POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLI 2018-19 WORKSTUDY OPPORTUNITY
Andrew Wender is hiring a workstudy student for 2018-19. Duties include general research support, including (but not limited to) the following duties related to preparation of a manuscript on the shaping of the modern Middle East around the time of World War I: seeking out, and providing electronic links to relevant primary sources, photos, and maps; literature searches and digesting, involving primary source collections, secondary sources, book reviews, and course syllabi; manuscript formatting. Qualifications include 3rd year standing or higher in a Social Science or Humanities discipline (Political Science or History preferred), with interest in, and some coursework background on the Middle East as an asset; strong skills in academic writing, and print-based as well as electronic research; strong word processing skills (MS Word); experience with editing is an asset. Interested students should contact Andrew Wender directly – amwender@uvic.ca.

POLI UNDERGRAD ANNUAL MEET & GREET
Wednesday, September 19 4:30-6 pm, DTB A102
Mark your calendars for the annual POLI Undergrad Meet and Greet. This annual 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.

SSHRC CONNECTION GRANT INFO SESSION
Tuesday, September 18, noon-1 pm, MWB 220

SSHRC INSIGHT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

From 1988 to 2015, global efforts to mitigate the climate threat repeatedly stalled. In this absence of a binding climate treaty, many scholars expressed skepticism that ambitious domestic climate reforms were possible. Yet, these decades are characterized by cross-national variation in the trajectory of national climate action, not convergent climate policy inaction. What explains global differences in climate policy timing and content? Using in-depth comparative research on climate reforms in Australia, Norway and the United States, Dr. Mildenberger advances a distributive-institutional account of climate policy conflict. He shows how the climate threat’s emergence revealed latent cross-cutting divisions within pre-existing political and economic coalitions. As a result, political actors on both sides of the ideological spectrum represented the interests of carbon-intensive constituencies within climate policy debates. More broadly, he argues that climate policy is fundamentally redistributive. It requires
domestic political systems to redirect flows of economic resources in consequential ways. Global success in mitigating the climate threat will depend on climate reformers' ability to win domestic policy conflicts, not on the architecture of global treaties.

POLI PUBLIC LECTURE: “RESTRAINING GREAT POWERS: SOFT BALANCING FROM EMPIRES TO THE GLOBAL ERA”
Professor T.V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations
Department of Political Science, McGill University
Thursday, October 11, 3:30-5 pm, Fraser 158

At the end of the Cold War, the United States emerged as the world’s most powerful state, and then used that power to initiate wars against smaller countries in the Middle East and South Asia. According to balance-of-power theory—the bedrock of realism in international relations—other states should have joined together militarily to counterbalance the U.S.’s rising power. Yet they did not. Nor have they united to oppose Chinese aggression in the South China Sea or Russian offensives along its Western border. This does not mean balance-of-power politics is dead, argues renowned international relations scholar T.V. Paul, but that it has taken a different form. Rather than employ familiar strategies such as active military alliances and arms buildups, leading powers have engaged in “soft balancing,” which seeks to restrain threatening powers through the use of international institutions, informal alignments, and economic sanctions. Paul places the evolution of balancing behavior in historical perspective from the post-Napoleonic era to today’s globalized world.

https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300228489/restraining-great-powers

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UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY TALKS: “ALTERNATIVE URBANISMS IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA”
Thursday, September 20, 7:30 pm, Legacy Art Gallery
Panelists include Beangka Elliott (Project Reclaim), Boma Brown (Vancouver Island Research Group), Lorne Daniel (Greater Victoria Placemaking Network), Todd Litman (Victoria Transport Policy Institute), and Organizers of the Victoria Anarchist Bookfair (Allan Antliff, Kim Croswell, Evan "Burrito"). The Fall 2018 series of the City Talks will kick off with a panel discussion on alternative urbanisms in Victoria. Panelists will discuss their own experiences promoting diverse visions of the city and region through a range of initiatives including youth-driven indigenous land restoration (Project Reclaim), the Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour (SNIWWOC), urban place-making (the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network), transportation planning (Victoria Transport Policy Institute), and anarchist festivals (Victoria Anarchist Bookfair). More info at: http://thecitytalks.ca/lectures.php

CAPI SOUTH ASIA GLOBAL FORUM
Reception for CAPI’s South Asia Global Forum
Thursday, September 20, 3 pm, SEDG C168

CFGS PRESENTS: “IDEOLOGY AND VIOLENCE IN WORLD POLITICS”
Dr. Jonathan Leader Maynard, Oxford University
Tuesday, September 25, 5:30-7, Bob Wright A104
On top of nationalist, environmentalist and feminist activism in the 1990s, the early 21st Century has seen a dramatic growth of Islamist fundamentalism, the hitching of
the world’s superpower to radical neoconservative and populist agendas, and the deepening ideological polarization in domestic politics the world over. In this talk, Dr. Leader Maynard re-examines the role that ideology plays in violent political conflict, and offers an explanation of the profound ideological changes taking place in world politics in the early 21st Century. Dr. Leader Maynard was educated at King’s College London and the University of Oxford before serving as the Rank-Manning Junior Research Fellow at New College, Oxford from 2013-15. He is now a Departmental Lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Oxford, and a Research Associate at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict. His current book project, ‘Ideology and Mass Killing’ is due to be published with Oxford University Press in 2019.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS LANSDOWNE VISITOR - DR. MICHIELLE TUSAN
University Community Lecture: “Atrocity on Film: Genocide and Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East at the Dawn of New Media”
Thursday, September 27, 1:30-2:20 pm, CLE A127

Public Lecture: “Refugees and Resettlement: Humanitarianism, Internationalism and the Great War”
Friday, September 28, 7:30 pm, DTB A102

Dr. Tusan is a professor of history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is the author of The British Empire and the Armenian Genocide: Humanitarianism and Imperial Politics from Gladstone to Churchill (2017); Smyrna’s Ashes: Humanitarianism, Genocide and the Birth of the Middle East (2012); and Women Making News: Gender and Journalism in Modern Britain (2005).

HISTORY DEPARTMENT CAFÉ HISTORIQUE
Dr. Kristin Semmens
“Stand Where they Stood: Touring the Nazi Past”
Tuesday, October 2, 6:30-8 pm (Doors at 5 pm), Hermann’s Jazz Club

Much of Europe felt the imprint of the Nazi jackboot between 1933 and 1945. Focusing on different locations within Germany and Poland, Dr. Semmens traces the rise and fall of Adolf Hitler’s Third Reich. From the Reichstag building in Berlin to the Fuehrer’s retreat in the Bavarian Alps, from the Krakow ghetto to the Auschwitz death camp, we will learn about key moments in the history of German fascism which left traces on the landscape still visible to travellers today.

The Traveller’s Guide to History: Stand Where They Stood

The 2018-19 season of Café Historique continues to explore history through the lens of travel, based on a popular UVic course called The Backpacker’s Guide to European History. Of course, you don’t need to strap a backpack on to enjoy travel – but it helps to know a little bit about the history of the places you’re going! In 2017-18, we were transported to six great cities - Berlin, Venice, Montreal, Mexico City, London, and Washington D.C. This year, join UVic History professors as they invite you to journey back with them and "stand where they stood", reliving critical events and developments in history and reflecting on what evidence remains on the ground to be seen by the modern traveller.

EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENURE TRACK POSITION AT EUROPEAN FORUM AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM
Application deadline: Thursday, November 1

The European Forum at the Hebrew University is seeking to fill a tenure-track position starting July 2019. This search is open to scholars focusing on all sub-fields of contemporary European Studies. Junior and senior scholars are encouraged to apply. For further informations:
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