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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The academic year 2023/24 saw a period of remarkable growth of the Centre's programs. CFGS now hosts some major, internationally operating projects: three SHHRC Partnership grants and the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance with its new and exciting Wildfire Resilience initiative. In addition, last year we were joined by CIFAL, complementing the Centre's two UNESCO Chairs with a host of UN-related training and research endeavours. The expansion of the Centre's portfolio of funded projects and programs active around the world has created synergies and collaborations that speak to CFGS's core mandate as a place of fostering innovative research agendas and enterprising outreach projects. Having been in the position as the Centre's director for over 12 years, it has been most gratifying to witness how CFGS has matured into such an inspiring hub for cutting edge research and how its work is having a meaningful impact in communities, both globally and locally.

This growth at the Centre has also meant thinking creatively about CFGS' amazing administrative team. Jodie Walsh has developed the role of Operations

Director and Research Coordinator with new responsibilities related to managing the different research activities and making sure that, by building bridges across disciplinary and research traditions, the Centre is more than its individual parts. Jodie's expanding profile reflects the increased leadership that she has demonstrated in running the Centre's daily operation. In addition, we were fortunate to have hired Lia Lancaster as our Events and Administrative Assistant last fall. She has been a wonderful addition to the team whose dedication and professionalism makes CFGS such an inspiring and inviting place. Our financial officer, Jenn Swift, consistently offers invaluable advice and years of expertise that greatly benefit CFGS and our core projects. We were also fortunate to welcome Elena Senecal as the Centre's communication's assistant for a second year. Working alongside this dedicated administrative team has been such a privilege during my directorship.

This past year, CFGS mourned the loss of our long-term colleague and friend, Dr. Rod Dobell. Rod has been supporting the Centre tirelessly since its inception in the 1990s (more on his legacy can be read in the latter part of this Report). We will greatly miss his unwavering generosity, humour, intellect, and guidance in our hallways. In so many ways, Rod embodied what the Centre inspires to be: passionately dedicated to sharing knowledge, generating new ideas in a collaborative way, and to thinking creatively about how our expertise can help in bringing about much needed societal change. I am sure that the Centre's achievements of this past year, at least partly captured in this annual report, would have been to Rod's liking!

Oliver Schmidtke
Director, Centre for Global Studies



About CFGS

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. A truly interdisciplinary research centre, CFGS explores global and Indigenous perspectives, facilitating 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 transformative, marked by professional growth, successful grant proposals, and the start of new collaborations on international research on the EU Deforestation Regulation and agroforestry in cacao farming regions. Key achievements include better understanding Canada's approach to regulating its global food footprint and establishing field stations in Vanuatu, Belize, and Ghana, as well as developing a field school in Belize to educate students on agroecology."

SOPHIA CARODENUTO, UVIC FACULTY FELLOW, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

CFGS research considers the local-global nexus—how local concerns have global effects and how global issues manifest at the local level. Fellows and researchers explore issues vital to people, places, policy, and the planet. Current research foci include:

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

CFGs collaborates on projects across faculties and departments at the University of Victoria, as well as with communities, practitioners, partners, and universities around the globe. These projects reflect the main research areas of CFGs. Their research, events, and publications foster interdisciplinary networks, making boundary-pushing research accessible to policy makers, researchers, and the wider community beyond the halls of CFGs, where these long-term projects are housed. The faculty and staff involved in these projects occupy the offices and are an integral part of the centre's day-to-day activities.

Borders in Globalization (BIG)

Borders in Globalization Lab (BIG LAB) has had an immensely successful year.

The BIG Lab hosted 15 events, including three international conferences, and released eight publications, including two issues of the peer-reviewed journal, the *BIG_Review*. Each July, BIG holds our annual summer institutes, offering five institutes in 2023 and eight in 2024, through which nearly 200 academics and policy professionals from around the world are hosted. BIG also launched the BIG Indigenous Internationalisms program, led by Dr. Jeff Ganohalidoh Corntassel, citizen of Cherokee Nation.

BIG continues to work with research partners now totaling over 26 partner organizations and Educational Institutions. This research network has also produced

incredible work with BIG Lab. This includes conferences and workshops hosted by the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network, the University of Strasbourg, and the International Research Centre for Japanese Studies in Kyoto; research in progress by Radboud University Nijmegen, Université Laval, and the University of Southern Denmark; a forthcoming border policy brief from the Border Policy Research Institute on BC-WA economic relationship mapping; and more. BIG Lab continues to expand their network and will be adding more organizations in the near future.

BIG welcomed a new Research Program Manager, Heather Currie, who has worked with Director Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly and Co-Lead Dr. Jeff Ganohalidoh Corntassel to further develop research



and produce activities to promote new insights and findings uncovered about borders.

In the past year, the BIG team has grown considerably, having three Post Doctorate Researchers, a total of 15 graduate students and undergraduate students on the BIG Team in Victoria BC. In addition, BIG had a visiting CFGS/BIG Lab fellow visiting last November from Newcastle, and they welcomed our 2024 Border Policy Research Institute & BIG Lab Cross-Border Fellows this spring. In the fall, BIG will be welcoming two new Geography research assistants and seven new graduate students from the School of Public Administration.

Indigenous Internationalisms

This past year marked the launch of BIG's Indigenous Internationalisms program, led by Dr. Jeff Ganohalidoh Cornassel, citizen of Cherokee Nation. Researchers under this program are examining ways that Indigenous nations, communities, and peoples express their self-determination and challenge the territoriality of states and other colonial institutions. Expressions of Indigenous internationalism are embodied and practiced in several different ways, from honoring complex interrelationships with the natural world and assertions of self-determining authority to engaging in new treaty arrangements and acts of solidarity. By interrogating terms such as nationhood, international, self-determination, and borders, this project seeks to advance a deeper understanding of how these terms and relationships are viewed from diverse Indigenous perspectives.

Under this program, The Frontlines Are Everywhere podcast was launched in April 2024. The podcast takes a critical look at world politics and Indigenous nationhood by discussing Indigenous-led resurgence and activist movements, Indigenous trade networks, Indigenous climate action and the formation of new alliances that transcend colonial state borders among other topics.

On May 9th, 2024, BIG hosted an event celebrating the launch of this program, bringing people together

from UVic and surrounding communities including Coastal Indigenous Nations to learn about the program. The Indigenous Internationalisms logo was unveiled, featuring artwork by Temoseng Chazz Elliott.

Knowledge Mobilization

Regular BIG Lab activities have continued, including monthly podcasts hosted by Ben Perrier and the release of two BIG Review publications managed by Michael Carpenter.

In July 2023, BIG expanded our Summer Institutes on Cross Border management topics from two to five: border management, trade and customs, human mobility, artificial intelligence, and border law. Additionally, the partnership with the World Customs Organization enabled BIG to provide tuition free spots to 73 fellows from 27 countries.

In July 2024, BIG offered eight Summer Institutes, including three new topics: ecological border management, Indigenous Internationalisms and border crossings, and modern border security management. BIGF saw their most successful year yet, with 125 fellows and other professionals from 33 countries across all eight institutes. All summer institute fellows are able to learn from a variety of speakers, including the world's leading policy and academic experts on these border management challenges, providing them with an understanding of the complexities and challenges of managing cross-border regions, trade flows, migration, machine learning, border disputes, and more.

BIG Lab Events

BIG launched the BIG Talk webinar series in September 2023, inviting border academics to share their research and publications on border-related topics with our network and members of the general public. Guest speakers included Rachel yacaaʔal George (University of Victoria), Simon Dalby (Wilfrid Laurier University), and more. Topics ranged from the Canada-US open border paradox to the impacts of border policies on access to reproductive services.

Additionally, BIG has co-hosted and co-sponsored multiple conferences including:

- “Contesting 21st Century B/Orders”
— *Vladrina Centre B/ORDERS IN MOTION, September 2023[HC1]*.
- “Borders, Politics and Policies: Using Data to Power Border Research”
— *University of Strasbourg, June 2024.*
- “FRONTEM Keynote: Cross-Border Relations on the Canada/United States Border and the European Union: MultiLevel Governance?”
— *University of Victoria, July 6, 2023.*

Jean Monnet Network database

To date, the BIG database team has completed or nearly completed 21 innovative datasets on dyad connectivity, migration, and gender equality. The team has grown, with two new team members joining in Summer 2024

and more to join in the coming fall. In June, ten team members presented database research at the ECSA Conference in Ottawa in May 2024 and the successful “Borders, Politics and Policies: Using Data to Power Border Research” conference in Strasbourg, France in June 2024.

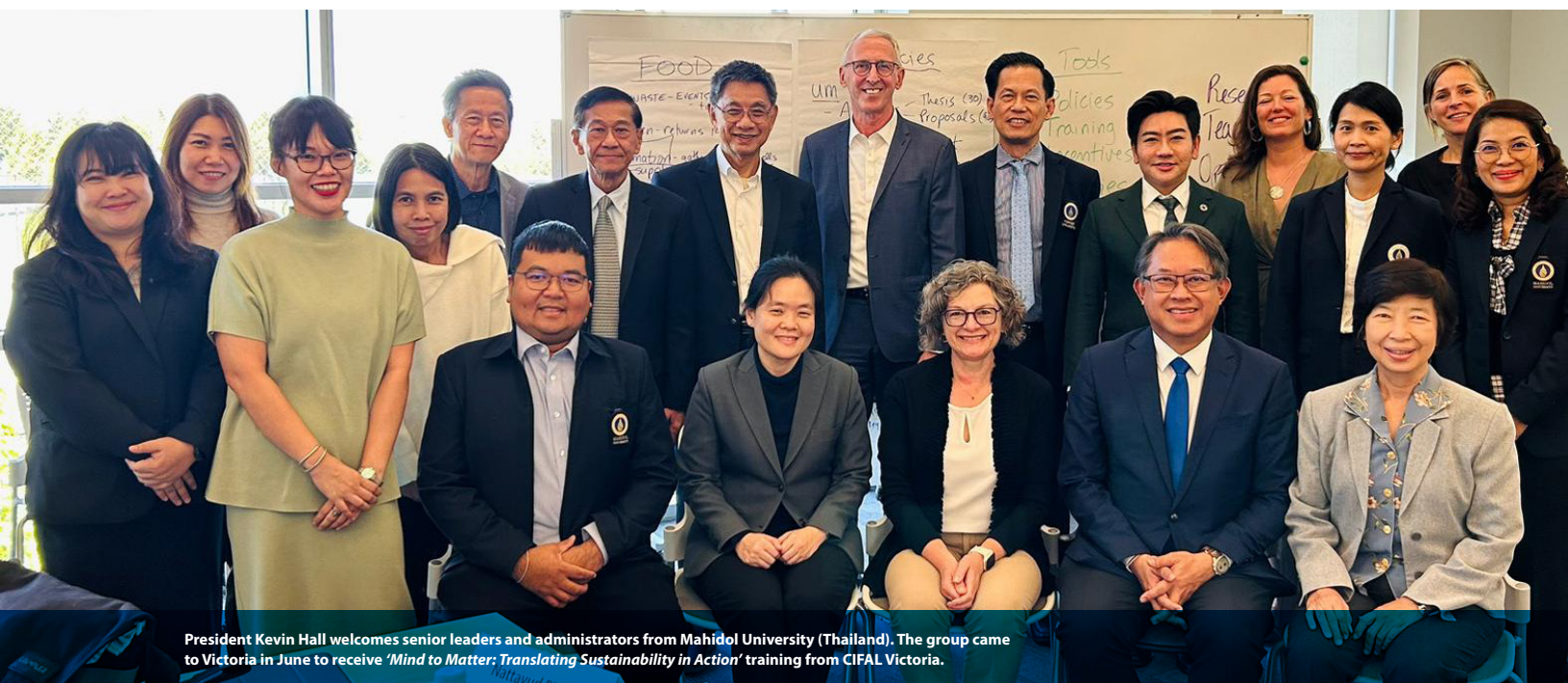
BIG’s recent research, including approximately eight publications from team members and three to five more from researchers who presented at BIG’s conference in Strasbourg, will be the focus of a special issue of the *Journal of Borderland Studies* that is currently in preparation. A new codebook, which provides details of the 21 datasets the team has completed, and a web interface for accessing the database are also forthcoming.

