POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, March 1, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

“That which has been witnessed” A talk/performance by nichola feldman-kiss
Thursday, March 7
Artist Talk/Performance: 10-11:20 am, MAC D114
Seminar: 12-12:50 pm, DTB A357
Professors Arthur Kroger and Rita Dhamoon are pleased to invite you to a talk followed by a seminar discussion by the highly acclaimed multi-media artist, Nichola Feldman-Kiss. An artist and theorist of bodies racialized, marginalized, displaced and diasporic, her work seeks to bring into visibility issues central to critical race theory, whether the policing of black bodies or human remainders in desert wastelands as the boundaries of globalization quickly weaponize against flows of migration with their streams of bodies unwanted, disappeared, forgotten. Nichola Feldman-Kiss’s research is socially engaged and performative. Her artworks explores body, citizen, collective and hybridity all along the watchtowers of disorder that is contemporary globalization. Her interventions have been supported by the United Nations Mission in Sudan, by the National Research Council, the Canadian Forces and by the Ottawa Hospital Eye Institute. Her work has been presented in Canada, the United States, Mexico, India and Europe.
Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the Graduate Program in Cultural, Social and Political Thought, the Academic Women’s Caucus & the Open Forum Against Racism

Dr. Frank Cunningham, Professor Emeritus Philosophy and Political Science, University of Toronto
Friday, March 8, 1 pm, HBB 110
The ideas of the Canadian political theorist, C.B. Macpherson, which had an impact on left-wing scholarship and New Left politics, have been experiencing a revival in the current age of neoliberalism. The launch of this book aims to be part of that revival. The body of Macpherson’s thought will be applied and its application to a selection of current challenges indicated --neoliberalism, globalization, environmental degradation, intellectual property, racism, sexism, urban challenges. Which of these are focused on in the launch will depend on interests of those in attendance.

POLI RAISING FUNDS FOR REFUGEE FAMILY
A group associated with the Political Science department reached out to their friends and former retirees of the Political Science department to form a sponsorship group in December 2018. Now this group of 20 is fully engaged, seeking donations and starting to prepare the arrival of a refugee family to Victoria. The financial obligation to raise funds is a priority at the moment and this is why we are reaching out to you. Donate via our CHIMP fundraising site or directly to ICA: Cheques can be given to ICA’s reception desk at 930 Balmoral Rd (please insert our number "CG094- 19"). Donations can also be made directly on ICA's website with a credit card. Donors can donate at https://chimp.net/groups/support-a-refugee-family-for-resettlement-in-victoria. Choose “Private
Sponsorship of Refugees“ from the dropdown menu, then type "CG094-19" into the box underneath. More info is here: https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/politicalscience/home/news/current/refugee-11-feb-19.php Questions? E-mail Beate Schmidtke - beates@uvic.ca

POLI/CFGS IDEAFEST PANEL DISCUSSION: “How a Rise in Asylum Seekers Affects Canada”
Tuesday, March 5, 5-6:30 pm, DTB A110
Nicole Bates-Eamer (PhD Candidate, Political Science and Borders in Globalization Project Manager), will be joined by Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (ADMN), Asad Kiyani (Law), Scott Watson and Oliver Schmidtke as they explore the impact of the recent increase in “irregular migrants” coming over our own border on policy, international agreements, humanitarian commitments, and public perception. More information here.

JCURA STUDENT RESEARCH FAIR
Wednesday, March 6, 11:30 am – 3 pm, Michele Pujol Room
Free – everyone welcome! Drop in, visit the displays, speak with the students. Find out how you can apply for a Research Award.
This event showcases the work of over 100 JCURA 2018-19 recipients. The students, from across campus, will come together to give poster presentations, put on art installations, and give performances of their work. POLI’s 2018-19 JCURA students are: Blake Glassford, Rachel McMillan, Erin Spence and Lyndsee Thompson. More information about the JCURA program: https://www.uvic.ca/ideafest/events/events/ltsi19.html

VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM: Melvin Rogers, Associate Professor of Political Science, Brown University
“Being a Slave of the Community: Race, Domination, and Republicanism”
Friday, March 8, 2:30 pm, Fraser 152
Any effort to understand approaches to justice that rest on principles of non-domination would do well to reflect on those who have sought to address racial domination. In particular, the resources of 19th century African-American political thought have much to offer. In the 19th century African American intellectuals, seeking to discover how to undo and ward off racial domination, drew on two different strands of the philosophical tradition of republicanism. In the process they produced a third strand in which republicanism is linked to racial equality. A look at this body of work offers us the chance to recover resources for contemporary projects of justice, while also requiring us to revise traditional accounts of when and where republicanism, as a political theory, has waxed and waned. It will turn out that the work of building a political theory for justice as non-domination also requires undoing forms of domination reflected in the historiographic tradition. My lecture will recover this tradition in the African-American political thought while raising doubts about the inadequacy of the current revival of republicanism in addressing racial domination.

CAPI: “CHINA IN AFRICA: DEVELOPMENT PARTNER OR THE NEW IMPERIALIST”
Thursday, March 14, 3-4:30 pm, SEDG C168
Moderated by Marlea Clarke
Jesse Ovadia, University of Windsor “The Belt and Road Initiative and Narratives of China-Africa Engagement”
Analyses of China in Africa are dominated by dichotomous narratives of China as either a threat or a development partner. As the massive Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) gathers momentum, the potential of BRI projects and their impact on African economies are debated in similar terms to the larger question of how to understand China in Africa. This talk will review the BRI and assess whether it is an opening for economic cooperation and investment and/or a mechanism of indebting African states and projecting Chinese power over a “community of common destiny.”
Yoon Jung Park, Johns Hopkins University

Yoon Jung Park, Johns Hopkins University “Made in China or made in Africa? China-Africa engagement around clothes and shoes”

My talk will focus on recent shifts in and continuing challenges of China-Africa engagement around clothing and shoes. When African nations first opened their doors to imported goods from China, inexpensive consumer items, including clothing, flooded in and led to accusations that China was “dumping” inferior quality goods on Africa and causing de-industrialization and job losses. Complaints also emerged about low wages and abysmal labor conditions in Chinese owned garment factories. As my talk will show, these issues have again surfaced as Chinese investors work with African governments to set up special economic zones. Are Africa’s futures stitched up with China’s in this sector?

NEW DATE! POLI ALUMNI NETWORK PUB NIGHT
“Populism and the Migration Crisis: A Panel Discussion”
Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 pm, Maple Room Sticky Wicket Pub, 919 Douglas St.
Ticket Cost: $12 in advance | Includes one drink ticket and entry to prize draws
Registration: https://extrweb.uvic.ca/poli-panel-migration-and-rising-populism

The panel discussion will feature Michelle Bonner, Oliver Schmidtke and Feng Xu.
Populist movements around the globe are gaining ground, often in response to migration movements. In numerous countries, these movements are stoking anti-immigrant sentiment, calling for harsher border control policies and reducing international obligations toward migrants and refugees. This event explores the rise of populist movements in Europe, Asia, and Latin America and its implications for host and sending countries. Join fellow UVic alumni and friends for light refreshments, networking and thought-provoking dialogue.

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROVOST’S ENGAGED SCHOLAR AWARD CELEBRATION
Tuesday, March 5, 4-6 pm, Salal Room, University Club
Please join us to celebrate community-engaged scholarship at UVic. This event, hosted by Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President Academic and Provost, will honour the 2019 Provost’s Engaged Scholars, Dr. Denise Cloutier (Geography) and Dr. Brent Mainprize (Peter B. Gustavson School of Business).
Following the awards presentation, Dr. Cloutier and Dr. Mainprize will each speak about their experiences in engaged scholarship. Come and be inspired. There will be a light reception at the event.

EUS RESEARCH GRANTS
Deadline: Friday, March 15
The European Studies program (EUS) provides grants to graduate and undergraduate students via the Jean Monnet EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE). For the past several years, students have been conducting field research in Europe and/or participating in experiential learning programs such as the EU Study Tour (EUS 390) thanks to the grant funding available through the EUCE. The Jean Monnet EU Centre of Excellence funds students and post-doctoral student fieldwork and conference attendance in Europe on EU integration topics. Each year (2017, 2018, 2019) there are up to nine (9) graduate student grants and six (6) EU Study Tour grants available. Students receiving the graduate student grants must present their research upon returning to UVic. More information at
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