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ABOUT CFGS

Housed at the University of Victoria, the Centre for Global Studies was founded in 1998. The Centre builds on the University's existing base of interdisciplinary expertise and is uniquely poised to bridge academic research and student mentoring with knowledge mobilization and effective community engagement.

CFGS strives to produce quality and practical research with tangible benefits to both the local and international community. CFGS continues to produce cutting edge research and disseminates it in concise and accessible ways to policy makers and the wider community.

MESSAGE FROM THE **DIRECTOR**

We have seen an extraordinary period of expansion and consolidation at the Centre for Global Studies in the past two years. In early 2015, we completed our five-year review and received an endorsement by the administration at the University of Victoria, as well as a very positive report filed by the review committee. The recommendations from both bodies triggered a recalibration of the Centre's strategic plan and led to a host of new initiatives.

During my study leave, from January to June 2015, the CFGS saw a seamless transition in directorship and a successful continuation of all key initiatives. This success can largely be attributed to the excellent work of the CFGS' staff, the leadership provided by Dr. Bunton, the interim director, and the vigorous scholarly community the Centre has built over the past years.

Last year also saw a great degree of intensification of the collaboration among the main projects housed at the CFGS. The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance, the EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE), the Borders in Globalization project (BIG), and the Water, Innovation, and Global Governance (WIGG) Lab have developed modes of joining forces, which in 2015-16 reached a new quality in terms of co-sponsoring initiatives and generating new ideas for the intellectual life at the Centre. Similarly, we recently had the privilege of welcoming the Latin American Studies group and the working group on the Anthropocene.

With a newly established outreach component, the Global Currents series, we have established ourself

more firmly as a hub for public debates on critical issues in world politics. The attendance at these sessions was a clear indication of the role that the centre can play in bringing the UVic and the local community together addressing issues of public concern.

In this respect, the CFGS organized two extraordinarily successful events for UVic's IdeaFest on 'Canada's war against ISIS' and 'The refugee crisis: how has the world responded?'. We have also been very effective in boosting its outreach and knowledge mobilization with a view to new communication technologies and traditional media outlets. The last year saw an increasing number of media requests that encouraged us to make our associated fellows' research expertise more readily available on our website.

With this report we at CFGS would like to invite members of the university and wider public to help us continue to grow our vibrant scholarly community.



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Oliver Schmidtke
Executive Director, Centre for Global Studies

CURRENT PROJECTS



BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION

Borders in Globalization (BIG) research program is in year four of seven and now has close to 100 research studies underway or completed. The program aims to build excellence in the knowledge and understanding of how the forces of technology, self-determination and decentralization affect border policies and border-regions around the world. Lead scholars from partner institutions—10 universities in Canada and 10 universities worldwide—supervise and mentor graduate



students who conduct studies to address questions on one of six core border research themes—border culture, flows (trade and migration), governance, history, security, sustainability. At UVic alone, BIG has provided grants to over 24 students to conduct studies on the Arctic and Pacific border-regions in governance, migration, security, sustainability themes. Several studies examine how the border manifests in the BC/Pacific Northwest region; this has included a partnership with POLIS and WIGG lab to provide funding for a PhD student working on transboundary water governance.

BIG has hosted five summer institutes for which students take one of our online courses before a face-to-face institute

where they present their research to other students, scholars and experts from the public and private sector. BIG also hosts annual advisory board meetings to ensure research is connected to policy makers both in Ottawa and in the different regions across Canada. Please consult the past events section of BIG's website at www.biglobalization.org.



EUROPEAN UNION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The European Centre of Excellence (EUCE) has hosted several events to increase awareness of the EU, its institutions, and how its policies compare to policies in BC/Canada. The EUCE has supported international academic conferences on CETA, grassroots protests, Holocaust education as well as workshops for high-school students. The EUCE also provides grants to students conducting field research in Europe, participating in field-schools or study tours, or presenting papers on EU integration at conferences. Two innovative activities worth highlighting are the State of the EU in Canada and the Asia-Pacific Graduate Student Conference, and the free open online course, EU Borders without Walls. EUCE hosted the graduate conference three times; it convenes students from across Canada and the Asia-Pacific region who present their research and gain knowledge of how the EU is perceived by and engages with different regions of the world. The online course has had over 200 registrants from over 35 countries; students interact through an online platform in a series of discussions and debates of the state on borders in Europe; UVic students are also able to take this course for credit. The final offering is September 2016.



