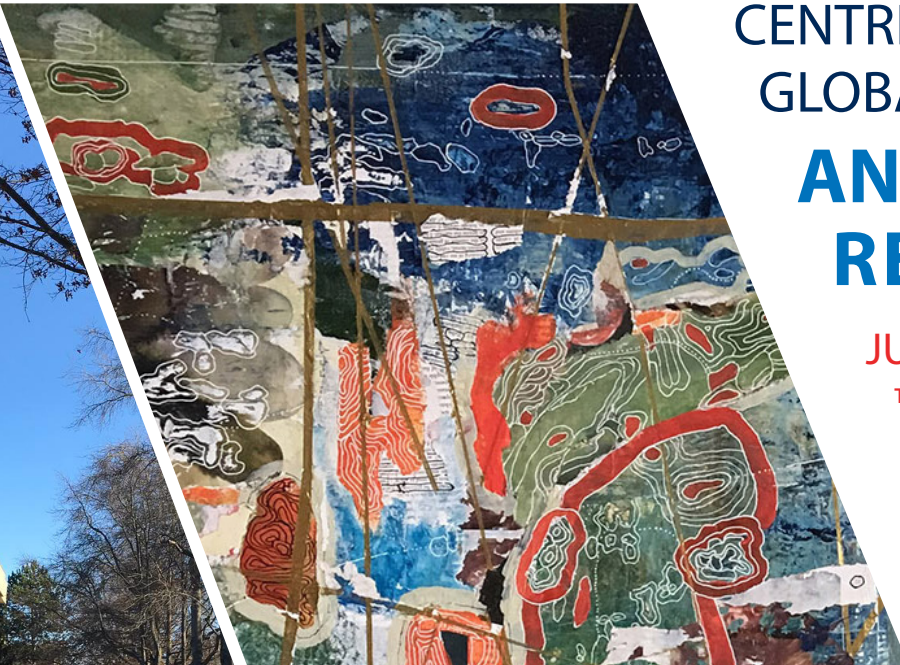




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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



CFGS Director Oliver Schmidtke

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How do you run a research centre such as the CFGS, whose very operation is markedly based on a sense of community and the experience of daily encounters, during a pandemic? This past year, we met this conundrum with determination and imagination. As spiders took over the eerily empty offices and hallways of the Centre, we continued our work; welcoming a new cohort of fellows, organizing a high-profile series of webinars, and engaging our community partners as much as possible - all in a virtual format.

In fact, as much as we missed interacting in person, the global pandemic allowed the Centre to invite even more scholars from afar to participate in our events, in particular from the Global South. For instance, the Centre's *Latin American Reading Group* and the *Property Rights and Society Discussion Group* organized fascinating webinar series that involved participants from around the world. Similarly, the Centre's Europe Canada Network launched its Jean Monnet Network on European Memory Politics, thereby establishing a vibrant transatlantic research community that sparked great interest in Canada and Europe. We are also delighted to have been able to welcome our two UNESCO Chairs at the Centre: Budd Hall's Chair in *Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education* and Alan Pence's Chair in *Early Childhood Education, Care and Development*. Both have already greatly enriched the CFGS community.

A definite highlight of the past academic year was the successful conclusion of the Centre's Five Year Review. As the first research centre at UVic to complete this renewal process exclusively online, CFGS had its two-day 'site visit' all arranged on Zoom. Thanks to all the work that went into preparing it, the review process was a rewarding and stimulating opportunity to reflect on the Centre's achievements and reexamine what we are doing through the eyes of some most engaging reviewers. I cannot thank the Centre's fabulous staff – Jodie Walsh, Jenn Swift, Stephanie Gruhlke, and Katie Dey – enough for seamlessly managing both the review and the more general transition to an online world of exchange. Let me also take this opportunity to warmly welcome Katie Dey, who will be filling in for Jenn Swift during her maternity leave as our financial assistant to the CFGS community.

As Martin Bunton takes over as Acting Director of CFGS during my year of study leave, I am confident that the Centre has mastered the challenges of the COVID pandemic extremely well. We have come out of this period of disruption and uncertainty stronger, with many new, exciting programs going forward into the (hopefully) post-COVID period. In this respect, I also owe a great deal of gratitude to the Centre's core projects, whose promising new initiatives reflect their impressive achievements over the past year(s). With the renewal of the *Borders in Globalization's* SSHRC Partnership Grant and the remarkable success of POLIS in its work with community partners and funders, the Centre very much looks forward to a productive and stimulating new year.

**Oliver Schmidtke,**  
*Executive Director,*  
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# The Globe in Perspective

The Centre for Global Studies (CFGs), founded in 1998, fosters research, reflection, and action on complex issues of local, national, and global importance. Located at the University of Victoria, CFGs is a collaborative community of scholars and leaders that is uniquely positioned to bridge academic research and student mentoring with innovative knowledge mobilization and effective community engagement.

As a truly interdisciplinary research centre exploring global and Indigenous perspectives, CFGs fosters exploration, discussion, and collaboration in new and unexpected ways. CFGs is an international community, purposefully designed to foster exchanges that lead to collaboration and innovation.

*“Although this was an exceptional year, I am thoroughly grateful to CFGs for their vibrant network of scholars and engaged community members, which made doing a Global Talks fellowship lecture and a webinar on Russia and Canada with high profile diplomatic speakers completely professional, well-attended, high-caliber virtual experiences. CFGs is a hub for important emerging research at U Vic.”*

MEGAN SWIFT, CFGS FACULTY FELLOW

*The 2020-2021 academic year was unforgettable and unlike any other, but my fellowship at CFGs helped me stay intellectually engaged during the remote semester, and it also allowed me to connect with UVic colleagues outside my department whom I wouldn't have had the chance to meet otherwise. During the academic term, I was able to focus on my book proposal, and the fellowship also provided a wonderfully supportive platform in the CFGs community for presenting my research.* ANGIE CHAU, CFGS FACULTY FELLOW

CFGs research considers the nexus of the local and global—how local concerns have global effects and how global issues manifest at the local level. Fellows and researchers are exploring issues vital to people, places, policy, and the planet and are making an impact around the world. Research foci include:

- Borders and migration in the 21st century
- Environmental and social policy, and ecological governance with a strong emphasis on water
- Indigeneity and reconciliation from global and local perspectives
- Social justice and participatory democracy
- Governance as an integrated process at and across scales



CFGS collaborates on projects across faculties and departments at the University of Victoria, as well as with communities, practitioners, partners, and universities around the globe. These projects reflect the core themes of CFGS and bring together diverse groups of people to communicate their research through events, publications, and interdisciplinary networks. CFGS makes boundary-pushing research accessible to policy makers, researchers, and the wider community.

