POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER EXAM PERIOD RUNS FROM DECEMBER 7 - 21.

SPRING 2020 TERM BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 6.

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 24 – JANUARY 1 INCLUSIVE.
If you’re working over the closure, please bring extra layers as the heat will be turned down to 16°C.

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROVOST’S AWARD IN ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP
Submission deadline to Dean’s Office: Monday, December 9
Just a reminder that if you are planning to submit an application for the Provost’s Community Engaged Scholar Award (deadline to The Office of the VP Academic and Provost is December 13), please have your package in to the Dean’s office by 4pm on Monday, December 9 at the latest. We need some time to prepare the letter of support from our office for your application. For faculty members who are reapplying this year, a new letter from the Dean’s office is not necessary. Please submit your application by email to Karen Kobayashi soscadresearch@uvic.ca and cc Holland Gidney soscrsc@uvic.ca. More info at https://www.uvic.ca/vpacademic/news/current/callfornominationforprovostengagedscholar.php

CAPI: TESTIFYING TO LOSS: THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON JAPANESE CLAIMS, 1947-50
Wednesday, January 15, 3-4 pm
In the 1940s, the Canadian government interned and dispossessed nearly 22,000 persons of Japanese descent. In 1947, cabinet appointed a Royal Commission to investigate Japanese Canadians’ claims for losses resulting from this process. Over three years, hundreds of Japanese Canadians submitted evidence and testified in its hearings. Their claims and testimony are preserved in thousands of pages of archival documents. This presentation examines the how loss was defined, argued, and contested in the Royal Commission on Japanese Claims (1947-50.) Cognisant of how the Commission could influence public opinion, federal officials designed the Royal Commission to provide closure to the internment-era and to mark the start of the postwar period. This narrow purview focused the inquiry on government processes and procedural accountability. As Japanese Canadians fought to expand this definition to address their losses, the proceedings became a record of contest over the meaning of property loss and the legacy of the dispossession. This contest, captured in the Commission proceedings, provides a pathway into the complex history of the postwar years as Canadians grappled with the racism of Second World War, including Canada’s own race-based policies, and looked towards new approaches to pluralism.
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