CIFAL Victoria

CIFAL Victoria was launched in 2021 as an initiative of the University of Victoria and the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) and is one of 31 hubs in the CIFAL Global Network (CGN) with a mission to strengthen capacities to advance sustainable development. CIFAL is a French acronym and stands for Centre International de Formation des

Authorités et Leaders”. In 2024 CIFAL Victoria joined the Centre for Global Studies where it provides support and fosters connections among community actors both on campus and beyond.

CIFAL Victoria has a mandate to deliver training activities and research that build on UVic’s



President Kevin Hall welcomes senior leaders and administrators from Mahidol University (Thailand). The group came to Victoria in June to receive ‘Mind to Matter: Translating Sustainability in Action’ training from CIFAL Victoria.

commitments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). CIFAL Victoria connects the region with the global community and supports international knowledge-sharing and partnerships in advancing the SDGs. Over the past year, with the leadership of Director Crystal Tremblay (Geography) collaborating with faculty and staff across campus, CIFAL Victoria has expanded its training activities and accredited courses and enhanced awareness of the SDGs at UVic.

Accrediting Courses

CIFAL Victoria provides UNITAR-CIFAL accreditation to courses and programs at UVic that advance sustainable development and work with partners to also develop specialized training. CIFAL has accredited undergraduate and graduate-level courses during the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters across several faculties (e.g. Engineering, Human and Social Development, Law, and Social Sciences). Furthermore, CIFAL accredited specialized training workshops developed with campus partners such as the *Women Leading Change Campaign School* (Feb 2024) and *Critical Research for Change* (a 5-day workshop series about antiracist and anti-oppressive research approaches).

CIFAL expanded a partnership with Continuing Studies providing certification for several of their courses and programs, such as the *Diploma and Certificate in Restoration of Natural Systems*, and the *Certificate in Transformative Climate Action*. CIFAL also developed partnerships with international universities, such as Mahidol University (Thailand), training their senior leaders and executives on advancing SDGs on their campus.

CIFAL Training with Mahidol University – Mind to Matter – Translating Sustainability in Action

June 9-12, 2024: CIFAL Victoria designed a four-module course as a comprehensive overview of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and an exploration of strategies and hands-on applications for integrating SDGs into research, teaching, campus operations, and community partnerships. The course builds on the foundations of the CIFAL Victoria SDG course ‘*Developing a Sustainability Mindset*’ that was delivered in January 2024 at Mahidol University. *Mind to Matter* was a hands-on learning experience for Mahidol executive leaders to meet and exchange learnings with UVic senior leaders, and action sustainability into future governance structures, programs and policies at Mahidol University.



CFGS Project Showcase, 2024
PHOTO: JODIE WALSH

Building awareness of the SDGs

With a mandate to advance UVic's efforts on implementing the SDGs, CIFAL Victoria supported several on campus initiatives aligned with sustainable development. Some of these events included the *Living and Learning with Climate Change* student-led workshops/art-exhibit hosted at the Library in March and the *POLIS Project's World Water Day* film screening where we hosted a booth about SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation, as well as the *Women Leading Change in Politics Panel* co-hosted with Equal Voice and UVic. CIFAL Victoria is working with entities across campus to improve the data for monitoring and tracking our SDG-related activities in an efficient and collaborative way. For example, Work-study student Vivi Zou, has been working to update our SDG Dashboard to capture all the SDG-related courses and initiatives on campus, supporting further collaboration on our collective impact. CIFAL Victoria also helps promote public lectures, workshops and other events across our Global Network to showcase the great work of colleagues at UVic.

CIFAL Victoria is open to partnering across campus and beyond to support research and training partnerships related to sustainable development, to contact them or learn more about CIFAL, please visit their [website](#) or see the 'Connect With Us' page at the end of this document.

The Europe-Canada Network

For the Europe Canada Network (EUCAnet) project, the academic year 2023/24 was a year of transition. First, they completed the four-year Jean Monnet Network on Memory Politics, bringing to a close a highly stimulating and productive collaboration with partners in France, Germany, Hungary, and Poland. For instance, last year EUCAnet published four special issues of peer-reviewed journals exploring the link between populism, memory and the current state of democracy. In this respect, the project created synergies with the SSHRC-funded Insight grant: *Populism and its Effects on Liberal Democracy*. The EUCAnet promoted research has led to realizations of how the vitality of democracy critically rests on normative principles that are deeply rooted in and legitimized by historical narratives.

Over the course of the last months, EUCAnet pursued their joint book project primarily on a German-Polish perspective with a particular focus on how both countries have incorporated the memory of European integration into their national narratives of the modern past. The book manuscript is close to completion now.

In addition, the project organized a half-day event in the fall of 2023 showcasing the study tour that took 18 UVic students to sites of commemoration in Europe. It was an opportunity to thank all the sponsors that made this extraordinary experience possible and to highlight the magnificent contributions of the students to EUCAnet's debates on the role of memory, populism and democracy. Some of the students are currently completing their submissions to an undergraduate journal, *Augenblick*, housed at the University of British Columbia. These submissions reflect on their experiences on what they learned visiting places in Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Slovenia.

In early 2024, EUCAnet launched its new project, *Governing Irregular Migration and Refugees – Towards Pragmatic Approaches and Effective Policies in a Transatlantic Perspective*, sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Ottawa. To kick off this initiative that is slated to produce a series of policy-focussed expert interviews, debates and papers, a half-day workshop was organized, *Governing Migration and Refugees in Times of Populist Resurgence*. This workshop debated on the wicked policy challenge of how to balance humanitarian commitments towards refugees with an effective response to irregular migration and security concerns.

Over the course of the past twelve months, EUCAnet has continued its media and communication outreach with publications and commentary addressing the resurgence of right-wing, populist actors with their staunch anti-immigrant agenda, the growing popularity of authoritarian politics and what this means for the fate of (liberal) democracy. Responding to these political challenges, the past academic year has been a period of exploring new funding opportunities jointly with a large network of scholars in Europe with whom EUCAnet has collaborated over the years.

POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

Since the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance was founded in 2000, the work has encompassed several initiatives, each embodying the principles of ecological governance and working towards a responsible present that supports a sustainable future. POLIS' current initiatives focus on water sustainability, wildfire resilience, and biocultural ethics.

POLIS Water Sustainability Project

Drought was a significant focus of POLIS' work this past year. The team did several provincial and national media interviews; partnered on the case study *Nkeḡxép Management Committee: Successes in Joint Decisions for Drought Prevention and Response in the Nicola Watershed* (Feb 2024), which was co-published by the Nicola Watershed Governance Partnership and POLIS; and had several briefing meetings in which the team collaboratively engaged with the B.C. Premier's Office, cabinet members, and community representatives regarding drought response in the province and recommendations for new paths forward. This included two by-invitation direct briefings with the Premier around drought response and advancing watershed security.

POLIS' ongoing role with the B.C. provincial government continued, particularly around the

development and implementation of watershed security priorities and the B.C. Watershed Security Strategy and Fund. Members of the POLIS team met with senior staff and ministers at the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS), and the Premier's Office to share recommendations for policy, governance, and legislative reform. The POLIS team also provided guidance for regulation development for the new Xwulqw'selu Water Sustainability Plan under B.C.'s *Water Sustainability Act*. POLIS research and recommendations also informed the final reorganization and positioning of WLRS as the overall lead on watershed security in the province.

The POLIS team continued research on the evolution of the economic dimensions of the "watershed sector" and supported and advised the Working for Watersheds Initiative. This initiative is a collaboration between industry, government, Indigenous communities, and several non-profit organizations and works to enhance the future economic impact of the watershed sector. POLIS collaborated on the *2023 Water Innovation Dialogue Series* and the subsequent *Working for Watersheds Roadmap* (Oct 2023), which lays out a strategic vision for how to grow and develop B.C.'s



POLIS team members at Cowichan Estuary
PHOTO: KELLY BANNISTER

watershed sector and achieve a thriving, regenerative economy in the next decade.

Through Oliver M. Brandes' role as Chair of the Forum for Leadership on Water (FLOW), the POLIS team offered recommendations based on ongoing POLIS research regarding the federal commitment to create a Canada Water Agency. This will be a critical step to modernizing water management, governance, and partnership across the country and, specifically, to improving the ability of the federal government to be a proactive and capable partner in shared efforts to improve water sustainability. Oliver M. Brandes was also invited to present and provide a submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development.

In March 2024, POLIS co-hosted a bustling networking event, a lively panel discussion about freshwater management and governance, and the premiere of the film *Changing Course: A River's Journey of Reconnection* (2024) to celebrate World Water Day. This was a high-profile event on the University of Victoria campus, with over 100 in-person attendees and over 350 people registered for the livestream. Many partners from CFGS were involved in this event, including CIFAL Victoria and the Borders in Globalization project.

On November 22-23, 2024, in Quw'utsun' territory, Duncan, B.C., the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance continued its long-time role as co-host of the annual *B.C. Watersheds Collaborative Fall Gathering*. The event included field trips, critical updates on emerging challenges, sharing of collective successes, and an opportunity to connect, discuss, and celebrate. Participants represented 27 organizations with a mix of funders and water leaders who work across the province on water and watershed priorities.

POLIS' Laura Brandes, Shayla Auld, and Amanda Merritt led hands-on role-playing workshops on watershed governance and water rights for grade 5/6 classes at Selkirk Montessori School through their 'Decision-Making for a Sustainable Future: Water Sustainability Workshop' on November 15 & 22, 2024 in Victoria, B.C.



POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project

In May 2024, POLIS publicly launched its newest initiative, the POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project. It complements the well-established POLIS Water Sustainability Project and expands the ongoing work on sustainability and ecological governance with a focus on policy, law, and governance reform. POLIS developed and launched the new POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project website and released the first research publication, *Learning to Live with Fire: State of Wildfire in B.C.—Policy, Programs & Priorities* (May 2024). The project launch generated significant media attention, including national and provincial print, tv, and radio coverage.

The POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project was also one of the organizing partners and supported the development of the *Wildfire Coexistence in BC: Solutions Symposium*, hosted by the University of British Columbia in Kelowna, B.C. in June 2024. This event brought together leading wildfire experts and practitioners to explore solutions for wildfire management and governance in B.C.

Before the POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project launch, POLIS was already well positioned as a constructive partner with the B.C. provincial government, largely due to its water policy leadership. The addition of

wildfire team members with executive leadership and senior political backgrounds provided seamless access to and influence with senior staff, ministers, and the B.C. Premier's Office. Dialogue and recommendations focused on proactive measures, all within a cross-government and whole-of-society approach.

POLIS Biocultural Ethics Initiative

The POLIS Biocultural Ethics Initiative continued its multi-year work to develop ethical guidance that supports knowledge sharing across Indigenous and Western scientific knowledge systems. The work is currently entering a pilot phase with the Piikani Nation and Government of Alberta.

In March 2024, POLIS partnered with doctoral student Serap Brown and the Royal BC Museum on the

World Water Day ethics event *Reconciling with Water*.

The event panel was co-hosted by POLIS' Dr. Kelly Bannister and featured W̱SÁNEĆ Elders and knowledge keepers, artists and policy-makers who shared their knowledge and values of water as a vital relation.

In May 2024, POLIS and CFGS co-sponsored the four-day *Living and Leading with Deep Resilience* online summit, which was co-designed and co-hosted by POLIS' Kelly Bannister. It featured 20 intergenerational and cross-cultural experts, including several Indigenous Wisdom Keepers, who shared values, insights, and practices for deepening resilience through relationship and connection, fostering healing of people and planet, and building resilience awareness across psycho-social-ecological systems.

Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab (WIGGLab)

The Water, Innovation, and Global Governance Lab engages in transdisciplinary research to support water governance innovations and social-ecological transformations for sustainability and justice.

Aligning precipitation-sheds with participation-sheds

In a recent review in *Nature Water*, WIGGLab combined two decades of advances in water science with two decades of water governance studies to explore how water is connected across large spatial scales and across temporal scales. A “precipitation-shed” refers to the upwind ocean or land surface that supplies moisture to the atmosphere, which later falls as precipitation downwind. Advances in modeling have shown how this often occurs across enormous distances connecting watersheds not previously understood as connected. Emerging risks of synchronized extreme events were also explored. Although rare in the past, extreme events may begin to occur simultaneously in different areas as they become more frequent in the Anthropocene, such as when multiple regions in the world are affected by drought and water scarcity at the same time. Given how

connected the world is by trade, this brings cascading and compounding risks.