These long-term projects are housed in the halls of CFGS. The faculty and staff involved in these projects occupy the offices at CFGS and are an integral part of the centre's day-to-day activities.

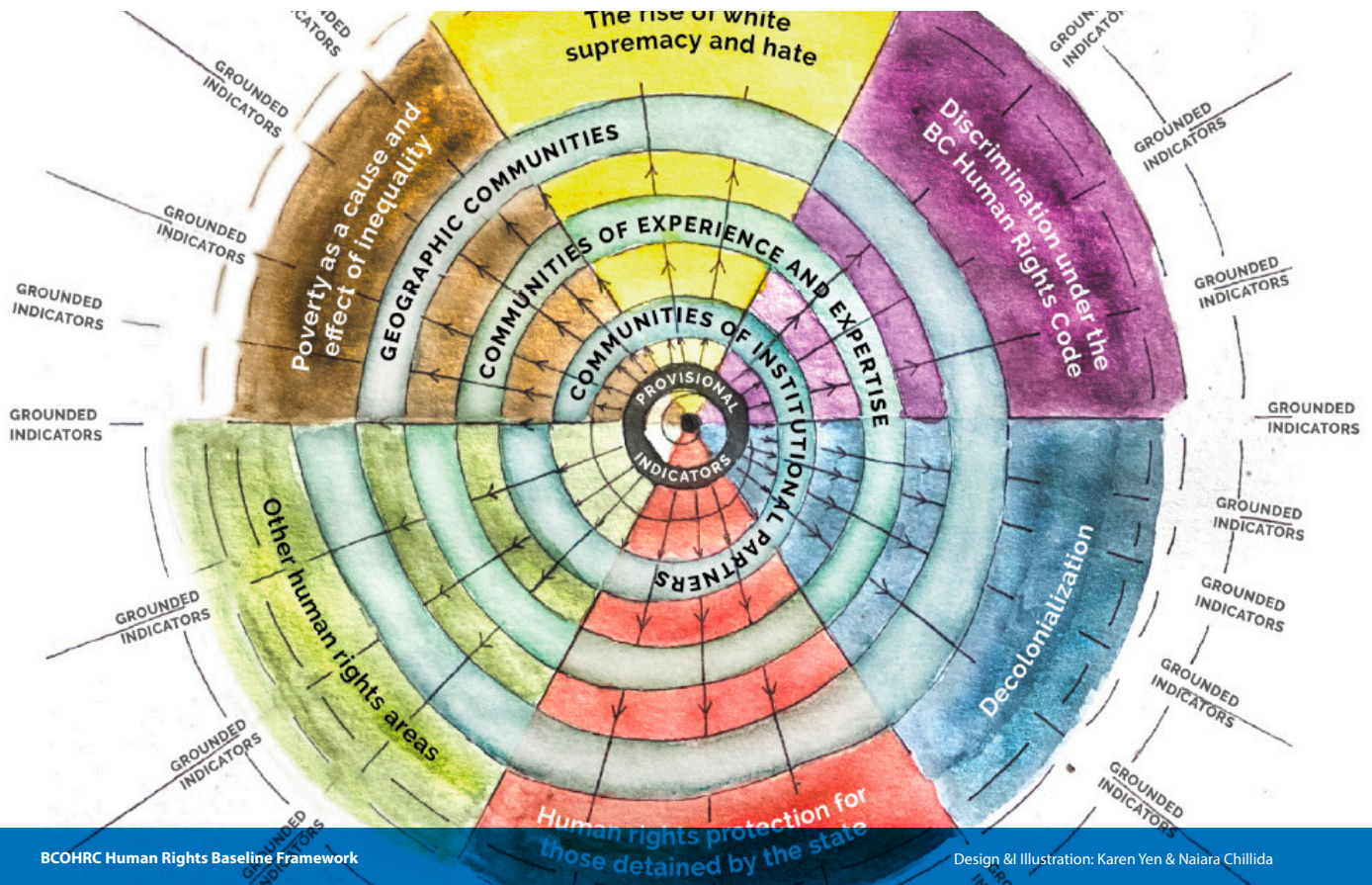
## Borders in Globalization (BIG)



This year, [Borders in Globalization \(BIG\)](#) concluded its multi-year research lab and began transitioning into a new research grant: 21st Century Borders. Throughout the year, BIG supported the publication of numerous peer-reviewed books and articles, including through its open-access journal, [Borders in Globalization Review \(BIG\\_Review\)](#). This reporting period, the [BIG\\_Review](#) published its third and fourth issues, which included dozens of articles and essays as well as art features and portfolios on border issues. The new book series, [BIG\\_Books](#), also launched, with its first title, [Borders and Bordering on Atlantic Canada](#), edited by Victor Konrad and Randy Widdis. BIG-supported books included: Victor Konrad and Melissa Kelly (editors), [Borders, Culture, and Globalization:](#)

[A Canadian Perspective Paperback](#) (University of Ottawa Press, 2021); Geoffrey Hale and Greg Anderson (editors), [Canada's Fluid Borders: Trade, Investment, Travel, Migration](#) (University of Ottawa Press, 2021), and Heather Nicol and Andrew Chater (editors), [North America's Arctic Borders: A World of Change](#) (University of Ottawa Press, 2021), plus other works. Building on previous years, BIG also prepared a Borders Institute, or Summer School, that began in early July 2021, in collaboration with border scholars and professionals from governmental agencies, including the Canada Border Services Agency.

