POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
Friday, March 19, 2021

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AMY VERDUN COMMENTS ON DUTCH ELECTION RESULTS
Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte won a clear victory in Wednesday’s national election to secure a fourth term in office, exit polls showed. Amy Verdun comments in Bloomberg News about the result.

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES SPRING 2021
CELINA CAESAR-CHAVANNES “CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW”
Tuesday, April 20, 2:30-4:30 pm
Online via Zoom – register here

In Can You Hear Me Now?, Celina Caesar-Chavannes digs deep into her childhood and her life as a young Black woman entrepreneur and politician, and shows us that effective and humane leaders grow as much from their mistakes and vulnerabilities as from their strengths. Celina Caesar-Chavannes is a business consultant, coach and international speaker. She currently serves as the Sr. Advisor, EDI Initiatives and Adjunct Lecturer at Queen’s and author of Can You Hear Me Now? published by Penguin Random House Canada in February 2021. She was the former Member of Parliament for Whitby, Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Parliamentary Secretary for International Development. During her term as an MP, Celina was awarded several distinctions including a feature in the April 2018 edition of O (Oprah Winfrey) Magazine entitled, "What would you stand up for?" and named Chatelaine Magazine’s Woman of the Year (2019). She has a Bachelor of Science, an MBA in Healthcare Management and an Executive MBA from the Rotman School of Management. She can be followed on all social media platforms @iamcelinacc.

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CFGS: WEBINAR SERIES MEMORY POLITICS
“Contested Histories: Commemorating and Learning from Past Injustices”
Wednesday, March 24, 10:30 am
REGISTER: https://uvic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctd-ZqrzMuHN00u_pA7r5K_ESH6cT8ZB-

Panelists: Erica Lehrer, Concordia, Charlotte Schaille, UVic, Jordan Stanger-Ross, UVic
Moderator: Oliver Schmidtke

References to our past are abundant in public debates and political disputes. Yet, this public display of historic narratives contrasts with the limited ways in which the public actually engages with and learns about the past. In particular when this memory is contested and told from the perspective of those who
struggle to find a voice, public history faces considerable challenges and forms of resistance. This moderated conversation will draw on the expertise of scholars with extraordinary experience in addressing past injustices from the 20th Century. The webinar will pay particular attention to two aspects: First, how can experts promote critical historical literacy in the 21st Century when, for instance, the gradual disappearance of first hand witnesses shape the commemoration of the past; how and through which means of engagement can communities make this memory available and meaningful to the public? Second, how can public history deal with attempts to suppress or appropriate the memory of the past driven by particular political interests?

CAPI BOOK LAUNCH “Covid-19 in Asia: Law and Policy Contexts” edited by Victor Ramraj
Thursday, March 25, 7 pm (PST)
This is a book for an extraordinary time, about a pandemic for which there is no modern precedent. It is an edited collection of original essays on Asia’s legal and policy responses to the Covid-19 pandemic, which, in a matter of months, swept around the globe, infecting millions. It transformed daily life in almost every corner of the planet: lockdowns of cities and entire countries, physical distancing and quarantines, travel restrictions and border controls, movement-tracking technology, mandatory closures of all but essential services, economic devastation and mass unemployment, and government assistance programs on record-breaking scales. Yet a pandemic on this scale, under contemporary conditions of globalization, has left governments and their advisors scrambling to improvise solutions, often themselves unprecedented in modern times, such as the initial lockdown of Wuhan.

This collection of essays analyzes law and policy responses across Asia, identifying cross-cutting themes and challenges. It taps the collective knowledge of an interdisciplinary team of sixty-one researchers both in the service of policy development, and with the goal of establishing a scholarly baseline for research after the storm has passed. The collection begins with an epidemiological overview and survey of the law and policy themes. The jurisdiction-specific case studies and cross-cutting thematic essays cover five topics: first wave containment measures; emergency powers; technology, science, and expertise; politics, religion, and governance; and economy, climate, and sustainability. Oxford University Press, 2020

HISTORY: DECOLONIZING SETTLER SOCIETIES LECTURE SERIES
The Department of History invites you to attend a series of live, online public talks organized as part of an upper-year history course on decolonization. Please pre-register to access Zoom link by e-mailing uvichstr427a@gmail.com.
Thursday, March 25, 2:30-3:30: Dr. Wendy Wickwire
“Anthropology in the Service of the State: The Case of British Columbia, 1880-1940”

2021 SUMMER BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION SUMMER INSTITUTE
“Canadian Border Policies in Comparative Perspective”
Call for applications: Deadline March 31
This international, interdisciplinary post-graduate Summer Institute on border and migration public policy in the EU and Canada offers two, week-long programs that each include thirty hours of seminars and six hours of practicum. Activities are aimed at engaging graduate students and young researchers to discuss, with academic experts from the Borders in Globalization research program as well as professionals from the public, private and non-governmental sectors, themes that critically link literatures on migrations and borders in our era of security. Students will present and discuss research. More info available at Summer Institute 2021 - University of Victoria (uvic.ca)
CIRCLE: “THE RESILIENCE OF INDIGENOUS NATIONHOOD”
April 6-7
Registration now open
The SAGE Graduate Student Committee and CIRCLE are excited to announce that registration is open for
the upcoming conference “The Resilience of Indigenous Nationhood”. This free, two-day virtual
conference will feature panel discussions with Indigenous graduate students and faculty.
Panel topics include:
1) Decolonizing and Disability
2) Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety
3) Indigenous Nationhood, Home, and Well-being
4) Exercising Indigenous Self-Determination
5) Indigenous ways of Knowing and Being – Methodological Considerations
Registration will prioritize Indigenous students, staff and faculty but others may register to be added to
the waitlist. To register please head to:
https://uvic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcOGuqDwtGNx2QcMgnoyRrHDkGWx-X7LY

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