POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLI UNDERGRAD MEET & GREET
Wednesday, September 18, 4-6 pm, VERTIGO LOUNGE, SUB
This event is a great opportunity to share information about the department as well as build a strong connection with our incoming students. Please RSVP to Rosemary at poliao@uvic.ca.

CONGRATS TO TSISTO!
Tsisto Jacco, a new MA student, has been nominated as an influential youth leader by the Community Initiatives Fund in Kahnawake. This program was set up by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake and aims to improve the wellbeing of the community through funding important projects such as culture and language initiatives.
More info: link: http://www.kahnawakefund.com/?fbclid=IwAR1zUlxZkUWISr6iW6c0tHR_c9BCp6D-bk29QW.7lYYjgydxQ-W9Bb2TVko

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES 2019-20
DR. CRICKET KEATING, DEPT OF GENDER, WOMEN & SEXUALITY STUDIES, U OF WASHINGTON
“EDUCATING FOR COALITION: POPULAR EDUCATION AND POLITICAL PRAXIS”
Friday, September 20, 2019, 2:30 pm, DSB C118
Popular education is a mode of doing political work that brings people together for dialogue in anti-hierarchical settings to analyze their situations and develop plans for collective action. This talk develops popular education theory and practice in ways that address the complexity of multiple, intersecting forms of oppression and that take up the possibility of forging bonds of interdependent resistance. Co-sponsored by Gender Studies.

SESSIONAL TEACHING OPPORTUNITY: POLI 101 SPRING TERM 2019
Application deadline: Wednesday, September 25.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY is Monday, September 30.

CAPI: ARTICLE 370 OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND REVOCATION OF KASHMIR’S AUTONOMY
Reeta Tremblay and Zehra Abrar (Law)
Thursday, October 3, 3:30-5:30 pm, Fraser 265
With the abolition of special status of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and its bifurcation into two Union Territories, India’s Hindu-nationalist government has ushered in an era of ethnic majoritarianism that
erases differences, dissent and the rights of minorities. Reeta Tremblay will address how uniformity has become the defining feature of the Indian state, replacing the carefully constructed federal asymmetry and multicultural democracy; UVic Law graduate student Zehra Abrar will examine the process by which Article 370 was made non-operational and its local and international implications.

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**CFGS IS HIRING A WORKSTUDY STUDENT**
The Centre for Global Studies is seeking a highlight organized and computer savvy Communications & Events Assistant to work in a busy office environment. This position required the successful applicant to be an active member of the office community and assist with various lectures, events, and general administrative office duties as needed. Both senior undergraduate students and graduate students are welcome to apply so long as they are eligible for the Work Study Program. For more information, you can find the online job posting [here](#).

**CITY TALKS: THE 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION AND THE POLITICAL STAKES FOR CANADIAN CITIES**
**Thursday, September 19, 7:30 pm, Legacy Art Gallery (630 Yates St)**
Laurel Collins (NDP Candidate for Victoria Electoral District), Racelle Kooy (Green Party Candidate for Victoria Electoral District), and Nikki Macdonald (Liberal Party Candidate for Victoria Electoral District)
What are the political stakes of the 2019 federal election for Canadian cities? This first City Talks event of the Fall 2019 series will consist of a discussion with three federal candidates running for election in the Victoria Electoral District: NDP Candidate Laurel Collins, Green Party Candidate Racelle Kooy, and Liberal Party Candidate Nikki Macdonald. Each will begin with opening remarks followed by a discussion with the audience moderated by Deniz Unsal (Anthropology, University of Victoria).

**DR. NICOLE TRUESDELL, AVP CAMPUS LIFE, BROWN UNIVERSITY: SEMINAR AND LANSDOWNE LECTURE (ANTHROPOLOGY)**
**“Unsettling the Discipline: An Anti-Diversity Story”**
**Monday, September 23, 11.30am, COR B107**
**“Black Decolonial Praxis: A Liberation Story”**
**Tuesday, September 24, 7pm, DTB A102**
Dr. Nicole Truesdell is the Assistant Vice President for Campus Life and the Director of the Institute for Transformative Practice at Brown University. In this role she oversees the following student centers and programs: the Brown Center for Students of Color, Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender, LGBTQ Center, First Generation-Low Income Center, Global Brown Center for International Students and The Office of Veteran and Commissioning Programs. These centers and programs are focused on space making and future thinking for various student populations. Previously, Dr. Truesdell was formerly the Senior Director for the Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusiveness (OADI) at Beloit College and affiliated faculty in the departments of Anthropology and Critical Identity Studies. OADI is an office she created in 2015 that both housed programs focused on working with undeserved and underrepresented populations in higher education and conducted faculty and staff development around decolonizing pedagogies. She received her PhD from Michigan State University in Anthropology in 2011, her MA in Anthropology from both Michigan State University (2009) and Louisiana State University (2005), and her BA in Anthropology from Beloit College in 2003. As a trained socio-cultural anthropologist, Dr. Truesdell examines larger systems of oppression and focuses on local means of resistance within marginalized communities. Her general research interests are in racialized citizenship and belonging in the UK and US,
decolonial black feminist praxis, and critical university studies. She has published in various journals and edited volumes, and is currently working on a book manuscript on decolonial black feminist praxis. She is incoming President of the Association of Black Anthropologists.

CAPI: “THE KELSEN-SCHMITT DEBATE AND THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS IN POLITICAL CRISES IN THAILAND”
Rawin Leelapatana, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkom University, Thailand
Thursday, September 26, 3:00-4:30 pm, SED C168

Carl Schmitt and Hans Kelsen were prominent jurists during the Weimar Republic who engaged in the debate on the nature and use of emergency powers in a political crisis of liberal democracy (‘PCLD’). This thesis considers how this debate might apply to Thailand. In post-absolutist Thailand after 1932, the conflict between the pro-democracy and the conservative factions reflected the PCLD, and resulted in military coups together with martial law supported by the suspension of liberal democracy viewed as a threat to the nationalist-conservative tradition known as Thai-ness and other uses of emergency legislations by the government of both factions.

WEST COAST MODEL EU
Applications open from Sept. 4 – Nov. 22

The West Coast Model EU is a simulation of a European Council summit, which takes place every Spring in Seattle, WA. UVic sponsors four undergraduate students each who represent EU member state delegations, as either the Head of Government or the relevant Minister. Registration, travel and accommodation costs are covered by the EUS program at UVic. With thanks to JMCE, this year four UVic students received full funding to attend the 2019 West Coast Model EU, a simulation of a European Council summit. Two teams represent EU member state delegations, as either Heads of State or Ministers. Alina Sobolik won an honourable mention as the Head of State for Poland for her work on the issues of common immigration and border schemes. More info at https://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/europe/travel-and-learn/model-eu/index.php

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