## Cedar Trees Initiative



The [Cedar Trees Institute \(CTI\)](#) began as an interdisciplinary and intergenerational group of graduate students and senior academics. They imagine what other worlds are possible by looking at the alternatives already around us. In the spirit of ‘small is beautiful,’ the group began to meet at Imagine Studio Café in the traditional homelands of the Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) and Lək̓ʷəŋən (Songhees) Nations in 2017. Initially, CTI met each week to engage in dialogues of reciprocal elucidation regarding the numerous crises facing humanity and the exemplary ways in which communities respond. Local struggles capture the imagination, and linking them to ground-breaking academic research from across disciplinary boundaries is crucial. Over time, CTI has transformed, not only using this space to locally foster their own community of practice and engage in inter-generational dialogue, but also working with the

Centre for Global Studies to establish an internationally-networked Institute that hosts multilogues, supports public engagement beyond academia, and collaborates on a range of social change initiatives.

In an effort to bring together leading academic research and effective public policy, the Cedar Trees Institute partnered in the summer of 2020 with the B.C. Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (B.C.OHRC) to advise on how B.C.OHRC can measure and assess the current state of Human Rights in B.C. in a community-centered, relational, and decolonizing way. Focusing on economic inequality, decolonization, hate and white supremacy, and incarceration as central challenges for human rights today, this broad project involved mapping academic and community partners and developing indicators and data collection methods



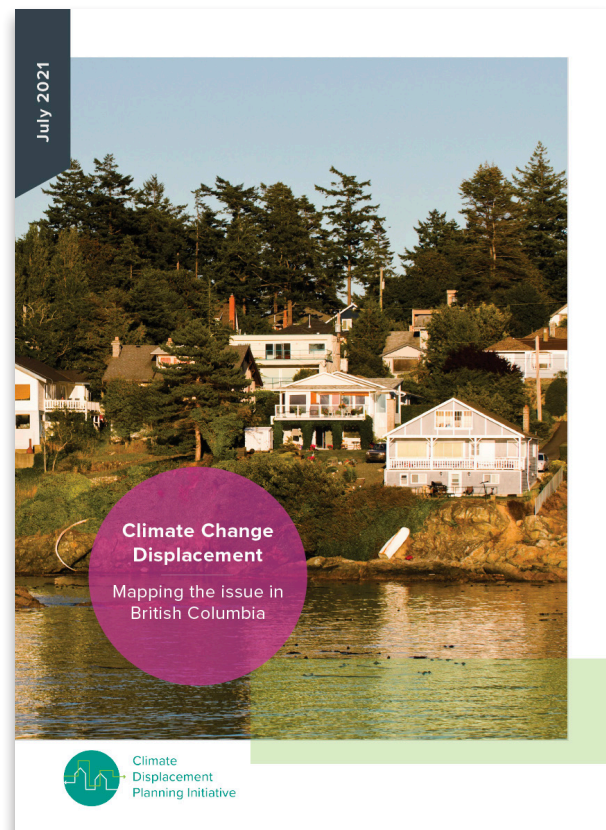
that will allow B.C.OHRC to cooperatively build a community-informed understanding of current challenges. CTI worked to develop a relational view of human rights that centers on self-determination, contestation, and community agency. This innovative approach put CTI, and B.C.OHRC, on the cutting edge of current human rights research in colonial contexts.

During this reporting period, Keith Cherry and Pablo Ouziel continued their work with the [COVIDA Collective](#) - a collective of students and young academics aiming to apply their academic knowledge to real world problems - who published a number of policy memos related to the COVID-19 pandemic response.

## Climate Change Displacement: Mapping the B.C. Context

[Climate Change Displacement: Mapping the B.C. Context](#) was a partnership between the CFGS and the Climate Displacement Planning Initiative (CDPI) (formerly the Climate Migrants and Refugees Project), funded by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. The project took place from December 2019 to October 2020 and focused on understanding the key issues and actors related to climate mobilities in B.C. PhD Candidate and CFGS Graduate Fellow, Nicole Bates-Eamer (Political Science), initiated the project with Oliver Schmidtko as the Principle Investigator and in collaboration with George Benson, a former UVic Political Science student and Managing Director of CDPI.

During the 11-month project, the research team reviewed literature, interviewed people around the province, and hosted online meetings to identify what is and is not known regarding human mobility in the face of B.C.'s changing climate. What's more, partners developed a future research agenda on preparing B.C. for climate displacement, for which CDPI is currently seeking additional funding. The project produced a report of key findings for CDPI, which is set to be released in July 2021. In addition to this public report, a UB.C. Sustainability Intern attached to CDPI produced a report on some of the research identified during our project. The project team also participated in the B.C. government's consultative process on developing the *Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy*, and were delighted to see potential climate displacement prioritized in the strategy for 2022-2025. As well as using the project's data in her own dissertation, Nicole also



presented the project's findings to academic audiences at UVic and beyond; including at Care Canada's Film Festival, the B.C.CIC Public Webinar Series with CDPI's George Benson, the AMSSATalk on Climate Change, Displacement, and Environmental Racism, and the Metchosin Challenge.



## The Europe-Canada Network

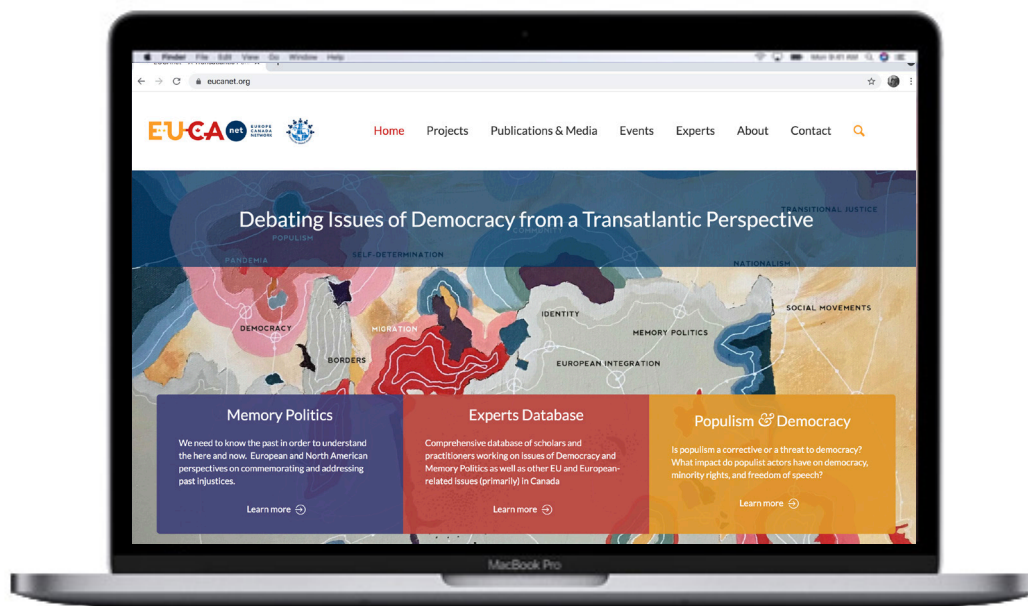
The [Europe Canada Network \(EUCANet\)](#) team managed this challenging year of COVID restrictions with creative solutions. First, in a collective effort, EUCANet completely restructured its public face with a new EUCANet.org website, creating synergies between the projects on Democracy & Populism and Memory Politics. Second, the [European Memory Politics Jean Monnet Network](#) was fully launched, enabling virtual collaboration with partners at the University of Victoria, the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, the University of Strasbourg, and the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. Although only meeting online, the Network was able to meaningfully reflect on and analyse the link between past injustices and contemporary realities from a transatlantic perspective. Especially given the ongoing debate on the legacy of colonialism and the residential school system in Canada, such work is sorely needed.

