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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The past twelve months have surely been the strangest and most daring year of my directorship at the CFGS. Just when we finished our March 2020 conference on *Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism*, COVID-19 took over. The social distancing measures and the travel ban meant that much of the day-to-day life at the Centre came to an abrupt and entirely unanticipated halt. From one day to the other, the hallways of CFGS, normally beaming with activities and excitement, fell silent. We even had a student, Isabelle Staiger, joining us from Germany in mid March, who heroically completed her internship without seeing the physical location of the Centre until her last week in Victoria.

All of a sudden, a research centre whose primary mandate is bringing experts from different disciplinary and professional backgrounds together had to rethink what a scholarly community and exchange could be in times of a global pandemic. Thanks to the tireless efforts in particular of Jodie Walsh, Stephanie Gruhlke, and Jennifer Swift, we kept our virtual doors open, continued our Global Talks series in an online format, and supported our researchers (not least due to the financial support of generous donors that allowed us to assist CFGS-affiliated graduate students in these challenging times). Our student support team, Claire Wood and Saloni Shavdia, worked diligently to ensure our newsletter was distributed and our communications remained active. I cannot be more

grateful to the projects, associates, fellows, and staff who continued to meet regularly, to bring new research to the Centre, to continue their engagement with their partners, and to find innovative ways to support each other through these past months. Their commitment is a testament of their dedication to the Centre, their research, and our community.

During the upcoming year, we will have to be creative to sustain what we cherish most at the CFGS, namely to build a research community with ample opportunities for exchange, collaboration, and joint activities. In all likelihood, the Centre will continue the online initiatives introduced this spring and gradually work towards a hybrid – virtual and in-person – mode of operation. We very much hope that even with new formats of promoting research, we will keep the vibrant energy alive that draws people to the CFGS.

Moving forward in times of COVID-19-related uncertainty, we are confident that we will be able to build on last year's extraordinary success in making our research relevant and meaningful to audiences also beyond the university setting. This annual report underlines how the Centre's researchers and projects have explored new avenues of reaching diverse audiences through innovative modes of knowledge mobilization and of working with different communities and policy groups locally and globally. Clearly, some fundamental challenges of our times, the deep environmental crisis, unrelenting forms of racial exclusion and rising social inequality, as well as modes of democratic governance facing great uncertainty will drive our collective research endeavours. A series of successful grant applications and the support of all our members leaves the CFGS in an excellent position to explore the opportunities that a fast changing university environment offers.

Oliver Schmidtke,
Executive 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.

"My time at CFGS was even more than I had hoped for: an opportunity to focus on my new research project without the interruptions and demands of a departmental office and a full teaching load; an opportunity to regularly interact, both informally and at events, with 'like-minded' colleagues; an opportunity to benefit from the expertise of scholars deeply immersed in research areas different from but intersecting with my own."

ELIZABETH VIBERT, 2019-2020 CFGS FACULTY FELLOW, UVIC'S DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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. 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 UVic 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 research through events, publications, and collaborative networks. CFGS makes boundary-pushing research accessible to policy makers, researchers, and the wider community.

These long-term core projects are housed in the CFGS' halls. The faculty and staff involved in these projects occupy the offices at CFGS and they are part of the day-to-day activities at the Centre.

Borders in Globalization (BIG)

Borders in Globalization (BIG) is an international research network of academics and partners from Canada, the US, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East working to better understand how borders are conceptualized and how they function around the world. BIG scholars work with partners from the public and private sectors to collaboratively formulate, and then leverage, the research for policymaking purposes. BIG is funded by a seven year SSHRC Partnership grant and some of the work is supported by Jean Monnet grants which compare and contrast migration, border, and security policies across Canada and Europe in the wake of the 2015 “migration crisis”. 2019-2020 was to be the final of seven years, but SSHRC awarded a one year extension until February 2021.

During 2019-2020, BIG released several publications (details below), hosted the first annual Border Summer Institute at UVic in addition to other international outreach events, and continued to develop an international database on borders. These activities, led by Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, were supported by an excellent group of graduate students and postdoctoral scholars who in turn benefited from funded opportunities to conduct and present their research through various channels. Several of these students were involved in an application to SSHRC that builds on the knowledge generated from BIG over the last seven years. This team, joined by a group of scholars from across four faculties at UVic, will submit a full application in the fall of 2020 that builds upon the original BIG research program.



BIG is publishing several books and journals. In early 2020, thanks to the commitment of BIG postdoc Michael Carpenter, *BIG Review* was published; the inaugural edition of BIG's brand-new interdisciplinary journal. *BIG Review* provides a forum for academic and creative explorations in the Arts, Humanities, and

Social Sciences that explore various aspects of borders in an increasingly globalized world. In addition, the University of Ottawa Press published the first of several forthcoming BIG books in their Politics and Public Policy series, Simon Dalby's *Anthropocene Geopolitics: Globalization, Security, Sustainability*; and the *Journal for Borderlands Studies* published a special issue featuring a collection of articles conducted by Uvic students on British Columbia's Borders in Globalization.

Despite BIG's focus on publications and outreach at this stage of the program, a team of graduate students have been working to build a database of

border data. This database uses a dyad – the border between two neighbouring states – as the unit of analysis to compile information across all of BIG's themes. BIG postdocs, Benjamin Perrier and Kasra Ghorbinejad, who conceptualize and engineer the database respectively, supervise a group of graduate students collecting data and reviewing literature. The BIG Dyads Database is a major innovation in international borders studies as it allows for queries and comparisons across a broad range of indicators from the perspective of the border. BIG is currently collecting data on how COVID-19 impacted borders to include in the database.



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global, of practice and theory.

Cedar Trees Institute

Cedar Trees Initiative

[The Cedar Trees Institute \(CTI\)](#) began as an interdisciplinary and intergenerational group of graduate students and senior academics. It imagines other worlds being possible by looking at alternatives that already are. In the spirit of 'small is beautiful' members of the Institute began to meet at the Imagine Studio Café in the traditional homelands of the Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) and Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees) Nations in 2017. Each week, they engaged in dialogues of reciprocal elucidation

regarding the multiplicity of crises humanity faces and the exemplary responses communities are engaging in. Except for a brief interruption due to the COVID-19 quarantine, these CTI meetings continued with numerous guests joining the conversations throughout the year including special guests Alexander Livingston (Political Science, Cornell University) and Richard Bellamy (Politics, University of London).

Together, local struggles capture imaginations, linking them to ground-breaking academic research from across disciplinary boundaries. Over time, CTI has transformed into not only using this space locally to foster their own community of practice and engage in inter-generational dialogue, but CTI has worked with CFGS to establish an internationally-networked Institute that hosts multilogues, supports public engagement beyond academia, and collaborates on a range of social change initiatives.

Over the last year, CTI has been very active in continuing to weave together a network of friends who collaborate with and provide guidance for ongoing activities. The Institute officially launched a new website and published their [first article written by Anthony Laden](#) from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Laden's article will also appear in the first CTI edited volume *Democracies and their Futures*. Moreover, CTI is looking forward to a forthcoming book co-edited by Jeanne Morefield, David Owen, Joshua Nicholas, James Tully, Keith Cherry, and Pablo Ouziel, with a tentative release date in 2021.

During this review period, CTI co-organized a number of events. In August of 2019, CTI organized, in collaboration with EUCAnet, the webinar [Youth Climate Justice Activism: Changing the Agenda](#). Then, in March of 2020, CTI contributed to the organization of the international conference *Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism* and the creation of the subsequent video

series [Future of Democracies](#). CTI members specifically organized and led the graduate seminar that ran in conjunction with the conference.

CTI fellows Keith Cherry and Pablo Ouziel continued to foster relationships through their work with a group of undergraduate students to establish the [COVIDA Collective](#), which attempts to propose policy responses to the COVID-19 crisis. Members of the collective were invited to formally draft four policy memos for EUCAnet's CEDOD project. CTI members were also involved in the launch of a partner centre in Southampton known as the Centre for Democratic Futures. Invited by David Owen (Professor of Social and Political Philosophy, University of Southampton), Pablo Ouziel gave the inaugural talk for the Centre at the University of Southampton in October 2019.

This year, CTI explored alternative ways to finance the cutting-edge Institute and held a retreat at Pender Island during which a consulting arm was established. "As an outcome, through Rebecca Nelems' (PhD candidate, Sociology and Cultural, Social, and Political Thought (CSPT) program at UVic) outstanding leadership, a group of scholars associated with the CTI was awarded a grant to work with the CFGS and the BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner to develop a framework for a [baseline study on the state of human rights in B.C.](#) and to support the development of the Office's Theory of Change and organizational monitoring and evaluation framework."

