POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFERENCE: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NATURAL RESOURCE FUNDS (NRFs)
Eyene Okpanachi (POLI Banting Postdoctoral Fellow) and Reeta Tremblay
Friday September 27, SEDG C168, 9am-5pm
Eyene Okpanachi, POLI Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, and Reeta Tremblay, are hosting a workshop on Canadian and international perspectives on extractive industries, law and governance. The conference will feature presentations from international professionals, scholars, and PhD students who are engaged in different aspects of governance, politics and development research in general, and those with specific expertise on natural resources management and sovereign wealth funds. The participants share the common goal of stimulating critical conversations and offering deeper insights into the decision-making politics of natural resource funds (NRFs) in different resource-rich countries, including Botswana, Canada and USA (Alberta and Alaska), Chile, Nigeria, Ghana, Norway, and Saudi Arabia. Papers presented at the conference will form part of an edited monograph for which a contract has already been signed with Palgrave Macmillan.

This workshop is supported by: SSHRC (Connection grant); the Faculty of Social Sciences, UVic (Dean's Conference Fund); Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University and the Centre for Global Studies (UVic). Attendance is by invitation only. Please e-mail Eyene eyeneokpanachi@uvic.ca if you would like to attend the workshop.

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.
RITA DHAMOON – BOOK LAUNCH
with Davina Bhandar, Political Science, U of Athabasca
UNMOORING THE KOMAGATA MARU: CHARTING COLONIAL TRAJECTORIES, 2019
Thursday, Oct. 10, 3:00 pm, SED C168
In 1914, the SS Komagata Maru crossed oceans and jurisdictions – Hong Kong, Malaya, Singapore, Japan, and West Bengal – to arrive on the west coast of Canada. Citing regulations designed to limit the immigration of Indians, Canadian officials refused the ship and its passengers entry and detained them for two months in Vancouver Harbour. Most of the 376 passengers were then forcibly returned to India. Unmooring the Komagata Maru (edited by Rita Kaur Dhamoon, Davina Bhandar, Renisa Mawani, and Satwinder Bains) challenges conventional Canadian historical accounts of the incident by drawing from multiple disciplines and fields to consider the international and colonial dimensions within the context of political resistance, migration, cultural memory, and nation-building. Drawing from various disciplines, the collection situates the history of South Asians in Canada within a larger global-imperial history, emphasizing the ways in which the Komagata Maru incident is related to issues of colonialism. Co-sponsored by Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

MICHELLE BONNER – BOOK LAUNCH
“Tough on Crime: The Rise of Punitive Populism in Latin America”
Tuesday, October 15, 1-2:00 pm, SED C168
Tough on Crime (Pittsburgh University Press, 2019) offers an analysis of the role of mass media in political leaders’ increased use of tough on crime rhetoric and policies to win elections and popular support. It argues that changes in journalists’, state, and civil society organizations’ communicational practices that have emerged as a result of neoliberal reforms to media policies (privatization and particularly deregulation) have encouraged punitive populism. These media reforms have decreased the role of the media in accountability, homogenized public opinion as punitive, and increased the importance of media in policymaking. These changes have favoured punitive voices over those concerned with human rights. Thus, rethinking media policies might be a first step toward reducing punitive populism. While centred on the cases of Argentina and Chile, the analysis and findings contribute to broader discussions in countries around the world about the causes of the rise of punitive populism, as well as the challenges it poses to police reforms and democracy. This talk is part of the Department of Political Science and Latin American Research Group’s speakers’ series, in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies.

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CIRCLE SPEAKER SERIES: JOAN MORRIS
“WHO WILL CRY FOR OUR CHILDREN: THE LEGACY OF THE NANAIMO INDIAN HOSPITAL”
Monday, September 23, 1:30-3:30, First Peoples House

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.

CFGs: THE FUTURE OF CANADIAN DIPLOMACY
Wednesday, September 25, 5-7 pm, DTB A110
This very timely panel, coming just before our federal election, will examine the current state of Canadian diplomacy, and future challenges facing the profession. Does Canada have the right diplomatic tools to navigate an environment of increased tension, rising protectionism, and shifting global alliances? What is the role of diplomacy in a digital world, and how effectively is Canada navigating this new technological landscape to advance its international interests? Is Canadian diplomacy being eroded by politicization and bureaucratic homogenization, or do such claims reflect its inability to react to the changes in today’s world? The panel will include two former Canadian ambassadors, Jillian Stirk and Marc Lortie, as well as Pam Isfeld, President of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers, and former CBC correspondent Patrick Brown. Former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Phil Calvert, will welcome and introduce the panel and Chris Kilford, president of CIC Victoria, will act as the moderator.

CAPI: “THE KELSEN-SCHMITT DEBATE AND THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS IN POLITICAL CRISIS 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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