The effects of commemorating the past on democracies are also at the core of the EUCANet-supported SSHRC Insight grant on *Populism and its Effects on Liberal Democracy*. Both projects feed into a broader reflection on how the challenging memory of the 20th Century feeds into current forms of political mobilization and, most prominently, how such memory is used to legitimize

nationalist and populist identity politics. As a doctoral student at UVic and collaborator on the SSHRC project, Fazila Matt has joined the EUCANet team and will represent the Network at CFGS during the upcoming academic year as EUCANet Co-Lead Beate Schmidtke spends the year working from Europe.

The pandemic forced the Network to postpone major events, such as a conference, two workshops, a summer school, and the I-Witness School in Europe. But it also made it necessary to become inventive in providing learning and professional experiences for interns from Europe. For example, [you can read about how](#) Isabelle Staiger, who arrived from Germany at the beginning of the pandemic in Victoria, spent her three-month internship in an online world away from campus. Similarly, Sarah Cool-Fergus (Erasmus), Niklas Lehmann, Christian Tautphäus (both in Germany) and Laurence Claussen (in the UK) could not travel to Victoria, and yet all were thrilled to collaborate virtually with the EUCANet team in spite of the trying time difference.

Through the Jean Monnet Network, EUCANet was able to create a vibrant scholarly community across the Atlantic; a community in which senior scholars work



closely with young career researchers, graduate as well as undergraduate students, and interns. At the same time, work has continued towards the first outcomes of the Network: A five-part webinar series created a first sense of the complex ways in which collective memory, national identity and contemporary politics are intertwined. The Konrad Adenauer Foundation

generously supported the webinar series and allowed the Network to onboard Ann-Kathrin McLean, PhD candidate at Royal Roads University, as a EUCANet fellow at CFGS. Lastly, with a great degree of enthusiasm, the younger team members have taken up the task of putting together materials for the project's high school engagement online educational resources.

## European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE)



During this reporting period, The [EU Centre for Excellence](#) launched the first season of its EU Lecture Series, in collaboration with CFGS, UVic's departments of Political Science and History, and the School of Public Administration. This series hosted a total of seven UVic-based scholars, and attendees from a variety of academic backgrounds and levels, nation-wide.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, this year also saw immense student engagement within the European Studies Program. In response to the pandemic, five EUS 300 students, with the support of Dr. Keith Cherry and Dr. Pablo Ouziel, established the COVIDA Collective - a collective of students and young academics aiming to apply their academic knowledge to real world problems, using their scholarship as a tool of engaged political advocacy by providing fresh, transformative perspectives on global politics. This group wrote policy memos on the COVID-19 response, as well as student blogs for EUCANET. In January 2021, the EUS Course

Union was officially ratified and three Directors-at-Large were elected to represent European Studies students: Caleb Laranjeiras; Svetlin Dimitriev, and Danijela Brkovic. The course union also initiated an EUS Journal, and elected Kate Korte as the editor in chief. The first call for papers went out in January 2021.

Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly won all three grants he submitted in February 2020: the Jean Monnet Network, Chair, and Project grant. The Chair has received a one-year extension, and approval is pending for the Project and Network. The proposal for the Institute for EU and European studies is under review and the .25 funding for an administrative position has been granted another year's term.

This upcoming year will be one of transition for the European Studies Program. While Dr. Elena Pnevmonidou has been re-appointed as the Director of European Studies, she began a six month leave on July 1st, 2021. Dr. Nina Belmonte (Philosophy) has been appointed as the Acting Director for this period. European Studies Program Coordinator Amanda Merritt will also be transitioning out of her role and European Studies will be welcoming a new staff member to fill this position.

## POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

### Water-Focused Land Use Planning (Research and Reform)

Through research, briefings, presentations, and public and targeted media, this team offers direction to provincial and Indigenous leaders as they chart a possible course forward using land use planning to address the multiple, interrelated, and urgent risks facing communities and watersheds, meet reconciliation commitments, and create greater local economic certainty.

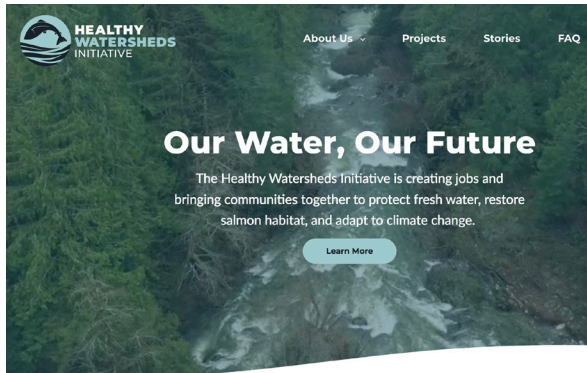
This area of work has seen real impact regarding provincial government commitment, priority, and action. In response to the previous government's mandate and ongoing commitment to modernize land use planning and its linked priorities of reconciliation and rural economic recovery, watershed security and climate adaptation have emerged as strong priorities in the newest mandates of

government. POLIS released a paper, "[Towards Watershed Security: The role of water in modernized land use planning in B.C.](#)," in summer 2020 in anticipation of this emerging opportunity. Largely because of government briefings that resulted from this paper and complementing work, watershed security was explicitly named as a provincial platform promise before the 2020 election. The issue then became a critical mandate commitment across a number of ministerial portfolios.

