Bull kelp floating along BC’s central coast.

Mapping the kelp forest

**What's new in social sciences research?**

Our faculty and students examine some of the world's most complex issues, both in the classroom and in the community, we want to share our discoveries with you in our research newsletter. Each quarter we will bring you stories about what's new in social sciences research. In this issue, we share developments in climate research, sustainability, equity, clean energy and ocean health.

Lois Harder
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
Gerald Singh, assistant professor in UVic’s School of Environmental Studies.

No one left behind: equity

Student research stories

Connecting land, water and community

For UVic geography grad student Kate Herchak, a six-week research experience in Tanzania was a journey about identity—as well as education. “It was dusty and hot riding in the jeeps but the land was so vast and beautiful,” says Herchak. “The
openness of it all reminded me of Nunavut.” Kate Herchak

**Addressing climate anxiety**

Students at UVic shared solidarity and human connection last fall through *Living With Climate Change*, a series of campus events and learning opportunities: roundtables, reflective workshops, storytelling, community mapping and a field trip.

[Climate anxiety](#)

**Political science student brings hope to Pakistan village**

"Assalamu Alaikum," a customary greeting in the Northern part of Pakistan, lets villagers or neighbors of the home you are visiting know of your presence in the community. These are the words that began the journey for Marwan Khan, a 4th-year political science student at UVic.

[Pakistan village](#)
Christina Hoicka is a Canada Research Chair in Urban Planning for Climate Change, and associate professor, geography and civil engineering.

Clean energy future

Indigenous youth shape new graphic novel

A visual storytelling project unites the voices of urban Indigenous youth in care, Knowledge Keepers, and Indigenous and non-Indigenous allies in *Becoming Wolf*, a graphic novel about coming of age.

The project was led by urban Indigenous youth in care and employees of Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services along with UVic researchers Andrea Mellor and health geographer Denise Cloutier. Graphic novel
Small temp rise can cause large scale migration

Economics assistant professor, Felix Pretis, a study author from the University of Victoria, says, "crucially, we find little effect of incoming displaced people on conflict itself...this finding is novel, and dispels the common myth that displacement might further fuel conflicts."
the University of Victoria, hosted by Aaron Devor, UVic’s Chair in Transgender Studies.

Conference story

wait lists and high fees while training the next generation of psychologists.

Psychology Clinic

First Nations, the University of Victoria’s 2023 archaeology summer field school will dig into the past of an ancient village site near campus and the cultural landscapes that surround it.

Archaeology field school

We acknowledge and respect the lək̓ʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the University of Victoria stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱ SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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