POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018

POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATING PhD, CHONG SU KIM, FEATURED IN UVIC NEWS!
Chong Su Kim, who defended his PhD dissertation in August, is featured on the UVic News website in a story about him and his daughter who are both convocating in next week.

READING BREAK: November 12-14 (no classes)

UVic ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTRE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES 2019-20 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS
Deadline: Friday, November 16
The Centre for Global Studies is now accepting applications for the 2019-20 Fellowship Program. The CFGS fellowship program provides opportunities to graduate students, faculty members, and visiting scholars. Given the interdisciplinary nature of centre, graduate students and faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to apply! The fellows are awarded a stipend and are provided with a title, an office (possibly shared), an opportunity to provide a public lecture based on their research, opportunities to work on the projects housed in the CFGS, and regular opportunities to meet other students, professors and visiting scholars interested in related issues. Ordinarily, fellows are expected to stay for at least 2 academic terms up to a maximum of 12 months and are expected to conduct their work in the centre's quarters, to participate actively in the programs and activities of the centre, and to give at least one public seminar or lecture on the theme of their research. More information available at https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/fellowship/apply%20now/index.php.

CAPI 30th ANNIVERSARY GALA WITH AMITAV GHOSH
"Embattled Earth: Commodities, Conflict and Climate Change in the Indian Ocean"
Friday, November 16, 6:30 pm, Laurel Point Inn
On the occasion of CAPI's 30th anniversary, we are pleased to present an evening with distinguished author Amitav Ghosh at Victoria's Laurel Point Inn. Since the time of Vasco da Gama’s voyage, the Indian Ocean has been the theatre of intense imperial rivalries over commodities and resources. For centuries the main players in these conflicts were Western colonial powers, but over the last few decades the countries of the Indian Ocean rim have themselves become major consumers of commodities and resources. As such they are now among the principal drivers of anthropogenic climate change, an ongoing process that will have catastrophic consequences for the billions of people who live around the Indian Ocean. This presentation explores the continuities between the resource conflicts of the past and the future by focusing on two transformative imperial wars: the Anglo-Dutch spice wars of the 17th century and the 1st Opium War of 1840-42. It also poses some related questions: are the imperatives of
empire and military supremacy among the major drivers of climate change? If so, why are these issues generally elided? Ticket information at https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/capi/events/calendar/2018/11/capi-30th-anniversary-with-amitav-ghosh.php

CIRCLE INDIGENOUS SPEAKER SERIES
“The Role and Recognition of Indigenous Legal Traditions in Canada: A Coast Salish Example”
Dr. Sarah Morales
Tuesday, November 20, 11:30 am – 1 pm, Ceremonial Hall

CAPI INTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFO SESSION
Tuesday, November 20, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, SEDG C168
CAPI’s 2018 cohort of interns includes 14 UVic students (11 undergrad and 3 graduate students) from a range of departments (from Philosophy to Law) who have been working with 9 organizations across 7 countries on 2 continents. Each internship is between three and seven months in duration. Follow their adventures at https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/capi/intern-scholar/home/intern-participants/index.php. Learn more about opportunities at https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/capi/intern-scholar/home/internships-scholarships/index.php

BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION SEMINAR SERIES “EUROPEAN BORDER REGIONS”
Tuesday, November 13, 4 -6 pm, Fraser 150
Interested but unable to attend in person? Join remotely with https://bluejeans.com/625036375.
Cross-Border regions are a composition of Border Regions. The first official Cross-Border Region, the EUREGIO, was established in 1958 on the Dutch-German border. Since then, such “Euroregions” and other forms of cross-border co-operation have developed throughout Europe. This seminar analyses the emergence of these local cross-border institutions, it offers a brief background on the history of cross-border regions in Europe and analyses the empirical dimensions of European border regions. Birte Wassenberg is a professor of university in contemporary history at the IEP Strasbourg, member of the Raymond-Poidevin Center, UMR "European Dynamics", and head of the Master 2 "International Relations". From 1993 to 2006, she was territorial attaché to the Alsace region. Since 2013, she holds a Jean Monnet Chair on the contribution of cross-border cooperation to the European Neighborhood Policy.

