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CONGRATULATIONS TO PAULA RASMUSSEN, POLI CO-OP UNDERGRAD OF THE YEAR!
Congratulations to undergrad student, Paula Rasmussen, who is the POLI Co-op Student of the Year! Paula excelled during her 8-month work term with the Environment and Climate Change Strategy. During her work term, she identified an area which requires more research and is developing this in her honours project. She has been an ambassador for co-op education by mentoring new students and opening the doors for more opportunities for students in the provincial government.

BOOK LAUNCH: Resurgence and Reconciliation: Indigenous-Settler Relations and Earth Teachings
Monday, February 4, 12-2 pm, Ceremonial Hall, First Peoples House

Join us on February 4 as we celebrate the release of *Resurgence and Reconciliation: Indigenous-Settler Relations and Earth Teachings*. The event will include a series of engaging speakers including Michael Asch, John Borrows, Keith Cherry, Paulette Regan, Pamela Spalding, Gina Starblanket, Jim Tully, and Nancy Turner.

Details: The two major schools of thought in Indigenous-Settler relations on the ground, in the courts, in public policy, and in research are resurgence and reconciliation. Resurgence refers to practices of Indigenous self-determination and cultural renewal whereas reconciliation refers to practices of reconciliation between Indigenous and Settler nations, such as nation-with-nation treaty negotiations. Reconciliation also refers to the sustainable reconciliation of both Indigenous and Settler peoples with the living earth as the grounds for both resurgence and Indigenous-Settler reconciliation. Critically and constructively analyzing these two schools from a wide variety of perspectives and lived experiences, this volume connects both discourses to the ecosystem dynamics that animate the living earth.

*Resurgence and Reconciliation* is multi-disciplinary, blending law, political science, political economy, women’s studies, ecology, history, anthropology, sustainability, and climate change. Its dialogic approach strives to put these fields in conversation and draw out the connections and tensions between them. By using “earth-teachings” to inform social practices, the editors and contributors offer a rich, innovative, and holistic way forward in response to the world’s most profound natural and social challenges. This timely volume shows how the complexities and interconnections of resurgence and reconciliation and the living earth are often overlooked in contemporary discourse and debate.
**POLI ALUMNI NETWORK PUB NIGHT**

“Populism and the Migration Crisis: A Panel Discussion”

**Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 pm, Maple Room Sticky Wicket Pub, 919 Douglas St.**

**Ticket Cost:** $12 in advance | Includes one drink ticket and entry to prize draws

Registration: [https://extrweb.uvic.ca/poli-panel-migration-and-rising-populism](https://extrweb.uvic.ca/poli-panel-migration-and-rising-populism)

The panel discussion will feature **Michelle Bonner, Oliver Schmidtke and Feng Xu.**

Populist movements around the globe are gaining ground, often in response to migration movements. In numerous countries, these movements are stoking anti-immigrant sentiment, calling for harsher border control policies and reducing international obligations toward migrants and refugees. This event explores the rise of populist movements in Europe, Asia, and Latin America and its implications for host and sending countries. Join fellow UVic alumni and friends for light refreshments, networking and thought-provoking dialogue.

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**UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CFGs / Borders in Globalization Seminar: “Post-Modern Borders: Governance”**

With Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly and Benjamin Perrier

**Tuesday, January 29, 4-6 pm, CLE B007 or remotely [https://bluejeans.com/271678681/](https://bluejeans.com/271678681/)**

The emerging principle that guides contemporary governance is no longer spaces of places, i.e., territories – but spaces of flows. More non-state actors are engaged in border related activity and management, so governance has become layered and complex, with differing governance in different locales, regions, bi-national contexts and various parts of the world. In this seminar, we want to understand the policy implications of these governance changes on borders and borderlands. For more information regarding the Borders in Globalization Spring 2019 Seminars, see [https://biglobalization.org/events/research-seminars](https://biglobalization.org/events/research-seminars).

**CFGs: “PRESIDENT TRUMP AND THE MIDDLE EAST”**

**Wednesday, January 30, 1:30-3 pm, HHB 110**

Mouin Rabni, an independent analyst specialising in Palestinian affairs and the Arab-Israeli conflict, will examine the continuity and changes in Washington’s approach to the Middle East since the Trump administration assumed office in 2017. He will also take stock of the consequences of Trump’s policy decisions.

**EAT, DRINK, TALK, AND THINK! CSPT COLLOQUIUM JANUARY 31, 6 pm**

Join us for lavish food and sumptuous drinks to spark your collaborative spirits.

**VP RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOPS**

Communicating your research: Storytelling workshop with Jeremy Loveday

**Feb 6, 9am-12pm, Wild Rose Room – University Club**

Registration required (Register here). Limited seating: 35 participants. Refreshments provided.