In watersheds around the world, efforts are being made to re-centre Indigenous sovereignty, other knowledge(s), and more collaborative approaches in water decision-making. Therefore, WIGGLab examined how collaborative watershed-based governance could begin to grapple with these global, complex changes while



WIGGLab researcher Tawab Balakarzai at Chingaza National Park in Colombia PHOTO: WASH CANADA



WIGGLab researcher Tawab Balakarzai (second to left) with program participants planting frailejones in Colombia PHOTO: WASH CANADA

ensuring responses do not harm the progress towards upholding Indigenous or local rights and laws, and do not create new inequalities and injustices.

Privatizing precipitation?

The WIGGLab has also been experimenting with new methods to support capacities for imagining alternative futures. In a collaboration led by researchers from Colorado State University, the team explored how science fiction storytelling could help consider the risks of treating water, and particularly atmospheric moisture, as an economic good rather than a public good. Ten creative stories were generated, and patterns across the stories revealed that governance gaps exist in practice for protecting moisture recycling. Weather modification already happens in some places, but researchers and decision-makers have not yet adequately considered the implications for a “dry sky” at the largest and smallest scales and what regulatory and policy instruments are proactively needed for atmospheric moisture.

Tipping points and transformative justice

While there is much interest lately in how to support “positive tipping points” for transformations, the WIGGLab has been supporting how to better understand tipping points as only one of many aspects of deeper transformation processes. Moreover, there are no guarantees that tipping towards transformation will automatically lead to peace, sustainability, and justice. Transformative efforts aimed at addressing issues like unsustainability and inequity are often met with politically polarized responses, violent conflict, and democratic backsliding. The WIGGLab has been involved in examining how governance can navigate this “transformation backlash” and ensure that the pathways towards sustainability and justice are themselves peaceful, sustainable and just. This has included transitional and transformative justice approaches to better address the “liminal space” – that precarious state of limbo a system may be in as it transitions from one way of things being done to another.

Survivor-Centred Visual Narratives

The Survivor-Centred Visual Narratives (SCVN) project proposes an arts-based approach to commemorating the experiences of genocide and mass atrocity survivors, placing survivors' well-being at its centre. The purpose of the project is to uphold agency in survivor narratives following a foundational ethos of care in all project activities.

The second year of the SCVN project focused on supporting the graphic artists, facilitating the interviews with survivors and celebrating the publication of the teaching resources for "But I Live: Three Stories of Child Survivors of the Holocaust" (final outcome for SCVN's SSHRC PDG), and the release of the first graphic novel- Barbara Yelin's *Emmie Arbel. The Colour of Memory* – from the new SSHRC PG.

Exhibitions, Events & Reviews: 'But I Live: Three Stories of Child Survivors of the Holocaust'

Following its publication in 2022, the graphic novel, *But I Live: Three Stories of Child Survivors of the Holocaust* continues to receive accolades and recognition through reviews, speaking engagements and the travelling exhibition. The editor and artists are frequently invited to speak at events across North America and Europe, such as the *Arts Night* at the German Studies Association's annual conference in Montreal in October 2023. The travelling exhibition of the artist's original artwork and survivor interviews continues to travel

throughout Europe and has been hosted at galleries and museums in Dortmund, Wiesbaden, and Vienna, and currently at the Ravensbrück Memorial. Lastly, *But I Live* was critically reviewed in the journals of *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* and *Canadian Military History*.

Educational Resources

The educational resources for *But I Live* were developed by SCVN's Co-Director, Dr. Andrea Webb with students from the UBC's Teacher Education Program's Community Field Experience and published in April of 2024. The resources are adaptable and flexible, supporting teachers engaging the Holocaust as part of the curriculum.

'Emmie Arbel. The Colour of Memory'

In November of 2023, Barbara Yelin's graphic novel 'Emmie Arbel. Die Farbe der Erinnerung' (Emmie Arbel. The Colour of Memory) was released. It is based on her 4-year collaboration with Holocaust child survivor, Emmie Arbel.

Connecting with Graphic Artists

The second year of the SCVN project also focused on supporting the artists and developing the unique methodological approach for each five Research Clusters: Holocaust, Iraq & Syria, Rwanda, Turtle Island, and Yugoslav Wars. Each of the Research Clusters facilitated connections with community liaisons and survivors, working towards interviews with graphic artists, and beginning to film the short documentaries. At present, there have been meetings with survivors in Vancouver, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Palm Springs, Bern, Amsterdam, Celle, Rwanda, and Sarajevo.

The Annual General Meeting at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver focused on landed learning, Indigenous ways of knowing and community-building with the artists, emphasizing the cycle of connection and collaboration between artist and survivor.



Members of the SCVN team attending graphic artist Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley's gallery opening night, June 19, 2024



The new website for the SCVN project was launched in the fall of 2023: <https://visualnarratives.org/>, and has been further developed by SCVN's Media Director, Raey Costain, who oversees public communications for the project.

At the conclusion of the second year, SCVN has a greater sense of community amongst Research Clusters and graphic artists, and is looking forward to continuing the interviews, documentaries, and the next series of graphic novel publications. Please visit the [SCVN website](#) for a full list of featured events and highlights.

Past Wrongs Future Choices (PWFC)

The incredibly successful PWFC Artists and Scholars residency program continued into 2023, with a fall 2023 residency hosting four artists and scholars from Canada, the US, Australia and Japan. In the first two years, PWFC has hosted seven artists and 11 scholars at UVic at the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) and the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) with support from the Department of Visual Arts. Further funding has led to the creation of another residency in the fall 2024.

July 2023 also saw the return of the PWFC Canada's Internment Era Field School. 15 UVic Students, in-service teachers, and international educators participated on the Nikkei National Museum's Internment Era Bus tour. The group used this opportunity to visit sites of internment, engage with community members, and

build connections. Following the bus tour participants came back to campus for a week of intensive classes culminating in a variety of assignments including knowledge mobilization and dissemination plans.

PWFC hosted a series of events and speakers throughout the year, in-person and by zoom. Each of our guests have offered unique perspectives and approaches to looking at complicated histories of Nikkei Dispossession and internment/incarceration. Talks included Yasuko Takezawa (Professor Emeritus at Kyoto University) and Eric L Muller (law professor University of North Carolina); and on November 2nd PWFC in conjunction with CFGS and CAPI hosted the PWFC Fall 2023 Residency Showcase. This was an opportunity for each of the residents in the fall cohort to share their work with members of the community.



Unveiling Garden Panel

PHOTO: A PWFC TEAM MEMBER

In March 2024, PWFC in association with the History Department, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society (VNCS), CAPI and the Michiko (Midge) Ayukawa Commemorative Fund held its final lecture, Postcards from our Ancestors with five Nikkei artists and scholars presenting their written and artistic works.

In April 2024, PWFC, Esquimalt Parks and Recreation and the VNCS held an unveiling of the two new garden history interpretative display panels, and two interpretive panels within the Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion to commemorate the return of Toshie Takata's piano and a tea cup and water pitcher from the original tea house.



PWFC members

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In May, project manager, Michael Abe joined project director, Jordan Stanger-Ross in Australia for meetings and presentations by over 25 members of our project partner Nikkei Australia. Jordan also strengthened ties with other partners in Australia during his sabbatical in Melbourne from December 2023 to June 2024. After Australia, Jordan and Michael, along with Sherri Kajiwarra, Director/Curator of the Nikkei National Museum in Burnaby travelled to Tokyo, Yokohama, Mio and Kyoto in Japan for meetings and presentations as well as attending the Mio Symposium where the travelling exhibit, Broken Promises. The exhibit, translated into Japanese, is currently on display at the Canada Museum in Mio as part of a tour to several locations in Japan.

Preparations are underway for the 2024 Canada's Internment Era Field School in July 2024 and will include five Uvic students and nine teachers and museum professionals from Canada, US, Australia and Japan.

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

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

Canada-China Focus (CCF)

Canada-China Focus (CCF) continued to pursue its research and educational activities that contribute to reaching its goal of creating a safe, anti-racist space for discussions about Canada-China relations.

CCF's 2023 publication, *1923: Challenging Racisms Past and Present*, continues to garner attention, including from the Chinese Canadian Museum in Victoria. In September 2023, CCF sponsored a virtual conference hosted by UBC and the University of Toronto (Dr. Henry Yu and Dr. Takahashi Fujitani, CCF board members) about "1923: Race, Empire, and Settler Colonialism across the Pacific." They also promoted a webinar related to *1923* sponsored by the Pacific Canada Heritage Centre – Museum of Migration, that featured CCF Advisory Board member and historian Timothy J. Stanley.

CCF has devoted considerable effort to raising awareness about the harms that recent developments in national security policy are having on social movements and racialized communities. CCF's webinar on "The Media, CSIS, and Modern Sinophobia" with Andrew Mitrovica, Midori Ogasawara, and Georgia Kelly received over 1,000 views. CCF also supported CAPI's publication of *Canada's China Panic* by CCF co-founder John Price. CCF partnered with civil liberties groups across the country in June to coordinate opposition to the passing of Bill C-70, the *Countering Foreign Interference Act*. Partners included Amnesty International, the BC and Canadian Civil Liberties Associations, the Centre for Free Expression, and several others who stated that C-70 would negatively impact "freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom of assembly, and on privacy, and it could well be used to profile people on political, racial, religious, or nationality grounds. The

law will allow the undermining of academic freedom, freedom of the press, the right to protest and engage in dissent, and efforts at international cooperation and solidarity." CCF cofounder John Price and UVic surveillance specialist Midori Ogasawara subsequently co-authored a three-part series on Bill C-70. CCF is also sponsoring a \$10,000 research award to help monitor the growing impacts of the national security state in Canada.

One of CCF's main activities has been supporting Chinese Canadian faculty members in Canadian universities who feel targeted by recently imposed research restrictions. In partnership with CCF and the Canadian Association of University Teachers, SFU's Labour Studies Program is about to launch a major educational and research initiative with Chinese Canadian faculty members and researchers across Canada.

This year saw heightened activities related to the CCF mandate of promoting peace and decolonizing Canadian foreign policy. In January, CCF partnered with Pacific peace activist Satoko Oka Norimatsu to host a consultation session with peace organizations to begin developing an agenda for "Peace in the Pacific." CCF recently hosted a webinar, "Foreign Policy & Anti-Racism Today" with Monia Mazigh, Jamila Ewais, Alejandro Paz, and Timothy J. Stanley that explored the intersections between the Sinophobia, Islamophobia, Anti-Palestinian racism, and anti-Semitism prevalent in recent Canadian foreign policies. CCF also assisted Independent Jewish Voices in producing Chinese-language translations of their "Six Things You Should Know About Israel/Palestine" document (in simplified and traditional characters), and co-sponsored a talk by Monia Mazigh in Victoria, "Gendered Islamophobia and Anti-Palestinian Racism: Are Palestinian Women Not Worth 'Saving'?"

CCF welcomes Bianca Mugenyi as the new interim communications coordinator for Canada-China Focus. Bianca was previously the director of the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, a co-sponsors of CCF. Bianca is joining the communications committee of Jessica MacVicar, Eve Dutil, Ellen Judd, and Ying Liu

(on leave), the team behind the popular [newsletter](#) on Canada-China relations that continues to be core to CCF's educational activities. The CCF advisory board also expanded this year to include Ying Liu and Dr. Bill Carroll from the University of Victoria.

Living and Learning with Climate Change Project (LLWCC)

CFGs Associate Fellow Thom Heyd's experience in teaching Philosophy and Climate Change in the Spring semester 2024 once more confirmed the urgency of addressing climate anxiety, especially among students, which according to recent research can be a significant deterrent to effective climate action.

For this reason, this academic year 2023-2024 Thom initiated a new edition of [Living and Learning with Climate Change](#), together with Michael Lines, the Humanities and Social Sciences Liaison for the Library. LLWCC is a learning series led by students, supported by UVic Libraries Strategic Directions Impact Fund, the Community-Engaged Learning Office, and [PICS](#). As in 2022, CFGS greatly supported this undertaking once again.