POLIS Project
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POLIS PROJECT ON ECOLOGICAL GOVERNANCE

The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance is a centre for transdisciplinary research that investigates and promotes sustainability. POLIS fills a unique niche on campus as a place where academic and policy research meet community action. To foster healthy and sustainable communities, the POLIS Project works with a diverse group of people and sectors, including urban and rural communities, all levels of government, including First Nations, Aboriginal organizations, businesses, co-operatives, public officials and the non-profit sector. During this review period, one major achievement was the publishing of the research report, “Awash with Opportunity: Ensuring the Sustainability of B.C.’s New Water Law”. It provides an analysis of B.C.’s new Water Sustainability Act and the core regulations required to bring its sustainable aspects into full effect. The report received attention in diverse media outlets, including the Vancouver Sun, the CBC, The Province, and Water Canada magazine. It also spurred a webinar and several briefings and presentations focused on five key areas for regulation development under the Water Sustainability Act, as laid out in the report. You can access the report from the POLIS webpage at www.polisproject.org/publications.



WATER INNOVATION AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE LAB

The Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab (WIGGLab) advances interdisciplinary research in areas of water, social innovation and global governance. During this report period the WIGGLab wrapped up one of its major thematic areas: hydraulic fracturing and water

governance in Canada. The project involved detailed case studies in British Columbia, conducted in partnership with the Fort Nelson First Nation, along with a much broader study of regional governance challenges and opportunities across Canada, again in partnership with



Fort Nelson First Nation, but also the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq and POLIS. WIGGLab concluded that although hydraulic fracturing had not specifically caused many of the challenges identified by our studies, it had illuminated existing governance gaps that need to be addressed, regardless of current global economic circumstances. Additionally, working with the Rockefeller Foundation, and in partnership with the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business and the Stockholm Resilience Centre, the WIGGLab has been co-leading the design and delivery of the Rockefeller Global Fellowship on Social Innovation (#Rockefeller). The WIGGLab has designed and delivered four modules for Year 2 Rockefeller Global Fellows and the first module for Year 3 of the Rockefeller Global Fellows. The Fellowship introduces fellows to cutting edge research on complex systems dynamics, resilience, organizational studies, and social innovation, and works with practitioners from around the world on applying the concepts in practice.

WORKING GROUPS

THE CFGS SUPPORTS VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS THAT MEET AT CFGS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE CFGS COLLABORATES WITH THESE GROUPS TO PROMOTE EVENTS AND RESEARCH, BRINGING GREATER VISIBILITY TO THE ISSUES EACH WORKING 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.

LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH GROUP (LARG)

In 2016, LARG launched a regular reading group in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies. The goal is to bring together scholars of and those interested in Latin America to share and discuss interdisciplinary research on the region. LARG’s format varies depending on the interests of members. LARG has had theme-based discussions, discussions of a particular piece of work, and formal research presentations.

MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION GROUP (MEDG)

The mandate of the MEDG is to widen the scope and examination of the complex issues underlying the contemporary Middle East. The MEDG utilizes the research capacity embedded within the UVic community and encourages further interdisciplinary research involving Middle East issues. Issues such as the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Arab Spring, political Islam, democracy and governance in the Arab world, gender issues, terrorism, colonialism and foreign intervention are analyzed and debated. During its regular meetings, the MEDG relies on discussions led by its members, or by invited guests from academia and government. Such encounters result in a lively and productive exchange of views.

UVIC IN THE ANTROPOCENE

This discussion group spans all fields of study and includes faculty, students, policy makers and community members. As a growing number of earth scientists suggest that we are entering a new geological epoch, the Anthropocene, this group considers the implications and challenges we now face. How should we respond? And, as the total impact of humanity on the earth has grown so large that our footprint will be evident in the geological record far into the future, what role can UVic play in the wider community and society?

