GLOBAL SOUTH POLITICAL COMMENTARIES BLOG – NEW POST
PhD STUDENT Janice Dowson, who is working on her doctoral dissertation on the South African Human Rights Commission’s role in providing transitional justice, in her piece on Land Expropriation without Compensation: Is it a Threat to South African Constitutionalism? explores how changing the Bill of Rights in South Africa to allow for land expropriation without compensation does more to serve the Constitution than to mar it”.


POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLI SESSIONAL POSTING for 2019-20
Deadline: Friday, November 2.
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BORDERS AND MIGRATION: POLITICS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY A SYMPOSIUM IN HONOUR OF MARILOUISE KROKER

Sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Cultural, Social and Political Thought (CSPT)
Friday, October 26, 2018

Twentieth century politics was premised on the nation-state. In recent years, many politicians have suggested that long-established nations are now threatened by immigrants who do not fit the old moulds. The appeal, heard in one country after another, is for stronger borders to inhibit the flow of migrants from dangerous, poor, war-torn, environmentally damaged, or otherwise unfortunate countries to places where life seems better. This appeal resonates with the nativist and racist themes that often characterize right-wing politics. The late Marilouise Kroker was always an exponent of the openness that welcomes rather than fears the new. In this symposium in her honour, faculty and students at the University of Victoria explore the possibilities and promises of a 21st century politics that embraces human diversity, accepts migration as natural, and celebrates the possibilities of a world in which borders – between nations, states, ethnicities, religions, ideologies, genders, and whatever else – are not the obstacles to human flourishing that they are now. Is the current period of revanchist nationalism just a passing phase? Can the positive aspects of globalization be nurtured? How can present fears be overcome? In this symposium, a variety of perspectives will be presented, some from invited panellists, but more from other participants. Come prepared to make your own contribution.

Session 1: Global Perspectives (COR B107, 1:30-2:50 pm)
We begin with a round table in which scholars working on these issues shed light on what has been happening in different parts of the world, including ones that have not received much attention in the
Western media. Is there a general pattern that we can discern, or are things so different in various regions that we should avoid generalization? What, if anything, should give us cause for hope?

Panellists: Marlea Clarke (Political Science) 
Oliver Schmidtke (Political Science and History) 
Scott Watson (Political Science)

Session 2: Theoretical Interpretations (COR B107, 3:00-4:20 pm)
In our second round table, we consider some of the issues for political theory that arise from efforts to accommodate migration or secure borders. Are we bound to the nation-state as the condition for peaceable politics, or other possibilities now emergent? In any case, how can we make sense of our political possibilities under present conditions?

Panellists: Rita Dhamoon (Political Science and CSPT) 
Arthur Kroker (Political Science and CSPT) 
Rob Walker (Political Science and CSPT)

Session 3: Reflections from the US-Mexican Border (HSD A240, 7:00-9:00 pm)
The symposium ends with a lecture/performance by Ricardo Dominguez of the University of California (San Diego). Professor Dominguez is renowned for his bold and innovative interventions in American efforts to restrict migration from Mexico and Central America.

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES: DR. KYLE KIRKUP, 
Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa 
“The Origins of Gender Identity and Gender Expression in Anglo-American Legal Discourse” 
Wednesday, November 7, 2:30-4 pm COR B112

Anglo-American lawmakers are in the midst of introducing a series of anti-discrimination protections for trans people. By and large, they are making this change by adding the terms ‘gender identity’ and ‘gender expression’ to a variety of human rights law instruments. In June 2017, for example, the Parliament of Canada passed Bill C-16, An Act to Amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code. The legislation adds the terms ‘gender identity or expression’ to the Canadian Human Rights Act, along with the hate crimes provisions of the Criminal Code. Similar pieces of legislation have been introduced in the United States and the United Kingdom. While legal scholarship has spent considerable time debating the merits of such legislation, comparatively less attention has been paid to the plural, and often contradictory, history of ‘gender identity’ and ‘gender expression.’ This article traces the origins of these terms, arguing that ‘gender identity’ is the product of mid-century psychiatric discourses that constructed trans people as a narrow class of persons. ‘Gender expression’ is a comparatively newer concept, emerging in the 1990s in concert with performative theories of gender that sought to demonstrate how disciplinary norms are imposed on all members of society. The contemporary reliance on these terms reflects what Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick has called the tension between ‘minoritizing’ and ‘universalizing’ accounts of gender and sexuality.