Climate Change Displacement: Mapping the BC Context

This [short-term scoping project](#) initiated a partnership between the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions and the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria and the Climate Migrants and Refugees Project (CMRP) (an NGO in Vancouver, BC). The research team is led by Oliver Schmidtke, and the research is conducted by PhD Candidate Nicole Bates-Eamer (Political Science) in collaboration with George Benson, a former UVic Political Science student who co-founded CMRP. Collectively, this partnership is establishing a



network of relevant partners from governments and communities to identify knowledge gaps, develop a research agenda, and facilitate discussions related to climate displacement in BC. The goal is to use this initial phase to formulate a research agenda for future pursuit that will explore the local and global policy dimensions of human mobility in a changing climate. While this project examines the knowledge needs in BC, broader concerns at the global level - for climate and social justice, equity, and progressive and inclusive adaptation and migration policies - inspire and inform the project's partners.

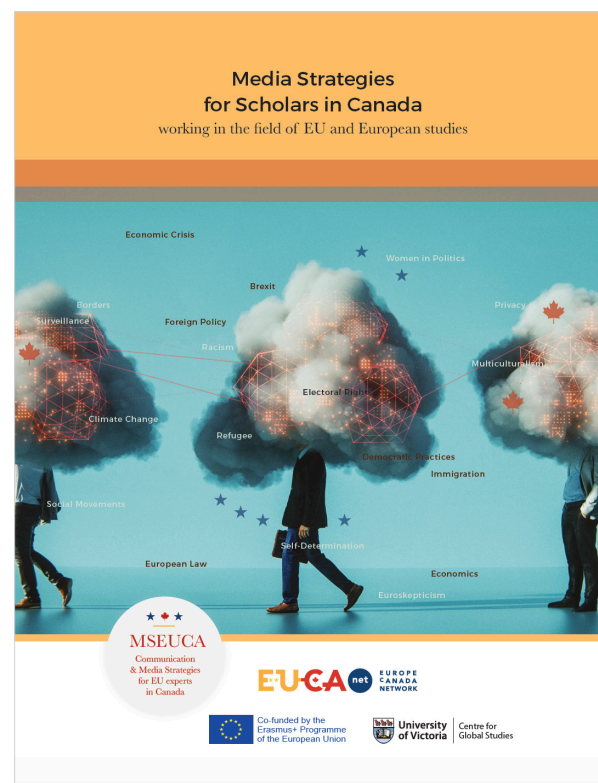
While the research activities consisted mainly of document and literature reviews and interviews with key informants, in May 2020, the project hosted an online

workshop with participants from the Climate Action Secretariat, Metro Vancouver, Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium, PICS, as well as Indigenous leaders and experts on adaptation from around the province. Although climate displacement is a nascent policy issue in British Columbia, participants were enthusiastic about pursuing this topic and establishing a community of practice for those whose work intersects with the issue. The project team is collaboratively developing grant applications with new partners for continuing this work, and they will generate a report from the initial phase of the project.

The Europe-Canada Network

For the Europe-Canada Network (EUCAnet) the past year continues to be one of transition with intense work on completing four Jean Monnet projects co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union and initializing the collaboration for the new Jean Monnet Network at the University of Victoria.

First, during the summer of 2019, an in-house publication on media strategies was made available to EUCAnet's network across Canada. Together with the input of over 20 experts from various Canadian universities, the EUCAnet team published the results of the three-year collaboration on media strategies with academics, university communication officers, and media representatives: "[Media Strategies for Scholars in Canada working in the field of EU and European Studies](#)". Shortly after the EUCAnet team published two reports for the Jean Monnet projects ([Communication and Media Strategies for EU experts in Canada](#) and [Canada Europe Dialogue on Migration \(2017-2019\)](#)). The final reports outline the numerous activities including featured webinars (with in total over 1000 participants), 4 conferences, over 50 media initiatives with links to media alerts, research group databases, video interviews and the blog entries by UVic's students and fellows.



Second, the EUCAnet's Jean Monnet project "Canada Europe Dialogue on Democracy" (CEDoD) focused this year on organizing the second international conference on "[Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism](#)" following the success of the previous year's international conference "[Democracy and its Futures](#)". Held on March 6-8, only days before the COVID-19 pandemic halted all international travel, the conference brought together international scholars from Poland, Hungary, Australia, Canada, and the UK. The conference was organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Law (supported by a SSHRC conference grant), the Cedar Trees Initiative (CTI) and international partners such as the Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) and the Research Group "Constitutional Populism: Friend or Foe of Constitutional Democracy" at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. As part of their contribution, the CTI team led a group of graduate students through pre- and post-seminar talks, and collaborated on the [video series Democracies and its Futures](#). Furthermore the project engaged in a range of activities for students and young scholars such as an award for the essay contest on "[Populism – a corrective or a threat to democracy?](#)", a [blog on issues of democracies and populism](#) associated with a newly established course on Migration and Populism, [four policy memos](#) in collaboration with the CTI's COVIDA group. In addition this year, the [database of scholars working on issues related to populism and democracy](#) was finalized.

Third, EUCAnet's outreach support project for the [European Community Studies Association \(ECSA-C\)](#) entered its third and final year, spearheaded by EUCAnet manager, Beate Schmidtke, in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies and the ECSA-C lead scholars from Carleton University, Dalhousie University, the University of Montreal and the University of British Columbia. This year's activities focused on finalising the [database for ECSA-C members](#), establishing new [ECSA-C Research Groups](#) with sections on democracy, migration, environment, foreign policy and trade. It also complemented the

outreach activities (video series) for the ECSA-C young scholars by facilitating mentorship collaborations with senior scholars from Europe and Canada and publishing [ten policy memos](#). In addition over 20 young researchers were interviewed on their [career paths in the field of European Studies](#). As the COVID-19 pandemic forced the ECSA-C community to postpone its Biennial leading ECSA-C scholars from Canada and Europe voiced their views on "[COVID and the Future of the EU](#)" in a series of over 20 commentaries.



Fourth, the EUCAnet team also initialized its outreach initiatives for the new [Jean Monnet Network European Memory Politics: Populism, Nationalism and the Challenges to a European Memory Culture](#) (awarded to the University of Victoria by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union for the years 2019-2023). The Network is deepening the exchange of scholars on issues of populism and democracy in an international partnership between the University of Victoria, the Institute for Political Studies (IEP) at the University of Strasbourg (France), the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Poland), and the Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE). The Jean Monnet Network aims at establishing a transnational team of scholars studying the politics of memory, its use in the mobilizing efforts of populist-nationalist parties across the continent and the tension to an emerging transnational memory culture in the EU.

European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE)

With funding from the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence and the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, the [European Studies Program](#) is an Interdisciplinary minor program at the University of Victoria that focuses on the study of European integration in the broadest sense, including politics, geography, history, culture, language, law, and economics. The minor aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of Europe's complex history, culture, and politics. The program also offers students and faculty an opportunity to engage with the changing realities in Europe comprehensively, by bringing together specialists at UVic with different fields of expertise, scholarly approaches, and methodologies.

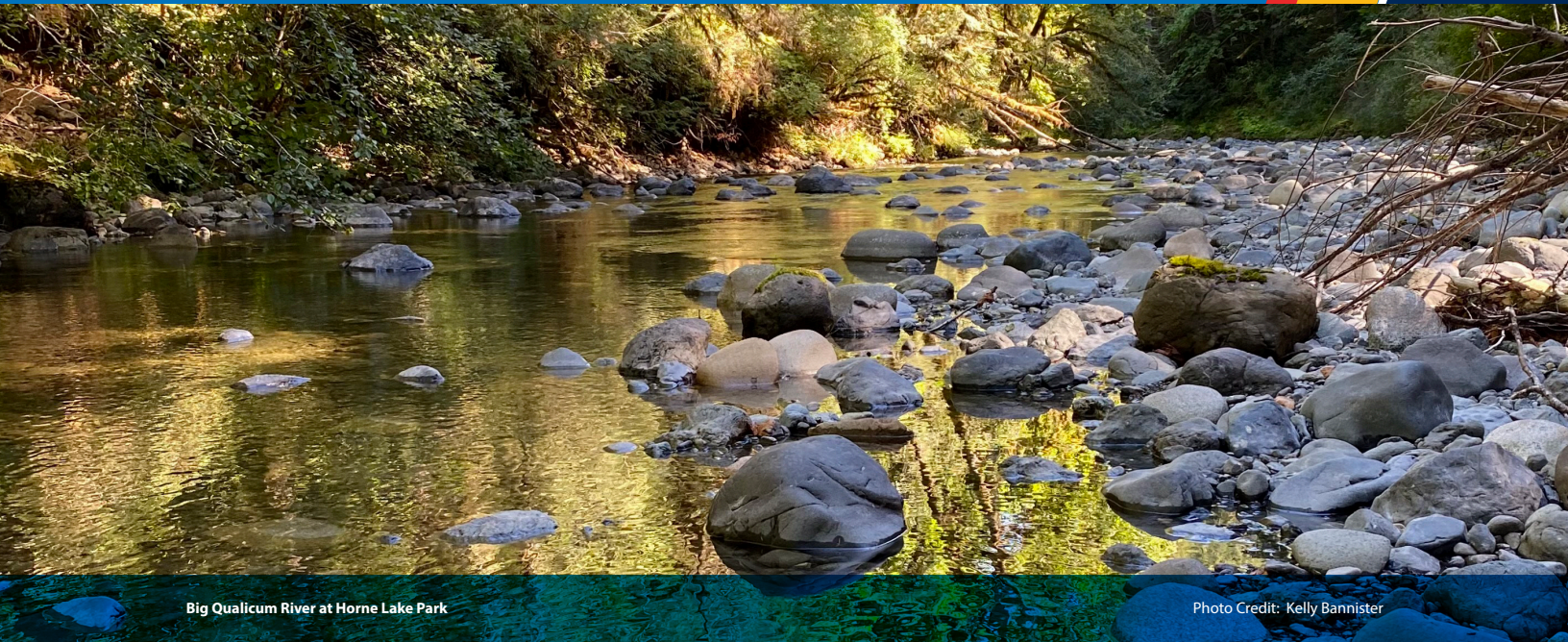
European Studies hosts information sessions and events during the year for academics whose research areas relate to the EU, its institutions, and culture. The program's aim is to increase awareness of the EU and its funding and research opportunities. Ultimately, the EUS program is driven by the shared responsibility for a global community, offering a comprehensive examination of the EU, its policies, economy, culture, and history within the context of the present day.

