



POLITICAL SCIENCE WEEKLY DIGEST Friday, September 9, 2022

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

CAPI: "TAIWAN STRAIT CRISIS AND REGIONAL SECURITY IN ASIA"

Thursday, September 15, 3-4 pm, MAC D101

Speaker: Swaran Singh, Discussant: Will Greaves, Host: Feng Xu

The recent episode of cross-Strait tensions — following the early August Taiwan visit of US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to which China responded with a virtual military blockade of Taiwan — has come to be described as 'fourth' cross-Strait crisis that alludes to its enduring nature as well as its global implications, set against a backdrop of overarching brinkmanship of US-China trade and technology wars. As the post-WWII order continues to dissipate the new one has yet to emerge. Will China be co-opted into a US-led world order or is this incremental sharpening of its brinkmanship bound to throw the region into instability and perhaps herald a new balance of power in the Asia-Pacific? What are the implications for Taiwan and other regional stakeholders?

CONGRATS TO SMITH, JESSICA AND LYNN ON PUBLICATION OF CO-AUTHORED ARTICLE

Dr. Smith Oduro-Marfo (CFGS Fellowship alumni), Jessica Percy-Campbell, and Lynn Ng Yu Ling from the Department of Political Science have co-authored an article titled "(Un)Seeing as Care or Control: The Collection of Race-Identified COVID-19 Data" that has been published in the latest issue of *Surveillance & Society*. They previously presented their paper ideas at the 2020 Graduates of Political Science Colloquium and received the Identity Data and Systemic Racism Fellowship from the Faculty of Social Sciences. Their article makes a case for thinking about 'surveillance as care' and argues that marginalised groups (racialized peoples) are under-surveilled in a COVID-19 context where surveillance has many potential benefits like access to healthcare and medical safety. In 'normal' scenarios, marginalised communities are over-surveilled where punitive mechanisms dominate, but the ongoing pandemic provides reason to imagine surveillance with 'caring' implications. Their article is available at: <https://ojs.library.queensu.ca/index.php/surveillance-and-society/article/view/14689/10278>.

POLI TENURE TRACK POSTING IN INDIGENOUS POLITICS

Deadline: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Details at: <https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/politicalscience/home/news/current/in-31-may-22.php>

UVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK LAUNCH: BUT I LIVE: THREE STORIES OF CHILD SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Sunday, September 11, 2-4 pm, Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavillion, 1070 Tillicum Rd

Presenters: David Schaffer, Miriam Libicki, and Charlotte Schallié

Books will be available for purchase and signing. [Registration requested but not required.](#)

Partners: Victoria Shoah Project, Jewish Federation Victoria and Vancouver Island, UVic Libraries, UVic Germanic & Slavic Studies, UVic Humanities, UVic History, SSHRC. Read more about the [project](#).

CSRS: “PROTESTANT GHOSTS OF NEOLIBERALISM”

Thursday, September 15, 5-6 pm, DTB A110 (also online)

Daromir Rudnycky, Anthropology, Uvic

Neoliberalism, the notion that market mechanisms can be applied to all dimensions of human life, is often thought to be an objective way of ordering the world. In this sense, it is sometimes imagined as free of historical or cultural influences and simply a rational way to organize social life. However, is this really the case? This paper argues that, in fact, neoliberalism is the historical heir of a set of dispositions that are particular to Protestant religious traditions. The paper traces five Protestant “spectres”, or ghosts, that animate neoliberalism to illustrate the ways in which neoliberalism is an historical outcome of a particular set of religious practices. More info: <https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/csrs/>

CAPI: “A LEGACY OF EXPLOITATION: EARLY CAPITALISM IN THE RED RIVER COLONY, 1763-1821”

Friday, September 16, 12 pm (PDT), [Online event – Register here](#)

Susan Diane Brophy, Chair of Sociology & Legal Studies, St. Jerome’s U, U of Waterloo

A Legacy of Exploitation, I turn to Marxist thought and use a dialectical materialist framework to study dispossession. Although it lends itself to the analysis of history as constant motion, this approach also reveals the limitations of certain Marxist tenets when it comes to comprehending dispossession in the settler colonial context. On the occasion of this talk, I reflect on this modified Marxist framework. I maintain that the value of my dialectical materialist approach is that it reveals the extent to which transformations associated with the settlement at Red River were informed by reactions to Indigenous producers’ relative autonomy.



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