POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
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POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSHRC INSIGHT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

POLI AND THE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES (CFGS) WELCOME: DR. MATTO MILDENBERGER
Assistant Professor of Political Science at UC Santa Barbara where he co-runs the Environment and Energy Transitions (ENVENT) Lab.
Tuesday, September 25, 2:30 pm, DTB A357
“The Logic of Double Representation in Climate Politics”

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.

CONTINUING STUDIES: IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE – COLIN BENNETT
“Data-driven Elections in Democratic Societies: Early Lessons from the Cambridge Analytica Scandal”
Tuesday, October 2, 9:30-11:30
The recent scandal concerning Cambridge Analytica, Facebook and Aggregate IQ have brought to global attention the wider question of how personal data is being used by political parties and candidates in contemporary elections. There are various trends: the use of integrated platforms for “voter relationship management”; the move from mass messaging to micro-targeting, especially through social media; and the use of mobile applications for local voter outreach. In this talk, Colin Bennett will discuss these trends in the light of recent revelations and discuss the implications for personal privacy and other democratic values.

**This course is part of Continuing Studies’ series “In Pursuit of Knowledge” and registration is required. [https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/humanities-and-social-sciences/courses/data-driven-elections](https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/humanities-and-social-sciences/courses/data-driven-elections)**
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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CFGS PRESENTS: DR. PAUL THAGARD
“The Emotional Coherence of Donald Trump & the Islamic State”
Monday, September 24, 5:30 – 7:00pm, DTB A110
The Islamic State (IS, ISIS, ISIL) hit the news in 2014 because of major victories in Syria and Iraq, accompanied by successes in recruiting supporters in many countries. What explains its appeal? This talk will use neural theory of emotions, a psychological theory of emotional coherence, and a social theory of emotion transmission to explain why the Islamic State was successful. The same theories explain the electoral success of Donald Trump. Dr. Paul Thagard is a philosopher, cognitive scientist, and author of many interdisciplinary books. He is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Waterloo and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Cognitive Science Society, and the Association for Psychological Science. The Canada Council has awarded him a Molson Prize (2007) and a Killam Prize (2013).

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,

HISTORY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS LANSDOWNE VISITOR - DR. MICHELLE 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).

CFGS, EUCE & BORDERS PROJECT PRESENTS: PHILIPPE SUTTER (CONSUL GENERAL OF FRANCE IN VANCOUVER)
“A Sovereign, Untied, Democratic, Europe: The French Positions on the Future of the European Union”
Friday, September 28, 10:30am – Noon, SED C168

Faced with the great challenges of our times, such as defence and security, great migrations, development, climate change, the digital revolution and regulation of a globalized economy, European countries have to address each of these challenges. But how? The French President has presented concrete proposals based on four strong beliefs: 1. We must not be weak. We must choose. 2. We must not be divided. We must unite. 3. We must not be afraid. We must be daring. 4. We must not wait. We must act now.

This talk will look at what this means and continue the necessary discussion to move on. Philippe Sutter began his duties as the Consul General of France in Vancouver in September 2017. His jurisdiction comprises BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. In his 25-year experience within the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, he has served in various capacities. As an expert in European affairs, he was deputy ambassador in Belgrade, Serbia and served as political counselor in the French embassy in Vienna, Austria. He led multilateral negotiations in the European Union in Brussels as well as at the United Nations in New York. Before coming to Vancouver, his previous assignment was head of the Multilateral Affairs department in the Ministry for the Armed Forces in Paris. Born and raised in Alsace in the heart of Europe, Philippe Sutter graduated from Sciences-Po Strasbourg (Institute of Political Studies). This event is co-sponsored by the University of Victoria’s Centre for Global Studies, The European Union Centre of Excellence, & The Borders in Globalization Project.

VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM: LORI GRUEN, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
“Seminar: Resistance Self-Respect: Another Challenge for Liberalism”
Monday, October 1, 12:30-2 pm, COR A129

Lori Gruen is the William Griffin Professor of Philosophy at Wesleyan University where she coordinates Wesleyan Animal Studies. She is also Professor of Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Science in Society. She is the author and editor of eleven books, including Ethics and Animals: An Introduction (Cambridge, 2011), The Ethics of Captivity (Oxford, 2014), and Entangled Empathy (Lantern, 2015) and the forthcoming Critical Terms for Animal Studies (2018) She is a Fellow of the Hastings Center for Bioethics and a Faculty Fellow at Tufts’ Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine’s Center for Animals
and Public Policy and was the first chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Center for Prison Education at Wesleyan. Gruen has documented the history of The First 100 chimpanzees in research in the US and has an evolving website that documents the journey to sanctuary of the remaining chimpanzees in research labs The Last 1000. Her research lies at the intersection of ethical theory, political philosophy, and social practice. She has written on a range of topics and her current projects include exploring ethical and political questions raised by captivity and carceral logics.

**PUBLIC ADMIN PRESENTS: RESEARCH AND PRACTICE FORUM**
“Interrogating Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy on Aid Effectiveness”
**Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 1:30-3 pm, Continuing Studies Bldg, Room 280,**
**Coffee/snacks available at 1:15 pm**
**Presenters:**
Dr. Laura Parisi, Chair and Associate Professor Department of Gender Studies
Ms. Lynn Thornton, Executive Director, VIDEA (International Development Organization)
Dr. Astrid V. Pérez Piñán, Asst. Professor, School of Public Administration
Canada recently became one of only four countries to have an explicit feminist foreign policy. This forum will examine Canada’s challenges and opportunities in developing and supporting transformative feminist approaches to measuring international development policy effectiveness. Can we measure the effectiveness of feminist policies that seek to alleviate poverty, empower women, and promote gender equality?

**HISTORY DEPARTMENT CAFE 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.

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