In May of 2019, the Office of the Vice President Research (OVPR) approved the formation of a two-year pilot research cluster for EU and European Studies, in addition to the provision of base funding for administrative support during the two-year pilot period. This cluster is proud to be housed within the CFGS, headed by the Associate Director for European Studies, Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, and administered by Amanda Merritt. The research cluster is committed to developing a plan for the perpetuity of the Institute, and fostering a European Studies network of researchers internal and external to UVic. The long-term aim is to consolidate the research capacity and expertise at UVic, enable it to stand out as a unique profile of the

University, and further the broad reach and impact of European and EU research in Canada and Europe. The European Studies steering committee hosted two open houses in October 2019 to elicit feedback from the EUS community on the research cluster proposal. Presently the proposal is in the final stages of completion.

In addition, in September 2019 Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly was successful in his application for a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (2019-2022), which provides funding for a new course on the European Legacy, EUS 400, taught by Dr. Nina Belmonte, and furnishes UVic students with mobility grants to participate in research and experiential learning activities, such as the [EU Study Tour](#), [West Coast Model EU](#), and the newly established EU Summer Institute. This two-week Summer Institute developed from a one-day summer conference funded by the Borders In Globalisation project on border and migration public policy in EU-Canada which took place on July 12, 2019. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic COVID-19, the EU Institute canceled the inaugural year of the Summer Institute, which was due to be held in the first two weeks of July, each week exploring a different issue: 1) Trade and custom border in the 21st Century, 2) Cascadia border region in comparative perspective. It has been postponed until the summer, 2021.

The European Studies program underwent a change of administration during the spring and summer of 2020, and is now housed in the Faculty of Humanities; but remains an interdisciplinary program in nature and will continue to retain especially strong ties to the Social Sciences Faculty. EUS has been approved for 150 workstudy hours, to create a new role for an undergraduate student as EUS Student Ambassador.



Big Qualicum River at Horne Lake Park

Photo Credit: Kelly Bannister

POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

The [POLIS Project on Ecological Governance \(POLIS\)](#) is a platform for transdisciplinary research that investigates and promotes sustainability. POLIS brings together academic and policy research with community action to foster healthy and sustainable communities. POLIS works with a wide network of partners and supporters across many sectors, including decision-makers at all levels of government (local, First Nations, provincial, and federal), influencers, academics, experts, funders, and on-the-ground organizations working across scales.

This year, the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance continued to lend capacity to Indigenous and biocultural ethics initiatives through POLIS co-Director Kelly Bannister. First, a major report, [“Ethics in Community Based Monitoring and Knowledge Coproduction”](#) was produced based on the proceedings of a two day ethics workshop for scholars and practitioners held earlier in the year. Then, under the guidance of an Indigenous advisory group, new *“Ethical Guidelines for Knowledge Sharing and Knowledge Coproduction”* were drafted and are in the final stages of expert vetting before their completion and public dissemination. These guidelines bring together Indigenous and western scientific principles to co-create an ethical

space of trust-building, respect, and intentional positive reciprocity for the sharing and braiding of scientific and Indigenous knowledge systems in biocultural research and monitoring, education, and policy making. Finally, POLIS supported the initial stages of the *“Ethical Foundations for Reconciliation: Preparing the Ground and a Way Forward”* initiative, led by Dr. Vicki Kelly, at Simon Fraser University (SFU), before the work was paused due to COVID-19. The initiative brings together awareness of Indigenous ethics to the SFU community through dialogue sessions with a Circle of Indigenous Knowledge Holders from local Indigenous Nations on whose territory the university is located. This work places Indigenous ethics as an integral component in SFU’s stated priorities in research, education, and community engagement and as part of the university’s commitment to reconciliation.

The [POLIS Water Sustainability Project \(WSP\)](#) continues its work on the cross-cutting themes of the multi-year project *The Future of Water Law and Governance in British Columbia: Building Capacity for Lasting Success*. An overarching goal of the WSP is to explore how local communities, First Nations, and governments can increase their capacity and ability to participate and demonstrate leadership in watershed

governance, resulting in the local protection of valuable rivers, streams, and water supplies.

This year, the WSP continues to lead an effort to modernize the *Canada Water Act* and bring forward federal policy and institutional reform. They hosted a [webinar](#) that contributed to the subsequent development of a [Policy Options article](#), the release of a [white paper](#), and a policy dialogue outlining the required changes and the opportunity for the federal government to fulfill its mandate to create a Canadian Water Agency. The WSP also continues to support the robust implementation of *B.C.'s Water Sustainability Act*, through research, briefings, and advisory roles. The WSP team supported watershed governance pilot project engagement, implementation, and learning in four projects across B.C.

What's more, the WSP maintains a foundational role in guiding the development of the newly formed Watershed B.C. partnership, which aims to support local actors in developing and accessing the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to advance watershed governance approaches in their communities or regions, as part of

a bottom-up strategy. This spring, the WSP partnered with Watersheds B.C. to develop an inventory of water-related projects where provincial investments could produce economic stimulus and other benefits as the government works to restore the economy in the wake of the pandemic. The WSP also continues with regularly convening the B.C. Water Leaders and Funders network. Recent meetings focused on identifying opportunities in policy, government action, and community-based monitoring; and engaging in strategic provincial dialogue around how best to continue advancing the water security agenda in light of the global pandemic.

This reporting period, the WSP contributed to the publication and wide communication of new research reports (for examples, see publications section or visit the POLIS website). In addition, the WSP team wrote on a direction paper [Towards Watershed Security: The Role of Water in Modernized Land Use Planning in British Columbia](#). This paper, released in the summer of 2020 and offers new insights and specific actions for a modernized land use and water planning regime in B.C.

Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab

The past year has been a time of building for the Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab (WIGGLab) – building new partnerships, building new proposals, and building on previous projects to expand the impact of their growing knowledge on water governance and innovation. The WIGGLab collaborated with POLIS, BIG, and CFGS to extend the work on the Columbia Treaty. Additionally, Benjamin Perrier joined the WIGGLab as a researcher, and will be examining transnational law and governance and the ongoing possibilities for governance innovation within the Canada-US Columbia River Treaty renewal process.

Work was done to (re)design a digital online course (which would have been conducted as an intensive 3 week module in person in pre-COVID-19 times) on 'social-ecological resilience in community' that

will be offered by the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Institute (now formally part of the UBC Department of Forestry). This work emerged out of a SSHRC Insights grant led by Dr. Dan McCarthy at the University of Waterloo in collaboration with the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Institute which is examining the practice of reconciliation through teaching.

Finally, WIGGLab student Rebeca Macias Gimenez (PhD Law) is in the final stages of her dissertation examining the ways in which environmental impact assessment processes for large dam infrastructure could apply principles of environmental justice to better uphold the rights of Indigenous peoples. Rebeca's work explored the case of the Site C dam in Canada, and the Belo Monte dam in Brazil.

CFGs supports various working groups that meet on a regular basis. CFGs collaborates with these groups to promote events and research bringing greater visibility to the issues each group is focusing on. The working groups are more informal than the CFGs Projects and offer a unique and interactive opportunity for people from the UVic community and beyond to discuss and collaborate on specific topics. All of these working groups are open to the public - contact CFGs's main office or the convenors directly for more information on meeting schedules and events.