Similar to the project's beginnings in 2022, the main aim of this year's learning series was to enable students to become effective change agents in the two most urgent climate-related tasks, namely, a just transition to a carbon-free lifestyle and adaptation to climatic changes that are already underway.

This year a team of five undergraduate and two graduate



students engaged in and helped organize the following activities:

- A Q&A session with PICS speaker Jonathan Foley from Project Drawdown
- An arts-based reflection workshop led by the Community-Engaged Learning Office
- An exhibition of art and student projects related to LLWC in the UVic Library
- A student-led event Roundtable, also taking place in the UVic Library
- A field trip to O.U.R. Ecovillage
- Participation in a solarpunk workshop with Jerri Jerreat

A new edition of LLWCC for 2024-2025, supported by CFGS, is in the planning stages.



WORKING GROUPS

CFGS is the institutional home for a number of working groups. The Centre often collaborates with these groups to bring greater visibility to their events and research. The working groups offer a unique and interactive opportunity for scholars from UVic and members of the community to meet and discuss specific topics. All of these working groups are open to the public – please contact the CFGS main office for more information on meeting schedules and events.

Latin American Research Group

Memory and Justice in the Southern Cone. 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the military coup d'états in Uruguay and Chile, which ended in 1985 and 1991 respectively. In 2023, Argentina also commemorated 40 years of democracy after a 7-year dictatorship, while Brazil resumed reparations for victims on the eve of completing its 60th anniversary of the coup that started its military dictatorship (1984-1985). In light of these commemorations, LARG organized a hybrid panel that asked: 'How have these new democracies confronted their difficult pasts?'

The speakers examined the legacies of authoritarian regimes in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay on their democracies and their advancements in justice, memory and reparations. The speakers on the panel held in November were: Eneá de Stutz e Almeida, Faculty of Law, University of Brasília/Amnesty Commission, Brazil; Hugo Andres Rojas Corral, Department of Law Sciences, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile; Guillermina Seri, Political Science, Union College, US.

Property Rights & Society Discussion Group

For the past four years the Property Rights and Society Discussion Group has been running a popular series of talks by the authors of recently published books that focus on the question of Dispossession in a global context. This program has allowed CFGS to engage with scholars from around the world on this issue of global significance.

Between July 2023 and June 2024, five diverse presentations were hosted, these are listed under the 'Events' section of this document.

Middle East Discussion Group (MEDG)

The main focus of MEDG this past year has been to host regular brown bag lunch discussions to reflect on current developments in the Middle East, especially the war in Gaza, and on the challenges of making space for informed debate on campus. On October 17, 2023, co-sponsored with the Middle-East Discussion Group (MEDG) and in the spirit of the CFGS tradition of "Global Currents," CFGS invited Martin Bunton, a professor of Middle Eastern History at the University of Victoria to the Centre to help the CFGS community discuss the current situation in Gaza with this informal event titled "Israel and Gaza: How, Why, and Where to".

The collage consists of five overlapping cards for the Property and Society Discussion Group:

- Card 1 (Top Left):** Book cover for "Dispossession: Anthropological Perspectives on Russia's War against Ukraine" by Catherine Wanner. Event details: "Property and Society Discussion Group: Dispossession: Anthropological Perspectives on Russia's War against Ukraine with Catherine Wanner".
- Card 2 (Top Right):** Book cover for "BURNING THE BIG HOUSE" by Terence Dooley. Event details: "Property and Society Discussion Group: Terence Dooley talks about 'Burning the Big House'". WHEN: Tuesday, November 30th, 2023. WHERE: Online via Zoom. TIME: 10:00am - 11:20am (PDT).
- Card 3 (Middle Left):** Book cover for "THE GHOST ROAD" by Matthew L. M. Fletcher. Event details: "Property and Society Discussion Group: Matthew Fletcher talks about his book 'The Ghost Road'". WHEN: Thursday, January 18th, 2024. WHERE: Online via Zoom. TIME: 10:00am - 11:20am.
- Card 4 (Bottom Left):** Book cover for "The Land Wars" by John Laband. Event details: "Property and Society Discussion Group: The Land Wars: The Dispossession of the Khoisan and AmaXhosa in the Cape Colony (Penguin, 2020) with author John Laband".
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UNESCO

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

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

The UNESCO Tri-Chairs for Education Care and Development (ECD) in Africa was established at UVic in 2008 with Alan Pence as Chair. It was renewed

as a Co-Chair in 2017 with Prof. Hasina Ebrahim at the University of South Africa (UNISA), and in 2021 as a Tri-Chair with Prof. Oumar Barry at Université de Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) in Senegal.

While each of the Tri-Chairs has accomplishments associated with their own institution and location (see some below, and at ecdinafrica.org), the Tri-Chairs, with CFGS Associate, Dr. Patrick Makokoro, have been working together with 30 colleagues to complete, and now promote, an important historical and African-inclusive volume: *Sankofa: Appreciating the past in planning the future of early childhood education, care and development in Africa* (Pence, Makokoro, Ebrahim and Barry). The volume has 34 authors, 85% of whom are African citizens.

A key activity for 2024 was the Canadian Launch of *Sankofa* held at UVic on April 15th. Following a Welcome from Elder, Dr. Skip Dick, President Kevin Hall opened the event with a brief Overview of UVic's UNESCO related activities, and a welcome to international attendees: UNESCO's Global ECCE lead, Rokhaya Diawara, and Elizabeth Lule, Executive Director of the lead international ECD organization, ECDAN.

UNESCO Co-Chair Prof. Hasina Banu Ebrahim received the prestigious South African Education Research Association Recognition Award in September, 2023, and the UNISA Research Recognition Award in July, 2024. Most recently she was a Keynote Presenter at the Childhood, Education and Society's Conference held in Turkey, June 27-29, 2024. Her title was: Changing Early Childhood in Polycrisis Times: Insights from Africa. In addition, Prof. Ebrahim is the lead researcher for the Project on Professionalisation of the Early Childhood Workforce in South Africa. Her article on *Complexities of men's engagement in early childhood care and development in Africa* was selected by Taylor Francis for inclusion in the annual Directions and Provocation in the African Studies Collection.

UNESCO Co-Chair Prof. Oumar Barry is Chair for Psychology at UCAD. His Department is planning



Sankofa Book Launch – Pictured above is UVic President Kevin Hall, Patrick Makokoro, Rokhaya Diawara, Alan Pence, Elizabeth Lule, and Oliver Schmidtke
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The Knowledge for Change Consortium (K4C) workshop in Barcelona

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Dancing to celebrate the K4C Mentor Training Programme getting launched at the African regional centre at Gulu University in Uganda

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a new Masters program next year in Developmental Psychology, and he has just concluded a feasibility study for opening training for early childhood professionals at the Bachelor's level within the Higher Institutes of Vocational Training. Prof. Barry is a co-PI with Canadian Université de Trois Rivières UNESCO Chair Prof. Carmen Dionne, for the research project: "Social innovation for inclusive educational environments in early childhood: Contribution of digital technology".

Dr. Patrick Makokoro, a CFGS Associate, played a central role in planning the 2024 World Forum on Early Care and Education held in Vancouver, B.C. in April. Dr. Makokoro was pleased to publish two books in 2024, which can be seen in the 'Featured Publications' section of this document.

The Tri-Chairs look forward to another very active year in 2024/2025.

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

This year, the UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education team focused on two very active projects: The Knowledge For Change (K4C) Consortium, a project aimed at training the new generation of mentors and leaders in Community Based Research (CBR), and the DECODE Project, which seeks to deepen understandings of what is needed to further advance community and Indigenous led knowledge movements.

The Knowledge for Change (K4C) Consortium

K4C-BARCELONA WORKSHOP

The 9th cohort of the Mentor Training Programme finished in April of 2024. The residency was held in Barcelona at the offices of ISGlobal, the K4C Barcelona partner. Two new K4C Hubs have been recently created, a Catalan Hub based with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Barcelona and the Tunisian hub based in Tunis with the Pasteur Institute. This brings the total number of K4C Hubs to 28 in 16 countries.

LAUNCHING OF THE ASIAN AND AFRICAN REGIONAL K4C CENTRES

A key step in the regionalization of the K4C is the establishment of a set of regional centres which will take responsibility for recruiting new hubs and providing mentor training. The African regional centre launched its Mentor Training Programme in June of 2024 at a workshop at Gulu University in Uganda. The Asian K4C Centre, based at the Islamic Science University in Malaysia began their MTP in September of 2024.

Plans are moving forward with a Latin American Centre based at the University of the Andes in Colombia, a European structure based at Limerick in Ireland and a Turtle Island Centre based in Victoria, BC, Canada.

Community Scholars Fund

\$75,000 was raised to support the involvement of community scholars in the global K4C mentor training programmes. The Children's Troubadour, Raffi made one of the most generous contributions at the fundraising event. Read more about the Community Scholars Fund in the *Special Highlights* section of this document.



Friends working together on building community-university partnership during a workshop in Ibagué, Colombia
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Celebrating a friend's birthday at Gulu University, Uganda
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Budd Hall with Canadian artist Raffi

University of Ibagué – Building University capacity in community based participatory research

From March 18th-26th the UNESCO Chair team was in Ibagué, Tolima District working with the faculty and staff of the University of Ibagué on strengthening capacities in community-university research partnerships. This is the second year of this project, working with 25 faculty members, many in the fields of engineering, physics and law.

The DECODE Project: Co-construction, Decolonisation & Transformation Producing Actionable Knowledge for the Challenges of Our Times

Funded by the International Development Research Centre, this project will enhance the potential of locally contextualized actionable knowledge in addressing challenges identified by communities themselves. Through a peer learning, collective reflections and systematisation process, the co-chairs of the UNESCO Chair on Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education and the Knowledge

for Change Consortium will engage with global networks of community and Indigenous led research practitioners to deepen understandings of principles, policy implications, and supportive infrastructures needed to further advance community and Indigenous led knowledge movements. Results and reflections will be shared through the creation of an open access community-based participatory research knowledge platform created by PRIA in India and the University of Victoria.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DECODE PROJECT:

1. Systematize existing practices of community and Indigenous led participatory research from a variety of networks to draw lessons about values, principles, ethics and methods that support multi-dimensional impacts on current developmental challenges.
2. Facilitate peer learning about good practices amongst civil society, engaged scholars and community researchers with a view to deepen future impactful policies and practices, including training of the next generation of researchers.

Global Talks

Established in 2013, the CFGS Global Talks Series is a weekly speaker's series and forum through which the greater CFGS community can share their research and reflect on critical questions and emerging issues. These informal talks provide an opportunity to highlight the work of CFGS fellows, their projects, and working groups. Over the past nine years, the Global Talks program has grown and now represents a regular fixture within the greater UVic community. The Global Talks Signature Series typically occurs on the first Wednesday of every month and is publicized more widely within the community. This series includes presentations given by senior experts or practitioners within the CFGS community as well as invited guests from other universities. The 2023/2024 Signature Series consisted of seven presentations:

- **October 4, 2023:** "The Climate Risks of Unconditional Broad Memory" by Peter Dietsch
- **November 1, 2023:** "Meeting the Moment: Pedagogies of/and Climate Change" by Kara Shaw
- **December 6, 2023:** "Igniting Change and Thriving with Fire" by the POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project
- **February 7, 2024:** "The Populist Challenge to Democracy: Evidence from Europe and ways to rethink democratic practice" by Oliver Schmidtke
- **March 6, 2024:** "Canada's Global Food Footprint: from voluntary corporate reporting to mandatory due diligence" by Sophia Carodenuto

- **April 3, 2024:** "Beyond Climate Anxiety and Catastrophism: toward narratives for climate actions" by Thomas Heyd
- **May 1, 2024:** "Israel-Hamas War, 6 Months On" by Martin Bunton

To reach a broad, international community, we continue to host our regular Global Talk series using a mixture of virtual and hybrid platforms. Global Talk recordings are published on the [CFGS Youtube Page](#) and on the events section of the website as they become available.

For more information on our public events see the *Public Events, Panels, and Guest Lectures* section of this report.

