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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The 2017-18 academic year has taken the **Centre for Global Studies (CFGS)** to new frontiers reflecting its current strategic priority to enhance the impact and outreach of the researchers working at or being associated with the Centre. In this respect, the past year has been remarkably successful in large part because of the outstanding work of the projects housed at CFGS. *The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance* was instrumental in shaping the process of rewriting Canada's and BC's water law, collaborating with the BC Ministry of Environment on innovative and sustainable approaches to water management and hosting a series of events for policy communities and the public at large. *The Borders in Globalization Project* engaged policy makers and international researchers in Ottawa in discussions on governing borders. The project collaborated with policy communities across the globe making its research expertise on borders available through events and publications. Various successful grants from the European Union Jean Monnet project have helped CFGS researchers to

address issues of nationalism, xenophobia, migration, and borders from a multi-disciplinary and comparative angle. In this context, CFGS researchers have regularly been in the media over the past year.

At the same time, we had a very stimulating year with the Centre's cohort of fellows. Our faculty fellow and two senior visiting fellows helped us to set the agenda for an exciting year-long debate of ecological governance in general and the management of water more specifically. Through this thematic focus, CFGS was also able to strengthen its collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering and open new avenues for trans-disciplinary cooperation across campus. During the past academic year, fast changing political and social realities also set the agenda for a series of highly engaging discussions and presentations. Most notably, the rise of populist nationalism and the associated threats to liberal democracy have kept us intellectually challenged and engaged during our weekly Global Talks and other public events. In this respect, CFGS underlined its ambition to be a primary forum for exchange, public engagement and debate at the University of Victoria. As director, I continue to be humbled and inspired by our collaborative community of staff, researchers, and our broader members of the public who share with the Centre their expertise, their passion for lifelong learning, and their commitment to changing the world locally and globally.

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. The CFGS is an international community, purposefully designed to foster exchanges that lead to collaboration and innovation.

*“CFGS is a vibrant and welcoming intellectual environment, engaged in cutting-edge research and its application to high-stakes, real-world problems.”*

TED PARSON, CFGS ASSOCIATE FELLOW AND DAN AND  
RAE EMMETT PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND FACULTY CO-DIRECTOR OF  
THE EMMETT INSTITUTE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.

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 the Centre 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 CFGS' halls. The faculty and staff involved in these projects occupy the offices at CFGS and are part of the daily activities at the Centre.

## Borders in Globalization (BIG)

Borders in Globalization (BIG) is an international network of academics from Canada, the US, Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East working to better understand borders and border management worldwide. BIG is in year five of seven of a Partnership Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). BIG is now also supported by funding from the European Commission through a three-year Jean Monnet Network grant which specifically compares migration, border, and security policies across Canada, the EU and Japan.

In December 2017, BIG hosted its second international conference in Ottawa where over 100 students, research partners, and policymakers gathered with the goal

of discussing and receiving feedback on the research conducted within the BIG program. Additionally, BIG's partners in Atlantic Canada, Alberta, Quebec, Israel, Turkey, and Japan convened workshops that brought together students and academics with policy-makers and government officials to discuss border, migration, or security management in their respective regions.

As BIG is now in the final phase of the project, the focus has shifted to publications and outreach activities. In order to achieve these deliverables, BIG has a dedicated team of students, researchers, and several new post-docs working at the CFGS preparing BIG research for publications.



Borders in Globalization Roundtable

## Canada - EU Dialogue (EUCAnet)

EUCAnet (Europe Canada Network) is a hub for experts primarily located in Canada that work on European and Canadian current issues from a transatlantic perspective. EUCAnet is a public outreach platform – that makes scholarly knowledge available and meaningful to the public in times when the need for evidence based knowledge and public debate is crucial. The goal is to foster the Canada Europe Transatlantic Dialogue with the aim of supporting the process of informing public policy making.

Over the past two years, EUCAnet was successful in attracting three Jean Monnet Project grants. First, the project *Canada - Europe Dialogue on Migration* (CEDOM) is dedicated to a Canada Europe Dialogue on Migration and issues of border management. Its mandate is to build a database of experts working in this field of European Studies across the country, producing a series of video interviews, media alerts and two major conferences, one of which was organized in Ottawa in December in collaboration with the BIG project.

Second, the *Media Strategies for EU experts in Canada* (MSEUCA) project is organized around a series of outreach and media training sessions for young researchers and a public event during the European Studies Community Association Biennial conference in Toronto (ECSA-C Biennial). At the same time MSEUCA produced a video clip series about the profiles of young researchers and featured the expertise of senior European Studies scholars.