Working Group on Global Health Research

UVic has been an institutional member of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) for several years. In April 2017, the Council of Deans decided that CFGS was the appropriate hub for this interdisciplinary research. As such, the [Working Group on Global Health Research \(WG-GHR\)](#) was launched with the goal of promoting better and more equitable health worldwide through the production and use of knowledge.

The WG-GHR hosted the second British Columbia Coalition Institute (BCCI-2), "Planetary Health: Local and Global" at the University of Victoria from August 8-11, 2019. Representing ten universities, two colleges, and local and provincial health service organizations, 28 participants and 15 facilitators came together to better understand the systems approach to health that addresses planetary boundaries and the linkages between human well-being and the state of the natural systems on which we depend. The on-site component consisted of workshops, guided sessions, dialogues, and open spaces focused on participants' self-directed learning objectives. Special guest Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, participated in a dialogue about the climate emergency that we are facing, how self-governance and sovereignty are critical to land stewardship, and what we can do as citizens.

Nationally, the WG-GHR participated in a number of activities. At the annual Canadian Conference on Global Health in Ottawa in October, Matthew Little organized

a meeting with five early career global health educators from universities across Canada to discuss global health education. Working group members also participated in several national meetings of the CCGHR's University Advisory Council and, since April 2020, have participated in a series of webinars hosted by Simon Fraser University titled, "Learning for Planetary Health: Lessons from a Pandemic".

The interdisciplinary student group, UVictoria Global Health Association, continued its activities and held two seminar events: one on the importance of mental health in achieving holistic health (March 2020) and one on nurses working on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic (May 2020).

Periodic discussion meetings continued, with a somewhat decreased number due to the COVID-19 pandemic when the university was closed. At group meetings, members shared their research interests and provided updates on their work. Respecting the charge by university leadership to facilitate an interdisciplinary approach to global health research, an important feature has been to invite speakers from research groups where health is one component but not necessarily the core mandate. This year's special presentations included: "Understanding Responses to Climate Change" with Robert Gifford (Psychology and Environmental Studies); "Health and Wildlife-Human Interfaces" with Mira Ziolo (PhD Candidate, UBC); "A Conversation about Global Health Education" with Matthew Little (School

of Public Health and Social Policy); and “Working and Health Conditions for Waste Pickers in Brasilia” with Vanessa Cruvinel (Guest from Brazil). Looking ahead, the WG-GHR will continue to meet regularly over research presentations and work on expanding and reaching out to new potential members.

The Working Group on Global Health Research was co-convened this year by Nathan Lachowky, Dzifa Dordunoo, and Vic Neufeld.

Global South Colloquium

[The Global South Colloquium](#), established four years ago, provides a forum for regular interdisciplinary exchange and intellectual exploration among faculty, graduate students, and all members of the UVic community on the history and politics of globalization. The colloquium focuses on the “Global South”, traditionally referring to the parts of the world whose states emerged from the embers of European empires in South Asia, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. More than a geographical orientation to the “non-West,” the colloquium poses the “Global South” to think not only about the post-colonial world’s histories, cultures, and political directions, but also as a provocation to orient discussions about the world-system, its contours, inequities, and sources of power, thereby including a focus not divided by geography and nation-states, but defined by placement within global histories and practices.

This year, the Global South Colloquium, held one panel: “Development and Entrepreneurship in the Global South,” co-sponsored by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, on November 21, 2019. This event featured Dr. Sudhir Nair (Associate Professor of the Gustavson School of Business) and Dr. Shahinaz Rahman, (financial and sustainable development advisor). The roundtable explored Islamic finance within the context of a broad discussion of entrepreneurship in the Global South, drawing on cases from Egypt, India, as well as various parts of Southern Asia.

The Global South Colloquium is organized by Neilesh Bose, Department of History, University of Victoria.

Latin American Research Group (LARG)

Launched in 2016, the [Latin American Research Group \(LARG\)](#) speakers’ series 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 2019-20, LARG hosted four speakers, including 2 book launches. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier (Anthropology) presented her new book, *Aerial Imagination in Cuba: Above the Rooftops* (Routledge, 2020). Michelle Bonner (Political Science) presented her new book, *Tough on Crime: The Rise of Punitive Populism in Latin America* (Pittsburgh University Press, 2019). Beatriz de Alba-Koch (History) presented her collaborative book project, *The Ibero-American Baroque*. Timo Schaefer (Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of History at the University of Toronto) presented his research, “The Infrapolitics of Mexican Democratization: Three Episodes from the Life of an Indigenous Activist, 1980-2004”.

LARG is led by Beatriz de Alba-Koch, Department of History and Director of the Latin American Studies Program, University of Victoria. The LARG’s speakers’ series is organized by Michelle Bonner, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria. Funding to support these talks was provided by Latin American Studies, the Department of Political Science, and Michelle Bonner’s research funds.

Middle East Discussion Group (MEDG)

From its beginnings in 2012, the [Middle East Discussion Group \(MEDG\)](#) has grown to be a focal point for discussion of Middle Eastern issues by participants from on-and-off campus and from far afield, bringing wide and different perspectives and expertise to the complex issues engulfing the Middle East region.

Participants from diverse backgrounds, expertise, and opinions have the opportunity to voice their views and share their varied experience in a welcoming

environment. Format ranges from open round-table discussions to presentations with Q and A. The MEDG's membership includes faculty, students, and experts in the field. It is also open to participation from the general public. Guests from government, diplomacy, academia, and the military are also invited to address the group. Faculty members specializing in Middle East research subjects add great value to the impact of the group. This year included a session on religion and politics, led by a student visiting as part of an international internship program, Uluhan Sahin. The MEDG also welcomed Palestinian-Canadian Robert Massoud to discuss his humanitarian work and offer a Palestinian perspective on the Trump Administration's plan for resolving the conflict in the region. During this time, Michael J. Carpenter (postdoctoral fellow with Borders in Globalization) acted as moderator and facilitator.

The MEDG, working within the umbrella of CFGS, has greatly benefited from the support of CFGS in carrying out its mandate. CFGS provides space, facilities, technical equipment, and networking opportunities.

For more information about the MEDG or to request participation, please contact Dr. Michael J. Carpenter, Coordinator.

UVic in the Anthropocene

[UVic in the Anthropocene](#) was established as a CFGS working group in 2016 with the aim of engaging individuals from across the campus community. In the summer of 2019 the group officially fell under the convenorship of Astrid Brouselle (Director, School of Public Administration) and found a new institutional home in the School of Public Administration.

CFGS still hosts the UVic in the Anthropocene website where you can find information about upcoming events and initiatives, as well as the link to their [newly launched blog](#).



Thetis Lake

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



CFGS Fellows & Scholars 2019/2020

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The CFGS Fellowship Program constitutes a core part of the intellectual life at CFGS. With an overarching aim of building a sophisticated and transdisciplinary network, CFGS offers a number of fellowship options including: UVic Graduate Student Fellowships; Visiting Graduate Student Fellowships; UVic Faculty Fellowships; and Visiting Researcher Fellowships. Each year the centre also welcomes a number of adjudicated research scholars through a variety of programs and partnerships.

Since its establishment in 2012, the [CFGS Fellowship Program](#) has hosted over 100 fellows, interns, and visiting scholars from 24 countries, bringing with them a diverse array of disciplines, perspectives, and research specialties. This reporting year alone CFGS welcomed six new graduate student fellows, 2 faculty fellows, 2 visiting fellows, 2 international interns, and one visiting MA student.

CFGS senior fellows and UVic faculty added greatly to the intellectual conversation and community outreach this year. Jutta Gutberlet and Elizabeth Vibert (CFGS Faculty Fellows), with Maeava Gautheir (CFGS Graduate Student Fellow) brought together a panel of experts for this year's Ideafest event, "Food Sovereignty in an Era of Global Crisis." Jutta's Signature Series Global Talk, "Waste and the Circular Economy: North-South Grassroots Perspectives and Practices", looked at how production, consumption, and waste are intrinsically related and are all part of the current global waste crisis. Jutta shared both

local and international grassroots initiatives in resource recovery as inspiring examples for a necessary shift towards circularity and change.

A similar theme of community resilience was conveyed in Elizabeth Vibert's Signature Series Global Talk on, "Borders and Livelihoods: Colonialism, Climate Crisis, and International Mobilities in South Africa, 1970-2019." After an important historical context setting of the deepening inequalities in the region, Elizabeth then shared an inspiring case study of rural women farmers, their lived experience of colonialism past and present, their political responses to precarity, and the role of internal mobilities in softening the ravages of the current predicament.

CFGS welcomed two Visiting Fellows this year: Arnd Nohl (Professor of Education Science at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Helmut Schmidt University / University of the Federal Armed Forces in

Hamburg, Germany); and Robert Huish (Associate Professor, Department of International Development Studies, Dalhousie University).

