POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TURPIN FIRE ALARM UPGRADING: JANUARY – MARCH
DTB is slated for an upgrade to the fire alarm panel. This will take place between January and March, 2020 and will include some rewiring and/or a software upgrade. FMIS will test the bells (silently) and may need access to some offices. We’ll receive notice before the work begins.

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANARCHIST ARCHIVES LECTURE SERIES: “ROJAVA REVOLUTION: AUTONOMOUS SELF-GOVERNANCE IN NORTHERN SYRIA”
Ozlem Goner, Asst Prof in Sociology and Anthropology, College of Staten Island, City U New York
Monday, January 13, 7 pm, McPherson Library Rm 129
Join Professor Ozlem Goner to learn about the roots of the Rojava revolution, its ecological, feminist, and anarchic democratic vision, as well as current threats to Rojava poised by Turkish armed forces in alliance with Russia. Dr. Ozlem Goner is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of Staten Island, City University of New York. Goner has written on a range of issues, including memory and historicity; political economy and the environment; and outsider identities. In 2017, her book, Turkish National Identity and its Outsiders: Memories of State Violence in Dersim, was published by Routledge. She is a steering committee member of the US-based Emergency Committee for Rojava.

CFGS: “THE RELEVANCE OF NONVIOLENCE IN TODAY’S WORLD”
Dr. Ramin Jahanbegloo, Jindal Global University, Delhi, India
Wednesday, January 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, DTB A110
“When he was once asked if nonviolent resistance was a form of “direct action,” Gandhi replied: “It is not one form, it is the only form.” He called it the “greatest... force in the world” and said that it was “a force which is more positive than electricity, and more powerful than even ether.” Gandhi believed that nonviolence could be put into practice at every level of human experience. Therefore, nonviolence for Gandhi was not just a political tactic but a spirituality and away of life. We are living today in an era where social, cultural and political spheres are void of spirituality. However, Gandhian nonviolence still offers us an ideal that may uphold. As such, Gandhi remains the prophetic voice of the 21st century and his nonviolence urges us to continue struggling on behalf of what we consider to be right and just. The main interest in Gandhian philosophy of nonviolence is related primarily to the concept of self-realization as a process of enforcing civic engagement and empowering civil society vis-à-vis the state. The time has come for humanity in the new millennium to renew its commitment, politically, economically, and culturally, to the wisdom of nonviolence. If we are going to survive and develop, we need to learn to live together nonviolently.
LUNCH AND LEARN: OFFICE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT LAUNCH OF ACADEMICS WITHOUT BORDERS’ NETWORK
Thursday, January 15, 12-1 pm, Continuing Studies Bldg Rm 276
AWB’s Network, Canada’s universities and colleges in support of global development, is a consortium of Canadian post-secondary institutions that support AWB’s mission to work with volunteer academics to help developing countries build the capacity of their post-secondary institutions to drive development and improve the quality of life in communities around the world. Through its membership in the Network, UVic faculty and staff, including retired faculty members will have special access to partnership opportunities provided by AWB through the organization’s existing relationships with institutions and countries around the globe. Faculty will also be able to propose projects to AWB in conjunction with their post-secondary partners in the developing world. By building capacity at post-secondary institutions across the developing world, UVic and AWB look forward to changing lives both at home and abroad. Carolyn Russell, Director, Office of Global Engagement will provide an overview of the opportunities that the new membership will provide to current and retired UVic faculty members. David Dunne, Professor, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business and AWB Board Member will share his experiences in working with AWB and provide a background of the organization and their initiatives. RSVP: https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/UVicAWB

CAPI: “TAIWAN ELECTIONS 2020 FROM MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES”
Thursday, January 16, 3-4:30 pm, DSB C126
A recap of the Taiwanese presidential election taking place on January 11.

ADMN & CIRCLE: “FROM DECLARATION TO IMPLEMENTATION: PUTTING UNDRIP TO WORK IN BC”
Thursday January 16, 1-4 pm, Ceremonial Hall, First Peoples House
On November 26, the Government of BC became the first province in Canada to pass legislation to implement UNDRIP and to promise to co-develop legislation with the First Nations Leadership Council and other Indigenous organisations (through Bill 41). In this half day event we will explore the significance of Bill 41 and will discuss what it will take to put the UNDRIP principles to work in BC. We will convene Indigenous and non-Indigenous expert views on what Bill 41 means for the BC government and for First Nations, what it means for the key sectors that will be impacted by the Bill and, what practices and agreements it likely to impact first.

CAPI: INDIA AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD
Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
Tuesday, January 21, 12-1 pm, SED C168
In recent years, India has pursued a ‘Neighbourhood First’ policy which seeks to prioritise economic growth, development and connectivity in the region for common benefit. ‘Commerce, Connectivity and Culture’ have been the 3C’s driving this policy. A secure, stable and peaceful neighbourhood remains central to India’s security outlook. China’s growing economic and strategic engagement in South Asia has progressively emerged as a key strategic challenge for India. India has attached priority to building an open and inclusive architecture in the Indo-Pacific region.