Third, the project *Building capacity for Canada's European Studies community: the European Community Studies Association Canada* (ECSA-Cn) supports the outreach activities of the European Studies Community in Canada. The project works closely with the ECSA-C Young Researchers Network in Canada and looks forward to developing social media activities for this organization. In addition, the project features the expertise of ECSA-C



Beate Schmidtke of EUCAnetnet and Laurent Pech, Professor of European Law, Middlesex University London



senior scholars, expands its member database and collaborates on stimulating new research networks in the fields of the environment, migration, trade, foreign security, and democratic challenges.

An extremely challenging part of the work has focused on restructuring and redesigning EUCAnet's website while collaborating with hundreds of scholars across the countries. The collaboration with new staff members has been enormously productive and contributed greatly to new outreach platform. To be hosted at the CFGS allows EUCAnet to create more synergies and advance outreach activities.



West coast Model EU students

## European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE)

This year, European Studies operated under the guidance on two interim Directors, Charlotte Schallié, Germanic and Slavic Studies, and Paul Schure, Economics.

In 2017 EUCE took over as the primary organising agent of the EU Study Tour and Internship Program (EUST&IP), which currently consists of six universities across Canada. With 43 graduate and undergraduate students participating in the 2018 Study Tour, the EUST&IP immediately became UVic's largest ever field school. This program brought students to high-profile institutions in Belgium, France, Germany, and Luxemburg, and just over half of this year's participants decided to complete a coop work term abroad.

On February 23-24, 2018, EUCE sent 4 undergraduate students to the University of Washington for Seattle's annual West Coast Model EU simulation. For multiple years, UVic students have participated in this event and continue to maintain a reputation of strong student performers. This year students represented the countries of Hungary and Belgium and the team took home a *Top Delegate Award* and an *Honourable Mention Award*.

For this reporting period, five distinct European Union grants continued to support research, community outreach, and student learning at UVic. This year over \$50,000 of travel funding was provided to UVic students across five different UVic faculties to conduct field-research, participate in international experiential learning opportunities such as the EUST&IP, and present research at international conferences. Additionally, EUCE provided over \$30,000 in direct funding for students who engaged in these grants as research assistants, videographers, and coordinators.



West Coast Model EU simulation



## POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance 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 partners with diverse groups of people and organizations across many sectors, including urban and rural communities, all levels of government including First nations, Indigenous organizations, businesses, co-operatives, public officials, and the non-profit sector.

During this review period, the POLIS Water Sustainability Project (WSP) continued its work on the cross-cutting themes of the multi-year research project *The Future of Water Law and Governance*. Recently, the WSP's focus has been on leading best practices and models from around the globe that can inform

British Columbian and Canadian water law reform, implementation, and new watershed-based governance approaches. In particular, the WSP has focused on the transboundary Columbia River and international treaty agreements between Canada and the U.S.

Additionally, POLIS Research and the POLIS Project partnered on the Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas Initiative where Eli Enns and Kelly Bannister co-facilitated and reported on four regional gatherings across Canada on behalf of the Indigenous Circle of Experts (ICE). These gatherings were funded through Parks Canada's "Pathway to Canada Target 1" initiative as part of a national commitment under the Convention of Biological Diversity to meeting the Aichi target of achieving 17% of terrestrial lands and inland waters in conservation status by 2020.



Pathway to Canada Target 1 initiative



## Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab

The Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab (WIGGLab) was established in 2013 under the direction of Dr. Michele-Lee Moore and Oliver M. Brandes with the goal of advancing interdisciplinary research in the areas of water, social innovation, and global governance and applying that research in local and international contexts. The research relies heavily on complex systems thinking, resilience, social structuration theory, social transitions theory, and design thinking.

This year, WIGGLab continued to build partnerships, analyze data, and publish early findings on possible pathways for innovation in the Canada-US Columbia River Treaty process as part of the ReFRESH project. In collaboration with the University of Waterloo, WIGGLab lead Michele-Lee Moore worked on designing and leading training in facilitating innovation lab methodology for a group of lab leaders interested in transformative, systemic changes from across Canada. The intention is to move towards hosting a social innovation lab process later in 2018. What's more, representatives from the BC Ministry of Energy and Mines, the POLIS Project, WIGGLab representatives, and WIGGLab collaborators Zita Botelho of Botelho Consulting, participated in various training sessions throughout the reporting period.



Visiting the UNESCO World Heritage subaks  
in Bali's ancient water temple system

# WORKING GROUPS

The 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.

## **Global Health Research Discussion group**

Established in April of 2017, the Global Health Research Discussions Group brings together colleagues at UVic with an interest in global health for development. Participants gather to share and discuss their research with the aim of exploring inter-disciplinary collaborative activities, generating mentorship opportunities for newer colleagues, and establishing links between UVic and the Island Medical Program. This group reflects the university’s membership in the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research, for which CFGS is serving as a “hub.” Vic Neufeld, CFGS Associate Fellow, and Nathan Lachowsky, School of Public Health and Social Policy, co-convene the group.

