



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS



PUBLIC LECTURE: "10 THESES ON CANADA IN THE WORLD IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

Dr. Irvin Studin, Global Brief Magazine

Tuesday, March 20, 5-7 pm, COR B108

Dr. Irvin Studin is the President of the Institute for 21st Century Questions, and Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Global Brief magazine. One of the leading international policy thinkers of his generation, Dr. Studin has been a professor in leading universities in North America, Asia and Europe. He is the co-founder of Ukraine's Higher School of Public Administration (Kiev). His latest book is *Russia: Strategy, Policy and Administration* (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2018). He previously worked in the Privy Council Office in Ottawa, as well as in the Australian Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Canberra.

Discussant: Dr. Chris Kilford, President of the Canadian International Council (Victoria Branch)

Moderator: Dr. Will Greaves, Department of Political Science

BOOK LAUNCH: RUSSIA: STRATEGY, POLICY AND ADMINISTRATON by DR. IRVIN STUDIN

Wednesday, March 21, 11 am - 1 pm, MAC D010

Discussant: Dr. Michael Byers, Professor of Political Science and CRC in Global Politics and International Law, UBC

Moderator: Dr. Will Greaves

VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM: "THE DUTY TO IMAGINE - AFROFUTURISM VS WHITE IDENTITY NARRATIVE"

Friday, March 23, 2:30 pm, Fraser 152

Chris Lebron is Associate Professor of Philosophy. He specializes in political philosophy, social theory, the philosophy of race, and democratic ethics. His work has focused on bridging the divide between analytic liberalism and the virtue ethics tradition. His first book, *The Color of Our Shame: Race and Justice In Our Time* (OUP 2013) won the American Political Science Association Foundations of Political Theory First Book Prize. His second book *The Making of Black Lives Matter: A Brief History of An Idea* (OUP 2017) offers a brief intellectual history of the black lives matter social movement. Chris is at work on his third book, *From A Human Point of View: Re-Imagining Racial Egalitarianism*, which is a direct follow-up to *The Color Of Our Shame*, and explores the uses of imagination for attending to morally problematic racial attitudes that bolster racial inequality. Chris has written a number of articles and book reviews. He has also been an active public intellectual, writing numerous times for *The New York Times*'s philosophy column, *The Stone* and for *Boston Review*, in addition to other outlets.

CSPT "EAT, DRINK, TALK, AND THINK!"

Thursday, March 29, Halpern Centre

Submission deadline: Wednesday, March 21

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>. As an

interdisciplinary program, we welcome proposals from all fields of study and walks of life (i.e., non-CSPT related fields are welcomed and encouraged to present as well). The colloquium is an important space to mix disciplines and theoretical backgrounds, so we encourage students in sciences, mathematics & technologies; humanities, arts and social sciences; legal and policy disciplines; and all other fields to apply and present their research to a non-specialized audience. Each colloquium will run for approximately an hour and a half. The presentations are ≈ 20 minutes, with plenty of 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.



PUBLIC TALK: "Reparations, Refusals and Grief: Idle No More and Democratic Arts of Mourning"

Dr. Vicki Hsueh, University of Western Washington

Tuesday, April 3, 2:30-4:30 pm, DTB A357

In this talk, I trace the increasingly political and affective turn of modern reparation discourses, focusing especially on the distinctive re-definitions and expansions offered by Lawrie Balfour, Ta-Nehisi Coates, and others. As they persuasively argue, an expanded understanding of reparations as a political language provides a way to develop an *affective consciousness* that offers an opportunity for significant structural and political redress. Yet, despite these valuable and potent re-conceptualizations, reparation discourse continues to retain significant colonial bias. What can be done to make indigenous lives and losses palpable? Can the affective circuitry of political consciousness be rewired to make such conditions sensible? What democratic arts of mourning and action are needed? Through physical protest and occupation, the Idle No More movement offered a sustained and viscerally compelling political response to unjust rule over indigenous peoples in North America. These features of Idle No More, I argue, reveal the limitations of modern reparations discourse and demonstrate how mourning, refusal, and affect can overturn the affective logic at the heart of colonialism and neocolonialism. In particular, I focus on the ways in which Idle No More made loss palpable to an audience habituated to overlooking or even mocking indigenous injury and grief. While a number of important recent studies have focused on the micro-practices of Idle No More protests and especially on the relationship between vitality and sovereignty in the Idle No More round dances, I emphasize a different but no less important dimension of body politics and affect. In turning to Chief Spence's body and the sympathetic strikes, marches, and rallies that arose to support her, I explore her corporeal presentation of grief and survival and I examine the ways in which bodies can spur and sustain political refusals and challenges. Her strike -- along with the varied supportive actions of Idle No More -- should be seen as part of the democratic arts of mourning in which bodies are mindfully engaged to experience and to elicit a range of mixed affective responses (grief, love, anger) that go "bone-deep" to challenge the colonial logic of overlooking and ignoring indigenous loss.

Vicki Hsueh is Director of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Western Washington University. Her teaching and research interests include the history and historiography of political theory, protest movements and civic action, identity politics and theory, indigenous politics and post-colonial theory. She is the author of *Hybrid Constitutions: Making and Unmaking Power and Privilege in Colonial America* and articles in The Review of Politics, Contemporary Political Theory, Journal of the History of Ideas, and History of Political Thought. She has been the recipient of several fellowships including the Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellowship (John Carter Brown Library), the Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowship (American Antiquarian Society), and the Mayer Fellowship (Huntington Library).

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS



5 Days of Action

365 Days of Commitment

UVic's inaugural 5 Days of Action, March 19-23, is a campus-wide event exploring intersecting sub-themes related to race and ethnicity, sex and gender, disability, sexuality, and religious affiliation. Throughout the week everyone is encouraged to participate in "courageous conversations" with coworkers, colleagues and peers on these themes as we work together to end racism, discrimination, harassment, and sexualized violence on campus. The 5 Days of Action schedule at <https://www.uvic.ca/equity/education/5-days-action/schedule/index.php> includes workshops on a wide range of topics, panel discussions, theatre presentations, a campus-wide art installation, and many other department-sponsored events.

EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA LAUNCHES MA IN POLITICAL ECOLOGY

The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona is launching an MA in Political Ecology.

<https://degrowth.org/master-political-ecology/>. This is a professional degree (meaning it does not lead to a doctorate), and is ideal for people who want to work on environmental justice NGOs, the solidarity economy, public sector, as well as people who might already have a masters in a different field and want to switch to a PhD in political ecology/degrowth. Students can choose to take the masters as a whole or pay to follow selective modules. Admission information will be available in late April.



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