ANIMALS & SOCIETY RESEARCH INITIATIVE LECTURE SERIES
RADHIKA GOVINDRAJAN, U OF WASHINGTON
“Animal Intimacies: Interspecies Relatedness in India’s Central Himalayas”
Thursday, January 23, 11:45 am - 1 pm, DSB C126
Animal Intimacies tells stories of how moments of everyday entanglement between the individual human and nonhuman animals whose lives crisscross one another’s in the mountain villages of India’s Central Himalayan region produce an intense and intimate sense of “relatedness” between them.
Radhika Govindraj an is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington. Her book, *Animal Intimacies: Interspecies Relatedness in India’s Central Himalayas*, was published by the University of Chicago Press in 2018 and Penguin India in 2019. It won the 2019 Gregory Bateson Award by the American Anthropological Association and the 2017 Edward Cameron Dimock Prize in the Indian Humanities by the American Institute of Indian Studies. A light vegan lunch will be provided.

**BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION (BIG) LAUNCHES OPEN-ACCESS FORUM**

Borders in Globalization has launched a new journal, *BIG_Review*, which bridges disciplinary boundaries and integrating the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. It provides an open-access forum for academic and creative explorations of borders in the 21st century. The inaugural issue features:

- Double-blind peer-reviewed *articles* on transborder governance, identity, culture, precarity, and conflict in borderlands around the world, including the Aegean, Eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, the Arab gulf, and indigenous Latin America
- Peer-reviewed *essays* on border-wall graffiti, aterritorial borders, and Paul de La Pradelle
- Original *artwork* and *poetry* on themes and sentiments related to borders
- And *film* and *book reviews* of works concerning borders

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**CSPT EAT DRINK TALK**

*Thursday, January 30, 5:30 pm*

*Proposal submission Friday, January 24*

The "Eat, Drink, Talk, and Think!" series is a comfortable and informal arena to test new ideas, flesh out current research, or share completed research papers/thesis chapters with other students. You can read more about it here: [http://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/cspt/home/colloquium/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/cspt/home/colloquium/index.php). Each colloquium runs approximately an hour and a half. The presentations are 20 minutes, with time for questions and conversation afterwards. We welcome presentations of all types. This includes but is not limited to: formal academic-style presentations, panel discussions, group workshops, or creative presentations. Work at any level of preparation will be considered. Please send proposals of no more than 300 words to csptcolloquium@gmail.com, giving a brief summary of your proposed presentation and a title. We look forward to your submissions and to eating, drinking, talking, and thinking together.

**UVIC LIBRARIES AND EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: ON THE VERGE STUDENT WRITING CONTEST**

*Deadline: Saturday, February 1*

The theme for this year’s contest is compassion. Submit poetry, fiction, spoken word and creative non-fiction for $1600 in prizes. *on the Verge* Writing Contest showcases and celebrates emerging UVic student voices with an annual theme under the broad rubric of equity, diversity and human rights. As a reformulation of the 10-year running Diversity Writing Awards, we carry forward the spirit of diversity under a broader umbrella and with a renewed spirit of creative exploration. The contest is co-sponsored by UVic Libraries and Equity and Human Rights (EQHR) with significant support from other units on campus. More info at [https://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/events/vergecontest/index.php](https://www.uvic.ca/library/featured/events/vergecontest/index.php).

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**EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRENT U: “UPROOTING CANADA: RESISTANCE AND RESURGENCE” MARCH 27-28**

*Call for papers: Monday, January 13*
The Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies at Trent University invites fellow graduate students to present 15-20 minute papers reflecting on the themes of Resistance and Resurgence as they relate to and inform critical debate across disciplines and methodological approaches. Submissions must include an abstract of a maximum 250 words as well as a 150-word bio indicating institution, field of study, and degree program. Please send your submission to fcsa.trentu@gmail.com with the subject line ‘FirstName LastName Proposal’ by January 13, 2020.

**BCPSA 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS**
**Submission deadline: March 21**
BC Political Science Association  2020 Annual Conference  May 7-8, 2020, Okanagan College, Kelowna
Call for Papers: Politics and Anti-Politics. BCPSA 2020 aims to engage in an academic debate addressing such questions such as:
- Is this going to cause a radical shift in the way we think about our politics?
- Is the anti-politics empowering people and is good for democracy?

A broad interpretation of the conference theme is encouraged, focusing on the changing nature of politics – domestically, regionally and internationally – in the world. Proposals on other political science topics are also welcome. Participation is open to all political scientists and other scholars who are interested in current political issues. Recognizing the role of the younger generation in shaping our future, conference organizers particularly welcome proposals from both graduate and advanced undergraduate students, as well as mixed student-faculty panels.

Please send a 250-300-word summary of your paper or panel proposal outlining the argument, the method of analysis and the significance of the topic to: Dr. Ayla Kilic: AKilic@okanagan.bc.ca
Dr. Linda Elmose: LElmose@okanagan.bc.ca

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