Stories are how we understand ourselves, each other and the world around us. In this interactive workshop, we will explore what it takes to craft compelling stories while participants gain skills that will allow them to make their research more accessible and relatable to people outside their field. You have
the power to inspire, transform and create change. Unleash that power by effectively telling the story of your research and the story behind your research in a way that creates a connection with your audience. Facilitator: This workshop will be facilitated by award winning spoken word artist, creative facilitator and community organizer Jeremy Loveday.

“Defeat the dark side: How to use social media like a communications Jedi”
Feb 8, 12-1:30pm, DSB C116
Registration required https://events.eply.com/Defeatthedarkside. Please bring your bag lunch; light refreshments provided.
Social media are used for much more than sharing the latest picture of your cat. These online platforms have become a primary source for accessing news and special events, as well as specialty information and technological expertise. Given the prevalence of misinformation on social media platforms, how can researchers make their evidence based content stand out? Informed by research in the field of science communication, this workshop will provide real tools to researchers looking to connect with both speciality and broad public audiences on social media. Techniques will be workshopped for creating social media posts that are both engaging and accurate, along with ways of expanding post reach and audience engagement. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their smart phone or laptop as you will be shown how to optimize these tools. Facilitator: Alina C. Fisher is the Research Manager for the School of Environmental Studies at UVic, and an associate faculty member in the School of Environment & Sustainability at Royal Roads University. She is a researcher in both ecology and science communication, writes a syndicated blog that fuses both fields and regularly advises NGOs on how to better connect to their online audiences.

CFG: “SAUDI ARABIA: INSIDE A KINGDOM IN CRISIS”
Dennis Horak, Former Canadian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
Tuesday, February 19, 3-4:30 pm, DSB C118
Ambassador Horak served as Canada’s Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, and Yemen from 2015 until he was declared persona non grata and expelled from Saudi Arabia on August 5, 2018 after the Government of Canada sent out a tweet calling for the immediate release of two Saudi activists. In collaboration with the Canadian International Council Victoria Branch and the UVic Middle East Discussion Group.

RESEARCH REELS CALL FOR ENTRY
Deadline: Wednesday, February 20
Do you have a passion for storytelling? Are you interested in the film industry? If so, we have an opportunity for you! This March is the third annual juried Research Reels video contest. You can submit a short video (30 seconds – 3 minutes) of research happening on campus to the Research Reels website – and, if selected as a finalist, you will have your piece screened at Cinecenta in front of an audience at Ideafest March 5, 2019!
Some great reasons to enter:
• FAME: Shortlisted videos are shared widely on UVic's main social media channels. A couple of last years' winners have had spin-off media success due to this contest.
• SKILLS: Build your skills telling your research story using the hottest medium around, video!
• CASH: Great cash prizes. Top prize for Feature category is $1,250. Total prize payout $4,000. We can’t wait to see what you create! There’s lots of information at https://www.uvic.ca/info/researchreels/index.php to help you. If you can’t find an answer there, please email Beth Doman at bdoman@uvic.ca.
CFGs Student Essay Contest
Deadline: Friday, March 1
With the beginning of the Spring 2019 semester right around the corner, I wanted to remind you all of our annual student essay contest. This year we have partnered with the Canadian International Council, Royal Roads University, Vancouver Island University, and Camosun College to offer cash prizes to the top three research papers (adjudicated by a committee comprised of representatives from all the sponsoring institutions). The top prize winner receives $1000, the chance to be published on the CIC national website, and the opportunity to give a public lecture as part of the CFGs Global Talk Series.

This year’s research question is “What are Canada’s Interests and Values? What is our Future Role and Presence in the World?” with possible topics including (but not limited to) populism, migration, human rights, security, emerging technologies, and protection. Students may submit papers that were previously (or are currently being) submitted for academic credit. If you are teaching a class on a related topic, or know of such a class being offered within your department, please encourage your students to submit their essays for consideration! Papers from senior level undergraduate students and graduate students from ALL FACULTIES are eligible. Questions? Contact cfgs@uvic.ca.

EUS Research Grants
Deadline: Friday, March 15
The European Studies program (EUS) provides grants to graduate and undergraduate students via the Jean Monnet EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE). For the past several years, students have been conducting field research in Europe and/or participating in experiential learning programs such as the EU Study Tour (EUS 390) thanks to the grant funding available through the EUCE. The Jean Monnet EU Centre of Excellence funds students and post-doctoral student fieldwork and conference attendance in Europe on EU integration topics. Each year (2017, 2018, 2019) there are up to nine (9) graduate student grants and six (6) EU Study Tour grants available. Students receiving the graduate student grants must present their research upon returning to UVic. More information at https://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/europe/travel-and-learn/grants/index.php. Questions? eusprog@uvic.ca.

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