POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING FOR SEPTEMBER - SAVE THE DATES!

POLI GRAD ORIENTATION
Tuesday, September 3, 2:30-6 pm  Faculty introductions in DTB A357 followed by the annual ‘Grad Student Get-Together’ in the DTB lower lobby from 4-6 pm. RSVP to Rachel at poligrad@uvic.ca.
Friday, September 6, 1-4 pm, DTB A357  Campus info for new grad students.

TA Training
Friday, September 13, 1-5 pm, DTB A357 – Part 1
Tuesday, September 17, 10-2 pm, DTB A357 – Part 2
Questions about the TA training? Contact TAC Can Zhao at canzhao@uvic.ca.

POLI UNDERGRAD MEET & GREET
Wednesday, September 18, 4-5:40 pm, SUB-VERTIGO
Mark your calendars for the annual POLI Undergrad Meet and Greet. This event is a great opportunity to share information about the department as well as build a strong connection with our incoming students. Please RSVP to Rosemary at poliao@uvic.ca.

POLI SPEAKERS SERIES 2019-20
DR. CRICKET KEATING, DEPT OF GENDER, WOMEN & SEXUALITY STUDIES, U OF WASHINGTON
“EDUCATING FOR COALITION: POPULAR EDUCATION AND POLITICAL PRAXIS”
Friday, September 20, 2019, 2:30 pm, DSB C118
Popular education is a mode of doing political work that brings people together for dialogue in anti-hierarchical settings to analyze their situations and develop plans for collective action. This talk develops popular education theory and practice in ways that address the complexity of multiple, intersecting forms of oppression and that take up the possibility of forging bonds of interdependent resistance.

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CAPI: “DEMISE OF ‘ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS’? REFLECTIONS ON THE HONG KONG RENDITION SAGA”
Cora Chan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong
Thursday, September 12, 3:30-5 pm, DSB C125
The summer of 2019 has seen the largest demonstrations in the history of post-colonial Hong Kong. In this presentation, Hong Kong University Law professor Cora Chan (via video-link) reflects on the causes of the unrest, its impact on China’s “one country, two systems” model for governing Hong Kong, what is needed for the crisis to be resolved, and the relevance of the saga beyond the China-Hong Kong context.
CIRCLE: STAND UP COMEDY FUNDRAISER FOR MAUNA KEA
Thursday, September 12, 7-9 pm, Ceremonial Hall
Featuring local Indigenous and non-Indigenous comedians. Tickets by donation. All proceeds will be donated directly to Mauna Kea action.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES: LANSDOWNE LECTURE
“ON HUMBOLDT’S PLANET: COSMOS, GAIA, AND THE COMING OF THE ANTHROPOCENE”
Laura Dassow Walls, University of Notre Dame
Friday, September 13, 7 pm, HBB 105
Professor Walls works in literature and science and has a continuing interest in the German natural scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt. Her books include *The Passage to Cosmos: Alexander von Humboldt and the Shaping of America* (Chicago 2009), and a future work, *Earthrise*, on the 19th-century concept of Earth as a living, self-making planet. Prof. Walls will discuss how the Anthropocene gives new meaning to Humboldt’s concept of nature. She has been supported by the Guggenheim Foundation, the NEH, the Center for Humans and Nature, and the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies. Prof Walls’ lecture is part of the Colloquium, “Facing the Anthropocene with Alexander von Humboldt’s Views of Nature” which continues on Saturday, September 14, with keynote presentations and roundtables. More info: [https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/assets/docs/von-humboldt-anthropocene.pdf](https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/assets/docs/von-humboldt-anthropocene.pdf)

CAPI: “THE KELSEN-SCHMITT DEBATE AND THE USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS IN POLITICAL CRISES IN THAILAND”
Rawin Leelapatana, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkom University, Thailand
Thursday, September 26, 3:00-4:30 pm, SED C168
Carl Schmitt and Hans Kelsen were prominent jurists during the Weimar Republic who engaged in the debate on the nature and use of emergency powers in a political crisis of liberal democracy (‘PCLD’). This thesis considers how this debate might apply to Thailand. In post-absolutist Thailand after 1932, the conflict between the pro-democracy and the conservative factions reflected the PCLD, and resulted in military coups together with martial law supported by the suspension of liberal democracy viewed as a threat to the nationalist-conservative tradition known as Thai-ness and other uses of emergency legislations by the government of both factions.

WEST COAST MODEL EU
Applications open from Sept. 4 – Nov. 22
The West Coast Model EU is a simulation of a European Council summit, which takes place every Spring in Seattle, WA. UVic sponsors four undergraduate students each who represent EU member state delegations, as either the Head of Government or the relevant Minister. Registration, travel and accommodation costs are covered by the EUS program at UVic. With thanks to JMCE, this year four UVic students received full funding to attend the 2019 West Coast Model EU, a simulation of a European Council summit. Two teams represent EU member state delegations, as either Heads of State or Ministers. Alina Sobolik won an honourable mention as the Head of State for Poland for her work on the issues of common immigration and border schemes. More info at [https://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/europe/travel-and-learn/model-eu/index.php](https://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/europe/travel-and-learn/model-eu/index.php)
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