Dr. Nohl joined CFGS for the summer of 2019 and helped launch the 2019/2020 Global Talk Series with his September presentation, “Why is Populism so Popular? An Inquiry into the Political Socialization of its Supporters” which examined the followers of three populisms: Tea Party (USA), AKP (Turkey) and PEGIDA (Germany). Dr. Huish joined the CFGS cohort in January 2020 and gave two talks during his fellowship. First, he presented on, “Cancer: Global Health’s Greatest Challenge for the 21st Century.” Then, after the Global Talk Series was moved online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Huish provided perspective on Cuba’s medical internationalism in a presentation titled, “Solidarity in the times of Corona: Why Cuban Medical Internationalism Matters for 21st Century Global Health.” This presentation was incredibly relevant and important in light of the pandemic.

This year, CFGS also welcomed two interns, Uluhan Sahin and Isabelle Straiger, from Germany’s University of Applied Sciences in Kehl. Ulu joined CFGS in the fall and his internship focused on communication projects and helping

organize reporting and website updates. Isabelle’s spring internship was unique in that she arrived in Canada the day Prime Minister Trudeau announced the first round of COVID-19 related travel restrictions. Isabelle’s CFGS experience was almost entirely online but she adapted quickly and took over responsibility for the weekly CFGS newsletter. Both Uluhan and Isabelle divide their time with the EUCAnet project and the Centre’s administration.

The CFGS Administrative Team commends our graduate student cohort Regan Burles, Maeva Gautier, Ngozi Nwoki, Smith Orduro-Marfo, and Can Zhao for quickly adapting to the online environment and contributing to the Global Talks and the CFGS community April through June.

The Centre’s intellectual community is enhanced greatly by our fellowship program. CFGS is continually grateful to the fellows and scholars who enrich the networks, intellectual capacity, and social dynamics here at the Centre. 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.

“The CFGS experience is unparalleled... The sense of community, of support, the inspiration you gain from listening and talking to people you meet. This is university on steroids! It has been an unforgettable year and hoping to stay in touch for years to come.”

MAEVA GAUTIER, CFGS GRADUATE
STUDENT FELLOW 2019-2020

“The Graduate Fellow program at the Centre for Global Studies was a fantastic environment in which to develop my research in a friendly, professional environment. The variety of projects, expertise, and interests at work in the centre is truly remarkable and contributes to a lively, supportive academic culture.”

REGAN BURLER, CFGS GRADUATE
STUDENT FELLOW 2019-2020

As a Ph.D. student fellow of the CFGS for the 2019/20 academic year, I have benefited enormously from various kinds of support provided by this welcoming and diverse community. The in-house residency has offered me a valuable opportunity to draw insights from other fellows and researchers, have my writings read and criticized, and forge a collegial atmosphere that is much desired during the tedious dissertation-writing process. The tranquil SEG-C wing, accompanied by birds’ chirps and the greenness out of the window, formed an ideal cosmos for conducting research. The weekly Global Talks presented a precious occasion to know other scholars’ projects from a multidisciplinary perspective, which covered a variety of eye-opening and fascinating topics including but not limited to surveillance technology in Ghana, corruption of Chinese oil companies in Nigeria, Canada’s North Pole strategy. Last but not least, the vast social and academic network that the center sustains also helps me to find appropriate interview candidates for my dissertation’s empirical chapters. In sum, I am grateful to all the fellows, researchers, and staff from the center, whose intellectual stimulations and generous support catalyzed my academic progress during the past year.

CAN ZHAO, CFGS GRADUATE
STUDENT FELLOW 2019-2020

FELLOWS & SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE



Nicole Bates-Eamer
Graduate Student Researcher, Research Partner,
"Climate Change Displacement -Mapping the BC Context"



Ryan Beaton
Graduate Student Researcher
Research focuses on evolving conceptions of Aboriginal title and Crown sovereignty in Canadian case law



Regan Burles
Graduate Student Fellow
"The Nature of the International: System and Order in International Politics"



Michael Carpenter
Postdoctoral Scholar
Research interests include participatory governance, civil resistance, Middle East politics, international relations, and political theory



Keith Cherry
Graduate Student Researcher
Current research explores legal pluralism in two contrasting settings, settler/Indigenous relationships in Canada and member-state/Union relations in the European Union.



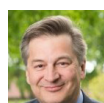
Maeva Gauthier
Graduate Student Fellow
"Food Security, Food Sovereignty, Social and Environmental Justice and Resilience in Northern Communities"



Jutta Gutberlet
UVic Faculty Fellow
"Global Waste Governance and Social Grassroots Innovation: North-South Dialogue in the Context of Climate Change"



Robert Huish
Visiting Research Fellow
"Pursuing Global Health Ethics: Building a 21st Century Curriculum for Global Health Education"



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Former Canadian Ambassador to Sweden, Deputy High Commissioner to India, Political Officer at Canadian embassies in Norway & Japan, Director General for South and Southeast Asia.



Rebeca Macias Gimenez
Graduate Student Fellow
"Searching for Equitable Treatment of Indigenous People in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Decision-Making about Hydro Projects"



Miriam Mueller
Visiting Research Fellow
Research interests include terrorist violence, crime, regime change, and migration as effects of war and conflict



Rebecca Nelems
Graduate Student Fellow
"Connection in the Digital Age: A Decolonized, Phenomenological and Participatory Study of Youth's Sense of Belonging, Kinship, Responsibility, and Citizenship in Canada and Ecuador"



Arnd-Michael Nohl
Visiting Research Fellow
"Why is Populism so Popular? Answers from the Perspective of Political Socialization"



Ngozi S. Nwoko
Graduate Student Fellow
"Regulating Oil Companies in Nigeria: The Imperatives of Transparency and Good Corporate Conduct"



Smith Oduro-Marfo
Graduate Student Fellow
"Surveillance and International Development: Identification Systems in Ghana"



Pablo Ouziel
Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar
Crises in democracy, civil democracy, civic engagement, public philosophy, collective presences, and nonviolence and civil democracy



Benjamin Perrier
Postdoctoral Scholar
The legal regime of the border, cross border territorial cooperation law, transnational and global law, and environmental regionalization



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Postdoctoral Researcher

Data Localization and Territorial Jurisdiction in Cyber Space.



Ivan Thompson

Community Practitioner Fellow

Senior Advisor (Pacific Region), Tides Canada



David Romero-Espitia

Visiting Graduate Student

Participation of civil society in contemporary peacebuilding using Colombia as a case study.



Elizabeth Vibert

UVic Faculty Fellow

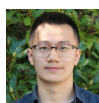
"Transnational Food Crises in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives: Developing a Research Network"



Tatiana Shaban

Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar

Research interests include European integration and regional governance, European neighbourhood policy, and borders



Can Zhao

Graduate Student Fellow

"Governing the Sharing Economy: State Responses to Reconfigured Capital, Labor, and Information in China, France, and US"

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

Welcome to our New Associate Fellows

This reporting period we welcomed four new Associate Fellows.



Paivi Abernethy is a visiting scholar at CFGS and an Adjunct Professor in the School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability at the University of Waterloo in Ontario.

She is a researcher, former public health practitioner, and private sector scientist, who has worked in the interface of health and the environment for over 20 years, specializing in children's environmental health, health promotion, environmental justice, and planetary health.



Shefa Siegal's research covers a wide range of topics such as global governance, mercury pollution, and conflict in informal economies.

Shefa is currently studying the history of mining and writing a book, "The Origin of Avarice: A Moral History of Mining" about the relationship between mining and greed, our understanding of scarcity, and how scarcity affects humanity and the environment.



Ted Sheldon spent 27 years working with the Province of British Columbia developing an understanding of, and support for local government sustainability, clean energy, and climate action.

Currently, Ted's work focuses on sustainability-related issues including solutions to the Paris Agreement & IPCC disconnect; One Planet Cities & UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Sarah Wolfe is an associate professor in the School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability at the University of Waterloo. Her work examines the social dimensions of water decisions using ideas from environmental psychology, cognitive science, sociology and geography.

Her current research is focused on issues of conversion theory and identity, awe and ritual in water decisions.

Paivi, Shefa, Ted, and Sarah join our already impressive cohort of CFGS Associate Fellows. Associate Fellows are an important part of the CFGS intellectual community. Through participation in the centre's wide range of scholarly and social activities, Associate Fellows help shape the development of the CFGS community while benefiting from enhanced opportunities for research networking, mentorship, and intellectual exchange.

