POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST  
Friday, May 28, 2021

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS ALL OUR GRADUATING STUDENTS!!
For the second year in a row, Spring graduation ceremonies will not be held in-person format. Instead, each student is invited to attend an in-person convocation ceremony over the next 3 years and will receive a Grad Box which holds their degree, printed program, mortarboard and tassel and an alumni gift. We wish our students good luck as they embark on the next phase of their lives!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESSICAL KOLOPENUK, WINNER OF GOVERNOR GENERAL’S GOLD MEDAL!!
Jessica Kolopenuk (Cree, Peguis First Nation, UVic Political Science, 2020) has won the Governor General’s Gold Medal for the most outstanding dissertation at this university. Offered at major Canadian research universities, the award has been in existence since 1873 and is one of the highest honours a Canadian doctoral student can receive. The title of Dr. Kolopenuk’s dissertation is “Power and Echoes: Colonial Relations of Re/iteration and their Genomic Indigeneities”, and it was supervised by Rita Dhamoon (UVic Political Science).

SESSIONAL POSTING FOR FALL 2021 TERM: POLITICAL THEORY AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Application deadline: Tuesday, June 8

GLOBAL SOUTH POLITICAL COMMENTARIES BLOG – LATEST POST
In the latest post on the Global South Political Commentaries blog, Reeta Tremblay discusses the social and political dimensions of the Covid 19 crisis in India. This continues the mini series on the pandemic and the Global South. You can find the link here: https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/globalsouthpolitics/2021/05/23/expert-qa-on-covid-19-crisis-in-india/

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

CFGS: LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH GROUP
“Democracy in Latin America: Inclusive Democracy in Mexico”
Tuesday, June 1, 12 noon – 1:30 pm
The Latin American Research Group, with support from CFGS and Latin American Studies, will host the fourth session in their Democracy in Latin America webinar series, “Democracy in Latin America: Inclusive Democracy in Mexico”. This session is organised in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico in Vancouver. Focusing on Mexico’s strategies for fostering an inclusive democracy, panellists
will discuss the challenges of assuring social equality and representation for Indigenous and Afro-Mexicans. You can find the full event description and registration link on the [event page](#).

CFGs: “CUBA: LIVING BETWEEN HURRICANES”
**Wednesday, June 2, 10 am – 12 noon**
Join CFGS for a film screening of “Cuba: Living between Hurricanes” followed by a discussion with Michael Chanan (Director and Editor) and Jean Stubbs (Producer and Writer). [Cuba: Living Between Hurricanes](#) is a film about the elements – hurricanes and rain, the sea and the earth. The story is told against the background of the Cuban Revolution, but the rule of the communist state is only the latest stage in the history of an island that has always suffered extreme weather events, of which hurricanes are only the most dramatic. You can find the full event description and registration link on the [event page](#).

CIRCLE “TWO SPIRIT AND INDIGIQUEER CULTURAL SAFETY: CONSIDERATIONS FOR RELATIONAL PRACTICE AND POLICY”
**Dr. James Makokis and Dr. Karina Walters**
**Circle Moderator - Dr. Billie Allan**
**Tuesday, June 8, 11:00 am -12:45 pm PST**
In celebration of National Indigenous Month and Pride Month, the Indigenous Cultural Safety Webinar Series invites you to sit in circle with Dr. James Makokis and Dr. Karina Walters to reflect on our understandings of and contributions towards cultural safety for Two Spirit and Indigiqueer peoples. Drawing on examples from research, community organizing, ceremonial resurgence and frontline practice, our guests will share knowledge aimed at informing individual and collective efforts to ensure culturally safe access to healthcare, social services and other social institutions, as well as to community and ceremonial spaces and supports for Two Spirit and Indigiqueer peoples. This webinar is meant to provide a foundation for additional webinars on Two Spirit and Indigiqueer cultural safety over the coming year. [Register Now](#)

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