CFGs FELLOWS



“...A HOME AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, AN EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY OF RESEARCHERS, SCHOLARS AND FABULOUS PEERS WHO WERE OCCUPIED WITH TACKLING SOME OF THE MOST VEXING ISSUES ACROSS THE GLOBE AND CONTRIBUTING TO TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE.”—ANITA GIRVAN, GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW

“I FOUND THE CENTRE SUPPORTIVE IN MORE THAN ONE WAY: ACADEMICALLY, PERSONALLY AND NOT LEAST CULTURALLY GIVEN THAT MY CANADIAN ‘COLLEAGUES’ PERSISTENTLY QUENCHED MY THIRST FOR EVER MORE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY.” —SARAH GRÜNENDAHL, FORMER FELLOW

The Centre for Global Studies fellowship program constitutes a core part of the intellectual life at the Centre. Now approaching the 5th year of fellowship intake, CFGS has hosted 59 fellows from 15 countries with a diverse array of disciplines and research areas. Our program includes a range of visiting research fellows, UVic faculty fellows, graduate student fellows, CFGS/Borders in Globalization visiting fellows and associate fellows. Also, during this reporting period we were pleased to host our first Harold Coward India joint-fellowship (awarded to Bindu Menon-Mannil) together with the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) and the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI). The weekly Global Talk Series, continues to be a fundamental part of the fellowship program creating an opportunity for fellows and projects to come together to share their research, network with UVic scholars, and think critically in a multi-disciplinary environment.

The next intake of fellows will be September 2017. Please watch our website for application info.

FELLOWS

IN RESIDENCE



Michelle Bonner, Faculty Research Fellow

Department of Political Science
Democratization and human rights in Latin America



Michael J. Carpenter, Graduate Student Fellow

Department of Political Science
Theory and practice of civil resistance, with a focus on the Middle East



Joanna de V Cordeiro, Graduate Student Fellow

Department of Political Science
Politics of historiography—inclusions and exclusions



Eli Enns, Visiting Research Fellow

Nuu-chah-nulth Canadian political scientist
Constitutional law, international dispute resolution and ecological governance



Carla Funk, Visiting Research Fellow

Royal Roads
Development aid and the role of private funders



Bikrum Gill, Visiting Research Fellow

Department of Political Science
Development studies, critical race theory and postcolonial studies



Anita Girvan, Graduate Student Fellow

Department of Sociology
Tracing the mediations of the carbon footprint: sensing with ecological metaphor



Karoline Guelke, Graduate Student Fellow

Department of Anthropology
Intersections of gender, globalization and tourism development in Peru



Ahmed Hamila, Visiting Research Fellow

University of Montreal
Europe-Canada Transatlantic Dialogue



Thomas Heyd, Faculty Research Fellow

Department of Philosophy
Cultural dimensions of climate change



Uta Klein, Visiting Research Fellow

Utrecht University

Inequalities and diversity politics in higher education: framing of German and Canadian approaches



Iryna Matiyenko, Graduate Student Fellow

Department of Political Science

Politics of Russian electronic identity cards



Bindu Menon Mannil, Harold Coward India Research Fellow

University of Delhi

Transnational Religious Publics: migration, visual culture and Jama'at-e-Islami in South America and the Middle East



David Moffette, CFGS-EU—Borders Visiting Research Fellow

Carleton University

Overlapping Jurisdictions, Nationalist Practices and Municipal Borderwork in Montreal and Barcelona



Benjamin Muller, CFGS-EU—Borders Visiting Research Fellow

King's University College

Borders, sovereignty, security, technology and identity



Astrid Pérez Piñán

Trinity College Dublin

Engendering effectiveness: a gender critique of the aid effectiveness agenda



Thanh Phan, Graduate Student Fellow

Department of Law

Extraterritorial application of competition law



JP Sapinski, Graduate Student Fellow

Department of Sociology

Global corporate elite, capitalism and climate politics



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American University in Washington, DC

Global south-north migration, border control and security



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Borders, migration control and Spanish-Moroccan relations



Min Zhou, Faculty Research Fellow

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Economic and political globalization, social network analysis and East Asia

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS



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International Women's Rights Project (IWRP)