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES: DR. JERALD SABIN 
Politics and International Studies, Bishop’s University 
“Faith and Race in Politics: Language, Media and the NDP Leadership Election” 
Thursday, November 8, 5-6 pm, CLE C112

In this lecture, I analyze and compare English-Canadian and French-Canadian media responses to the candidacy of Jagmeet Singh, a turbaned Sikh, during the 2017 federal New Democratic Party leadership race. In French Canada, Mr. Singh’s candidacy was portrayed as an issue of religious accommodation and tied to debates surrounding Bill 62, an act designed to limit the wearing of face coverings in Quebec. English Canadian media accounts cast
his candidacy along racial lines. I argue that distinct media cultures — and, by extension, political cultures — in English and French Canada led to these differences in framing, and that candidates with intersecting identities could expect different treatment depending on the language of coverage in Canada. Jerald Sabin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics and International Studies at Bishop’s University in Sherbrooke, Quebec. He is the co-author of Religion and Canadian Party Politics (2017). [https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/csrs/]. Co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science.

POLI PhD STUDENT – LYNN NG YU LING
“Towards Alternative Conceptualizations of ‘care’ in the Singaporean Domestic Labour Market”
Thursday, November 8, 4-5 pm, SED C168
First year UVic Political Science PhD student Lynn Ng Yu Ling will present on her doctoral work, which focuses on foreign domestic workers in Singapore and finding a place for 'voices from the bottom', that is, allowing care workers themselves to offer perspectives on what 'care' means, instead of the mainstream thinking of the '3Ds': dirty, dangerous, difficult. UVic Law PhD student Qian Liu will serve as commentator. CAPI’s Graduate Seminar Series

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM: DEVA WOODLY, NEW SCHOOL
Black Feminist Vision and the Politics of Healing in the Movement for Black Lives
Friday, October 26, 2:30 pm, FRASER 152
The Movement for Black Lives (#BlackLivesMatter) has developed a political philosophy rooted in black feminist thought, which posits that it is only by centering the most marginalized that we will be able to imagine and enact just social practices and institutional/legal policies. This vision of "healing justice" inspires both the organizational practices and political action of the movement. To answer the interlocking structural oppression that the most marginalized face, movement actors begin by acknowledging that feelings are not the opposite of intellect and that care and affirmation are not only personal, but critically, political resources. In this paper I explore both the empirical impetus for this margin-to-center philosophy advocating healing justice and the theoretical and practical implications of basing a social movement's political philosophy on the treatment of trauma and the necessity of care.

Deva Woodly is an Associate Professor of Politics at the New School. A former fellow of the Institute for Advances Study (2012-2013), she is the author of The Politics of Common Sense: How Social Movements Use Public Discourse to Change Politics and Win Acceptance (Oxford 2015). Her research covers a variety of topics, from media & communication, to political understandings of economics, to race & imagination, & social movements. In each case, she focuses on the impacts of public discourse on the political understandings of social and economic issues as well as how those common understandings change democratic practice and public policy. Her process of inquiry is inductive, moving from concrete, real-world conditions to the conceptual implications of those realities. In all cases, she centers the perspective of ordinary citizens and political challengers with an eye toward how the demos impacts political action and shapes political possibilities. Her current book projects are #BlackLivesMatter and the Democratic Necessity of Social Movements, an examination of the ways that social movements re-polarize public life in times of political despair and What We Talk About When We Talk About the
Economy, a broad investigation of American economic discourse and its implications for politics and policy in the post-Great Recession era.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES – PHOTO CONTEST
Deadline: Tuesday, October 30, 4:30 pm
Do you have great photos of your students working with communities? Our photo contest is open to all faculty and staff. The winning photo will be the cover of this year’s holiday card and prizes will go to first and second place.
Guidelines: a photo that shows students engaging with communities through research related activities. Permission to use the photo for promotional purposes. High resolution photos are required (300 dpi). Landscape/horizontal. The winning photo and runner up will be announced on November 9.