## **Global South Colloquium**

The Global South Colloquium centers the Global South into ongoing conversations about the making of the modern world. The colloquium serves as a forum for faculty, students, and all members of the UVic community to focus on the Global South, traditionally referring to South Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East’s histories, cultures, and politics. More than a geographical orientation to the “non-West,” the colloquium poses the Global South as a provocation to orient discussions about the world-system, its contours, inequities, and sources of power, including a focus not divided by geography but placement within global histories and practices. Each year will

revolve around a theme in the history of globalization, including topics such as religion and secularism, artistic exchange, ecological change, the politics of indigeneity, critical development studies, and decolonization.

The theme for 2017-18 was Asian Migrations in and out of the Global South, including visits by David Chang, Gaiutra Bahadur, as well as a two day workshop on South Asian migrations in global history. Within this broad rubric, discussions about the nature of Asian migrations in a variety of thematic sites, such as interactions with indigenous peoples of the Pacific, indentured labor migrations and their afterlives, and the meeting points of different spaces and arenas focused on South Asian migrants in Indian, Pacific, and Atlantic oceanic contexts.

## **Latin American Reading Group**

Launched in 2016, the Latin American Research Group (LARG) speakers’ series works in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies to bring together scholars of and those interested in Latin America to share and discuss interdisciplinary research on the region. In 2017-18 LARG had four speakers: from Uruguay, visiting scholar Marila Lazaro, spoke about water policy in her country; from Brazil, visiting PhD student Fabricio Teló, spoke about the truth commission in his country; from UVic’s Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, Matt Murphy, spoke about mining in Peru; and, from UVic’s Geography Department, Jutta Gutberlet, spoke about waster pickers organizing in Brazil. LARG is led by Beatriz de Alba-Koch, Department of History

and Director of the Latin American Studies Program, UVic. LARG's speakers' series is organized by Michelle Bonner, Department of Political Science, UVic.

## Middle East Discussion Group

The mandate of the Middle East Discussion Group (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. This group is led by Hanny Hilmy, CFGS Associate Fellow.

## UVic in the Anthropocene

A growing number of earth scientists suggest that we are entering a new geological epoch, the Anthropocene, characterized by large-scale changes to global ecological systems and processes, with enormous implication for human wellbeing and the functioning of society. This group considers the implications and the challenges we now face and the role of the university in addressing it. In 2017-18 the main work continued to be a series of *Conversations for a One Planet Region* held every month at the Central Branch of the public library, using a combination of community and academic experts as discussants. Additionally, the group co-sponsored two public lectures: one by Dr. Manfred Fischedick (VP, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, and Energy) and another by Pooran Desai (co-founder of Bioregional). In light of his 2018 retirement, Trevor Hancock has passed the convenorship of this group to Astrid Brouselle (School of Public Administration).





# FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



**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. The fellowship program includes a range of visiting research fellows, UVic faculty fellows, graduate student fellows, CFGS/Borders in Globalization visiting fellows, and the Harold Coward India Fellowship (a partnership between the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, and CFGS).**

Since inception (2012), 77 fellows and visiting scholars from 20 countries have participated in CFGS' fellowship program, bringing with them a diverse array of disciplines, perspectives, and research specialties. This reporting year alone CFGS welcomed nine fellows to the centre with a variety of backgrounds ranging from political science and anthropology, to engineering and law, to theatre studies.

*"CFGS is a diverse community of thoughtful, open, engaging, and intriguing learners, doers, makers, and thinkers. Being a part of this community has been a pleasure and a constant opportunity for growth. CFGS embodies many of the best parts of integrative research communities, while also being a space of friendship and warmth. It is in hallways like these that greatness happens!"*

ALEX LLOYD, CFGS GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW

Our senior fellows and scholars continued to share their breadth of knowledge, experience, and expertise this

year. Our UVic Faculty Fellow, Tom Gleeson, brought the Faculty of Engineering to the Centre opening new avenues for trans-disciplinary cooperation across campus and with our projects. It was a pleasure to welcome associate fellow, Edward A. (Ted) Parson, of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment for his sabbatical year from the UCLA School of Law. Parson contributed greatly to many conversations in the halls and during our events. Ted shared his research to a captivated audience during his Signature Global Talk on, "AI and Machine Learning: Societal impacts, law, and governance," and with his Ideafest2018 presentation, "Climate Change: The Global Response and its Implications." In June, visiting research scholar, Thomas Homer-Dixon, cross-appointed with the Faculty of Environment and the Political Science Department at the University of Waterloo, presented to a full house with a Signature Global Talk entitled, "Mindscape: A complex-systems approach to understanding the structure and dynamics

of ideology.” This year CFGS continued to work with Diplomat in Residence, Kenneth Macartney, and Community Practitioner Fellow, Ivan Thompson, both of whom joined CFGS in early 2017 and have contributed greatly to CFGS’ understanding of the role of research in policy formation, community outreach, and real world applications. All of these scholars enrich the networks, intellectual capacity, and dynamics of 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.

## FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE



**Taiwo Afolabi** GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW  
Migration, refugees and internally displaced persons



**Jesse Baltutis** GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW  
Local NGO influence in governance processes for transboundary river basins



**Francesco Cappellano**  
CROSS-BORDER RESEARCH FELLOW  
Urban planning, land use planning, urban development, regional planning, and regional development



**Joanna de V Cordeiro**  
GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW  
The politics of history, critical limits of historiography and international theory, and the politics of history in field of international relations



**Ozlem Ezer** VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW  
Women’s life writing, image and representation formulations in travel literature, oral histories, literature, and women’s studies



**Janice Dowson** GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW  
South African Human Rights Commission and the Commission for Gender Equality in South Africa’s role in democratic transition



**Rebeca B. Macias Gimenez**  
WIGGLAB GRADUATE STUDENT  
Social justice intersected with sustainable development, environmental justice



**Tom Gleeson** FACULTY FELLOW  
Groundwater footprints and sustainability, mega-scale groundwater systems, groundwater recharge and discharge, fluid flow around geologic structures



**Christina Hamer** VISITING PHD CANDIDATE  
Refugee flows in Canada and Turkey, migrant integration, regional and municipal migration policy, asylum policy, and temporary protection issue



**Thomas Homer-Dixon**  
VISITING RESEARCH SCHOLAR  
Climate change, conflict and security, environmental governance, science technology and policy, complex systems theory



**Alison James** VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT  
Interplay of transitional justice and settler colonialism, gender in politics



**Alex Lloyd** GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW  
Issues of gender, sexuality, and migration among Indonesian women in Australia



**Kenneth Macartney** DIPLOMAT IN RESIDENCE  
Global Affairs Canada senior official and former Canadian ambassador



**Renu Modi** VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW  
Development studies, migration, diaspora studies, India-Africa Relations, South-South cooperation



**Sara Naderi** GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW  
Sustainable economy within planetary boundaries, human resource use



**Eyene Okpanachi**  
VISITING POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR  
Conflict and contestations regarding domestic decision making; management of natural resource revenues through Sovereign Wealth Fund



**Pablo Ouziel** VISITING POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR  
Crises in democracy, civil democracy, civic engagement, public philosophy, collective presences, nonviolence and civil democracy



**Edward A. Parson**  
ASSOCIATE FELLOW IN RESIDENCE  
International governance of climate engineering, environmental regulation and technological innovation



**Benjamin Perrier**  
VISITING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW,  
BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION  
The legal regime of the border, cross border territorial cooperation law, transnational and global law, environmental regionalization



**Bart Simpson** VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT  
Humanist tendencies in documentary practice, impact of utopian urban planning



**Margit Säre** CROSS-BORDER RESEARCH FELLOW  
Transboundary civic environmentalism in the Salish Sea -Cascadia border region



**Ariel Taylor** GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW  
Problems of extractive-driven development & democratization, corporate social responsibility, mining governance, and NGOs



**Ivan Thompson**  
COMMUNITY PRACTITIONER FELLOW  
Works with philanthropic, academic, community, & NGO partners to sustain and extend improvements to wild salmon management and watershed governance

## ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

### **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

### **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**

19<sup>th</sup> 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 or sponsored a total of 98 events. These events ranged from weekly Global Talks to larger collaborative events such as book launches, webinars, conferences, workshops, and featured guest speakers.

## Global Talks

Over the past five years, the *Global Talks* program has grown and expanded into not only a primary pillar of CFGS, but a regular fixture within the greater UVic community. The weekly Global Talk Series continues to represent a fundamental part of the fellowship program and creates an opportunity for fellows and projects to come together to share their research, network with UVic scholars and community members, and reflect on some critical questions and emerging global issues in a multi-disciplinary environment.

This year CFGS expanded the Signature Series to include seven presentations given by experts in the CFGS community and senior scholars on and off campus. *The Global Talk - Signature Series*

presentations typically occur on the first Wednesday of every month. These events draw a larger crowd and are often opened up to the community beyond the core CFGS group. This year, Signature Series topics included: the borders of globalization; complex systems theory and ideology; eco-health partnerships; the effects of conservation efforts within urban centres; the effects of populism on liberal democracy; the societal impacts of artificial intelligence; and xenophobia and identity in France.