Jon O'Riordan

Provincial water policy reform and the ecological governance of water management



Gregory Blue

History of colonial and post-colonial societies



Edward A. Parson

International governance of climate engineering, environmental regulation and technological innovation



Ron Crelinsten

Terrorism, radicalization and counter-terrorism in liberal democracies



Alan Pence

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



Derek Fraser

Ukraine; fragile, dangerous and failed states



Martin Segger

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



Budd Hall

Community-based research, social movements, international community development



Harry Swain

Economic geography, Canadian science policy



Peter Heap

Globalization and summit reform in the G-20



Lewis Williams

Indigenous and cultural studies, cultural ecology, social innovation



Hanny Hilmy

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

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KEYSTONE EVENTS

During this review period CFIGS hosted over 160 events. Events range from internal weekly Global Talks to larger co-sponsored events hosted in collaboration with other departments on campus and external organizations, including book launches, online webinars, conferences, workshops and featured guest speakers. CFIGS has become a valued hub on campus for responding to issues of global significance; our staff capacity to host relevant, professional, diverse events and our unique position on campus as a connector across disciplines has resulted in a large and growing following.

REGULAR DISCUSSION SERIES

Global Talks is a weekly discussion/presentation series which began in January 2013. Presentations are given from researchers within CFIGS, the university more broadly and also invited guest speakers. This is a regular part of the weekly schedule at CFIGS and it is an excellent opportunity for our fellows, and project and office staff to engage with each other, network with the UVic community, and to reflect on the diverse research fostering reflection on the complex array of social forces associated with an increasingly interconnected world. These talks are also an opportunity to highlight our CFIGS projects and often launch collaborative research initiatives.

In 2015 CFIGS launched the **Global Currents lunch**

discussion series; a forum for students and faculty to respond to current events. An expert on a topic leads off the discussion and then a roundtable discussion ensues. This is an excellent way to open up CFIGS to the wider community and establish new connections on campus as well as reflect on the important issues facing the globe. Background on the specific topic is not necessary to participate, simply an interest in engaging on what is happening in the world today. Topics included global inequality, Bill C-51, Rapprochement between US and Cuba and more. This is an open, topical and welcoming discussion for all.



Global Talks



CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

In February 2015, the POLIS project, CFIGS and Ethics Program of the International Society of Ethnobiology Alliance for Biocultural Diversity co-sponsored the **Working Better Together Conference** on Indigenous Research Ethics. Community-engaged academic and community researchers, educators, practitioners, policy analysts and research administrators gathered in Vancouver, to explore what it really means – and what it takes – to work collaboratively in Indigenous research. The event was organized by the Intellectual Property in Cultural Heritage (IPinCH) project based at Simon Fraser University and major funding was provided through

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WWW.GLOBALCENTRES.ORG TO VIEW THE LISTINGS IN THE UVIC EVENT CALENDAR.**

an Impact (Partnership) Award from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

The EUCE and BIG co-hosted with Yukon College a summer institute, **Borders in the North**, in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory in June 2015. The purpose was to mobilize research, connect graduate students to policy-makers and border professionals, and create a network of experts and professionals working on trans-boundary and border issues. The next Yukon Summer Conference on Canada's northern borders will focus on issues of importance to Canada's North and the Yukon Territory. Experts from Europe's Arctic countries will attend to share their expertise and knowledge of EU border policies and their implications for Canada's Arctic regions.

The **Resilient Places–Resilient Peoples: Elders Voices Summit** was in September 2015 and brought together over 100 people between 17 and 80 years of age, from Indigenous, recent migrant and settler communities from across Canada, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia and Scotland. The four-day event was hosted on the Tsawout Nation's territory of the WSA'NEC' people on Vancouver Island, and served as the foundational gathering for the International Resilience Network. This large international summit on Indigenous and Intercultural approaches to social and ecological resilience was organized by CFGS Associate Fellow, Lewis Williams. Supported by ceremony and the



Eldership of the WSA'NEC' people, the program was a deliberate combination of arts-based approaches, land-based learning, presentations and discussion on meanings and practices of Indigenous and inter-peoples' resilience—past, present and future. This Summit was Indigenous, intergenerational, intercultural and inter-sectoral and was made possible through a diverse group of funders and partners

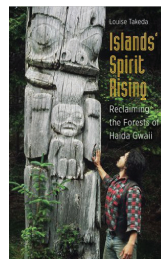
including the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the CFGS, Vancity, the CRD and many more (see www.eldersvoicessummit.com for a full list of sponsors). This foundational event brought together community, university, government, philanthropy and not-for-profit sectors representing a diverse range of people and a wealth of experience.