CFGS: WEBINAR “Electoral Reform: A Viable Option for Canada – Lessons from Europe”
Tuesday, October 30, 9:30 -11:00am
Event Info/ Speaker Info / Register now
There is widespread concern regarding the democratic quality, accountability, and fairness of Canada’s first-past-the-post electoral system. With the current referendum on electoral reform in British Columbia, the weaknesses and strengths of the respective electoral system have become a matter of major public debate. This webinar will feature an expert discussion on the alternative options for organizing elections and the experiences that we have with other electoral systems in particular in Europe. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the competing electoral systems? What do they mean for the performance and quality of representative democracy?

Oliver Schmidtke will moderate this webinar with two experts on electoral reform: Dennis Pilon (York University) will address voting system reform as part of worldwide democratization efforts and comparative evidence concerning the effect of different electoral systems in particular in Europe. From this perspective, he will look into evidence of governing stability, vote maximization, cooperation across parties, alternation in government, and representation of diversity. Maxwell Cameron (UBC, Director of the Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions) will focus on the implications of electoral systems for the functioning and quality of democracy. He will relate this discussion to the local context and the issues that we face with electoral reform in BC.

GENDER STUDIES: LANSDOWNE SPEAKERS
Dr. Skaya Siku, Postdoc Fellow, Academia Sinica, Taipei Taiwan
Dr. Yi-Chun Tricia Lin, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, College of Indigenous Studies at National Dong Hwa University in Taiwan and Professor & Director of the Women’s Studies program at Southern Connecticut University

“Taiwan Indigenous Women: At the Crossroads of Gender/Sexuality, Race, Class, and Nation”
Tuesday, October 30, 7 pm, HSD A240

“Revitalization of Indigenous Knowledge and Challenges in Contemporary Taiwan: A Case Study of Three Indigenous Documentary Filmmakers” (Neil Burton Lecture Series)
Wednesday, October 31, 7 pm, HSD A240

“Indigenous Women’s Cultural Production and Political Activism in Taiwan: The Cases of Four Indigenous Women”
Thursday, November 1, HSD A240
This two-part presentation by two Taiwan feminists, one Indigenous (Skaya Siku) and the other Han-settler colonial and diasporic (Yi-Chun Tricia Lin) presents a complex picture of Taiwan Indigenous women, their struggles as well as their triumphs, in a Chinese settler colonial society that never ceases its colonization project of Indigenous peoples. Following a dual perspective introduction, each will make a general presentation based on two disciplinary backgrounds: feminist studies and visual anthropology.

CAPI INTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFO SESSION
Tuesday, November 20, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, SEDG C168
CAPI’s 2018 cohort of interns includes 14 UVic students (11 undergrad and 3 graduate students) from a range of departments (from Philosophy to Law) who have been working with 9 organizations across 7 countries on 2 continents. Each internship is between three and seven months in duration. Follow their adventures at https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/capi/intern-scholar/home/intern-participants/index.php. Learn more about opportunities at https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/capi/intern-scholar/home/internships-scholarships/index.php

EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNO BEACH CENTRE – RECRUITING FOR 2019 GUIDE TEAM
The Juno Beach Centre is recruiting its 2019 Guide Team! There are seven positions for three periods of employment throughout the year. All contracts are seven months long, allowing for a substantial professional experience for fully bilingual students in a very unique historical setting. For details on dates and how to apply please visit http://www.junobeach.org/student-guide-program/.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Indigenous self-determination in a ‘chronically mobile’ world: Critical perspectives from anti-racist scholars of migration and mobility
Deadline: December 15
Issue Editors Soma Chatterjee, PhD. Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, York University; Tania Das Gupta, PhD. Professor, Department of Equity Studies, York University
In a world of ‘accelerated dispossession’ (McNally, 2013), the right to migration is often a key pathway for freedom, albeit one that is unequally accessed by dominant and subaltern actors. And yet, the exercise of this right (e.g., via cross-border migration and subsequent justice claims) risks compromising the rights of Indigenous peoples who are internally displaced. As Dean Saranillio (2013) compellingly put it in the context of Hawaii: “the avenues laid out for immigrants’ success and empowerment are paved over native lands and sovereignty”. However, in the contemporary global order immigrants, migrants and refugees continue to meet Indigenous nations in contested geopolitical territories, and are faced with the complex responsibility of carving out a workable and just co-existence. It is in this context of world-wide migratory movements and ongoing occupations that we situate this special issue.

Submit 250 words abstract to Soma Chatterjee & Tania Das Gupta at chatterjeedasgupta@gmail.com by 15th Dec, 2018. Please clearly indicate which of the three categories your contribution belongs to. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions.
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