POLIS' "[Watershed Security Agenda for British Columbia](#)" (November 2020) provides focus for the next mandate of government and outlines a pathway to success on commitments. There has been significant interest in this work and POLIS has conducted regular briefings with key government senior executive staff, government ministers, and among the water leaders' community.







## B.C. Watershed Security Fund

POLIS’ team played a critical catalytic role in the eventual creation of the provincial government’s [Healthy Watersheds Initiative](#), a \$27 million investment in community-driven watershed and conservation projects intended to help kickstart economic recovery. This is an important first step and building block of the broader need for a provincial Watershed Security Fund.

POLIS’ contributions to this very collaborative effort included: initiating and supporting the Sustainable Funding Task Force; providing expert support for budget consultations; working with partners to ensure consistent communications; providing research support and co-authoring position papers; and network-building and convening via webinars, briefings, and workshops with NGOs and the provincial government. More recently, POLIS was also a core partner on the new [“Working for Watersheds”](#) study, published by The Delphi Group.

## Water Leaders’ Network and Provincial Pilots

The B.C. Water Leaders’ network (which POLIS continues to support and build as it has over the last decade) augments the impact of B.C.’s water sector by ensuring that relevant groups and actors are informed, connected, and strategically engaging on the water priority. Through these efforts, the network aims to advance policy, law, and governance reform. The Project explicitly fosters relationship-building between water leaders and funders and government to drive good public policy. This work manifests in tangible ways at the community level through direct involvement in watershed governance pilot projects across B.C. These pilots are areas of major innovation for a more localized, ecological approach; they also serve as powerful examples of what is possible in a co-governance, UNDRIP-consistent approach where Indigenous governments serve as critical leaders to sustain healthy local waters and watersheds. As one example, POLIS is a formal advisor to Cowichan Tribes in the Koksilah as they lay the groundwork for the province’s first Water Sustainability Plan.

## Biocultural Ethics – New Ethical Guidance for Knowledge Sharing

Under the guidance of an Ethics Advisory and Stewardship Circle that includes Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Holders, new *Ethical Guidance for Knowledge Sharing Across Western Scientific and Indigenous Knowledge Systems* has been created and is undergoing a national expert vetting process before being released publicly. The Ethical Guidance offers nine principles to support research, monitoring, education, curriculum development and policy-making activities that seek synergies in Indigenous and western scientific knowledge. The Ethical Guidance is being piloted through the Canadian Mountain Assessment as part of the Canadian Mountain Network Centre of Excellence.

## Water Innovation and Global Governance Lab

The Water, Innovation, and Global Governance Lab serves as a hub for transdisciplinary research on water governance transformations through social innovation, advancing social ecological systems, complex adaptive systems, and resilience theory. The WIGGLab trains and supports graduate students and early career scholars in their research while working with practitioners to ensure the real-time application of new theoretical frameworks and tools in practice. These engagements also provide exciting opportunities to test new methods for creating transdisciplinary and transformative spaces.

WIGGLab member Dr. Rebeca Macias Gimenez was successfully awarded her doctoral degree in Law after defending her comparative study examining the applicability of environmental justice principles to the development and impacts of the Site C dam in Canada and the Belo Monte dam in Brazil. In the ReFRESH project on transboundary water governance in the Columbia River Basin, an ongoing partnership between WIGGLab, POLIS, the Borders in Globalization (BIG) programme, and CFGS, Benjamin Perrier continues to investigate both transnational law and social-ecological system flows in the Basin, seeking to uncover novel concepts and possibilities for governance innovations. Longstanding WIGGLab collaborators, Dr. Julia Baird and Dr. Ryan Plummer, also released their edited volume, [Water Resilience: Management and Governance in Times of Change](#), in which Dr. Michele-Lee Moore contributed to a chapter titled *Capacities for Watershed Resilience: Persistence, Adaptation, and Transformation*.

Building on the exploration of the kinds of capacities needed for transformations, Dr. Michele-Lee Moore and colleague Dr. Manjana Milkoreit (formerly Purdue University, now University of Oslo) hosted a [Special Issue focused on the role of Imagination](#) in transformation processes in *Elementa*. Dr. Moore and Dr. Milkoreit co-authored [Imagination and Transformations to Sustainable and Just Futures](#) and Dr. Moore hosted

a podcast episode of [ReThink Talks](#), with guests Dr. Vanessa Andreotti (Canada Research Chair on Race, Inequality, and Environmental Change, U.B.C.) and Dr. Per Espen Stoknes (Jungian psychologist, and Chair, Norwegian Business School), exploring imagination, art, and the importance of healing trauma before transformations in governance will be possible.

In a year when discussions about resilience, renewal, and opportunities for transformation came into sharp focus at the global level, the WIGGLab supported various international efforts to understand the science of transformation. As one example, 2020 marked the 30th Anniversary of the UNDP Human Development Report, entitled [The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene](#). With colleagues at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, Dr. Michele-Lee Moore co-authored a background report that synthesized insights on social-ecological systems resilience and the implications of the Anthropocene context regarding the need to transform development, as referenced throughout the final report. Additionally, Dr. Michele-Lee Moore contributed to the design and facilitation of [Transforming Change](#), a capacity strengthening programme for African changemakers, and initiated [Catalyzing Change](#), a programme aimed at supporting public sector innovation in the SADC region. Some of the lessons learned regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on changemaking were shared by Dr. Michele-Lee Moore in another [ReThink Talks podcast episode](#), and in an article by Kate Knuth featured in [Ensia](#).





Atnarko River at the eastern end of the Bella Coola Valley

Photo Credit: Province of British Columbia



# WORKING GROUPS

CFGS is the institutional home for a number of working groups. The Centre often collaborates with these groups to promote events and research for the purpose of bringing greater visibility to the issues each group focuses on. The working groups are more informal than the CFGS core projects and they offer a unique and interactive opportunity for scholars from UVic and members of the community to meet and discuss specific topics. All of these working groups are open to the public - please contact the CFGS main office for more information on meeting schedules and events.

