



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH GROUP SPEAKERS' SERIES PRESENTS:

“Waste pickers challenging the current Circular Economy: A Global South perspective”

Jutta Gutberlet, UVic Geography

Wednesday Feb. 21, 1:30-2:30 pm, SEDG C168

In view of the current debates on Climate Change and the Anthropocene, the concept of the Circular Economy (CE) has become more pertinent. The idea has attracted a rising interest within global policy and business in general, as a way of increasing the sustainability of production and consumption, recently also in countries in the Global South. There is a diverse spectrum of community-based organizations playing important roles in resource recovery and transformation in the global South, providing innovative examples for grassroots involvement in waste management and thus in the CE. In this talk I will propose a redefinition of the concept of CE applying a Southern lens, situated in the context of waste picker organizations. Coupling ecological economy (EE) with social/solidarity economy (SSE) provides a lens that focuses not only on environmental sustainability but also on the social, economic, political and cultural dimensions involved in production, consumption and final waste destination. Participation of grassroots movements contributes to policy making and improves urban waste management systems. I will draw on recent field work in Argentina and Brazil to illustrate how waste picker organizations provide selective waste collection services, engaging with municipalities and industries, acting out the CE. Particularly from a Southern perspective it becomes evident that social and political facets need to be added to the concept of CE, requesting a shift towards a CE that links environmental management and policy with community development and that recognizes waste pickers as major protagonists in the CE. Findings from this research emphasize a need for change of persisting inequalities in public policy, and recognize the importance of popular waste management knowledge in redefining the CE.

ISLAND MEDICAL PROGRAM PRESENTS

ANDRE PICARD “QUIRKY PAST, UNCERTAIN FUTURE: THE STATE OF CANADIAN HEALTHCARE”

Tuesday, February 27, 4:30 pm, Medical Sciences Building 150

André Picard, renowned Globe and Mail columnist, examines the history that led to the creation of medicare, and the social, financial and technological challenges of providing universal healthcare in the 21st century. Everyone welcome but RSVP required: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YTSKZK3>.



IDEAFEST 2018 JCURA RESEARCH FAIR

Wednesday, March 7, 11:30-3 pm, Michele Pujol Room and SUB Upper Lounge

POLI's 2017-18 JCURA students are Sarah Jansen (Winston), Alexa Lewis (Watson) and Kenya Rogers (Stark) and Aliya Schwabe (Watson).

Connect with the next generation of Canadian researchers! UVic's Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Awards (JCURA) offer exceptional undergraduate students the opportunity to carry out research in their field of study. The JCURA Research Fair will feature over 100 of these inspiring projects, ranging from the latest in robotics to literary analyses of the human condition.



IDEAFEST – IDEAS THAT CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

March 5-10

Ideafest is the university's annual research festival, showcasing the ideas of faculty, students and staff from across the university.

This year's festival, running March 5–10, features over 40 outstanding events on topics ranging from climate change and chamber music to Indigenous law and antibiotic resistance. All events are free and open to the public.

Check out this year's events: <https://www.uvic.ca/ideafest/>

UVIC GLOBAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IS RECRUITING

International Student Services is recruiting volunteers for the UVic Global Community Programs, and we need your help getting the word out. We are looking to recruit UVic community members (UVic students, alumni, faculty, staff) to volunteer as Global Community Conversation Partners, and we hope to recruit UVic students to volunteer as Global Community Mentors. The Conversation Partners Program provides students, who have English as an additional language, with opportunities to practice, build confidence, and improve their conversational English skills. Volunteers meet up with students weekly to provide a safe space to practice conversation and engage in a cross-cultural exchange. The Mentorship Program offers friendship and guidance for international students as they navigate their social and academic transition to UVic and Canada. Volunteers organize activities and meetups to help students get involved with our campus community and form connections with peers. More info at <http://ow.ly/LYPo30heMFf>.

EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CRITICAL STUDIES IN IMPROVISATION (IICSI): POSTDOC PROGRAM

Application deadline: Sunday, April 15

IICSI is currently accepting applications for two available postdoctoral research fellowship positions for the 2018-19 academic year. One fellowship position will be hosted at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN). The second will be held at the University of Guelph, McGill, or another IICSI site, if appropriate. Please note that these are residential fellowships, which must be held at one of the IICSI sites. For the 2017-18 year, we particularly welcome candidates with expertise in pedagogy and curricular design who could contribute to the development of IICSI's graduate program in Critical Studies in Improvisation. At MUN, the postdoctoral fellow will have the opportunity to participate in the activities of the Research Centre for Music Media and Place (MMaP) <https://www.mun.ca/mmap/>.

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