The **Forum on Environmental Flow Needs in British Columbia** convened in February 2016 to explore what is needed to implement an effective, world-class regime for the management of environmental flows in British Columbia, bringing together representatives from many different sectors that share a common interest in the management of water and aquatic ecosystems. The management of Environmental Flow Needs (EFN) is one aspect of B.C.'s new Water Sustainability Act, which came into force through an initial set of regulations on February 29, 2016. However, the EFN component has not yet been implemented, adding urgency for engaged water leaders to gain clarity on how and when EFN will be addressed. The forum drew on work already

completed by governments, First Nations, academics, stakeholders and nongovernment organizations to understand effective governance of water and aquatic ecosystems. The intent of the forum was to pool existing knowledge and information, introduce new perspectives and ideas, and work towards a shared understanding of needs and priorities for improved management of environmental flows in B.C. The forum was hosted in partnership between WWF-Canada and the University of Victoria's POLIS Water Sustainability Project.

In February and March 2016, the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance coordinated three **B.C. regional workshops** aimed at building capacity and collaboration for watershed governance decision-making at the watershed scale. At each of the workshops, peer-to-peer learning and networking, and strategic, hands-on working sessions provided watershed organizations with tools and connections to enable and/or strengthen multi-stakeholder decision-making processes. Workshops created opportunities to build connections and relationships, and new partnerships formed between watershed organizations and local governments in all three regions. Workshops were held in the mid-Vancouver Island region, Columbia River Basin region and Coquitlam River region, and were guided by co-created agendas tailored to match local governance challenges and opportunities. Seventy five local practitioners were in attendance across the three workshops, including: senior local government staff, local elected officials, First Nations elected officials and staff, and watershed organizations. Conversations were stimulated by nine resource guests, and POLIS received five specific requests to help convene and contribute to subsequent capacity-building events. POLIS hosted a capstone webinar to share learnings post-workshop with workshop participants in a peer-to-peer learning format.

BOOK LAUNCHES



In March 2015, the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and Centre for Global Studies hosted a book launch with panel presentations to celebrate POLIS Affiliate Dr. Louise Takeda's newly published book **Islands' Spirit Rising: Reclaiming Forests on**

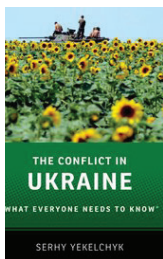
Haida Gwaii and to discuss the long-term conflict over Haida Gwaii's ancient forests. Three esteemed panelists joined Louise to discuss the specifics of the Haida's history and the broader implications for reconciliation and environmentalism. Panel members included former president of the Council of the Haida Nation, Guujaaw, former Hupacasath First Nation chief and UVic adjunct Business professor, Kekinusuqs Judith Sayers, and POLIS Founder and Professor of Law and Environmental Studies, Dr. Michael M'Gonigle. The take home message from this event was that we are in this together, and that the Haida's fight is everybody's fight.



In June 2015, **A Subtle Balance: Expertise, Evidence, and Democracy in Public Policy and Governance** was launched in honor of Dr. Rod Dobell, CFGS Senior Research Associate. Inspired by the wide-ranging contributions

to scholarship and practice of A.R. (Rod) Dobell, *A Subtle Balance* draws on the influences of distinguished

scholars and sophisticated practitioners of public policy to assess recent changes in governance. The book had two official launches. The first, in Ottawa, included a panel discussion featuring Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell (Lieutenant Governor), and Professors Mel Cappe, Michael Wolfson, Ted Parson, and Rod Dobell. The second launch in Victoria was a reception with remarks by Kelly Bannister (Co-director, POLIS Project on Ecological Governance), Nicole Bates-Eamer (Project Manager, BIG Project, CFGS), Justin Longo, (Post-Doc at Arizona State University), Astrid V. Pérez Piñán, (Visiting Research Fellow, CFGS), Ted Parson (book editor), Dan and Rae Emmett (professors, UCLA Law) and Rod Dobell.