UVIC EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE PRESENTS
Dr. Robin DiAngelo on her latest book: White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism
Wednesday, November 21, 7 pm, Bob Wright 150
White people in white settler colonial contexts live in a racially insular social environment that builds expectations for racial comfort while at the same time lowering stamina for enduring racial stress. This lack of racial stamina has been coined by Dr. DiAngelo as “White Fragility.” White Fragility is a state in which even a minimal challenge to the white position becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves including: argumentation, invalidation, silence, withdrawal and claims of being attacked and misunderstood. These moves function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and maintain white control. Those who see themselves as “the choir” can be particularly challenging, for they tend to focus on “evidence of our advancement” rather than reach for humility and continually grapple with how to engage in intentional action. This talk will provide an overview of the socialization that inculcates white fragility and the perspectives and skills needed for white people to build their racial stamina and
engage more constructively across race. The talk is also for people of colour and Indigenous Peoples who wonder how white people manage not to know race and why they are so difficult to talk to about racism. Dr. DiAngelo’s talk should particularly benefit any white person who: positions themselves as “already getting it,” those who want to know what to do about racism, and those whose main question is, “How do I talk to other white people about racism?” Dr. Robin DiAngelo is Affiliate Faculty at the University of Washington. She is a two-time winner of the Student’s Choice Award for Educator of the Year from the University of Washington’s School of Social Work. Her scholarship is in White Racial Identity and Race Relations. In addition to her academic work, Robin has extensive experience as a workplace consultant in race relations and racial justice. Robin has numerous publications and books, including *What Does it Mean To Be White? Developing White Racial Literacy*. Her work on *White Fragility* has influenced the national dialogue on race and been featured or cited in Salon, NPR, PBS, The New York Times, and The New Yorker. Her book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism* was released in June and debuted on the New York Times Bestseller list.

This event is free of charge. However, you will have to get a free ticket online from the UVic Ceremonies website: [https://tickets.uvic.ca](https://tickets.uvic.ca). We recommend you arrive at least 30 minutes early to register. Everyone who would like to guarantee their spot, must arrive no later than 10 minutes before showtime (7:00pm), otherwise we will start letting in on-site people from the wait list. UVic Bookstore will be selling copies of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism* at the event.

Event sponsored by: UVic Equity and Human Rights Office in partnership with the Open Forum Against Racism (OFAR), the Vancouver Island Health Authority (Indigenous Cultural Safety), the Minority and Indigenous Women Instructors' Network (MIWIN), the Academic Women’s Caucus, the School of Child and Youth Care, antidote, and the Social Justice Studies program

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**EXTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“REMOVING MEMORY ONE STATUE AT A TIME: COMPARING EASTERN EUROPE AND CANADA”**  
Prof. Jan Grabowski, U of Ottawa  
Saturday, November 17, 3 pm, Wentworth Villa, 1156 Fort St.

Please join us for a special lecture to contribute to the debate triggered by the recent removal of the statue of John A. Macdonald by Victoria City Council. The contentious removal has been followed by reassessments of other “controversial characters” from local history whose statues may or may not deserve relocation. Interest in these local debates in Victoria has gone beyond provincial boundaries. We are delighted to feature internationally acclaimed historian Professor Jan Grabowski from the University of Ottawa. Professor Grabowski is also the author of a dozen books translated into several languages. In his lecture, Professor Grabowski will analyze the controversy of John A. Macdonald and others as part of a broader process of rewriting national history. Canada is not alone in the struggle to reinvent itself in this way. The lecture will compare the nature and workings of this process in Canada to Eastern Europe, where such struggles developed into true “history wars.”

In Eastern Europe the removal of statues and monuments is a largely symbolic gesture, sanctioned by tradition and past armed conflicts. Spoils of war go to the victor – including the right to reorganize the representations of the past according to the wishes of new rulers. Canadians, however, in terms of representations of the past, followed a long-standing tradition of compromise, one which was rooted in the experiences of the 17th and 18th centuries. In the last decades of the 20th and in the opening years of this century we were proud to build upon these very traditions of respect. The recent removal of
monuments, statues and names from the public sphere is a sign that the time of compromise and reconciliation might be over and that we enter the time of “memory wars”, well known to Europeans.

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