In January, for the first time under the Global Talks program, CFGS hosted a project showcase and discussion forum where each project housed within CFGS was asked to present on their current research



Global Talks Signature Series

agendas and discuss potential research opportunities and collaborations. Attended by over 25 research fellows and university scholars, this event allowed the CFGS community to reflect on current projects and explore possible areas of collaboration and innovation.

Furthermore, CFGS had the honour of hosting an UVic's Distinguished Women's Scholar Lecture in a special Global Talk event with a presentation by Dr. Virginia Marshall on Indigenous water knowledge and aboriginal perspectives on environmental and cultural flows.



Deborah Curran, Virginia Marshall, Rebeca Macias Gimenez and Paul Marshall

## Conferences and Workshops

The *Jean Monnet Network* grant hosted workshops in Brussels and Hokkaido, an international conference in Ottawa, and offered an online course on *EU Borders without Walls*. Additionally, the EUCE co-founded three *City Talks* at the Legacy Art Gallery and worked with Serhy Yekelchuk from the Department of History at UVic to organise a one-day workshop on 9 December 2017 titled, "*The War in the Donbas and Ukrainian Society*."

EUCE's Helga Hallgrimsdottir and Charlotte Schallie's project with Daniel Peter Biro and Helga Thorson resulted in a 2-Day International Symposium titled *Narratives of Memory, Migration, and Xenophobia: Intercultural Dialogues*, which brought together scholars, students, and artists from across Canada and Europe to examine the recent resurgence of nationalist and xenophobic movements across North America and Europe. This project also ran a 6-week international summer field school for graduate students from across Canada and Europe.

For *Watersheds 2018*, the POLIS team tried something new by moving away from a single in-person gathering, instead the team hosted a number of lead-in events from January – June, which culminated in the half-day virtual forum on June 5th titled: *Planning for Success: New Thinking for Land Use and Water Governance*. This virtual forum brought together over 230 water leaders to exchange information and learn about innovative watershed governance efforts across the province, including water-centric land use planning, Indigenous-led approaches, and opportunities for collaboration.

The seven additional events hosted under the *Watersheds 2018* banner attracted over 780 participants. The series of events collectively contributed to the overall goals of engaging with innovative ideas and bold thinking, building connections and networks in the freshwater community, and finding sustainable solutions to pressing water problems.



## Book launches

### *Groundswell: Indigenous Wisdom and the Moral Revolution for Climate Change*

Edited by: Joe Neidhardt  
(Bila Ashdla LLC, 2018)

On March 15th, an excited crowd gathered at the Legacy Art Gallery to celebrate the release of “Groundswell: Indigenous Wisdom and the Moral Revolution for Climate Change” (2018) edited by Joe Neidhardt and published by Bila Ashdla LLC.

The panel of speakers included Mary Roessel, a Navajo board-certified psychiatrist who grew up on the Navajo reservation with her parents and grandparents; Nicole Neidhardt, a UVic Alumna with Navajo, American, Canadian, Scottish, German, and French roots; Gina Mowatt, a Vancouver Island University Alumna with a degree in First Nations Studies, minoring in History; Joe Neidhardt, editor of Groundswell, University of Alberta (Medicine) Alumna, and certified psychiatry and holistic integrative medicine expert; and Rod Dobell, Emeritus Professor of Public Policy & Senior Research Associate at CFGS.

This augmented book (*see <http://www.envisionthebigpicture.com/about>*) is a collection of Indigenous and non-Indigenous authors who articulate a way forward for climate change solutions. Authors tap into religious and spiritual perspectives, explore the wisdom of youth to draw attention to their real concerns, and give us a path to follow toward a nature based philosophy. These collective writings give a chance to contemplate and formulate one’s own direction. Thus arriving at a moral revolution that can effectively address the challenge of climate change and generate a groundswell toward a diverse society based on human rights, Indigenous rights, and the rights of Mother Earth. A revised edition including a new chapter by University of Victoria professor Taiaiake Alfred is in preparation.



### *Russia: Strategy, Policy and Administration*

By: Irvin Studin  
(Palgrave MacMillan, 2018)

On March 20th & 21st, CFGS partnered with the Department of Political Science and the Canadian International Council Victoria Branch to bring Dr. Irvin Studin to Victoria for the Canadian launch of his book “Russia: Strategy, Policy and Administration” (2018).