In October 2015 CFGS and the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies hosted the launch of *The Conflict in Ukraine: What Everyone Needs to Know*. The book launch and public lecture with author Serhy Yekelchuk provided the political and historical background to understand the Euromaidan Revolution in Ukraine and Russia's aggressive response.



In the same month, CFGS partnered with the Department of Religious Studies and the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies to host the launch of Rosanna Turcinovich's book *Miriam with the Violet Eyes: From Tiachiv (Czechoslovakia) to Trieste to Auschwitz to Toronto. A Holocaust Survivor Interview Novel*.

PUBLIC EVENTS, PANELS AND GUEST LECTURES

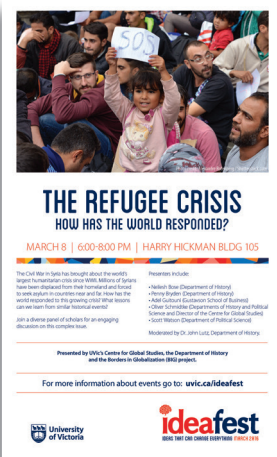
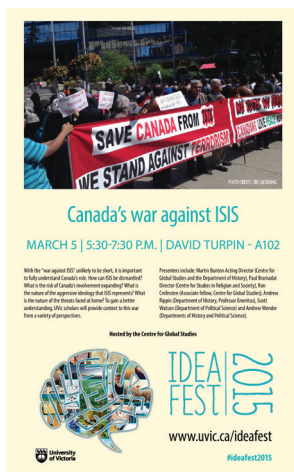
The WIGGLab, in partnership with POLIS, hosted the **Canada Water Week** and **World Water Day film event** in March 2015. The event featured the film "Cold Amazon: The Mackenzie River Basin" which highlights the importance and vulnerability of this watershed through the voices of those who rely on its



health and work for its protection. After the screening, a panel discussion including Elizabeth May (Green Party MP), Oliver Brandes (POLIS), and Michele-Lee Moore (WIGGLab) focused on issues of water governance, policy and law in sustaining our home waters through a moderated discussion and Q&A period. The event attracted a large and engaged audience.

The ongoing **EUCE Lecture Series** brings EU experts to UVic from around the world (there are approximately 8 events each year). The series is a cooperative effort built on an EU network across the UVic campus (Business, Economics, Law, Political Science, Public Administration, CFGS, and Centre for the Studies of Religion and Society) which organizes public lectures on a diverse set of topics relating to EU integration or Canada-EU comparative policies. The speakers have provided expert insight on topics ranging from the UK referendum, to the EU financial crisis, to EU democracy, to caesarian rates in EU member states versus Canada.





CFGS hosted two **Ideafest** events during this report period. The first was “Canada’s war against ISIS” to discuss Canada’s role, risks and the nature of the threats faced at home. A diverse group of UVic scholars from a variety of perspectives provided context, including: Paul Bramadat, (Centre for Studies in Religion and Society), Martin Bunting (Centre for Global Studies and Department of History), Andrew Rippin (Department of History), Scott Watson (Department of Political Science) and Andrew Wender (Departments of History and Political Science). The second Ideafest event was, “The Refugee Crisis: How has the world responded?” This panel was moderated by the History department’s John Lutz and was an opportunity to look at the global response to the refugee crisis and examined lessons from similar historical events. Panellist’s included: CFGS’ Oliver Schmidtke, on Europe’s response, Adel Guitouni (Associate Professor, Gustavson School of Business) on a regional perspective, Penny Bryden (Professor, History department) addressing the Canadian political perspective, Neilesh Bose (Canada Research Chair, History department) on the global/historical perspective and Scott Watson (Professor, Political Science department) focusing on securitization.