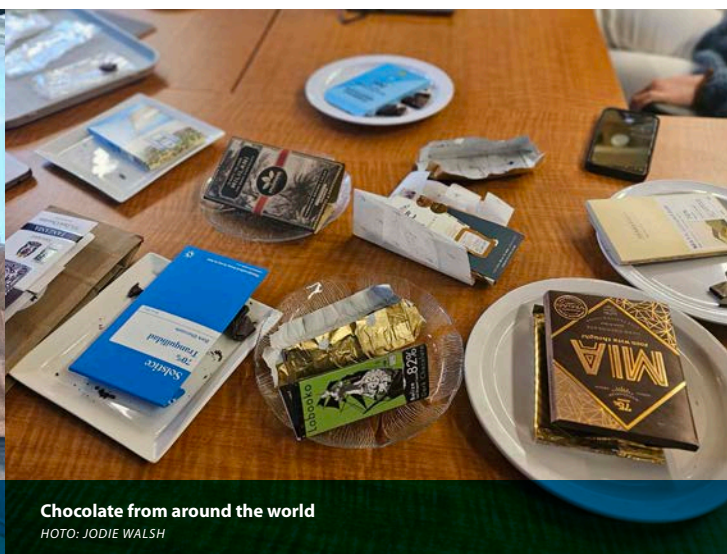
Webinar Series

Webinar Series: Art and Testimony

The Survivor-Centred Visual Narratives Project's second webinar series in 2024 was developed by Jennifer Sauter and Dr. Charlotte Schallié, in collaboration with the UBC-V's Public Humanities Hub and centres 'Art and Testimony' to bring critical issues in art-based research into a contemporary focus. It engages with art not only as a tool for knowledge mobilization, but by centring on how art is an impactful form of participatory action research and how visual narratives can disrupt the traditional process of the testimony collection, a practice often favouring language over image. Each webinar



Chocolate tasting at Sophia Carodenuto's Global Talk lecture
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Chocolate from around the world
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draws upon the expertise of project partners to establish a foundation of knowledge and community of care for artists and project partners, contributing to the ongoing process of learning and listening that is central to the project. There have been four webinars hosted to date, and the webinar recordings available to view online, with a [toolkit available in 2025](#):

- **January 25, 2024:** [“Listening, Telling, Showing \(and back\): The Practice of a Holocaust scholar-teacher-playwright-actor”](#) with Dr. Hank Greenspan and Dr. Charlotte Schallié
- **March 7, 2024:** [“Why Comics?”](#) with Dr. Véronique Sina and Dr. Fransiska Louwagie, moderated by Dr. Elizabeth “Biz” Nijdam
- **March 20, 2024:** [“Drawing Memories”](#) – Barbara Yelin in Conversation with Charlotte Schallié
- **April 4, 2024:** [“Empowering Narratives: Videotaped Interviews vs Graphic Novels”](#) – Dr. Uğur Ümit Üngör in Conversation with Dr. Peter Klein

Webinar Series: Property & Dispossession Series

The Property Rights and Society Discussion Group held five online presentations from different authors in their Property & Dispossession series:

- **October 3, 2023:** “The Last Colony: A Tale of Exile Justice and Britain’s Colonial Legacy” with Philippe Sands (Law, University College London, and practicing barrister)
- **November 30, 2023:** “Burning the Big House: The Story of the Irish Country House in a Time of War and Revolution” with Terence Dooley (History, Maynooth University)
- **January 18, 2024:** “The Ghost Road: Anishinaabe Responses to Indian Hating” with Matthew M. Fletcher (Law, University of Michigan)
- **February 15, 2024:** “Dispossession: Anthropological Perspectives on Russia’s War against Ukraine” with Catherine Wanner (History, Anthropology and Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University)

- **March 14, 2024:** “The Land Wars: The Dispossession of the Khoisan and AmaXhosa in the Cape Colony” with John Laband (History, Stellenbosch University and Fellow of the University of KwaZulu-Natal)

Webinar: Democracy in Latin American Series

- **Nov 22, 2023:** “Memory and Justice in the Southern Cone”. The Latin American Research Group hosted a panel that was co-sponsored by the Centre for Global Studies and Latin American Studies, organized by graduate students Ana Bertha (History) and Marta Kleiman (Political Science), and moderated by Michelle Bonner (Director of Latin American Studies and professor in Political Science). Three panelists discussed how Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay democracies have confronted the legacies of their military dictatorships.

Canada-China Focus Webinar

- **June 13, 2024:** CCF recently hosted a webinar, “Foreign Policy & Anti-Racism Today” with Monia Mazigh, Jamila Ewais, Alejandro Paz, and Timothy J. Stanley that explored the intersections between the Sinophobia, Islamophobia, Anti-Palestinian racism, and anti-Semitism prevalent in recent Canadian foreign policies.

POLIS Webinars

- **February 15, 2024:** “Fifth Annual Water Research Roundup”. The POLIS Water Sustainability Project’s fifth annual Water Research Roundup featured emerging researchers Ella Martindale (University of Toronto), Bridget McGlynn (Queensland University of Technology), and Christiana Onabola (University of Northern British Columbia). They spoke on topics ranging from how governance systems align with the environmental challenges they are trying to address, to how the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals could be adapted for application at a watershed scale, to Indigenous methodologies and groundwater research in the Xwulqw’selu watershed on Vancouver Island.
- **May 10-11, 17-18, 2024** “Living and Leading with Deep Resilience”. The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and CFGS co-sponsored this online summit, which connected almost 1,200 participants from all corners of the globe. It was organized through the Institute for Zen Leadership

(IZL) and co-designed and co-hosted by Dr. Ginny Whitelaw (IZL) and POLIS co-director Dr. Kelly Bannister. Graduate students Ella Martindale and Angel Kennedy, both previous speakers in POLIS’ *Creating a Blue Dialogue* webinar series, led an innovative participatory session on “Resilience Shaped by Intergenerational Knowledge and Deepened by Relational Connections” and POLIS Strategic Faculty Advisor Dr. Michele-Lee Moore was part of a panel on what resilience means across disciplines and scales.

Public Events, Panels & Guest Lectures

September 28, 2023

CFGs, the [Canadian International Council](#) (CIC), and award-winning filmmaker Judy Jackson hosted a screening of Judy’s film ‘Central America and the Migrant Crisis – Where Can We Live in Peace’. The film discusses the story of the ABBA house in Mexico. Founded by Pastor Ignacio Ramirez in Celaya, Mexico, this sanctuary helps tens of thousands of migrants who are fleeing violence, crime, climate change and corruption in Central America.

October 25, 2023

Along with the [Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives](#) (CAPI), the CFGS and University of Victoria Law, the Past Wrongs, Future Choices Project co-sponsored a book talk with author Eric Muller, who discussed his book ‘Lawyer, Jailer, Ally, Foe’, about Japanese internment in the United States during the Second World War.

November 3, 2023

CFGs co-sponsored a film premiere of ‘Ways We Remember War’ with CFGS Associate Fellow Geoffrey Bird; Canada’s first battle of the First World War occurred in a small wooded area in the middle of the night at a place called Kitcheners’ Wood. In response to the first use of chlorine gas in warfare, the battle marked the beginning of the Second Battle of Ypres. Without film or photographs, Canada’s memory of the battle is shaped by art, memorials and pilgrimage to the battlefield itself. Working with The Canadian Scottish Regiment, The Calgary Highlanders, residents of Flanders, historians, curators and landscape artists, this film explores the power of place and the significance of Flanders in shaping Canadian war remembrance.



Distinguished Women Scholars event with speaker Constance McDermott
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Canadian International Council Director Chris Kilford with guest Haroon Siddiqui
PHOTOS: JODIE WALSH

November 23, 2023

Sponsored by CFGS and the Europe-Canada Network at the University of Victoria, Arsenal Pulp Press and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Author Can Dundar and illustrative artist Anwar presented via Zoom on their book 'Erdogan: A Graphic Biography: The Rise of Turkey's Modern Autocrat'. This talk discussed the polarizing effect of Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey's leader, on the Turkish population.

November 27, 2023

CFGS and the University of Victoria hosted a Memory Politics panel with panelists Janusz Reiter (former Polish ambassador to Germany and the U.S.), Elzbieta Opilowska (Director, Centre for Regional and Borderlands Studies, University of Wrocław, Poland) and Oliver Schmidtke (Director, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria) for a discussion titled 'East-West Divide in Europe? and the German-Polish Relations', moderated by Norbert Eschborn (Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Ottawa, Canada).

November 29-30, 2023

"The economics, ethics, and politics of wealth and capital income inequality" was a two-day workshop that brought together experts on issues of economic inequality, specifically capital income and wealth. Questions included: Do individuals have entitlement to capital income? If so, on what grounds? What inequality in capital income is justified? CFGS Associate Fellow Peter Dietsch and Aspiration 2030 Post-Doctoral Scholar Stanislas Richard were both part of this diverse panel of speakers.

January 23, 2024

Co-hosted by CFGS, the Past Wrongs, Future Choices project hosted a virtual book talk on Anoma Pieris' and Lynne Horiuchi's 'The Architecture of Confinement: Incarceration Camps of the Pacific War'. The book offers an architectural and urban understanding of the unfolding history and aftermath of World War II in the Pacific.

February 29, 2024

Co-hosted by CFGS and the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), Korean Consul General Jongho Kyun spoke on Korea and Canada's cooperation as key partners in the North Pacific. His presentation went into both countries' Indo-Pacific Strategies, energy and climate change issues, and their cooperation on the denuclearization of North Korea.

March 1, 2024

Carolina Carvalho, a CFGS Visiting Research Fellow, organized an engaging "Community Mapping" workshop. This workshop was part of UVic Geography Community Based Research Lab-CBRL "Making our Waste Visible events". Led by Dr. Carolina Carvalho, Ph.D. in Environmental Planning, participants co-created maps to track material journeys and discuss waste management.

March 9, 2024

The Living and Learning with Climate Change project, which boasts CFGS Associate Fellow Thomas Heyd, hosted an afternoon of activities for students and community members on how to live with climate change. Participants discussed how to address

eco-anxiety and develop climate change resilience by engaging with community and environment. This event was co-sponsored by CFGS, CIFAL Victoria, UNITAR, University of Victoria Libraries, UVic Community Engaged Learning, PICS & Engage with Nature-Based Solutions.

March 19, 2024

Co-sponsored by CFGS and the Provost's Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture Award Committee, Constance McDermott gave a talk titled 'Transforming Land Use Governance – Global targets without equity miss the mark'. The talk drew on decades of case study research, spanning multiple continents, to examine the disconnect of these current trends in governance from the people and landscapes they target.

March 22, 2024

The Canadian International Council and CFGS hosted a special opportunity to hear from Haroon Siddiqui of the Toronto Star as he discussed his new book, 'My Name is Not Harry'. His delightful and engaging memoir charts how Canada has changed for the better since 1967 when he landed in Montreal, from India, and just in time for Expo 67.

April 2, 2024

CFGS and the Europe-Canada Network hosted a hybrid panel event titled 'Governing Migration and Refugees in Times of Populist Resurgence'. This event considered policies governing irregular migration and refugees from a comparative (transatlantic) perspective.

April 23, 2024

CFGS hosted a workshop with clinical psychologist Jillian Roberts on managing mental health amongst researchers, community collaboration, resilience, the role of the Centre in providing support, response to global events, and recognition with those we work with in processing major issues.

April 24, 2024

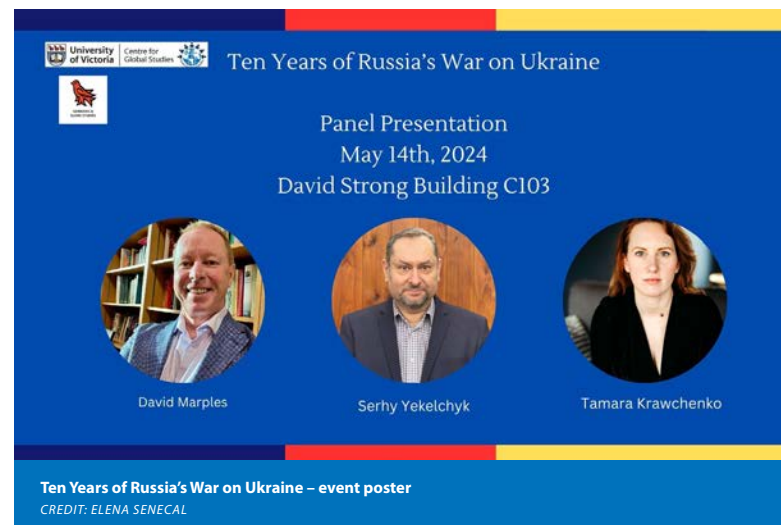
FGS and the University of Victoria hosted an event in conversation with Juliet Hooker of Brown University. She presented her Lansdowne Lecture, where she also discussed her new book 'Black Grief/White Grievance: The Politics of Loss'.