On March 20th, Dr. Irvin, joined by Dr. Chris Kilford (CIC) and Dr. Will Greaves (Political Science) participated in a discussion titled, “*10 Theses on Canada in the World in the 21st Century.*” Here, Dr. Irvin used his previous experience as one of the leading international policy thinkers of his generation to lead a discussion on Canada’s current role in world. The next day, faculty, students, and community members from around Victoria met for the official launch of “*Russia: Strategy, Policy, and Administration.*”

Dr. Irvin’s book examines how Russia, the world’s most complicated country, is governed. As it resumes its place at the centre of global affairs, the book explores Russia’s overarching strategies, and how it organizes itself (or not) in policy areas ranging from foreign policy and national security, to health care, education, immigration, science, sport, agriculture, the environmental, and criminal justice. The book also discusses the structures and institutions on which Russia relies in order to deliver its goals in these areas of national life, as well as what’s to be done, in policy terms, to improve the country’s performance in its first post-Soviet century.



## Webinars

Since 2010, The POLIS Water Sustainability Project has been hosting the **Creating a Blue Dialogue** webinar series bringing 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 webinar series strengthens the national capacity to engage with and solve problems, and raises awareness about emerging Canadian water issues, best practices, and policies.

Each webinar generally attracts between 80 to 130 participants from a variety of backgrounds, including First Nations, federal, provincial, and local government staff; students and researchers; private sector professionals; and environmental NGOs.

In this reporting period, POLIS hosted three Creating a Blue Dialogue webinars, and three additional webinars, one in partnership with BC Water Funders Collaborative, and two as part of the series of Watersheds 2018 events.

## Public events, panels and guest lectures

CFGS Director, Oliver Schmidtke, supported the organization of the Victoria Forum, ***“Canada @150: Promoting Diversity and Inclusion,”*** as co-chair of the theme of Geopolitics and Diversity with Guiliana Natale (Director of the Inclusion and Religious Freedom Division within the Office of Human Rights, Freedoms and Inclusion at Global Affairs Canada). Together they co-organized, promoted and moderated a plenary session with esteemed guests, Lord John Alderdice, Lori G. Beaman, and Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez under the theme Geopolitics of Diversity, entitled, “Towards a Global Inclusive Agenda: Domestic & International Perspectives.” In addition, Oliver chaired a think tank session, “Governing refugees, diversity and inclusion in a globalizing world” with testimonies of local refugees, Senator Jim Munson and overhead via video Jean-Nicolas Beuze. The Victoria Forum contributed to advancing the conversation on diversity and inclusion from different, but complementary, perspectives.



Oliver Schmidtke at the Victoria Forum



This April CFGS partnered with Faculty of Humanities to bring world renowned author Ted Chamberlin to campus. The event series began April 12th with a panel discussion, *“Storyteller, Scholar, Transformer: Ted Chamberlin’s Contributions to Literary Studies, History, Indigenous Studies, and Law”* where Michael Asch (Anthropology), Misao Dean (English), John Lutz (History), and Val Napoleon (Law) led Ted and the audience in a thoughtful discussion of Ted’s works.

That evening, over 80 people attended the keynote event *“How Stories Transform the World”* at the Bateman Gallery in downtown Victoria. There, Ted read passages from a number of his published works then participated in an onstage interview and question period moderated by Val Napoleon. The next day during the *“Covenant, Constitution, Commitments, Consent: The Power of Words, from Stories to Action”* forum, Ted and Michael Asch, led a discussion followed by thoughtful responses by Jim Tully and Heidi Kiiwetinewapinesiiik Stark as well as attendees discussing the importance of stories and openness with First Nations Peoples. This event was attended by faculty, students, and community members interested in issues of reconciliation, Indigenous Studies, and English/Literature Studies.

CFGS hosted two events as part of *Ideafest 2018*. The first, *“Reconstituting Communities: Overcoming Violence, Civil War, and Past Injustices”* posed three questions: how do communities overcome violence, civil war, and past injustices; what are the theoretical limits of the politics of history; and what can we learn from Colombia’s peace negotiations

with the FARC and from the politics of resurgence of Canada’s Indigenous peoples? Juan Luis Suárez, Associate Vice-President (Research), and Professor, Departments of Modern Languages & Literatures and Computer Science Western University discussed the situation in Colombia followed by CFGS visiting PhD student, Alison James, and Political Science visiting PhD student, Fabricio Teló, responded in a panel chaired by Matt James (Political Science) and hosted by Beatriz de Alba-Koch (Hispanic and Italian Studies).

The second event, *“Climate Change, Water, and Governance: Challenges and Opportunities in our Backyard, and for our Earth”* asked panellists if the wildfires, floods, and extreme weather events that plagued the globe in 2017 represented the new normal, and if we are ready for the change that is already underway? Chaired by CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtke, the panel included Anita Girvan (Environmental Studies), Tom Gleeson (Civil Engineering), Edward A. Parson (CFGS and the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, UCLA), Ged McLean (Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions), and Rosie Simms (POLIS Water Sustainability Project). This event is available to watch, in full, on the CFGS Youtube channel.