Susan Bazilli

International Women's Rights Project (IWRP)

Gregory Blue

History of colonial and post-colonial societies

Ron Crelinsten

Terrorism, radicalization and counter-terrorism in liberal democracies

Derek Fraser

Ukraine; fragile, dangerous and failed states

Budd Hall

Community-based research, social movements, international community development

Trevor Hancock

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

Vic Neufeld

Special Advisor to the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research; capacity development for health system reform; health research in low and middle-income countries

Jon O'Riordan

Provincial water policy reform and the ecological governance of water management

Edward A. Parson

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)

Martin Segger

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

Harry Swain

Economic geography, Canadian science policy

Lewis Williams

Indigenous and cultural studies, cultural ecology, social innovation

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KEYSTONE EVENTS

This year, CFGS hosted, sponsored, or supported a total of 73 events. These events ranged from weekly Global Talks to larger collaborative events such as webinars, conferences, workshops, and featured guest speakers.

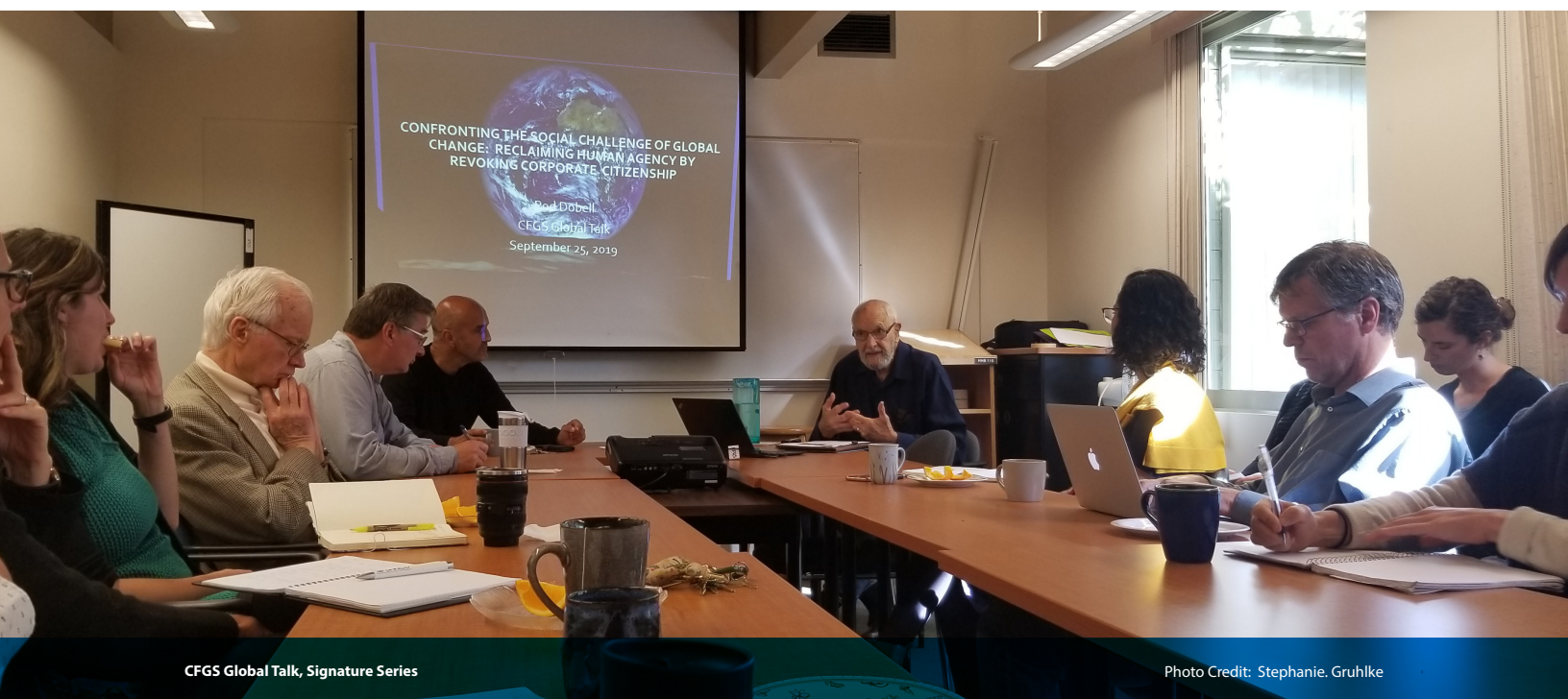
Global Talks

The [Global Talks](#) program was first established in 2013 as a forum through which the greater CFGS community could share their research and reflect on critical questions and emerging global issues in an informal, multidisciplinary environment. These talks are also an opportunity to highlight the work being done within the CFGS projects and working groups, and they often launch collaborative research initiatives. Since its inception, the Global Talks program has continued to grow and now represents a regular fixture within the greater UVic community where UVic scholars can network with CFGS community members and invited guests.

The *Global Talks Signature Series* typically occur on the first Wednesday of every month and are publicised more widely within the university community. This series includes presentations given by senior experts or practitioners within the CFGS community as well as invited guests from other universities. The 2019/2020

Signature Series consisted of nine presentations, including four guest speakers:

- SEPTEMBER - *Why is Populism so Popular? An Inquiry into the Political Socialization of its Supports* with CFGS Visiting Scholar Arnd-Michael Nohl
- OCTOBER - *An Introduction to Collaborative Research Inquiries with Holocaust Witness-Survivors and their Descendants* with CFGS Alumni Charlotte Schallie
- NOVEMBER - *Waste and the Circular Economy: North-South Grassroots Perspectives and Practices* with CFGS Faculty Fellow Jutta Gutberlet
- NOVEMBER - *Borders and Livelihoods: Colonialism, Climate Crisis, and Internal Mobilities in South Africa, 1970-2019* with CFGS Faculty Fellow Elizabeth Vibert
- FEBRUARY - *Borders in Globalization: the*



CFGS Global Talk, Signature Series

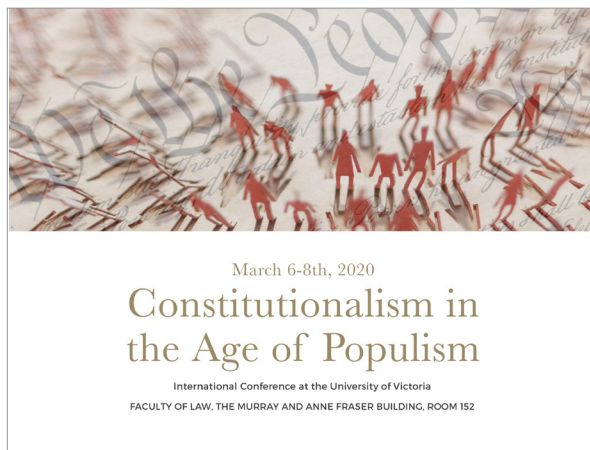
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Controversy Over Irregular Migration with CFGS Alumni Christian Leuprecht

- MARCH - *Afghanistan's Fuzzy Frontier* with CFGS Associate Fellow Gregory Blue
- APRIL - *Stock Market Swings & the Economic Outlook in the Era of COVID-19* ([Part I](#) & [Part II](#)) with special guests Michael King and Chris Lawless
- MAY - *Israel's Borders - As Yet Unfinished Business* with CFGS & BIG special guest David Newman
- JUNE - *Boomerangst: Affording and Aging Population and Long Term Care* with CFGS special guest Michael C. Wolfson

After the university closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Global Talks program was temporarily suspended. In an effort to continue providing an enriching environment where our members could share ideas and insights, while remaining connected as a community, the CFGS administrative team decided in April to resume regular Global Talk presentations using a virtual platform. All Global Talk recordings are available on the events section of our website with a selection also appearing on the CFGS YouTube page.

Conferences and Workshops



The [Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism Conference](#) (March 6-8, 2020) brought together scholars from Canada and Europe to discuss issues related to constitutionalism and democracy, in the light of populist politics. It did so especially in relation to two countries at the heart of the debate (Hungary and Poland) but with comparisons to other contexts in which populism is gaining a foothold. The conference discussed what we ought to mean by 'populism' and what - if anything - is wrong with it (why isn't populism simply democracy?). It also explored the consequences of that analysis for the theory and practice of a truly democratic constitutionalism.



In keeping with the spirit of promoting a fluid and rich discussion between students and faculty, the CEDoD project, in collaboration with CFGS, CTI, and the Faculty of Law, co-organized sessions with graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and junior and senior faculty members to discuss some of the core themes of the conference prior to the actual event. The discussion explored different ways of conceptualizing populism and participants were invited to continue pre-conference discussion online through the EUCAnet blog.



Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism Conference | Keynote Address by Richard Bellamy

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During the conference a [series of video interviews](#) was produced in a collaboration between CEDoD and CTI. Select scholars were invited to reflect on the question, “What challenges does Populism pose to Democracy” in hopes of capturing the various approaches senior and junior scholars take to the question. The outcome is a rich snapshot of scholarly expertise and an archive of the topics that were discussed during this event.

