RITA DHAMOON – BOOK LAUNCH
with Davina Bhandar, Political Science, U of Athabasca
UNMOORING THE KOMAGATA MARU: CHARTING COLONIAL TRAJECTORIES, 2019
Thursday, Oct. 10, 3:00 pm, SED C168

In 1914, the SS Komagata Maru crossed oceans and jurisdictions – Hong Kong, Malaya, Singapore, Japan, and West Bengal – to arrive on the west coast of Canada. Citing regulations designed to limit the immigration of Indians, Canadian officials refused the ship and its passengers entry and detained them for two months in Vancouver Harbour. Most of the 376 passengers were then forcibly returned to India. Unmooring the Komagata Maru (edited by Rita Kaur Dhamoon, Davina Bhandar, Renisa Mawani, and Satwinder Bains) challenges conventional Canadian historical accounts of the incident by drawing from multiple disciplines and fields to consider the international and colonial dimensions within the context of political resistance, migration, cultural memory, and nation-building. Drawing from various disciplines, the collection situates the history of South Asians in Canada within a larger global-imperial history, emphasizing the ways in which the Komagata Maru incident is related to issues of colonialism. Co-sponsored by Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

MICHELLE BONNER – BOOK LAUNCH
“Tough on Crime: The Rise of Punitive Populism in Latin America”
Tuesday, October 15, 1-2:00 pm, SED C168

Tough on Crime (Pittsburgh University Press, 2019) offers an analysis of the role of mass media in political leaders’ increased use of tough on crime rhetoric and policies to win elections and popular support. It argues that changes in journalists’, state, and civil society organizations’ communicational practices that have emerged as a result of neoliberal reforms to media policies (privatization and particularly deregulation) have encouraged punitive populism. These media reforms have decreased the role of the media in accountability, homogenized public opinion as punitive, and increased the importance of media in policymaking. These changes have favoured punitive voices over those concerned with human rights. Thus, rethinking media policies might be a first step toward reducing punitive populism. While centred on the cases of Argentina and Chile, the analysis and findings contribute to broader discussions in countries around the world about the causes of the rise of punitive populism, as well as the challenges it poses to police reforms and democracy. This talk is part of the Department of Political Science and Latin American Research Group’s speakers’ series, in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies.
LANSdowne Speaker: Whitney Lackenbauer (Trent University)
Public Lecture "Canada’s North: Learning from the Past, Understanding the Present, Navigating the Future"
Tuesday, October 22, 4:30-6:30 pm, ELL 061

Department Seminar "Challenges and Opportunities in Canada’s Fast Changing North" Wednesday, October 23, 2:30-4:30 pm, DSB C118

Public Lecture "The Canadian Rangers and Canada’s Arctic Sovereignty in the 20th and 21st Centuries" (with LCol. Russell Meads, Commanding Officer, 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group) Thursday, October 24, 4:30-6:50 pm, ECS124

Workshop Keynote Roundtable, "Beyond the Boundaries of International Relations: Power, Indigeneity, and the Settler State"
Friday, October 25, 12:30-2:00 pm, DTB A357

Professor P. Whitney Lackenbauer is one of the leading global experts on Arctic history and politics, specializing in Arctic security, sovereignty and governance issues; modern Canadian military and diplomatic history; and Aboriginal-state relations. He is Professor of History and Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in the Study of the Canadian North at Trent University. Prior to taking up this appointment in 2018, he was Professor and Chair in the Department of History and co-director of the Centre for Foreign Policy and Federalism at St. Jerome’s University in the University of Waterloo. He sits on various national boards and working groups dedicated to Canadian Arctic affairs, including the Arctic Security Working Group and Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, and is a Fellow with the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary History; the Arctic Institute of North America; the Centre for Military, Security and Strategic Studies; and an adjunct professor with the Frost Centre for Canadian Studies & Indigenous Studies at Trent University. In recognition of his longstanding work with the Canadian Rangers, since 2014 Prof. Lackenbauer has served as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel for the 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, based in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and spanning Canada’s three northern territories. In its millennium issue, Maclean’s Magazine named him as a “Canadian to watch” in the 21st century.