## Working Group on Global Health Research

UVic has been an institutional member of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) for several years. In April 2017, the [Working Group on Global Health Research \(WG-GHR\)](#) was launched through CFGS. This working group serves as UVic's connection to CCGHR and promotes global health equity through the production, dissemination, and use of knowledge.

Similar to many UVic working groups, the WG-GHR has been challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion meetings continued, albeit with decreased frequency. The WG-GHR planned several events in 2020-21. In December 2020, Dr. Matthew Little hosted a virtual dialogue on the role of health in the University of Victoria's Climate Sustainability and Action Plan (CSAP). The event featured Dr. Trevor Hancock (One Planet Saanich), who presented on the One Planet Living framework. Following this, Dr. Little moderated a discussion to explore connections between health, sustainability, and One Planet Living. A short report, including recommendations, was developed following this meeting and forwarded to the consultation committee overseeing the development of UVic's forthcoming CSAP.

The WG-GHR also worked with the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) to plan two virtual events in March 2021 focused on Indigenous food sovereignty. Both events featured a film screening ("Gather" and "Food is Connection") followed by a panel conversation. The

events had an excellent turnout (over 300 participants total) and spurred brilliant conversations that spanned local, continental, and global issues in Indigenous food systems and sovereignty. Following this event, the WG-GHR co-sponsored a successful Lansdowne Lecturer nomination for Nephi Craig, an Apache chef and food sovereignty activist who will travel to the UVic campus in March 2022 for a series of events.

The WG-GHR is also involved in planning activities for the British Columbia Coalition Institute (B.C.CI-3), a decentralized virtual conference and discussion event planned for fall 2021. UVic will be one of the satellite campuses involved in this conference and WG-GHR members will facilitate virtual and on-campus events.

## Latin American Research Group (LARG)

Launched in 2016, the [Latin America Research Group \(LARG\)](#) works in collaboration with the CFGS to bring together scholars and those interested in Latin America to share and discuss interdisciplinary research on the region. In 2020-21, alongside CFGS, LARG co-hosted the international webinar series "Democracy in Latin America." The aim of the series was to raise awareness about democracy in Latin America while maintaining online intellectual exchanges between academia and civil society from different parts of the Americas.

LARG is led by Beatriz de Alba-Koch, Associate Professor of the Department of History and Director of the Latin American Studies Program at the University of Victoria. "Democracy in Latin America" was organized by

Fabricio Teló (Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro) and Marta Kleinman (University of Victoria), and chaired by Beatriz de Alba-Koch. Funding to support the webinars was provided by the Latin American Studies Program.

## Middle East Discussion Group (MEDG)

From its beginnings in 2012, the [Middle East Discussion Group \(MEDG\)](#) has grown to be a focal point for discussion of Middle Eastern issues by participants from on and off campus and from far afield, bringing wide and varying perspectives and expertise to the complex issues engulfing the region. Participants from diverse backgrounds, expertise, and opinions have the opportunity to voice their views and share their varied experience in a welcoming environment. Typically, events range from open round-table discussions to more formal presentations and Q&A sessions with experts. Membership in the group is composed of faculty members, students, and other experts in the field. Furthermore, guests from government, the foreign service, academia, and the military are often invited to address the group.

This year, due in part to the COVID-19 restrictions, the MEDG hosted two virtual book launches and one virtual book talk. First, on December 9th, 2020, Dr. Hanny Hilmy celebrated the launch of his new book, [Decolonization, Sovereignty, and Peacekeeping: The United Nations Emergency Forces \(UNEF\), 1956-1967](#). Dr. Hilmy was joined by Dr. Gregory Blue and Dr. Martin Bunton who began the discussion. Then, on February 23rd, 2021, Dr. Michael Carpenter introduced the paperback edition of his book, [Palestinian Popular Struggle: Unarmed and Participatory](#), and argued that its core themes about action and organisation in popular politics are as important as ever. Finally, the MEDG welcomed Dr. Abdalhadi Alijla on March 16th to discuss his recent book, [Trust in Divided Societies: States, Institutions, and Governance in Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine](#), which uses empirical and case study research, including qualitative comparative analysis (QCA), statistical methods, observations and interviews, to compare which trust-building policies and institutions have a greater impact on divided societies in the Middle East.

## Property Rights & Society Discussion Group

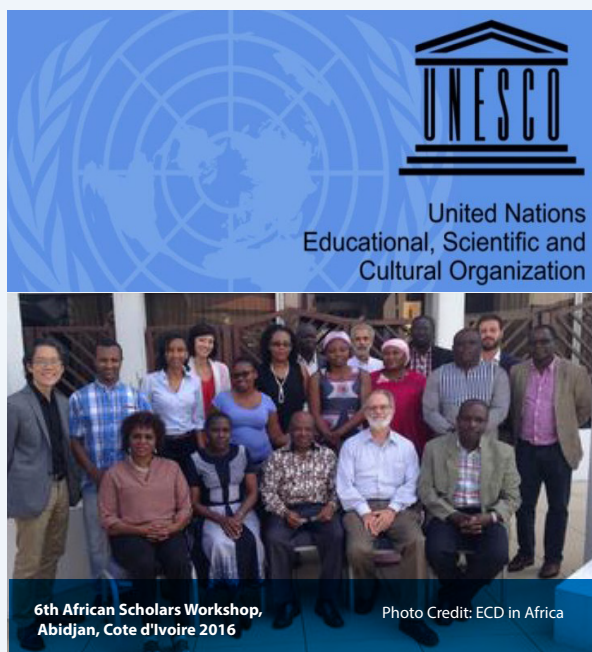
The [Property Rights and Society Discussion Group](#) comprises a group of interdisciplinary scholars with a mutual interest in the study of property in its many forms. The group also considers the ways property impacts society, and how it is expressed across cultures and jurisdictions at the global level. The group runs a series of work-in-progress papers involving scholars from UVic and beyond.

During the academic year 2020-2021 the Discussion Group has focussed its attention on the question of Dispossession in history and across societies. To this end, the group has been running a series of zoom-based seminars entitled *The Property & Dispossession Speakers Series*, in which major scholars from around the world have given presentations on their recent work. These presentations were designed to present not only recent historical work on dispossession across societies, but, more importantly, emphasis diverse methodological approaches to the topic of dispossession. The past presentations can be viewed [online](#). This series of zoom-based research presentations on dispossession will continue in the 2021-2022 academic year.

