



## POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST

### Friday, April 22, 2022

*We acknowledge and respect the lək'wəḡən peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.*

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## POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OLIVER HOPEWELL, WINNER OF AN INAUGURAL VKURA!

Congratulations to Oliver Hopewell (POLI Undergrad), winner of an inaugural Valerie Kuehne Undergraduate Research Award (VKURA) Summer 2022 Internship program! The VKURA internships provide students with “hands-on” experiences with research leading to development of future careers in government, industry, community and higher education

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## UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CFGS: “Worker and Union Solidarity with China: Why and How?”

**Kent Wong, Director of UCLA Labor Center & founding president of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance**

**Tuesday, April 26, 4 pm (PST).**

**Online event: [Register here](#)**

This webinar explores the value of worker-to-worker relationships despite those conflicts — indeed, made more important in a climate of anti-Asian racism and protectionism.

### CFGS: “Understanding Ukraine: Changing sociology, politics and nationhood”

**Thursday, April 28, 4 pm (PST)**

**Online event: [Register here](#)**

Speakers include Serhy Yekelchuk, German and Slavic Studies and History, UVic, Mychailo Wynnyckyj, Sociology and Kyiv-Mohyla Business School, and Tamara Krawchenko, Public Admin, UVic. Ukrainian identity had endured despite centuries of Russian colonialism. While Ukraine fights for its very right to exist at this moment, Ukrainian leadership and civil society continue to plan for a resilient and thriving future based on the principles of dignity, freedom and respect.

### CFGS: “Native Removal Writing: Narratives of Peoplehood, Politics and Law”

**Sabine N. Meyer, Prof of American Studies, U of Bonn**

**Friday, April 29, 10-11:30 am (PST)**

**Online event: [Register here](#)**

Indian Removal, the nineteenth-century policy of expelling Native peoples from their land, has generated a plethora of Native American writings that negotiate forms of belonging—the identities of Native collectives, their proprietary relationships, and their most intimate relations among one another. By analyzing these writings in light of domestic settler colonial, international, and tribal law, Sabine N. Meyer reveals their coherence as a distinct genre of Native literature that has played a significant role in negotiating Indigenous identity.

### CFGS: “What does the Ukraine War mean for Canada?”

**Monday, May 2, 2:30-4:30 PM, SUB Upper Lounge**

**In-person event**

The Centre for Global Studies is co-hosting with the Canadian International Council a presentation by **Roland Paris** on “**What Does the Ukraine War Mean for Canada?**” Roland Paris is professor of international affairs and former senior advisor on foreign policy to the prime minister of Canada. This event will be in-person in the SUB Upper Lounge, and is first come, first served. Doors open at 2:30pm and the presentation begins at 3:00pm. You can find the full event description on the [event page](#).

**CSRS: The EU Response to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Political, Cultural, Religious and Historical Perspectives”**

**Tuesday, May 3, 11 am – 12:30 pm PST**

**Online event: To join visit <https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/csrs/events/index.php>**

On the 24th February 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine. The West responded with shock but also with a reasonably strong, unified condemnation. As the atrocities mounted, the European Union (EU) continued to work closely with western allies and provided a coordinated but measured response in support of Ukraine. Economic sanctions against Russia have not stopped the hostilities. The invasion has created a number of subsequent crises, including the largest displacement of refugees since WWII, increase in food and energy prices, and disruptions in world markets. Questions abound regarding the future of the liberal order and global security. We convene a panel of UVic-affiliated experts to provide scholarly perspective on the history, politics and ideology of the present war in Ukraine.

**Anastasia Chebakova** works for the Canadian government. Her research focuses on the role of language in EU-Russia relations. **Assem Dandashly** is Assistant Professor at the University of Maastricht and an expert on democratisation and EU relations with its Eastern neighbours. He studies the impact of the refugee crises generated by the civil war in Syria. **Clara Portela** is Professor of Political Science at the University of Valencia. She is an expert on international sanctions, including the efficacy of EU sanctions. **Tatsiana Shaban** is a scholar of Ukraine-Belarus relations. Her research focuses on democracy promotion by the EU among its Eastern neighbours.

Organized by CSRS faculty fellow and UVic Professor of Political Science, **Amy Verdun**.

**CSPT LECTURE: “New (EM) Bodies in Politics”**

**Dr. Vanessa Jérôme, CSPT Visiting Fellow**

**Wednesday, June 8, 4 pm, COR A125**

Politics is generally considered from the point of view of ideas, strategies and power. We too often forget that it is also, and probably above all, a "flesh and blood" activity. In this period of climate emergency, growing inequalities, reactionary backlash and resurgence of warlike forms of nationalism, the bodies of citizens are more than ever engaged in a plurality of struggles, at the intersection of ages, genders, sexualities, social classes, skin colours, cultures, territorial limits and borders of all kinds. But it is the minoritized people who are the most on the front line to face violence and repression. From their bodies, it is possible to discuss the concept of "New (Em) Bodies in Politics" and to think about building a more livable society. Dr. Vanessa Jerome is a French political scientist. Doctor of Political Science & Sociology (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris), she also completed four years of continuing education in Psychoanalysis (Psychoanalytical Seminars of Paris).

We will hold a reception/social with refreshments before the talk. Please rsvp your attendance to [idpassis@uvic.ca](mailto:idpassis@uvic.ca) by May 26 for catering purposes.



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