



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST

Friday, January 13, 2023

We acknowledge and respect the lək'wəḡən peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS



POLI LANSDOWNE VISITOR: DR DEBRA THOMPSON

Associate Professor and CRC in Racial Inequality in Democratic Studies, McGill

LANSDOWNE LECTURE Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 pm DTB A102

“Roots, Routes, and Reckonings: On Blackness and Belonging in North America”

DEPARTMENT SEMINAR Tuesday, January 24, 2:30 pm COR B111

“What do we mean by systemic racism in Canada?”

Dr. Debra Thompson is a leading scholar of the comparative politics of race, with teaching and research interests that focus on the relationships among race, the state and inequality in democratic societies. She is the author of *The Long Road Home: On Blackness and Belonging in North America* (Simon & Schuster, 2022), finalist for the Hilary Weston Writer's Trust Prize for Nonfiction.

CAPI ONLINE TALK

“Sacred Sites as Public Sphere in Kashmir's Contentious Politics”

Thursday, January 19, 5 pm PST

To join this event, contact capi-events@uvic.ca

Speakers: Zohra Batul and Reeta Tremblay, Adjunct and Professor Emerita, UVic

Holy sites in Kashmir are well known for their involvement in contentious politics and have proved themselves crucial for creating shared identity and meaning. Sacred sites provide the leaders and the people of Kashmir an organizational hub for protest. Consequently, these sacred spaces have emerged as the centre of struggle in Kashmir. Moreover, shrines and mosques offer a rich associational life for their members providing an opportunity for urban and rural people to interact and exchange views regarding all sorts of problems facing Kashmir—religious, social, economic, and political.

UVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANIMAL & SOCIETY RESEARCH INITIATIVE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

“Animal-Centric Storytelling in Mi'kmaw Social Research”

Dr. Margaret Robinson, Dalhousie

Tuesday, January 17, 12:30-2 pm (PST) [Online: register here](#)

Mi'kmaw stories transmit cultural teachings and engage listeners on spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual levels. Traditional stories feature animals prominently, often centering their experience in ways that highlight the Mi'kmaw worldview of all living beings as interconnected. Traditionally, stories were transmitted verbally, and tailored to context and audience, providing flexibility for cultural engagement and transmission. Comparing examples from multiple sources, this talk will demonstrate

how stories can feature in Mi'kmaw social research, and will offer points to consider when analyzing Mi'kmaw stories collected in English text by settlers.

VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Anna Jurkevics, Political Science, UBC

“World-Building, Democracy, and the Limits of Sovereign Mastery”

Pre-seminar: Friday, January 13, 1-2 pm, Fraser 152

Seminar: Friday, January 20, 2:30 pm, Fraser 152

What does democracy require of us when it comes to governing land? More fundamentally, what does it mean to be free with regard to land? This talk explores these questions and proposes a geographically-attuned theory of democracy as world-building.

Bio: Anna Jurkevics is a political theorist and an Assistant Professor of Political Science at UBC (PhD Yale 2017). Her research explores theories of land and territory from the vantage point of critical theory and the German tradition. She is currently completing a book manuscript entitled *Contested Territory: A Theory of Land and Democracy Beyond Sovereign Bounds*. Her work has appeared in *Political Theory*, the *European Journal of Political Theory*, and *Modern Intellectual History*, among other venues.

Pre-seminar reading

[Jurkevics, *Land Grabbing and the Perplexities of Territorial Sovereignty*](#)

Seminar reading

[Jurkevics, *World-Building and Democracy*](#)*

*Note: readers may want to skim the sections on Arendt and Hegel to save time.

JOIN FRAN MORRISON FOR A DISCUSSION OF BLACK HISTORIES OF BC

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 12-2:30 pm, SUB Upper Lounge

Sponsored by Faculty of Social Sciences and the Students of Colour Collective

CFGS: BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION SEEKING A GRANT MANAGER

The [Borders in Globalization](#) program at the [Centre for Global Studies \(CFGS\)](#) at UVic is looking for someone to manage a diverse portfolio of research projects related to border studies. The position is housed at CFGS and the candidate is expected to work from an office on campus (CFGS) although flexible work arrangements are possible. The Program Manager reports to Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (Public Admin); is supported by an amazing team of scholars, students, and staff at CFGS; and works directly with Postdocs, students, and RAs on the program. The salary is commensurate with experience, but starts at \$55-\$70k + *benefits*! If you have any questions about the position, please contact BIG's former Program Manager Nicole Bates-Eamer nbeamer@uvic.ca, or you can submit a cover letter and CV to Bigmanager@uvic.ca. The official job posting is [here](#). The deadline for applications is 31 January 2023.

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