CONGRATULATIONS TO JOY AUSTIN ON HER UPCOMING RETIREMENT!
Joy’s last day at work is Friday, October 5. We wish her well for a restful and fulfilling retirement!!

TEXTBOOKS FOR CHANGE - DROP BOX IN COMMON ROOM
There is now a Textbooks for Change dropbox in the Common Room. This organization partners with universities and colleges across North America to create a sustainable and meaningful impact on campuses both locally and in East Africa. Textbooks for Change donates 50% of the textbooks to seven campus partners in East Africa, sells 20% of the textbooks to students at affordable prices, and sustainably recycles 30%. Please drop off used textbooks/desk copies which have been published in the last 10-15 years. For more information, please visit https://www.textbooksforchange.com/ or e-mail uvict4c@gmail.com.

NEW EVENTS CALENDAR
UVic has a new events calendar - https://events.uvic.ca/! Launched earlier this month, this calendar is a big improvement over the old one and includes images and filters.

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

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES: “RESTRAINING GREAT POWERS: SOFT BALANCING FROM EMPIRES TO THE GLOBAL ERA”
Professor T.V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations
Department of Political Science, McGill University
Thursday, October 11, 3:30-5 pm, Fraser 157
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](https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300228489/restraining-great-powers)

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**UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**CORPORATE MAPPING PROJECT, CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES-BC & THE WILDERNESS COMMITTEE PRESENT**
“Tailings dam spills at Mount Polley and Mariana: Chronicles of disasters foretold - A public talk with Judith Marshall and Bruno Milanez”
**Tuesday, October 2, 7-9 pm, HHB 105**

The 2014 tailings pond spill at the Mount Polley mine in central BC marked the single worst mining disaster in Canadian history. A year later, an even more horrendous spill occurred at the Mariana mine in Brazil, killing 19 people and leaving hundreds homeless, and contaminating a nearby river system. A recent Corporate Mapping Project report takes a close look at the mining disasters at Mount Polley and Mariana and reveals remarkable similarities in these disasters but also in the corporate, governmental and civil society responses afterwards. Join us on Tuesday, October 2 to hear from the report’s author, Judith Marshall, and Bruno Milanez (PoEMAS, Brazil) about what we can learn from these disasters about corporate power and influence. This is a free event, but please register at: [www.ccpabc.ca/tailings_spills_vic](http://www.ccpabc.ca/tailings_spills_vic)

**POLIS WEBINAR**
**Thursday, October 4, 9:30-11, SEDG C179**

The POLIS Water Sustainability Project and the Water Economics Policy and Governance Network (WEPGN) are hosting a webinar on Thursday, October 4, from 9:30 am to 11 am, where speakers will
describe communities that are doing the interdisciplinary work required to better understand and account for natural assets, such as creeks, aquifers, and forests, in their municipal planning.

https://poliswaterproject.org/polis-event-webinar/from-panama-to-canada-urban-water-sustainability-natural-asset-planning/  Around the globe, local governments and communities are beginning to shift towards “natural asset planning” to promote and ensure urban water sustainability. Historically, nature has been undervalued, underpriced, and overused and there has been no easy way to account for ecosystem services, such as flood control provided by wetlands. In this webinar, the speakers will describe communities that are doing the interdisciplinary work required to better understand and account for natural assets, such as creeks, aquifers, and forests, in their municipal planning. Vic Adamowicz (University of Alberta) will offer findings and lessons learned from work in the Panama Canal Watershed. This project analyzed the costs and benefits of the development of ecological infrastructure as opposed to gray infrastructure. Tatiana Koveshnikova and Gayle Soo Chan (Credit Valley Conservation) will then describe their recent and ongoing work on a natural assets initiative west of Toronto, including hydrological modelling and economic valuation. The project results will support municipal initiatives working to incorporate natural services in existing asset management programs.

CAPI PRESENTS: “ECONOMIC RE-EMERGENCE OF THE ASIA PACIFIC RIM”
Jingjai Hanchanlash, President, Thai-Canada Economic Corporation Foundation
Wednesday, October 10, noon, SED C168
Following the late-90s economic crisis in the Asia-Pacific, many began to question the prevailing program of economic liberalization in the region, driven by the Washington Consensus and increasing globalization. In response, new models of regional economic cooperation emerged, from GMS to ASEAN, RCEP (ASEAN plus 6), APEC, and eventually CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Tran Pacific Partnership). Are these new frameworks of economic cooperation replacing the Washington Consensus and signalling the re-emergence of the Asia-Pacific? Jingjai Hanchanlash has a distinguished business career and has fostered strong relationships between Canada and Thailand. As a director and chair of the boards of several corporations and institutions throughout the Asia Pacific region, Dr. Jingjai is a major force in the regional economy. As a former advisor on Asian affairs and the Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific for Canada’s International Development Research Centre he has long played a key role in the economic development of the Asia Pacific region.

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