



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST

Friday, January 6, 2023

We acknowledge and respect the *lək'wəḡən* peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and *WSANEC* peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES FOR SPRING TERM IS MONDAY, JANUARY 9.

WELCOME TO VISITING PhD STUDENT, ALEX SCHILIN!

Alex is a PhD student visiting from the University of Leiden. He'll be working with Amy (and using her office) for the next 6 months.

RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATION NEWS:

- Congratulations to **Marlea** on her recent book chapter in *New Leaders, New Dawns? South Africa and Zimbabwe under Cyril Ramaphosa and Emmerson Mnangagwa*, edited by Chris Brown, David Moore and Blair Rutherford (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2022). Marlea's chapter is "Labour's Decline: Precarious Employment, Labour Politics, and Trade Union Organizing in South Africa".
- Congratulations to **Matt** on his recent publication: "Separate National Apologies, Transnational Injustices: Second World War Oppression, Anti-Japanese Persecution, and the Politics of Apology in Five Countries." *Global Studies Quarterly* 2:4 (2022), ksac079. Co-authored with Jessica Fernández de Lara Harada, Masumi Izumi, Monica Okamoto, and Jordan Stanger-Ross. <https://academic.oup.com/isagsq/article/2/4/ksac079/6960502>
- Congratulations to **Oliver** on the publication of his recently co-edited book, *Borders and Migration: The Canadian Experience in Comparative Perspective* published by the University of Ottawa Press in December. <https://press.uottawa.ca/en/9780776638058/borders-and-migration/>

RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

- **Amy** was featured in a Spanish newspaper, La Razon, commenting on the war in Ukraine <https://www.larazon.es/internacional/europa/20221225/xpb4anqncjevrivq4agvv5gtcm.html?outputType=ampand>. She was also interviewed on a Dutch radio broadcast about membership in the Schengen area. <https://www.bnr.nl/nieuws/internationaal/10499893/vetorecht-eu-lidstaten-steeds-vaker-onder-vuur>



CFGS EUCANET WEBINAR

"Beyond Anti-fascism? The Rise of Giorgia Meloni and the Transformation of National Memory in Italy"

Thursday, January 12, 9 am PST

Panelists: Dr. Giulia Albanese (U of Padua), Dr. Amy King (U of Bristol)

Moderator: Dr. Oliver Schmidtke

In late 2022, Giorgia Meloni emerged as Italy's new Prime Minister and her party with neo-fascist roots, the Brothers of Italy (*Fratelli d'Italia*), as one of the winners of the elections. Her ascent to power has raised urgent questions about the memory of fascism and anti-fascism in its formative role for Italian national identity and politics. In the post-war decades, the anti-fascist foundation of the Italian Republic

shaped party politics. How should we assess the transformation of Italian politics and society in light of new Prime Minister from the far right? Do we witness a critical re-evaluation of the country's 20th century past and in particular the authoritarian legacy of fascism and the *Resistenza*? What does this development mean for contemporary Italian politics and society?

CAPI ONLINE TALK

"Sacred Sites as Public Sphere in Kashmir's Contentious Politics"

Thursday, January 19, 6 pm PST

To join this event, contact capi-events@uvic.ca

Speakers: Zohra Batul and Reeta Tremblay, Adjunct and Professor Emerita, UVic

Holy sites in Kashmir are well known for their involvement in contentious politics and have proved themselves crucial for creating shared identity and meaning. Sacred sites provide the leaders and the people of Kashmir an organizational hub for protest. Consequently, these sacred spaces have emerged as the centre of struggle in Kashmir. Moreover, shrines and mosques offer a rich associational life for their members providing an opportunity for urban and rural people to interact and exchange views regarding all sorts of problems facing Kashmir—religious, social, economic, and political.



POLI LANSDOWNE LECTURE: DR DEBRA THOMPSON

Associate Professor and CRC in Racial Inequality in Democratic Studies, McGill

LANSDOWNE LECTURE Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 pm DTB A102

"Roots, Routes, and Reckonings: On Blackness and Belonging in North America"

DEPARTMENT SEMINAR Tuesday, January 24, 2:30 pm DTB A357

"What do we mean by systemic racism in Canada?"

Dr. Debra Thompson is a leading scholar of the comparative politics of race, with teaching and research interests that focus on the relationships among race, the state and inequality in democratic societies. She is the author of *The Long Road Home: On Blackness and Belonging in North America* (Simon & Schuster, 2022), finalist for the Hilary Weston Writer's Trust Prize for Nonfiction.

UVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPI IN PERSON TALK

"The Forgotten War over Prisoners: How Chinese POWs and Taiwan Hijacked the Korean War"

Thursday, January 12, 3:30-5 pm (PST)

Dr. David Cheng Chang, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Korean War was in reality two wars: the first half was a war over territory from June 1950 to November 1951; the second half was over POWs from late 1951 to July 1953. Using multi-national archival documents and interviews with more than 90 POWs, Chang reveals the interplay between US policies, Chinese POWs, and Taiwan's agents. In the talk, the author will also sketch the divergent trajectories of three prisoner leaders: a missionary school-educated pro-Communist interpreter; a Whampoa-educated Nationalist paratrooper-commando who became a Communist truck driver and later an agent of US special forces; and a former Nationalist policeman who eventually went to Argentina via India.

VICTORIA COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Anna Jurkevics, Political Science, UBC

“World-Building, Democracy, and the Limits of Sovereign Mastery”

Pre-seminar: Friday, January 13, 1-2 pm, Fraser 152

Seminar: Friday, January 20, 2:30 pm, Fraser 152

What does democracy require of us when it comes to governing land? More fundamentally, what does it mean to be free with regard to land? This talk explores these questions and proposes a geographically-attuned theory of democracy as world-building.

Bio: Anna Jurkevics is a political theorist and an Assistant Professor of Political Science at UBC (PhD Yale 2017). Her research explores theories of land and territory from the vantage point of critical theory and the German tradition. She is currently completing a book manuscript entitled *Contested Territory: A Theory of Land and Democracy Beyond Sovereign Bounds*. Her work has appeared in *Political Theory*, the *European Journal of Political Theory*, and *Modern Intellectual History*, among other venues.

Pre-seminar reading

[Jurkevics, Land Grabbing and the Perplexities of Territorial Sovereignty](#)

Seminar reading

[Jurkevics, World-Building and Democracy*](#)

*Note: readers may want to skim the sections on Arendt and Hegel to save time.

JOIN FRAN MORRISON FOR A DISCUSSION OF BLACK HISTORIES OF BC

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 12-2:30 pm, SUB Upper Lounge

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