On 28 May 2018, POLIS partnered with the Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA) to host a one-day special symposium titled “*Columbia River Treaty Symposium*” as part of CWRA 2018 National Conference. The symposium brought together nearly 160 individuals to identify key science and technical issues, raise awareness, and explore the future of the Columbia River and the Treaty. Canadian and American experts and professionals – many with decades of experience from working on these important topics – shared their knowledge and expertise.



Columbia River Symposium



“In Our Footsteps” Performance

The CFGS was pleased to welcome Hasina Banu Ebrahim to the University of Victoria for a **Lansdowne lecture** last fall to launch the UNESCO Co-chair in Early Childhood Education, Care and Development. Dr. Ebrahim is at the University of South Africa and a Full Professor in the Department of Early Childhood Education. She shares this chair with CFGS Associate Fellow, Alan Pence.

One of CFGS’ final events of the reporting period took place on June 21st in honour of the United Nations World Refugee Day. CFGS graduate student fellow Taiwo Afolabi, along with a group of UVic students and recent graduates, performed “*In Our Footsteps*” - a live, interactive, theatre performance dedicated to exploring the stories around migrants and newcomers and the experiences they faced in their journey here. Taiwo worked as the artistic director on the project and said that the performers drew on their own experiences migrating to Canada and adapting to life in Victoria. This event was co-sponsored by the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG), UVic African & Caribbean Students’ Association, and UVic’s Centre for Asian Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) and took place, free of charge, in UVic’s University Quad.

## Research Partnerships

BIG announced two exciting partnership updates this year. First, their partnership with UVic’s Continuing Studies resulted in the fourth offering of the online course **European Borders without Walls** in the Fall of 2017, which featured a specific focus on the Mediterranean migration and border crisis. UVic students were able to take the course for credit, while non-UVic participants took the course for interest.

Secondly, BIG partnered with the Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University to initiate the **Cross-Border Research Fellowship** program which provides a unique opportunity for young scholars to conduct cross-border, policy-relevant research in the Cascadia border region. BIG welcomed the first two visitors during the Summer 2018 term.

POLIS Water Sustainability Project partnered with Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources on a research report “*Collaborative Consent and British Columbia’s Water: towards Watershed Co-governance*.” In recent years, governments at all levels in Canada have stated their commitments to reconciliation and building

nation-to-nation approaches with Indigenous peoples. The findings were also shared in a webinar.

Further research partnerships and collaborations are featured throughout this report.

## Media Outreach



During this review period, CFGS fellows and associates provided expert perspectives in over 73 newspaper articles, television broadcasts, radio interviews, and media releases. Building off collaborations with the Europe-Canada Network, CFGS hopes to grow the public outreach platform while continuing to make scholarly knowledge readily available in the community.

There was a large media push from POLIS Water Sustainability Project to make public work on collaborative consent, watershed governance, and current freshwater issues. POLIS Co-Director Oliver Brandes, Communications Director Laura Brandes, Policy Researcher & Coordinator Rosie Simms, Associate Fellows Jon and Tim O’Riordan, as well as many other POLIS affiliated researchers and fellows wrote and/or offered expert commentary for 31 news articles and were interviewed for local and national radio broadcasts by CBC Radio, CFX and WNYC.

CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtke continued working as a leading expert in European and migration issues appearing in numerous CTV and CBC broadcasts, conducting radio interviews for outlets around the world, and consistently publishing media statements and articles online through the EUCAnet project and other online sources.

CFGS fellows, researchers, and associates continue to be active in the media are readily available to media outlets when there is breaking news in their fields. Some examples include: Oliver Brandes, Rosie Simms and PhD student Jessie Baltutis of the Polis Water Sustainability Project authored an opinion piece in the Times Colonist calling for improved stewardship of Canada’s freshwater supply; Associate Fellow, Ron Crelinsten, was interviewed about attacks in Syria, Las Vegas shootings, bombing in the London Underground, and the North Korea missile launch; Visiting Post-Doctoral scholar, Pablo Ouziel, shared his expertise on the Catalan Crisis in Spain; and Director, Oliver Schmidtke, discussed anti-immigrant rhetoric dominating the election campaign in Italy, instability in Germany after attempt at coalition government collapse, and global reactions to the Helsinki Summit.

For any media inquiries, scholars can be contacted directly or for general inquiries contact Operations Director and Research Coordinator, Jodie Walsh.

## Essay contest

In 2018 CFGS continued partnership with the Victoria Branch of the Canadian International Council (CIC) to sponsor a student essay contest. Open to senior undergraduate and graduate students at UVic and Royal Roads University, the contest asked students to respond to the question **“What are Canada’s Interests and Values? What is our Future Role and Presence in the World?”** This year’s winner Aidan Collier, a master’s student from South Africa currently housed in UVic’s Department of Philosophy, responded with a paper titled, *“Populism and Political Discourse”* in which he explored the research question: Does the recent rise of populism represent a threat to global trade, supranational governance, and inclusive policies towards migrants and refugees?