The Fourth Annual British Columbia Water Leaders-Funders Workshop took place in Merritt, B.C. from October 16-17, 2019 and focused on the importance of deepening connections with Indigenous water champions. The workshop built on strategic collaborations to advance freshwater protection in the province and was organized by the WSP in partnership with the B.C. Water Funders Collaborative and the First Nations Fisheries Council.

On July 12, 2019, BIG, in partnership with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), and with funding from the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission, hosted a one-day workshop to explore specific policy-relevant questions on Canadian borders. Approximately 10 students presented and engaged in discussions with experts, scholars, and border officials on topics ranging from asylum, immigration enforcement, and screening measures. The event closed with a public seminar on ***The Consequences of the 2015 Refugee Crisis for EU Borders & Migration Politics*** with BIG Scholar Birte Wassenberg.

Continuing this partnership, the same group hosted a one-day ***Summer Institute Workshop*** in the spring of 2020 to further explore policy-relevant questions on Canadian borders. This workshop was a trial run for the forthcoming annual one-week summer institute on borders, hosted in partnership with CBSA and other BIG partners, that will bring together policy experts, academics, and graduate students to explore different themes each year.

Seminar and Webinar Series

The *Creating a Blue Dialogue* webinar series, hosted by the POLIS Water Sustainability Project, brought together expert water practitioners and thinkers, as well as emerging water leaders, to engage with innovative ideas on water policy and governance in Canada. By creating an online community of interest, the series strengthened the national capacity to engage with and solve problems, and raised awareness about emerging Canadian water issues, best practices, and policies.

This year's series included five webinars: [Mining Law Reform and Water Sustainability in B.C.](#); [Water Security for Canadians: Making the Federation Work for Water](#); [First Annual Water Research Roundup](#); [Investing in Our Watersheds: Stimulus & Sustainable Funding for Water Security](#); and *In Conversation: a Solstice Celebration of Freshwater Changemakers*. These webinars brought together experts from across Canada, and were attended by over 630 local, First nations, provincial, and federal government representatives; students and researchers; environmental NGOs; practitioners; and local watershed groups.

CFGS Associate Fellow & POLIS Strategic Advisor Jon O'Riordan officially launched the Gail O'Riordan Climate and the Arts Legacy Fund this spring. Together with Creatively United for the Planet, the Ecoforestry Institute Society, and MakeWay (formerly Tides Canada), he hosted a free online webinar series in honour of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Earth Day. [The EarthFest Live 2020](#) webinar featured an incredible lineup of presenters who explored a multitude of transformational possibilities and creative solutions to move us forward. CFGS Associate Fellow Trevor Hancock participated in the event with a presentation titled "Bounding Forward to a One Planet Region: Could COVID-19 be a Social Tipping Point?" where he discussed the ways in which local citizens must play a direct role in shaping self-reliant communities.

Congratulations Jon on the launch of the Legacy Fund and on the overwhelming success of this event!

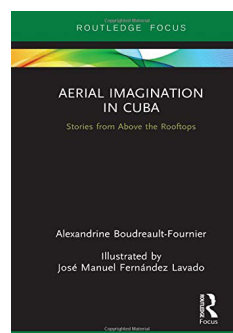
Book Launch

[Aerial Imagination in Cuba: Above the Rooftops](#)

By: **Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier**
(Routledge, 2020)

As part of their annual speakers' series, the Latin American Research Group hosted Dr. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier (Department of Anthropology, Uvic) on September 10, 2019 to celebrate the launch of her most recent book project *Aerial Imagination in Cuba: Above the Rooftops*.

Aerial Imagination in Cuba is a visual, ethnographic, sensorial, and poetic engagement with how Cubans imagine the sky as a medium that



allows things to circulate. What do wi-fi antennas, cactuses, pigeons, lottery, and congas have in common? This book offers a series of illustrated ethno-fictional stories to explore various practices and beliefs that have seemingly nothing in common. But if you look

at the sky, there is more than meets the eye. By discussing the natural, religious, and human-made visible and invisible aerial infrastructures - or systems of circulation - through short illustrated vignettes, this book offers a highly creative way to explore the aerial space in Santiago de Cuba today.

Tough on Crime: The Rise of Punitive Populism in Latin America

By: Michelle Bonner

(Pittsburgh University Press, 2019)



On October 15, 2019, the Latin American Research Group and the Department of Political Science co-hosted the official book launch of Dr. Michelle Bonner's new book *Tough on Crime: The Rise of Punitive Populism in Latin America*. An excited group of students, faculty, and

community members met in the CFGS boardroom as Michelle introduced her research and took questions from the audience.

Tough on Crime offers an analysis of the role of mass media in political leaders' increased use of tough-on-crime rhetoric and policies to win elections and popular support. It argues that changes in journalists', state, and civil society organizations' communicational practices that have emerged as a result of neoliberal reforms to media policies have encouraged punitive populism. These media reforms have decreased the role of the media in accountability, homogenized public opinion as punitive, and increased the importance of media in policy making. While centred on the cases of Argentina and Chile, the analysis and findings contribute to broader discussions in countries around the world about the causes of the rise in punitive populism, as well as the challenges it poses to police reforms and democracy.

Public events, panels and guest lectures

Cultivating Resilient Communities through Food Action

CFGS kicked off the Fall 2019 semester with an event hosted by CFGS Faculty Fellow Elizabeth Vibert focused on her research project [Four Stories About Food Sovereignty: Transnational Crises and Local Action](#).

This project brought together food producers and researchers from four continents to examine historical and contemporary food crises, and community responses in an era of climate crisis. For this event, we welcomed honoured guests and project participants from the T'Sou-ke nation of British Columbia, the Baqa'a Refugee Camp in Jordan, the Hleketani Community Garden in Limpopo South Africa, and in the La Guajira peninsula in Colombia.

Speaking through translators to an engaged audience of over 130 students, faculty, and community members, participants spoke honestly and earnestly about their experiences as local food producers, their challenges and successes as sustainable food advocates, and strategies



for food sovereignty within the Victoria community. This public panel presentation was the final event in a larger International Food Sovereignty Summit where researchers and community members from all four geographical areas came together to discuss on-going food sovereignty issues and share their research and activism priorities, the outcomes of which were used to guide the Four Stories About Food Sovereignty project going forwards.



Gordon Smith Lecture Series 2019 | Speaker: Graham Fuller

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Gordon Smith Lecture 2019

[The Gordon Smith Lecture Series](#) is a biennial event established in recognition of Dr. Gordon Smith's service to the university community through the thirteen years he spent as the Director of CFGS. On October 24, 2019 CFGS welcomed former CIA Operations Officer Graham E. Fuller to campus for a presentation titled, [The Future of Global Power in an Era of Declining US Dominance](#). Graham Fuller worked for 20 years as a CIA Operations Officer, seventeen of which were overseas in Turkey, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Afghanistan, and China. He later served as Vice-Chair of the National Intelligence Council at the CIA, with overall responsibility for national level strategic forecasting. His presentation focused on the nature of new international forces in a multi-polar world, the future of democracy, and Canada's place in it.

World Rivers Day

While POLIS was disappointed to announce the cancellation of their World Water Day 2020 event due to the COVID-19 closures, they were able to host a wonderful networking event for young professionals in the fall to celebrate [UN World Rivers Day](#). In collaboration with the Canadian Water Resources Association, POLIS welcomed four young professionals working on water policy in a variety of capacities to meet with students, community members, and other professionals to discuss various career paths and opportunities in the field of water and climate change. Approximately thirty people attended this informal event, hosted at the Halpern Centre for Graduate Students, most of whom stayed well past the conclusion of the formal program to socialize and build connections within the field.



Gordon Smith

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World Rivers Day Panelists 2019

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Ideafest

Each year, UVic hosts a campus wide festival of research, art, and innovation called [Ideafest](#). For the 2020 festival, CFGS hosted a panel discussion titled, [Food Sovereignty in the Era of Climate Crisis](#), which looked at what communities can do to sustainably manage local and regional food systems in a time of climate crisis and deepening inequality. Moderated by CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtke, this event featured presentations by Jeff Cornrassel (CIRCLE and Department of Indigenous Studies), Maeva Gauthier and Jutta Gutberlet (CFGS, Community-based Research Lab, Department of Geography), Zaher Ghezleleh (Community-based Research Lab, Department of Geography), Matthew Little (School of Public Health & Social Policy), and Elizabeth Vibert (CFGS, Department of History). Drawing on the expertise of the panelists, this session offered participants the chance to engage with individual panelists in small group discussions and reflect on the presentations through engaged participation.

