canada. Maria Finnsdottir and Benjamin Perrier provided the European context for comparison. Maria Finnsdottir focused on the Nordic countries, exploring in particular the role of party rhetoric, gender and anti-immigrant sentiment. Benjamin Perrier spoke to the political nature of the French social movement of the “Yellow Vests” within the context of neoliberalism and the consequences for democracy.

## Media

During this review period, CFGS fellows and associates provided expert perspectives in over 60 newspaper articles, opinion pieces, and media releases. Further, in this reporting period CFGS social gained 176 new followers on Twitter, including major institutional accounts with tens of thousands of followers. Tweets received 71,411 impressions, and the page was visited 27,474 times. Moreover, we opened a new LinkedIn page that has so far attracted 103 followers. Overall outreach capacity greatly increased and we welcomed new connections with CFGS alumni and new colleagues.

Through his weekly opinion column with the Times Colonist, CFGS Associate Fellow Trevor Hancock continued to provide relevant and thoughtful commentary looking at the broad ecological, social, political, economic, and commercial determinants of the health, and the role of public health professionals and organizations in protecting and improving the health of the population and preventing disease and injury. Topics included the difference between social, supportive

and affordable housing, BC’s actions on the climate crisis, and how a well-being society needs a well-being economy.

CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtke was featured on CBC Radio’s *The Current* where he spoke on the elections in Germany in September. He also spoke on German national radio (*Deutschlandfunk*) about Canada’s approach to governing migration.

The POLIS team, led by Co-Director Oliver Brandes and Project Manager Rosie Simms published numerous online articles on topics such as [Water security will be growing focus of ESG issues in mining industry: Bennett Jones lawyer](#), and [Federal budget a failure when it comes to addressing the water crisis](#).

Rosie was also featured in Canada’s National Observer as part of a series of profiles highlighting youth across Canada addressing the climate crisis.

*For general media inquiries, contact Operations Director and Research Coordinator, Jodie Walsh.*

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## Grants

CFGs and its affiliated projects have benefited greatly from a variety of new funding opportunities this reporting period.

### **Strategic Communications and Design, MakeWay Foundation**

June 30, 2022- June 20 2023

### **Improving Wildfire Resilience and Forest Governance to Safeguard Ecosystems and Rural Communities in British Columbia - A local to global exploration, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation**

May 18, 2022-May 17, 2023

### **Beyond FITFIR - Modernized Water Allocation for British Columbia in a Co-Governance Age, First Nations Fisheries Charity Fund Society**

March 31, 2022- June 30, 2022

### **Global Perspectives on Wild Salmon, Communities and Sustainability, MakeWay Foundation**

December 10, 2021- January 31, 2024

### **Water Leaders & Special Projects Coordinator, Eco Canada**

October 25, 2021- April 30, 2022

### **Partnership between CCUNESCO and UVIC to organize consultations for the 2022 UNESCO World Higher Education Conference, Canada Council for the Arts**

August 26, 2021-June 30, 2022

### **Collaborative monitoring initiative (CMI), MakeWay Foundation**

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022







# AWARDS

## Celebrating CFGS Achievements

### Jodie Walsh & Campus Kudos Nomination

In November 2021, CFGS' Operations Director and Research Coordinator, Jodie Walsh was celebrated for her recent nomination by Cynthia Milton, Associate Vice-President Research, and Kirsten Brazier, Admin Assistant to the AVP Research for Campus Kudos. Campus Kudos was established by the President's office as an informal way to acknowledge and celebrate a wide range of contributions and accomplishments by members of our campus community.

Jodie was nominated for being "the glue" that holds the Centre for Global Studies together through her energy, spirit, and unflagging commitment to the CFGS, and her capacity to pivot on a dime and juggle many balls, roles, crises and demands.

**Congratulations Jodie for the wonderful and much deserved recognition of your fabulous work for CFGS!**



Jodie Walsh President's Award with Kirsten Detlefsen, Lisa Kalynchuk, Cynthia Milton

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# FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

During this reporting period, members of the CFGS community published over 35 different pieces ranging from books, journal articles, and reports to full journals and special issues. Below is a brief snapshot of some of this year's publications.

## Journals & Series

### BIG\_Review

This reporting period, the *Borders in Globalization Review (BIG\_Review)* published two more issues, providing a unique forum for academic and creative explorations on borders in the 21st century. The Fall/Winter Issue addressed, while the Spring/Summer Issue ...

### Issue 3 No. 1 (2021)

This issue features a special section, *New Border Studies in South Asia* (edited by Dhananjay Tripathi) and portfolio, *Borderline: Frontiers of Peace* (by Valerio Vincenzo), plus new artistic essays, film reviews, and more.

### Issue 3 No. 2 (2022)

This issue features a special section, *Mexico's Southern Border and Beyond* (edited by Margath A. Walker and Jared P. Van Ramshorst), a portfolio, *The Social Life of Images* (by Mario Jiménez Díaz), plus new border poetry, artistic essays, film reviews, book reviews, and more.

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