https://uwaterloo.ca/history/people-profiles/whitney-lackenbauer

Poli Alumni Network Panel: Understanding the 2019 Canadian Federal Election
Wednesday, October 23, 5:30-7:30 pm, Cedar Hill Golf Course
Presenters: Dr. Jamie Lawson, Dr. Grace Lore, Dr. Michael Prince, Dr. Reg Whitaker
What were the most surprising developments in the 2019 Federal Election? What issues emerged as most important, and which were less influential than expected? What is the future for the main political parties? What changes can Canadians expect in the short and long-term as a result of the election? Join the presenters, Political Science faculty and fellow UVic alumni and friends for refreshments, networking and thought-provoking dialogue.
Register: https://extrweb.uvic.ca/2019-oct-23-sosc-political-science-federal-election-a-panel-discussion?srctid=1&erid=16895572&trid=be7cb09a-e979-4a9a-af39-3e93916641bf

CApi: US-China Trade Wars in Multiple Perspectives
Thursday, October 24, 3 pm, Fraser 150
STUDENT OPEN FORUM AGAINST RACISM: “REVOLUTION AND RESILIENCE”
An Antiracism and Decolonization Workshop
Thursday, October 10 & Wednesday, October 11, 4-9 pm, Law Lounge, Fraser Building

CIRCLE SPEAKER SERIES: “DECOLONIZING RESEARCH THROUGH STORYWORK: TALES FROM AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND”
Dr. Hayley Marama Cavino
Tuesday, October 15, 2:30-4:30 pm, ELL 167

CAPI AYUKAWA COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE: “ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: SELF- AND SOCIAL RECOGNITION AND JAPANESE CANADIAN WOMEN’S HISTORIES”
Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 pm, DTB A104
Inspired by scholars who are questioning the politics of settler state recognition, the presentation seeks to explore other forms of recognition. The presentation will argue that self- and social recognition are important to the conceptualization, writing, and commemoration of Japanese Canadian women’s histories. Examples from Dr. Michiko Midge Ayukawa’s work and Dr. Mona Oikawa’s book, Cartographies of Violence: Japanese Canadian Women, Memory, and the Subjects of the Internment, and other sources will be used to illustrate her argument.

CAPI: FINANCIAL INNOVATION, SYSTEMIC RISK AND CLIMATE CRISIS IN ASIA
Thursday, October 17, 3-5 pm, Fraser 150
In this, the 8th instalment of CAPI’s ongoing “Southeast Asia in Global Context” roundtable discussion series, we convene an interdisciplinary panel of international experts to examine issues in green finance as well as financial regulation/systemic risk, especially as they relate to climate issues and political instability in the region and beyond (e.g., Hong Kong, Brexit). The discussants will consider whether countries such as Hong Kong and Singapore (and Canada) can take credit for their relatively mild experience of the 2008 global financial crisis, and whether there would have been a global financial crisis if Islamic banking principles had been in operation. Finally, the panel will consider how financial institutions are adjusting to the climate crisis. More info: https://events.uvic.ca/capi/view/event/event_id/45447

CFGS: BIENNIAL GORDON SMITH LECTURE SERIES
Graham E. Fuller, CIA Operations Officer
Thursday, October 24, 6-7pm, ECS 125
This talk will focus on the nature of new international forces in a multi-polar world, the future of democracy, and Canada’s place in it. Graham E. Fuller is an Adjunct Professor of History at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and a Visiting Tutor at Quest University in Squamish. He has a BA and MA from Harvard University in Russian and Middle East Studies. He worked for 20 years as a CIA Operations Officer, seventeen of which were spent overseas in Turkey, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Afghanistan, and China. He later served as Vice-Chair of the National Intelligence Council and the CIA, with an overall responsibility for national level strategic forecasting. More info is available here: https://events.uvic.ca/view/event/date/20191024/event_id/45455.