Contact the Property Rights & Society Discussion group through [Martin Bunton](#) (Acting Director, CFGS) or [Andrew Buck](#) (Associate Fellow, CFGS).

## UNESCO Chairs

Launched in 1992, the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme, which involves over 700 institutions in 116 countries, promotes international inter-university cooperation and networking to enhance institutional capacities through knowledge sharing and collaborative work. The programme supports the establishment of UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks in key priority areas related to UNESCO's fields of competence. This year, CFGS became the institutional home for two UNESCO Co-Chairs: the UNESCO Co-Chair in Early Childhood Education, Care and Development (ECD) and the UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education.



### UNESCO Co-Chair in Early Childhood Education, Care and Development (ECD)

The UNESCO Chair for Early Childhood Education, Care and Development (ECD), with Prof. Alan Pence as the Chair-holder, was established in 2008 with a primary focus on the promotion of ECD capacity in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The establishment of the Chair built on Pence's earlier work in SSA. The Chair was subsequently renewed twice, establishing a Co-Chair based in Africa with Prof. Hasina Banu Ebrahim (UNISA) in 2017. That

co-Chair arrangement has resulted in new initiatives and also highlighted the need for enhanced capacity development for ECD in Francophone Africa. To better address that concern, Pence and Ebrahim proposed a Tri-Chair arrangement, inviting an outstanding Francophone ECD scholar, Prof. Oumar Barry at Université' Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal, to join them as part of the 2021 renewal request to UNESCO. (CCUNESCO confirms there is a precedent for a Tri-Chair).

The primary focus of Prof. Pence's work in SSA, as well as that of Prof. Ebrahim's and Prof. Barry's, has been promoting capacity for *diverse aspects* of African ECD leadership. For the past year the three colleagues have worked primarily on two key projects:

1. An edited volume on various facets of the history of ECD in Africa, particularly those that have marked relevance for Africa in a post-COVID period.
2. The three are principles for the AB.C.D (Africa-Based Child Development) proposal that builds on the ECD accomplishments noted above to build-back-better during Africa's COVID and post-COVID periods. The Tri-Chairs are joined in this initiative by ADEA's (Association for the Development of Education in Africa—African Ministers of Education) Inter-Country Quality Node (ICQN) for ECD.

Alan has recently been joined in the African ECD focused work on a part-time basis by recent UVic PhD graduate Dr. Patrick Makokoro from Zimbabwe.



## UNESCO Co-Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education

Based at the University of Victoria (UVic) and the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), this Chair is co-directed by Dr. Budd L Hall and Dr. Rajesh Tandon. The UNESCO Chair supports North-South-South and South-South partnerships that build on and enhance the emerging consensus in knowledge democracy. It strengthens recent collaboration between the Higher Education section in UNESCO, the Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI), Global Alliance on Community University Engagement and other regional and global networks. It co-creates new knowledge through partnerships between universities (academics), communities (civil society) and government (policy makers). This promotes new capacities; new solutions to pressing problems related to sustainability, social and economic disparities, cultural exclusion, mistrust and conflict; and awareness among policy makers; enhanced scholarship of engagement; and social responsibility in Higher Education.

Decolonising approaches to knowledge generation, sharing, and systematisation have taken on new forms

and perspectives in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the world shifting to virtual platforms for even basic educational and learning functions, digital divides have resulted in the exclusion of millions of vulnerable communities who either cannot afford internet infrastructure or lack the prerequisite education to use it, or both. Dr. Hall and Dr. Tandon have continued to work tirelessly with regional partners and multiple stakeholders in advocating for greater openness to multiple knowledge systems, recognition of local knowledge, and engagement with communities in higher education institutions. The goal is to build a movement for knowledge democracy, which acknowledges the existence of multiple epistemologies, that knowledge is created and exists in different forms, and that knowledge is a powerful tool for taking action to solve the world's 'wicked problems', locally, nationally and globally.

This reporting period, Dr. Hall, Dr. Tandon, and their team have adapted to the changing realities of international work during a pandemic and facilitated knowledge mobilization by hosting or supporting 38 webinars, running three capacity-building courses, and publishing 26 articles/papers with one forthcoming book.



Dr. Budd L Hall and Dr. Rajesh Tandon

Photo Credit: UNESCO Chair CBRSR

# FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



Since its establishment in 2012, the CFGS Fellowship Program has hosted over 111 fellows, interns, and visiting scholars from 24 countries; each has brought with them a diverse array of disciplines, perspectives, and research specialties. This reporting year alone the CFGS welcomed 4 UVic Graduate Student Fellows (Nicole Bates-Eamer – Political Science; Keith Cherry – Law; Juan Francisco Chavez – Business; Mehdi Hashemi – Political Science; and Cindy Quan – Psychology), 2 Faculty Fellows (Angie Chau, Assistant Professor – Pacific and Asian Studies and Megan Swift, Associate Professor – Germanic and Slavic Studies), and 2 Visiting Graduate Student Fellows (Amy Janzwood – University of Toronto, Political Science and Éloïse Décoste – Université du Québec à Montréal, Law).

While the fellowship program and Global Talk seminars remained entirely online, this year's cohort worked diligently to stay in touch and keep the momentum of the fellowship program going. Several members of our previous 2020 graduate student cohort remained through December, thereby providing valuable depth to the online cohort. Thank you to Regan Burles, Maeva Gautier, Smith Orduro-Marfo, and Can Zhao for giving our online community continuity. These CFGS senior fellows, as well as the Faculty Fellows, greatly added to the intellectual conversation and community outreach this year.

In their positions as CFGS Faculty Fellows, both Megan Swift and Angie Chau presented their research as part of the Global Talk Signature Series. On Wednesday October 7th, Megan presented her research on, "Our Two Far Norths: Environmental, Indigenous, Identity, and Security Challenges in Canada and Russia's Arctic's Arctic." She shared some of her research on Canada-Russia Arctic relations highlighting the Arctic as a trans-national area that is uniquely capable of moving Canada-Russia relations forward. Then in December, Angie presented, "Beyond Shanghai: The Modern Chinese Artist in Paris." Her presentation conceptualised the art of transposition as a creative strategy that views artistic difference as its



desired end result, foregrounding why and how writers and artists were compelled to adapt, borrow, and incorporate iconic markers of Chinese cultural identity.