May 10-11, and May 17-18, 2024

Participants joined POLIS Co-director and Summit Co-host Kelly Bannister, along with 20 intergenerational and cross-cultural resilience guides, researchers, practitioners and wisdom keepers from a number of wisdom traditions, to experience the inspiration and practices that will make deep resilience more available. CFGS and POLIS were co-sponsors of the summit, which featured resilience researcher Michelle-Lee Moore, as well as youth experts Ella Martindale and Angel Kennedy.

May 14, 2024

Marking the ten years since Russia's annexation of the Crimea and invasion of the Donbas, Serhy Yekelchuk, Tamara Krawchenko, and David Marples formed a panel that addressed the global dimension of the Russo-Ukrainian War, the evolving nature of warfare, and Ukrainian society's response to Russian aggression. The panel was co-hosted by CFGS and the UVic Germanic and Slavic Studies program.



May 17, 2024

Patrick Makokoro and Greta Saftig hosted an event titled "Let's Talk About: Anti-racist early childhood education". The event started with a presentation by Greta Saftig on "Insights into the field of anti-racist organizational development within daycare centres in Germany". The presentation covered the current state of research and the extent to which racism occurs

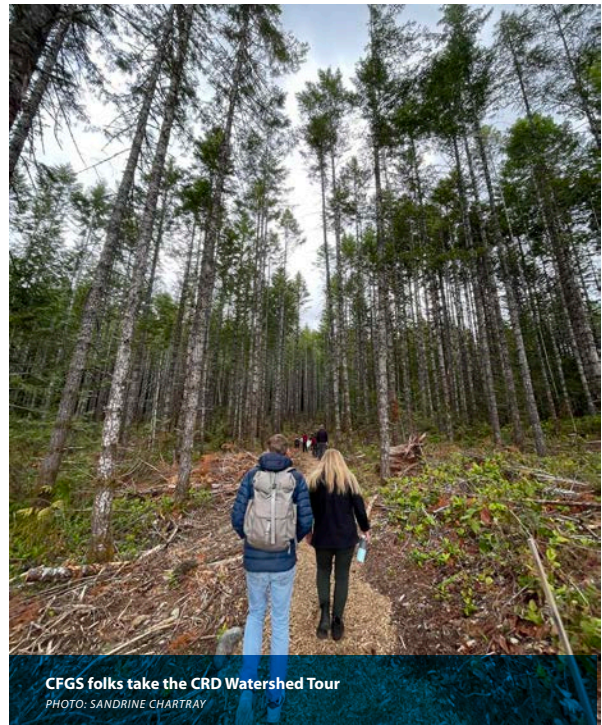
in childhood and what consequences it has on child development. This event was co-sponsored by CFGS, 4 Roots Collective, and HuUbuntu Consulting.

May 22, 2024

“Myanmar Migrants in Thailand”, was hosted by CFGS, CAPI, and the Canadian International Council (CIC) Victoria Branch. In the talk, the speakers, Wae Win Khaing and Sai Kyi Zin Soe, discussed the origins of the 2021 coup, the current political and military situation and Myanmar’s “civil disobedience movement”, the latter based on their personal experiences.

June 13, 2024

PhD candidate Anna Wohlgemuth was granted a graduate fellowship co-sponsored by the CFGS and the Survivor-Centred Visual Narrative project. The fellowship supported Anna’s visit to Canada to present her research at UVic with her powerful ‘Room-to-Move’ presentation and attend the project’s AGM in Vancouver.



June 13, 2024

Members of CFGS took part in the CRD Watershed Tour to hear about how high-quality water is delivered to the residents of Victoria. The team had the opportunity to learn about the different stages of the process, including a visit to the Sooke Lake Reservoir, the Rithet Creek, the surrounding forests and the water treatment center. In conversation with the insightful guide, discussions ranged from water conservation efforts, collaboration with indigenous communities, and wildfire threat and prevention.

Grants

Co-construction, Decolonisation & Transformation: Producing Actionable Knowledge for the Challenges of Our Times, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

JANUARY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2026

Wildfire and Water Assistant and Coordinator, Environmental Careers Organization of Canada (ECO Canada) Co-Op

MAY 27, 2024-SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

KEYSTONE EVENTS

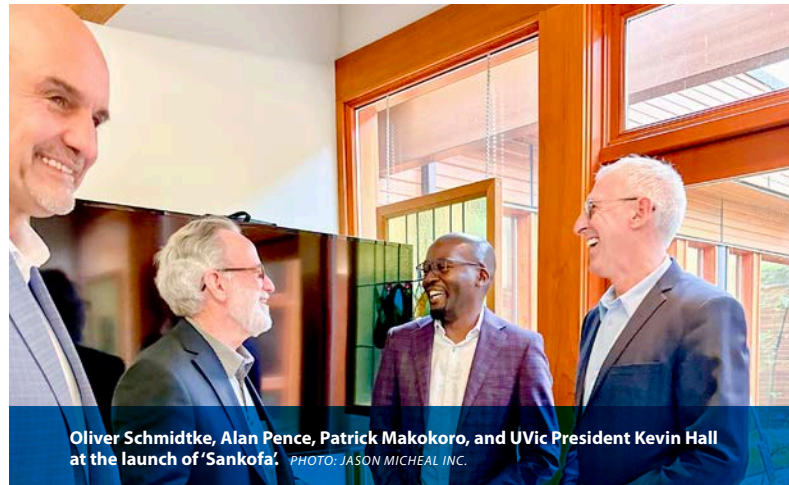
This reporting period brought about a wide range of meaningful events at CFGS. Collectively, the following selection of ‘Keystone Events’ encapsulates the research, reflection, and action at the heart of the Centre’s purpose. These events demonstrate the unique and vibrant community upon which CFGS depends.

POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

On March 21st, a date dubbed by the CFGS and POLIS team as ‘World Water Day Eve’, POLIS and CFGS co-hosted a screening premiere event of a powerful documentary, [Changing Course: A River’s Journey of Reconnection](#), to celebrate World Water Day. Before the screening, POLIS hosted a lively networking event with representatives from Creatively United, UVic Sustainability Project, UVic Environmental Law Centre, Borders in Globalization Project, Peninsula Streams & Shorelines, Cowichan Watershed Board, Xwulqw’selu Watershed Planning initiative, Xwulqw’selu Connections Research Lab, CIFAL Victoria, POLIS, and CFGS. After the film, Laura Brandes (POLIS) hosted a conversation with special guests Greg Utzig (Upper Columbia Basin Environmental Collaborative), Larry George (Cowichan Tribes), and Katrina Adams (Peninsula Streams & Shorelines). Both the [documentary](#) and the [panel discussion](#) are available to view online.



Organizers, contributors, and guest speakers at POLIS’ World Water Day event



Oliver Schmidtke, Alan Pence, Patrick Makokoro, and UVic President Kevin Hall at the launch of ‘Sankofa’. PHOTO: JASON MICHEAL INC.

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

CFGS hosted the Canadian Launch of *Sankofa*, the recently published UNESCO book by authors Alan Pence, Patrick Makokoro, Hasina Banu Ebrahim, and Oumar Barry. The book “seeks to address long-standing concerns and inequities regarding the missing voices, data and knowledge in this eld from Africa. It aims to tell African stories and experiences through their own, contextualized understandings of education for their youngest citizens.”

The Canadian launch was held at UVic on April 15th, in the company of many distinguished guests, early childhood educators, and others involved in early childhood care and development with a focus on Africa. Following a Welcome from Songhees Elder, Skip Dick, UVic President Kevin Hall opened the event with a brief overview of UVic’s UNESCO related activities, and a welcome to international attendees: UNESCO’s Global ECCE lead, Rokhaya Diawara, and Elizabeth Lule, Executive Director of the lead international ECD organization, ECDAN. Following presentations and discussion of *Sankofa*, guests and hosts broke into discussion groups and had the opportunity to speak more intimately about personal and professional experiences relating to Early Childhood ECD, and more broad discussion topics. To close the event, William Goldiet, President of the African Heritage Association of Vancouver Island, gave his closing words and remarks.

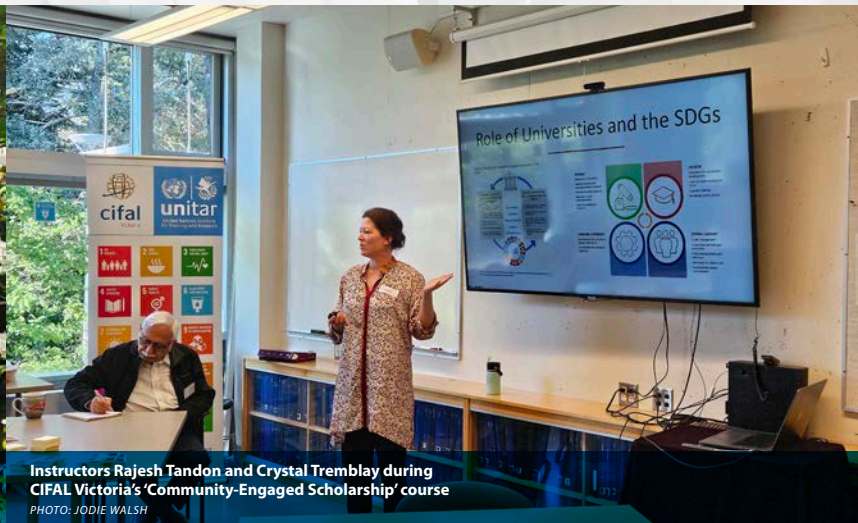
CIFAL Victoria

From May 1-10, 2024 CIFAL Victoria, UNITAR, and the University of Victoria, along with CFGS, hosted a week-long course titled: 'Community Engaged Scholarship: Strengthening Competencies for Today's World'. Co-facilitated by UNESCO Co-chair in Community Based Research and [PRIA India](#) founder Rajesh Tandon and CIFAL Victoria Director and Assistant Professor for the UVic Geography Dept. Crystal Tremblay, this course consisted of five face-to-face sessions of 3.5 hours.

Participants gained methods, tools and strategies towards participatory methods and practices including collaborative planning, designing for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and more. This course offered a range of understandings of and approaches to working in community engaged settings with opportunities for participants to develop relationships, and share experiences from different perspectives. A CIFAL certified course, the training brought together a diverse group of people from the University of Victoria, including staff, professors and students as well as community members.



Students, organizers, and instructors of CIFAL Victoria's 'Community-Engaged Scholarship' course
PHOTO: A KIND UVIC OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE WORKER



Instructors Rajesh Tandon and Crystal Tremblay during CIFAL Victoria's 'Community-Engaged Scholarship' course
PHOTO: JODIE WALSH

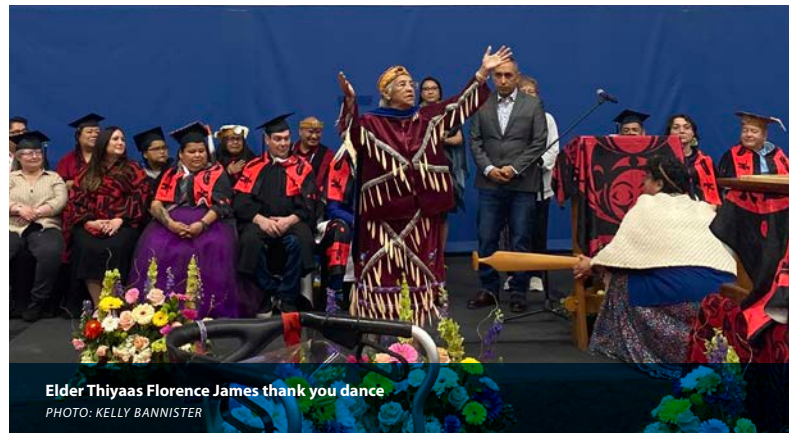
Coast Salish Elder Thiyaas Florence James receives Honorary Doctorate

On June 14, 2024, Thiyaas Florence James received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Vancouver Island University for her commitment to sharing knowledge to keep Coast Salish culture and traditions living and to protect the environment for future generations. POLIS Project Co-Director Kelly Bannister was in attendance as Florence's guest and supporter.