In addition to the Ideafest event responding to the refugee crisis, CFGS co-hosted two public panels. In the first, **“Part 1: Understanding the refugee crisis: the European response”**, a group of UVic scholars (CFGS’ Oliver Schmidtke, Martin Bunting and Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly) offered their thoughts on the European response to the refugee crisis including current developments in the management of borders across Europe and the Mediterranean, the origins of the refugee crisis, and the reactions by the European Union and individual countries. Presentations were followed by an open discussion including thoughts on what the Victoria community can do. This event was co-sponsored by the Centre for Global Studies, the Borders in Globalization Project, and the History Department as part of the “World Affairs in Historical Perspective” seminar series.



In **“Part 2: Understanding the refugee crisis: the Canadian response”**, UVic scholars offered their thoughts on specifically the Canadian response to the refugee crisis including historical perspectives on the global context, on the origins of the crisis in the Middle East, and on social and political developments in Canada. Presentations were given by Neilesh Bose, Penny Bryden, Adel Guitouni, Jordan Stanger-Ross and Paul Bramadat.

In February 2016 CFGS in partnership with the UVic Faculty of Business hosted Sebastien Beaulieu the former Canadian Ambassador to Tunisia and current executive director for Middle East relations, department of Foreign Affairs, for a round-table discussion on the **“Role of Canada for the stability and socio-economic transitions in the MENA region”**. This was a unique opportunity for CFGS to engage with government stakeholders and brainstorm for future collaborations on the MENA region. In addition to the smaller roundtable event Ambassador Beaulieu gave an open public lecture at UVic on the implications of recent crises for Canada and Canada’s potential new role in the Middle East and North African region.



In February 2015 CFGS partnered with the Department of Public Administration to host Susan Cartwright for a small **roundtable discussion on her personal reflections on the changing role for the public service**. Ms. Cartwright retired in 2012 after 31 years of public service. In addition to meeting with CFGS and Public Administration, she received a UVic Distinguished Alumni Award.



The **Gordon Smith lecture series** is a biennial event created in recognition of Dr. Gordon Smith’s service to the University community for 13 years as the director of CFGS. In May 2016 esteemed peace activist Murray Thomson, recipient of Pearson Peace Medal by the United Nations Association of Canada and a recipient of the Order of Canada gave a lecture, **Why 865 Order of Canada recipients call for nuclear disarmament**. In addition to the lecture, this was a launch for his book of the same name. Murray was joined by Mary Wynne Ashford, former Secretary-General of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (1985 Nobel Peace Prize winner), Patrick Lane, Governor General Award Winning Poet and Order of Canada recipient and a powerful musical presentation from Anne Mortifee, Singer, Actor, Writer, Peace Activist and Order of Canada recipient and Shivon Robinson, Denis Donnelly, and the Gettin’ Higher Choir.

ESSAY CONTEST

In 2016 CFGS partnered with the Victoria branch of the Canadian International Council (CIC) to sponsor a student essay contest. The contest was open to senior undergraduate and graduate students at UVic and Royal Roads University. Students were asked to assess and explain how Canada’s unique attributes enable it to play a significant role in the international community and the essays were adjudicated by a CIC/CFGS committee. Tess Fuller was the winner and



gave a presentation on her paper at the CFGS “Global Talks” series. In addition to a cash prize, Tess’ essay ‘Why Canada needs Refugees’ will be published on CIC’s award-winning website www.Opencanada.org (forthcoming). CFGS and CIC plan to make this contest an annual event.

CFGS RETREAT

In January 2016 CFGS hosted its first strategic retreat. This retreat was an opportunity to formally bring together CFGS Project leads, core staff and representatives from the program committee, for the first time. The retreat allowed the group to assess CFGS’ current position within UVic and in the wider community. The group was able to examine CFGS’ current niche and brainstormed for future focus and research goals. The retreat was a very successful session and it is a tool CFGS will continue to use moving forward.



FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

THE CFGS PRODUCED OVER 75 PUBLICATIONS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS.

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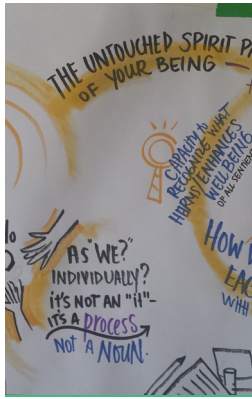
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