FIVE DAYS OF ACTION: NOVEMBER 4-8
This week-long event is organized around calls to action to encourage every UVic community member to take concrete steps to end all forms of discrimination, harassment, and sexualized violence on campus.
We all have a part to play in making our campus welcoming and inclusive. The programming during the week includes free workshops, lectures, performances, art exhibits and more organized by many units across campus. We encourage you to participate in events scheduled, and hope you will encourage others to do so. There are also daily Calls to Action that we recommend everyone review and participate in. The workshops, lectures, performances and art exhibits are the UVic community coming together, stepping up and sharing their expertise. If you see something missing, or want to share your personal story with us, please contact eqhr02@uvic.ca. More info and registration: https://www.uvic.ca/equity/education/5-days-action/index.php.

CAPI: JAPANESE EXCLUSION, LABOUR AND ENVIRONMENT IN THE BC SALMON FISHERIES 1900-1930
Monday, October 28, 3 pm, SEDG C168
Benjamin Bryce, History, UNBC, Hailey Massingham, Law, UVic
Between 1900 and 1930, fishermen, cannery workers, investors, fisheries officials, and federal commissioners in British Columbia knew that the salmon in the Fraser and Skeena Rivers were overfished. They saw the solution in hatcheries, controlling when and where people could fish, and limiting the number of fishermen engaged in the commercial fisheries. Yet while the first two solutions relied on a certain scientific logic, the last issue was highly influenced by racial ideologies. More info https://events.uvic.ca/capi/view/event/event_id/45644.

CFGS: 2020-21 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Deadline: Friday, November 15
The Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) is very excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for our 2020/2021 Fellowship Program! Since its inception in 1998, the Centre for Global Studies has had a mandate to conduct collaborative, multi-disciplinary, and cross-regional research. Graduate students and faculty members from all departments on campus are eligible and welcome to apply for the CFGS Fellowship Program. The CFGS Fellowship Program provides opportunities to graduate students, UVic faculty, and visiting scholars. All of our fellowships offer enhanced opportunities for research networking and exchange as well as participation in the centre’s wide range of scholarly and social activities. For more information on each type of fellowship opportunity, please reference the attached fellowship announcement or visit our fellowship information page https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/fellowship/apply%20now/index.php. Questions? E-mail Operations Director/Research Coordinator, Jodie Walsh, at jodie@uvic.ca.

CSRS FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Application deadline: Monday, November 18
CSRS graduate and faculty fellowships are an excellent opportunity to engage in the life of the CSRS for members of the UVic academic community who are involved in some way in the study of religion and society (both categories are defined broadly at the centre). Faculty Fellows receive a course buy-out and a private office in the CSRS, and Graduate Student Fellows receive $5,000-$6,000 and a private office. CSRS offers an excellent environment for collegiality as well as a deepening of one’s own research project through the engagement with other academics from various departments across campus as well as from international institutions. More info: https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/csrs/fellowships-awards/index.php.

WEST COAST MODEL EU
Applications open from Sept. 4 – Nov. 22
Info Sessions: Tuesday, October 29, 11:30 am, HSD A264
Tuesday, November 5, 11:30 am, HSD A264
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

EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL STUDIES CALL FOR PAPERS
Submission deadline: Saturday, November 30
“Organized Abandonment: Cultures of crisis and resistance” May 15-16, 2020, SFU
Around the world, climate crisis, violence and intensive capitalist accumulation, have led to widespread precarity. Migrant populations on the move are shunted between unwilling states, detained at border crossing points, and parked in refugee camps. Papers, panels and workshops are invited on (but not restricted to) the following topics:
* migrant caravans and the politics of mobility; *racial capitalism; *incarcerated worker strikes; *land and water protectors; *extinction rebellions; *petrocultures, extractivism and climate change; *militarized policing *surveillance capitalism; *property relations and dispossession; *colonial and neocolonial relations; *housing markets, underhousing and homelessness; *privatization of education; *hollowing out of public media *food and clean water insecurity; *overdose crises; *nationalist and misogynist exit strategies; *insurgent knowledge and activisms; *alternative forms of social and political arrangement
The CACS organizing committee strongly encourages pre-constituted panels/workshops and alternative approaches to academic presentation styles. Proposals for presentations/papers, panels, roundtables and workshops are due by November 30, 2020. Please send proposals of 350 words for individual papers and 500 words for workshops, roundtables or panels, along with 50 word contributor bios to cacs@sfu.ca. For more information, please go to our facebook page.

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