POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, March 15, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES: “Sex Worker Rights are Human Rights: A Justification and Illustration of Solidaristic Normative Theory”
Dr. Genevieve Fuji Johnson, Political Science, Simon Fraser University
Tuesday, March 19, 2:30-4:30 pm, DTB A357

We argue that a solidaristic approach to theory building is needed to address practices and policies that are normatively entrenched despite their being known to cause, exacerbate, or contribute to the risk of wide-spread harms. The motivation is not just to ensure that scholarly research is kept relevant. Rather it is to ensure that research serves the ends of justice as identified and articulated by people and groups who are victims of harms and who are perpetually marginalized or excluded from the decision-making processes that result in these harms. Solidaristic normative theory calls not only for research that is participant-centered or community-focused; it also requires that researchers take a side in struggles for justice in solidarity with the oppressed. With reference to the struggles of major sex worker rights organizations in Canada and the United States to address the harms associated with criminalization, we develop a justification for this approach, highlight important methodological steps, and provide an illustration of what it looks like in practice. Co-sponsored by Gender Studies.

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.

“PUBLIC DEBATES IN TURBULENT TIMES: ACADEMIA AND MEDIA”
Livestream Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Live: Sunset Labs, 401 Herald Street

This event addresses the issues of public debate and the role of academia with a focus on the discussions on democracy and its futures. Experts from academia and various civil society communities come together and discuss the challenges of sharing knowledge supporting the core idea that democracy rests on the process of decision making through procedures of free and equal public deliberation. Yet, contemporary Western democracies suffer from declining trust in the political process and massive disinformation in particular in social media. The panel discussions will address the conditions under which civic dialogue and democratic deliberation can be effective in a political

Panel 1) 6:30 - 7:30: Ben Isitt, UVic and Victoria City Councillor, Tom Junes, HSSF Sofia, Laurel Collins, Victoria City Councillor, Dennis Pilon, York University, Moderator: Oliver Schmidtke, CFGS, UVic

This panel will focus on the question of What role can academia and the media play in facilitating processes of public deliberation as the cornerstone of democratic practices?

7:30-7:35 pm - Video Contribution

Boaventura de Sousa Santos, University of Coimbra, James Tully, UVic

Panel 2) 7:35 - 8:30: Pablo Ouziel, UVic, David Owen, University of Southampton, Antje Wiener, Universität Hamburg, Moderator: Rebeccah Nelems CFGS, UVic. This panel will focus on the question of What do distinctive democratic traditions offer to the debate? Join us for the discussion: What form should and could the public debate take? What role can academia and the media play in facilitating processes of public deliberation as the cornerstone of democratic practices? And what does this mean when addressing issues from a comparative transatlantic perspective?

DEMOCRACY AND ITS FUTURES

Friday, March 22, 1:45-6 pm, First Peoples House

Scholars from Europe, Canada and the USA engage in a comparative and critical dialogue oriented to reciprocal elucidation, mutual understanding and democratic ways forward along the following questions: What are the major problems facing democracies? What are the connections between these problems? What are the democratic ways to resolve these problems and reconcile all affected by them? The dialogue will take place over two days. Initially among the invited scholars, then with graduate students, and then with the wider public. We hope this will serve as an exemplar of how to address these problems democratically and non-violently. ‘Democracies’ include state-based representative government, Indigenous democracy, community-based democracy, democratic contestation, global democracy, and earth or Gaia democracy of all living beings. For more info contact, Pablo Ouziel, CEDoD Project manager pouziel@uvic.ca. Co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union; Centre for Global Studies; Vice-President Research. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to ctieresearchgroup@uvic.ca with PUBLIC in the subject line. More info at https://www.eucanet.org/index.php/events/63-events/600-public-discussion-democracy-and-its-futures-2.

UVic Speakers:

Val Napoleon, Associate professor and Law Foundation Professor of Aboriginal Justice and Governance
John Borrows, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law
Jeremy Webber, Professor of Law
Peyman Vahabzadeh, Professor of Sociology
Heidi Kiiwetinepinesiik Stark, Associate Professor, Political Science
James Tully, Emeritus professor of Political Science and Law
Oliver Schmidtke Professor of Political Science and Director of the Centre for Global Studies
Pablo Ouziel Post-Doctoral Fellow of Political Science and Centre for Global Studies

Guest speakers:

Chantal Mouffe Professor of Political Theory, University of Westminster
David Owen Professor of Social and Political Philosophy, University of Southampton
Antje Wiener Professor of Political Science & Global Governance, Universität Hamburg
Jeanne Morefield Professor of Politics, University of Birmingham
Robin Celikates Associate Professor of Philosophy, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Karuna Mantena Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University
Fonna Forman Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of UCSD Center on Global Justice, UC San Diego
Anoush F. Terjanian Visiting Fellow at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GPSIA/ÉSAPI), University of Ottawa
Lasse Thomassen Reader, School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary, University of London
Joshua Nichols Associate Professor of Law, University of Alberta
Johnny Mack Assistant Professor of Law, University of British Columbia

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIRCLE: “INDIGENOUS WOMEN’S LEGAL STRATEGIES AND SALISH SEA CROSSINGS”
Dr. Katrina Jagodinsky
Tuesday, March 19, 11:30-1 pm, First Peoples House
Everyone welcome!

“EXPERIENCING THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH DIFFERENCE LENS: RACE, RACIALIZATION AND EQUITY”
Frances Henry, York University
Friday, March 29, 2:30-4:15, DSB C122
Frances is one of Canada’s leading experts on the study of racism and anti-racism. Her books include The Colour of Democracy, Racism in Canadian Society, Racial Profiling: Challenging the Myth of a Few Bad Apples, Discourses of Domination, etc. She is the co-author of the recently published book The Equity Myth: Racialization and Indigeneity at Canadian Universities. Everyone welcome!

COMING UP AT CAPI:
“Covering the Trump administration through an Asian lens”
Wednesday, March 20, 11:00am, FRA 265
Nirmal Ghosh (US Bureau Chief, The Straits Times) and Patrick Brown (former foreign correspondent for CBC News); moderated by Phil Calvert, former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos

“The South China Sea: What is Now and What is Next?”
Thursday, March 21, 3 pm, FRA 150
The 7th in CAPI’s ongoing Southeast Asia in Global Context roundtable series convenes another distinguished panel of international experts to discuss the simmering issues in the highly contentious South China Sea region

“Growth and Poverty Under Neo-liberalism”
Thursday, March 28, 7 pm, DSB C118
Prabhat Patnaik (emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University) has written a number of books and articles in the areas of Macroeconomics, Development Economics and Political Economy. His books include Accumulation and Stability Under Capitalism (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1997), The Value of Money (Columbia University Press, 2008), and (co-authored with Utsa Patnaik) A Theory of Imperialism (Columbia University Press, 2016). Between 2006 and 2011 he was the executive head of the State Planning Board of the southern state of Kerala in India. He is editor of the journal Social Scientist.

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