In addition to a \$1000 cash prize, the CIC will publish Aidan’s essay on their award winning website [opencanada.org](http://opencanada.org) and Aidan presented his paper at a

special event on June 21st as part of the CFGS Global Talk Series.

Congratulations also extends to second place winner of \$500, Paige Lewis (Biology), for her essay entitled, *“Terrorism in 140 Characters or less”* as well as third place winner of \$250, Charles Hervieux (Political Science), for his essay on *“Canada – US Safe Third Country Agreement: Canada needs to Withdraw.”*

## Research grants awarded

BC Ministry of Environment- The Hullcar Aquifer Review- POLIS Water Sustainability Project

Environment and Climate Change Canada- Building Capacity for Watershed Planning and Governance – POLIS Water Sustainability Project

Environmental Careers Organization of Canada - Internship Program- POLIS Water Sustainability Project

Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Action of the European Union - Europe Dialogue on Migration: Cross-Border Mobility and the European Union Refugee Crisis (CEDOM)

Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Action of the European Union - Media Strategies for EU experts in Canada (MSEUCA)

European Community Studies Association Canada (ECSA-Cn) - Building capacity for Canada’s European Studies community

Sitka Foundation- The Future of Water Law and Governance in British Columbia: Building Capacity for Lasting Success- POLIS Water Sustainability Project

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Partnership Development Grant- Refugee Research and Policy Centre – Centre for Global Studies/Oliver Schmidtke (PI)

University of Victoria, Building Connections in International Research Grant- The Rise of Populism and the Hollowing out of Liberal Democracy – Centre for Global Studies/Oliver Schmidtke (PI)



Aidan Collier receives the 2018 CFGS/CIC essay contest prize from Chris Kilford, Jodie Walsh, and Oliver Schmidtke



# AWARDS

This year, CFGS Visiting Graduate Student **Bart Simpson** released his documentary *Brasilia: Life After Design* which takes the audience into a city rarely seen by the international viewer and poses the question: what is it like to live in someone else's idea? ArchDaily, a leading weblog catering to architects and designers, selected *Brasilia: Life After Design* as one of 2018's top "**Documentaries on Architecture to Watch.**"

POLIS's **Oliver Brandes** was awarded the **Walking the Talk Alumnus Award** from the Department of Environmental Studies. This award is given to an alumnus who is a leader and inspiration to others through their commitment and contributions to socio-ecological transformation.

POLIS affiliate **Gleb Raygorodetsky's** book *The Archipelago of Hope* has received an overwhelming

amount of support since its publication in 2017. This year it received two **2017 Nautilus Book Awards** – most notably it was announced as this year's **Grand Prize Winner** for expressing the Nautilus values of recognizing, promoting, and celebrating books that support conscious living & sustainability, high-level wellness, spiritual growth, and positive social change.

Lastly, CFGS Graduate Student Fellow **Taiwo Afolabi** was one of only eleven people nominated and short-listed for the **2018 Ellen Stewart International Award**. This award is given to an individual theatre artist or theatre company whose work promotes social change and community participation, with a particular focus on the engagement of young people.

# FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

During this reporting period, CFGS projects and fellows published over 50 academic papers, books, policy briefs, and formal reports. Many of these are available through open-sourced resources and can be found on either the CFGS website or the project's website.

Below are some of this year's highlights.

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## Spotlight on: The Hullcar report

For over two years, nitrate levels in the *Hullcar* Aquifer have exceeded Canada's Drinking Water Guidelines. Contamination in the aquifer has been linked to agricultural operations in the watershed and has become a major concern to local residents and the Province. On August 2, 2017, POLIS Water Sustainability Project Lead, Oliver M. Brandes was commissioned by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, George Heyman, to support the review of the *Hullcar* Aquifer situation. Brandes led a review team which included CFGS Graduate Research Fellow, Jesse Baltutis, to develop a recommendations report and offer strategic advice to inform new approaches and decisions around agriculture waste and sustainable water management.

The recommendations report was released on November 30, 2017 and outlines nine recommendation areas focused on law and governance reform to improve source water protection. The impetus for the pilot project came from an agreement between the BC Freshwater Legacy Initiative and the Province to explore innovative models for collaborative watershed governance and management. On March 23rd Nicola Valley's five First Nation bands and the Government of British Columbia made history when they co-signed the brand-new Nicola watershed pilot memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The Hullcar report illustrates POLIS WSP team's commitment to bridging academia with policy/community; with the ultimate goal of formation of healthy co-governance watershed models and opportunities for additional water law reform.



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