Thiyaas, or Auntie Florence as she is widely known, is a highly respected Elder, Knowledge Holder and oral historian from Pune'luxutth (Penelakut) Island, who has been a cherished mentor to Kelly for over two decades and is considered part of the POLIS and CFGS family. POLIS and CFGS formally supported the nomination for an Honorary Doctor of Laws in a letter that detailed how Thiyaas has had an invaluable role in POLIS research and education initiatives since 2022, as well as numerous POLIS and CFGS gatherings and events, supporting cultural awareness and Coast Salish protocol. She has offered territorial acknowledgements,



Elder Thiyaas Florence James and son Rocky holding up her Honorary Doctor of Letters from VIU PHOTO: KELLY BANNISTER



Elder Thiyaas Florence James thank you dance PHOTO: KELLY BANNISTER

event openings and closings, prayers, songs, and cultural teachings, particularly related to reconciliation, watershed governance, biodiversity and biocultural ethics.

Auntie Florence is a fluent speaker of Hul'qumi'num (Salishan Coast Salish Central language family), teacher, and powerful advocate for Indigenous language reclamation, cultural heritage, environmental education, early childhood education, and holistic healing. She has been an avid researcher, research participant, advisor, translator, and expert witness in legal cases pertaining to Coast Salish law. She is an educator and lifelong learner, who draws on both her traditional gifts and teachings from the Ancestors and her university-based education. She has had a profound impact as Elder in residence and teacher at VIU for many years by sharing her culture, language, and family teachings with grace and generosity, including developing Hul'qumi'num curriculum for language learning.

Many at POLIS and CFGS know first-hand how generous and faithful Auntie Florence is in sharing her cultural and ecological expertise for research, education, health, cultural and other important purposes. "She has made invaluable contributions to the evolution of our work and our personal development that is beyond words but lives in our hearts. We are all better human beings for knowing Dr. Thiyaas Florence James."

The POLIS and CFGS family celebrate this formal recognition of the many gifts that Thiyaas has shared with the world and we lift her up with respect, honour, care and gratitude as she has lifted so many others.



Community Scholars Fund Launch and Budd's 80th Birthday celebration night: cake, colleagues, friends, and dancing!

PHOTO: JODIE WALSH

The Community Scholars Fund Launch – Birthday Celebration for Budd Hall

Budd Hall, the UNESCO Co-Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, celebrated his 80th birthday with a fundraiser for the [Community Scholars Fund](#) on October 20th, 2024. The evening was hosted at the Hotel Grand Pacific and featured the celebration and launch of the Community Scholars Fund, dedicated to obtaining funding for community scholars in the Global South. In lieu of gifts, Budd asked for [donations towards the Community Scholars fund](#).

The goal of the Community Scholars Fund is to provide scholarships for young researchers (community scholars) to take part in Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) training, which includes online learning activities, a two-week face-to-face learning workshop, and a field work component to be carried out locally under the guidance of a local supervisor. The Community Scholars then become mentors to others in their communities and will continue their work by setting up a 'Hub' in their community to further the work of CBPR and, ultimately, knowledge democracy.

Budd's birthday featured a short panel with four guest speakers, a live band with dancing, and a silent auction with all profits from the auction going to the Community Scholars Fund. Many of Budd's friends and colleagues attended to support the Community Scholars Fund, as well as to celebrate the birthday of a passionate and unique individual that CFGS is privileged to have in the halls.

To see more about the Community Scholars Fund and Budd's work, please visit the UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education [website](#).

IN MEMORY OF **ROD DOBELL**

This past year marked the passing of our colleague and friend, Dr. Rod Dobell. At the Centre for Global Studies, we are feeling grief and gratitude. Grief because of the huge loss of intellect, guidance, eldership, and friendship. Gratitude because we were blessed to have known and been shaped by such an incredibly kind and generous human being. Our thoughts and love go out to Rod's family and to all of you who share in this loss. We are comforted that his wisdom and knowledge still shape our weekly conversations and continue to shape the way we see ourselves moving forward.

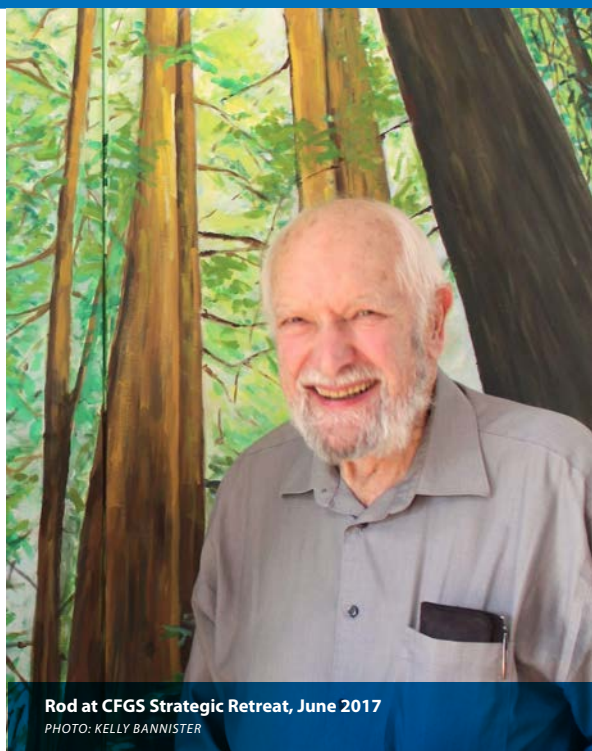
A.R. (Rod) Dobell was born in Vancouver, BC and took BA and MA degrees at the University of British Columbia in economics and mathematics before going on to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for his PhD in economics. After a five-year appointment as Assistant Professor of Economics at Harvard University, he returned to Canada as Associate Professor of Mathematics and Political Economy, and subsequently Professor of Political Economy, at the University of Toronto. There he served as a member of the founding faculty of the Institute for Policy Analysis, directed a research project that analyzed and recommended a system for financing post-secondary education in which students' loan repayments depended on their future earnings, and developed some of the first working models for longitudinal microsimulation methods in the analysis of social policy.

Rod then alternated between academic work and public policy, with six years in the Government of Canada (including appointments as Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Finance for long-range economic planning and as Deputy Secretary for Planning in the Treasury Board Secretariat). This was followed by two years (1976-78) at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development as Director of the General Economics Branch, seven years as Director of the School of Public Administration at the University of Victoria, and a seven-year term as President of the Institute for Research on Public Policy. He returned to the University of Victoria in 1991 to take up the first appointment to the Francis G. Winspear Chair for Research in Public



Policy, an appointment he held until 1997. In fact, he was among the founding faculty at the UVic School of Public Administration, serving as its director from 1977-1984. He was also an advisor to the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance since its beginnings in 2000, a role he continued until 2022.

In the early 1980s Rod served as Director of Research for Parliamentary Task Forces on Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements (the Bureau Task Force) and on Pension Reform (the Frith Task Force). He was the founding President for NAMI-Canada, the Canadian section of the North American Institute, exploring the emerging structures of a North American community. In 1992 Rod was awarded the Governor-General's Canada 125 medal for service to the country. He was a founding member of the Board of the trinational Environmental Education and Training Institute of North America and served as a member of the Research Committee for the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. From 1995 to 1999, Rod served on an inter-disciplinary Panel on Marine Resources for the Canadian Global Change Program of the Royal Society of Canada. He was also a longstanding member of the National Statistics Council, which he joined at the invitation of the Minister Responsible for Statistics Canada in 1989.



Rod at CFGS Strategic Retreat, June 2017
 PHOTO: KELLY BANNISTER

“Rod was one of the first to use the term social capital; one of the first to embrace the need for a research program concerning human dimensions; one of the first to recognize the importance of the Earth Charter because it addressed intergenerational equity.”

—HER HONOUR, THE HONOURABLE ELIZABETH DOWDESWELL,
 OC, OONT, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO

Over the course of his extensive academic career—interspersed with numerous forays into policy work—Dobell developed his specific research interests in the philosophy and processes of public administration and policy formation, including the way in which collective decisions are influenced by changing views of scientific evidence and democracy, as well as in changing structures for consultation and public participation. His most recent work looked at social capital, social cohesion and social learning in the management of global environmental risks and in the stewardship of cultural and natural capital.

Everyone—from undergraduate interns to visiting Governors General—who has passed through the halls at the Centre for Global Studies has experienced Rod’s generous intellect. Many academic careers have been started, advanced or enriched by interaction with his boundary-less yet rigorous curiosity. His scholarly openness expanded horizons and drew connections for the broader community.

“Rod Dobell has been a champion of the CFGS since its beginning in the 1990s. His impact on the Centre cannot be overestimated. Rod was a driving force behind the initial Challenge Campaign, and he has been a greatly valued mentor and researcher at the CFGS over the past decades. Entire generations of fellows could testify that the CFGS would not be the inspiring place for impactful research without Rod’s indefatigable engagement.”

—OLIVER SCHMIDTKE, DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES AND PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENTS OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Rod was largely responsible for creating a centre where the work of all academic disciplines could be knit together in a coherent way to address major problems of global social, technological, and environmental change. He committed much of his career to the outreach, engagement, and success of the centre.

So many colleagues, distinguished scholars and policy-makers have counted Dr. Dobell as one of their most important mentors and collaborators. In their own exploration of pressing questions, they would often discover that Rod had already put intellectual energy into the same challenge with wisdom and elegant writing.

Following his retirement in 2002, Rod remained actively involved both on and off the UVic campus as Professor Emeritus of Public Policy. Further, he remained an active member of the Centre’s strategy team as our Senior Research Associate. In fact, he only handed in his keys in August 2023.

In 2011, a symposium was organized in Rod’s honour, which resulted in the published volume *A Subtle Balance: Expertise, Evidence, and Democracy in Public Policy and Governance, 1970-2010* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2015).

“In quality, breadth, diversity of his contributions, Rod is a model of a phenomenon too rare in Canadian public life—of distinguished scholar and thinker, also willing to move into the fray in positions where one has to grapple with practice, with process, with responsibility for the real power that public decisions wield.”

—EDWARD A. (TED) PARSON, DISTINGUISHED DAN AND RAE EMMETT PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND FACULTY DIRECTOR OF THE EMMETT INSTITUTE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LA

IN MEMORY OF ROD DOBELL

"He believed people are both capable and interested in being involved in things that matter."

—JUSTIN LONGO, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, JOHNSON SHOYAMA
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

Rod has generously shared his intellect and passion to absolutely everyone who has stepped through the Centre's halls and has linked many individuals to networks that have shaped their lives and careers. He will be greatly missed.

"There are very few people that impact the lives of almost everyone they meet. From enabling them on their career path to discovering new ways of understanding something, to being appreciated for their personal contributions (intellectual or otherwise), Rod offered genuine interest and counsel. While I know that Rod's guidance is one of the main reasons I have the career I have today, I know that I am among many who can say the same thing. He has truly influenced the direction in my life and shaped who I am in the world. I am blessed to have been given the gift of his time and of his friendship."

—JODIE WALSH, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR,
RESEARCH COORDINATOR CFGS

In Rod's own words, from a speech he gave in June 2022:

"When I was a child, I spoke as a child – in the confident language of dynamic optimization models and micro-simulation techniques."

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

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

Now there are so many ways of seeing, of knowing, of speaking.

So many ways of being, and belonging. Words fail.

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

Stay well, all."

The University of Victoria lowered the flag on April 24th in Rod's honour, marking the significant and unparalleled impact he had at UVic.

There is an online Condolence Board for those wishing to read some of the beautiful words and memories posted by friends and colleagues. And, many more grateful tributes to Rod have been written, including:

- Long-time student, friend, and colleague of Rod's, Justin Longo;
- The POLIS team's tribute May 28th titled 'Remembering Rod Dobell: Honouring a treasured colleague who played a crucial role in the POLIS project';
- UVic's School of Public Administration.



Rod Dobell (middle) with friends, family and colleagues at the opening of the Dobell Room of Dialogue in 2022 at CFGS
PHOTO: JODIE WALSH

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CFGS projects, fellows, and associates continued to engage with the media on a variety of topics appearing in about 100 different instances including radio, television, print media, and podcasts. Some of these are highlighted below and available on our website.

- CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtke spoke on a CTV News segment on November 23rd, 2023 with the title 'Far-Right Populist Wins Dutch Election'. Oliver discussed the election of populist leader Geert Wilders and what that could mean for the key policies in the Netherlands and implications in the broader European context. In June 2024, Oliver gave another CTV interview on the extreme right in Europe with a focus on the outcome of the elections to the European Parliament. In May, he joined CTV for an interview on the snap elections in the United Kingdom.
- In addition, Oliver was featured in a one-hour feature on the NDR Public Broadcast station in Germany in November 2023. The conversation covered the issue of migration, support for refugees through the Private Sponsorship Program put together alongside the UVic Political Science Department, and a brief explanation on refugee policies in Canada, such as efforts to promote societal integration.
- Through his weekly opinion column with the Times Colonist, CFGS Associate Fellow Trevor Hancock continued to cover a wide range of topics across social, political, economic and environmental boundaries. Some of the specific subjects Trevor covered this year involved public health and the healthcare system at large, natural resource management, BC's actions on the climate crisis and how economic regulations influence the well being of society.
- In September, CFGS Associate Fellow Ron Crelinsten published an op-ed for the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). The article, titled 'Humanity Must Establish Its Rules of Engagement with AI—and Soon' discusses the potential of artificial intelligence in problem solving along with the ways it can deter or regress

solutions. Ron has published multiple articles for this platform, around topics such as AI, national security, democracy, gender and human rights since early 2022.

- Earlier, in July 2023, Ron was interviewed on CFAX radio with Ryan Price regarding the Amanda Todd case and the Dutch court's decision to postpone sentencing for the man convicted of harassment and extortion toward Todd in 2012. This ties in with the discussion about Ron's latest book 'Terrorism, Democracy, and Human Security: A Communication Model' and the context of media, communication and power.
- Doug Donaldson, a CFGS Associate and senior researcher for the POLIS Wildfire Resilience Project, contributed an op-ed for the Summer 2023 issue of BC Forest Professional. 'Wildfire Resilience: Ambitious Rethinking Needed' covers the consequences of BC's wildfire season arriving earlier than expected, and the implementation of new wildfire management methods on public lands.
- The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance had a very busy year in terms of media engagement, with hundreds of articles in provincial and national outlets, particularly around the themes of drought, wildfire, and the B.C. Watershed Security Fund. The team authored six op-eds. Selected media highlights are below. More can be found at <https://poliswaterproject.org/media/>.
- B.C. may be burning but solutions exist. We need to dig in now to get the job done right (May 16, 2024. *Vancouver Sun*)
- B.C. needs to update its wildfire strategy, former minister says (May 15, 2024. *CBC News*)
- With B.C. groundwater usage not fully tracked, experts worry as drought looms (Apr 10, 2024. *Globe and Mail*)
- 'Water apocalypse' demands return to nature for flood, drought resilience (Dec 19, 2023. *The Canadian Press*)
- B.C. watershed security crisis a test of Premier Eby's leadership (Sept 8, 2023. *Vancouver Sun*)
- Province's failed leadership on water crisis raises hard questions (Aug 10, 2023. *Vancouver Sun*)

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Since its establishment in 2012, the CFGS Fellowship Program has hosted over 230 fellows, interns, and visiting scholars from 45 countries; each has brought with them a diverse array of disciplines, perspectives, and research specialties. This reporting year alone the CFGS welcomed 30 new faces in our halls who engaged with our programming this year with a variety of disciplines and scholarly backgrounds.

This included three UVic Faculty Fellows Sophia Carodenuto, Department of Geography, Peter Dietsch, Department of Philosophy, Karena (Kara) Shaw, School of Environmental Studies, co-sponsored with the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance; two Post-Doctoral scholars Nathaniel Brunt, University Libraries and Aspiration 2030 Post-Doctoral Scholar, Emma Swan, School of Public Administration; four UVic Graduate Student Fellows, Matilde Cervantes, Department of Geography, Fazila Mat, Department of Political Science, Nhan Thanh (Mac) Nguyen, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, Stacie Swain, Department of Political Science, Janine Wulz, Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies; four Visiting Graduate Student Fellows Olha Chaplia, Ukrainian Literature Department, Faculty of Linguistics and Literatures, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine; Greta Saftig, Department of Education, University of Technology, Dresden, Germany, Sarah Moritz, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada, Yuliia Vatsyk, Institute of Philosophy of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

CFGS was also grateful to host researchers visiting from other universities including partnering with the Borders in Globalization Lab, the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance, the Past-Wrongs Future Choices project, the Survivor-Centred Visual Narratives project, the UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, and Harvard University to co-host fellows and interns this year.

This included Visiting Research Fellows Carolina Monteiro de Carvalho, Institute of Energy and Environment (IEE), University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil, Benno Fladvad, Institute of Geography, University of Hamburg, Karolina Lendák-Kabók, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad, Serbia, Maximilian Conrad, Borders in Globalization Visiting Research Fellow, Faculty of Political Science, University of Iceland, Nick Megoran, Borders in Globalization Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University, UK, Simon Dalby, Borders in Globalization Visiting Research Fellow, Professor Emeritus, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Wilfrid Laurier University, Kunji Ikeda, Past Wrongs Future Choices Project, Independent Artist In Residence, Lon Kurashige, Past Wrongs Future Choices Project, Visiting Research Fellow with the Past Wrongs Future Choices project, History and Spatial Sciences Institute, University of Southern California, Bridget McGlynn, POLIS Water Sustainability Project research intern and Ph.D. candidate at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia, Anna Wohlgemuth, researcher with the The Survivor-Centred Visual Narratives Project, Ph.D candidate at the University of Arts Linz in collaboration with the Institute for the Performing Arts and Film at Zurich University of the Arts, Switzerland, Andrea Vargiu,



CFGS Fellows, September 2023

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Visiting Research Fellow with UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sassari (Italy) and President of the MA Course in Social work and Social policies. He coordinates the Foist Laboratory for Social Policies and Training Process.

Our summer internship student, Sandrine Chartray, Departments of Government and Economics, Harvard University, joined the Centre in June and enthusiastically assisted with communications, events, and research initiatives with the Borders in Globalization Summer Institutes and the POLIS Projects.

Finally, we are very pleased to welcome the expertise of two new Associate Fellows this year. Thomas Heyd, joined us from the Department of Philosophy (Lecturer) and School of Environmental Studies at UVic, and Patrick Makokoro, brings with him knowledge and expertise as a social entrepreneur, educational consultant, community development practitioner, and researcher with the UNESCO Chair in Early Childhood Education, Care and Development (ECD)

Global Talks continue to offer the opportunity to come together to learn from each other and share ideas and insights, while fostering a sense of community. Our fellowship program continues to be a vibrant part of the intellectual community of the Centre and give us perspectives from other cultures, geographies, and disciplines. 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 and associates.

Quotations from UVic Faculty

I very much appreciated the intellectual community and discussions with other members of the centre. The interdisciplinary orientation of the CFGS research community is both inspiring and a nice reminder of how unproductive it is to disappear into our disciplinary silos. After Covid-19, more people than before work from home. The centre is a refreshing exception from this trend, with people working at the centre every day. The resulting sense of community leads to many informal discussions that, in my opinion, are a vital ingredient to productive research.

When my book project on “Just Income” comes to fruition, I will acknowledge my fellowship at CFGS as the moment when the overall narrative of the book really came together. Intellectual communities such as this one as well as the opportunities they provide are a vital ingredient into successful research.

—PETER DIETSCH, UVIC FACULTY FELLOW

It gave me the time, the resource and the peace of mind I needed to progress on my research work. It was basically like a two year long retreat.

—STANISLAS RICHARD, ASPIRATION 2030
POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLAR

I enjoyed meeting new people and learning about them and their work. I found so many connections with people working in completely different fields from myself and started creating an ever-extending list of ideas for new interdisciplinary projects during my stay. I loved the many opportunities to meet and discuss, of course the Wednesday meetings but also the parties and get togethers. I made some wonderful friends that I still keep in touch with and hope to work together in the future!

The vibrant environment of the center provided me with the thing I needed most: motivation and encouragement to keep going. As many in their PhD journey, I was at a point questioning myself and my work focus. The time at the center showed me the possibilities of interdisciplinary research, created an environment where people were supportive and interested in my work and forced me to write and present and receive critical thoughts from colleagues. I am now very confident that I will finish my dissertation.

The CFGS fellowship provided the environment, encouragement and structure I needed to achieve my goals and the amazing community and friendship to learn and grow as a person and researcher.

—JANINE WULZ, UVIC GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW

I think I wrote 18,000 words in three weeks! I was able to complete manuscript by end of year – this would not have been possible without the fellowship. Progress also advanced by presenting my ideas and getting critical feedback on them – making my presentation right at the start of the trip was great. Being a CFGS fellow has been one of the most enriching, enjoyable, and intellectually stimulating periods of my academic life.

—NICK MEGORAN, BIG VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW

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Graduate Student Fellow, WIGG Lab

Strengthening water governance in arid regions by enhancement of traditional water practises, nature-based solutions, and integration with higher education water-related programs



Nathaniel Brunt

Aspiration 2030 Post-Doctoral Fellow

Modern armed conflict's representation in photography



Sophia Carodenuto

UVic Faculty Fellow

Geography of natural resources governance, global food impact on people and ecosystems



Michael Carpenter

Postdoctoral Fellow, BIG

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



Carolina Carvalho

Visiting Research Fellow

Participatory mapping and participatory GIS applied to urban planning and development.



Matilde Cervantes Navarette

Graduate Student Fellow

Planetary health, global peacebuilding, arts-based research, the arts & health nexus



Olha Chaplia

Visiting Graduate Student

'Poetics and rhetoric of the Sermon on Law and Grace of Metropolitan Ilarian'



Peter Dietsch

Faculty Fellow

Economic ethics, tax justice normative dimensions of monetary policy and income inequalities



Benno Fladvad

Visiting Research Fellow

Political ecology, environmental justice, geographies of justice, democratic theory, sustainable science



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Physical communications for physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing within Turtle Island communities



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Public opinion polling relating to Japanese American internment)



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Minority Rights and Intermarriage in Central and Eastern Europe



Kalpana Jha

PhD Fellow

Borders and bordering processes between Nepal and India



Fazila Mat

Graduate Student Fellow

Hybrid regimes and the role of transnational advocacy networks in promoting democracy in Turkey.



Nhan Thanh (Mac) Nguyen

Graduate Student Fellow

Institutions, social-symbolic resources, temporality, innovation, and regenerative sustainability



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The legal regime of the border, cross border territorial cooperation law, transnational and global law, environmental realization



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Just incomes and public policy



Greta Saftig

Visiting Scholar

'Anti-racist organizational development in Early Childhood Education'



Karena (Kara) Shaw

POLIS Project on Ecological Governance Scholar

Social and political dynamics of responses to climate change



Jules Soupault

PhD Fellow, BIG

(Un)mapping cross-border integration as a strategy of pacification: a critical ethnography of the US-Canada and France-United Kingdom borders



Stacie Swain

Graduate Student Fellow

Critical study of religion, abolitionist and Indigenous feminist theories around statecraft, Canadian settler colonialism and Indigenous rationalities

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Post-Doctoral Fellow

Western and Orientalist narratives related to Palestinian resistance, peacebuilding and shifting resistance space

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How borders and their associated practices function as a mechanism of settler-colonialism

**Yuliia Vatysk**

Visiting Scholar

The perception of human mortality in Ukrainian culture in the context of the Russian-Ukrainian War

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Wildfire Resilience Project – Strategic Advisor

Supports collaborative efforts to safeguard wild salmon watersheds in B.C. and advises a variety of regional conservation initiatives, biodiversity funders, and associated partners

**Andrea Vargiu**

Visiting Researcher, UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research

Community Based Research, civic engagement of universities, social policies and organized solidarity

**Anna Wohlgemuth**

Artist & Graduate Student Fellow, Survivor-Centred Visual Narratives

Visual storytelling and political aesthetics in popular, cross-media art. Her focus lies in darkness, which she explores from a feminist perspective

**Janine Wulz**

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Memory politics and Holocaust education



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

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Provincial water policy reform and the ecological governance of water management

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

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