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POLI PUBLIC LECTURE: “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.

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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 Trans 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.
CIRCLE Indigenous Speakers Series with Dr. David Milward
“Teaching and Researching Indigenous Law as a Criminal Law Professor.”
Tuesday, October 16, 11:30am – 1 pm, First Peoples House, Ceremonial Hall

THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: CONTROVERSIAL CHARACTERS IN CONTEXT
Presented by John Adams, author of Old Square Toes and His Lady: The Lives of James and Amelia Douglas
Monday, October 22, 7-8:30 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall
To understand the issues raised by recent controversies around renaming and destatuing it is important to learn as much as we can about the historical characters in the news before we decide the best route forward. To move forward in the spirit of “truth and reconciliation” we need to know the truths of our past. Four historians will present brief “warts and all” biographies of four historical figures in the news: John A. Macdonald, Joseph W. Trutch, Matthew Baillie Begbie and James Douglas and put them in their historical context to help inform public discussion. Each talk will be followed by a discussion to inform such questions as “how should we remember these characters and their contexts?” and/or “to commemorate or not commemorate?” The Department of History series started on May 9, 2018 and will continue to October 22, 2018. For more information, contact: 250-721-7383; clio@uvic.ca

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