CIC Partnership Events

This reporting period, CFGS continued to cultivate a relationship with the Victoria Branch of the [Canadian International Council](#). Together, CFGS and CIC co-hosted two public events. The first, [The Last War Correspondent](#), featured Matthew Fisher, Canada's most accomplished foreign correspondent with 45 years of experience reporting from the front lines. He discussed his time embedded with the U.S. Marine Corps Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion in 2003, as well as his most recent deployment on board the HMCS Regina when it sailed through the Taiwan Strait in June 2019. The second event, [The Future of Canadian Diplomacy](#), was a panel discussion featuring two former Canadian Ambassadors, Jillian Stirk and Marc Lortie, as well as the President of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers Pam Isfeld and former CBC correspondent Patrick Brown. Panelists drew on their personal and professional experiences as they examined the current state of Canadian diplomacy, as well as future challenges facing the profession.



Oliver Schmidtke introduces the CIC at The Future of Canadian Diplomacy event

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Through this partnership, select members of the CFGS team were invited to participate in a roundtable discussion with then Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland on October 1, 2019. Discussion focused on Canada's role as a leader in the world, our relationship with the U.S. and USMCA negotiations, as well as the work of the Liberal government since their election in 2015 on the international stage.

CFGS and the CIC planned to co-host the second annual *Canadian's Going Global* event on March 16, 2020. This event was set to welcome Nicole Bates-Eamer, David Collins, Paul Seguna, and Corey Levine to campus to discuss their respective international career paths and to network with students interested in a career with an international focus. The event was cancelled as part of CFGS and the CIC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic with hopes that it will be able to run in 2021.



CIC and CFGS Student Representatives at the UVic Career Fair.

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Event Support

Without taking on hosting responsibilities, CFGS offered direct or in-kind support to a number of campus events and initiatives this year including: the [Facing the Anthropocene with Alexander von Humbolt's Views of Nature](#) colloquium, the [10th Latin American & Spanish Film Week](#) festival, the Political Economy of Natural

Resource Funds (NRFs) workshop, the Pacific Climate Seminar Series, the [Canada-Russia Research Initiative: Arctic, Media, Security](#) conference, and the launch of the virtual [2020 Victoria Forum](#).

Field Schools

[The EU Study Tour](#) takes place in May every year. This is an opportunity for students to complete a course credit (EUS 390A) towards a minor or concentration in European Studies. Participants travel through Brussels, Luxembourg, Frankfurt, and Strasbourg to key sites of European institutions and civil society organisations, engaging with representatives of the EU's administrative and political leadership, such as the European Commission, Parliament, Court of Justice and Central Bank, along with other European organizations such as NATO, the European Court of Human Rights, and the Canadian Mission to the EU. The Tour is not simply an accredited course, it is a full immersion into European history, culture, and political formation, a program for self-directed and independent study.

[The West Coast Model EU](#) is a simulation of a European Council summit, which takes place every Spring in Seattle, WA. Two teams represent EU member state delegations, as either Heads of State or Ministers.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic COVID-19 the European Studies program was required to cancel both of its experiential learning opportunities in 2020.

Media Outreach

During this review period, CFGS fellows and associates provided expert perspectives in over 100 [newspaper articles](#), [television broadcasts](#), [radio interviews](#), [opinion pieces](#), and [media releases](#). This year CFGS Visiting Research Fellow Robert Huish lent his global health expertise to a variety of television and radio outlets as the public attempted to make sense of the

Coronavirus pandemic. Meanwhile, CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtke continued working with CTV, CBC, and CFax as a leading expert on European politics, specifically discussing the lead up to the Brexit deadline, the resignation of the Italian Prime Minister, and the rise of right-wing political parties in Europe.



Oliver Schmidtke in studio
at CTV Vancouver Island.

Photo Credit: Beate Schmidtke

The increase in media outreach since last year is also due, in part, to *Associate Fellow Trevor Hancock's* [weekly opinion column](#) in the Times Colonist. Trevor began writing for the *Times Colonist* in 2014 where he writes about population and public health issues, focussing on broad ecological, social, political, economic, and commercial determinants of the health of the population and the role of public health professionals and organizations in protecting and improving the health of the population and preventing disease and injury. For any media inquiries, scholars can be contacted directly. For general inquiries, contact Operations Director and Research Coordinator, Jodie Walsh.

Research Grants Awarded

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

Baseline and Evaluation Projects for the BCOHRC, BC Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC)

July 2, 2020 - September 15, 2020

Building Connections Fund- Uvic, Associated Vice President Research Office

March 2019

Eco Canada - Student Work Placement Internship Program

May 11, 2020 - August 30, 2020

Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency - Jean Monnet EU Centre of Excellence

October 16, 2019 - October 15, 2022

EU Jean Monnet Network grant - European Memory Politics- Populism, Nationalism and the Challenges to a European Memory Culture

2019-2023

First Nations Fisheries Council- Interim Water for the Fish Project Manager Parental Leave Coverage

December 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

PICS - Climate Change and Displacement- Mapping the BC Context

December 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020

Rockefeller Brothers Funds - Amazon Sacred Headwaters Initiative Counsel

November 20, 2019 - November 19, 2020

SSHRC Insight - Populism and its Effect on Liberal Democracy

April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2024

Tides Foundation- Patagonia Environmental Grants

February 25, 2020 - February 25, 2021

Tides Canada Foundation - Watershed governance law and engaging experts in water protection across BC

September 1 2019 - September 1, 2020

AWARDS

Celebrating CFGS Achievements

CFGS Associate Fellow Budd Hall received the [2019 David H. Turpin Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research](#) for his leadership on community-based research. Recipients of REACH Awards exemplify UVic's commitment to the fundamental value of freedom of inquiry and have pushed the boundaries of discovery, creativity, and innovation to impact our lives and the world around us. In the formal announcement, the adjudication committee noted that, "Hall's leadership on community-based research has transformed academia and, perhaps more importantly, the knowledge democracy that he champions has transformed lives."

On December 28, 2019, **CFGS Associate Fellow Harry Swain** was appointed by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, to the **Order of Canada**. The Order honours people whose service shapes our society, whose innovations ignite our imaginations, and whose compassion unites our communities. Harry was specifically recognized for "his years of public service leadership, notably relating to Indigenous land claims and the environment."

CFGS **CTI fellow Rebeca Macias Gimenez** was awarded the Notley Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship, under the supervision of CTI fellow Joshua Nichols, with the University of Alberta. **CTI fellow Keith Cherry** not only successfully defended his PhD

dissertation but was also awarded the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship with the Faculty of Law at UVic

Former CFGS Graduate Student Fellow, Qian Liu, received an **Asian Law & Society Association Grad Student Article Award** for her 2018 paper "[Legal Consciousness of the Leftover Woman: Law + Qing in Chinese Family Relations](#)" published in Asian Journal of Law & Society.

Former EUS Program Co-Director Charlotte Schallié received the **2019 Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization** for her commitment to sharing the forgotten story of Carl Lutz, a Swiss diplomat who saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews.

Former CFGS Graduate Student Fellow, Stephen Fielding, was awarded the **Canadian Historical Association's Bullen Prize for best history dissertation in Canada** for his project, "Sports Multiculturalism: Postwar European Immigrants, Gender, Diaspora, and the Grassroots Making of Canadian Diversity." Each year the John Bullen Prize honours one outstanding Ph.D. thesis on a historical topic submitted in a Canadian university.



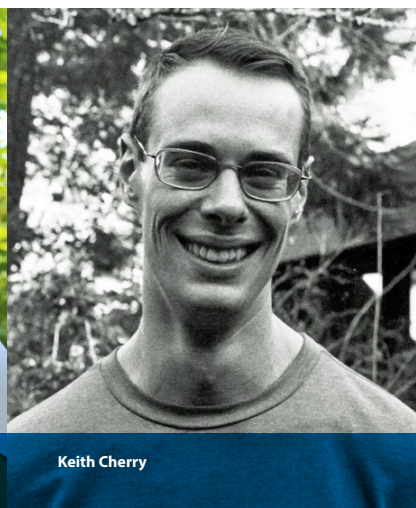
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Harry Swain



Rebeca Macias Gimenez



Keith Cherry

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

Journals

In 2019, BIG launched the [*Borders in Globalization Review*](#). The journal provides an open-access forum for academic and artistic explorations of the changing logics of 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. The journal is committed to double-blind peer review, public access, policy relevance, and cultural significance. The [inaugural issue](#), published December 2019, displays this broad mandate. The research articles explore transborder governance, identity, culture, precarity, and conflict in borderlands across the world, including the Aegean, Eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, the Arab Gulf, indigenous Latin America, and more. The issue also includes academic essays on border-wall graffiti, a-territorial borders, and French thinker Paul de La Pradelle. It also features a range of artwork, including an artist's portfolio that imagines boundary lines and movement onto canvas, plus original verses from three poets on themes and sentiments related to borders. Book and film reviews round out the first issue.

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Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism Banquet

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CFGs participates in the 2019 Climate Strike

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