This year, many of the Visiting Scholar chose to defer their stay until travel restrictions eased. However, Dr. Julian Yates (Human Geography, Monash University) joined the CFGS community for this academic year. As a community-engaged political ecologist and development geographer, his research lies at the intersection of the politics of Indigenous knowledge, inter-cultural adult education, rural development policy, and environmental governance. During his virtual stay at the centre, Julian gave a presentation on “‘Guides of Water’: Indigenous Hydro-Social Territories beyond Adaptation to Climate Change”, where he focused on the role of *Kamayoq* in contemporary water-related adaptation programs.

The CFGS continued to welcome Interns from Europe to work both with the centre broadly, but also with CFGS Projects. This year, CFGS hosted three interns whose internship experiences were adapted to the virtual world in response to the COVID-19 travel restrictions. Sarah

Cool-Fergus, a Graduate Student in European Politics & Society at Erasmus Mundus, split her time between the POLIS Water Sustainability Project and the European Memory Politics Project assisting with communications portfolios, event support, and research. Niklaus Lehmann, also a Graduate Student in European Politics & Society at Erasmus Mundus, and Laurence Claussen, a recent MA graduate from UB.C., worked with both CFGS and the European Memory Politics Project. In their work with CFGS they focused on completing the weekly newsletter, social media engagement, and administrative reporting.

Our fellowship program continues to enrich the Centre’s intellectual community. CFGS is perpetually grateful to the fellows and scholars who enhance the networks, intellectual capacity, and social dynamics here at the Centre.

Applications for the fellowship program are accepted in November of each year with fellowship intake occurring in September of the following year, with some exceptions for visiting scholars.

*“Visiting the Centre for Global Studies will certainly be a highlight of my PhD journey. Although I can only imagine the vibrancy of the Center in normal times, the strength of its diverse and welcoming community eased so many of the inconveniences caused by the pandemic. I look forward to more opportunities to engage with the people and the work that make up the CFGS!”*

ÉLOÏSE OUELLET-DÉCOSTE  
VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT

*“Last, the year has been defined by the pandemic. From the challenges of social isolation to the stresses of teaching online, maintaining a positive work-life balance has been more challenging for me than ever... The folks at the Center were always caring and understanding, and our weekly Global Talks were a much needed dose of routine, sociality, and intellectual connection in an otherwise alienating time.”*

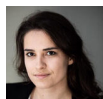
KEITH CHERRY, POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW, CFGS

*“Applying to become a graduate fellow at the CFGS was one of the best decisions I have made as a PhD student.*

*For me, the CFGS is a multidisciplinary community with the common goal of producing meaningful research that helps make the world a better place. As a junior scholar, I cannot think of a better place to grow professionally, with the support of a group of friendly and professional colleagues that will not hesitate to give you a friendly review or valuable feedback to further develop your projects. I will be forever grateful to all the fellows, researchers, and staff from CFGS.”*

JUAN FRANCISCO CHÁVEZ R.  
GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOW

## FELLOWS & SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE



**Diána Bartha**  
European Memory Politics Fellow,  
Jean Monnet Network, Assistant to the  
Academic Coordinator, Eötvös Loránd  
University (Hungary)



**Nicole Bates-Eamer**  
Graduate Student Researcher, Research Partner,  
"Canada and Climate-induced Mobilities: From Discourse  
to Policy"



**Ryan Beaton**  
Graduate Student Researcher  
Research focuses on evolving conceptions of Aboriginal title and  
Crown sovereignty in Canadian case law



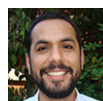
**Regan Burles**  
Graduate Student Fellow  
Research primarily involves the influence of eighteenth centuries  
debates over biological growth and generation on twentieth century  
theories of international order



**Michael Carpenter**  
Postdoctoral Scholar  
Research interests include participatory governance, civil resistance,  
Middle East politics, international relations, and political theory



**Angie Chau**  
Faculty Fellow, CFGS  
"Paris and the Transposition of Chineseness in 20th Century  
Modern Chinese Literature and Art"



**Juan Francisco Chavez**  
Graduate Student Fellow, CFGS  
"Organizational Responses to Legitimacy and Justice Claims in Plural  
and Complex Institutional Environments: Lessons from the Canadian  
Pipeline Industry"



**Keith Cherry**  
Graduate Student Fellow, CFGS  
"Remote Indigenous Protest Sites and their Grassroots Urban  
Supporters: Co-creating Political Movements Across Spatial, Political  
and Cultural Divides"



**Éloïse Décoste**  
Visiting Graduate Student, CFGS  
"Sex-based Discrimination and the Indian Act: Time for Repatriations?"



**Maeva Gauthier**  
Graduate Student Fellow  
"Food Security, Food Sovereignty, Social and Environmental Justice and  
Resilience in Northern Communities"



**Mehdi Hashemi**  
Graduate Student Fellow, CFGS  
"The Implications of Refugee Crisis Discourses on Refugee Experiences  
and Behaviors: A Case Study of Syrian and Iranian Refugees in Canada"



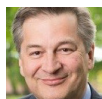
**Edwin Hodge**  
Research Fellow, BIG  
Background lies in the areas of social movement theory, gender theory,  
and political sociology



**Amy Janzwood**  
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Infrastructure Campaigns"



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**Ann-Kathrin McLean**  
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Politics, Jean Monnet Network, PhD Student,  
Royal Roads University





**Smith Orduro-Marfo**  
Graduate Student Fellow, CFGS  
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**Jules Soupault**  
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**Piotr Olesky**  
European Memory Politics Fellow, Jean Monnet Network, Assistant to the Academic Coordinator, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Poland)



**Megan Swift**  
Faculty Fellow, CFGS  
"Our Two Far Norths: Environmental, Indigenous, Identity and Security Challenges in Canada and Russia's Arctics"



**Benjamin Perrier**  
Postdoctoral Scholar, BIG  
The legal regime of the border, cross border territorial cooperation law, transnational and global law, and environmental realization



**Ivan Thompson**  
Community Practitioner Fellow, POLIS  
Senior Advisor (Pacific Region), Tides Canada



**Than Phan**  
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Competition law enforcement, engineering law, and Vietnam Customs Union free trade agreements.



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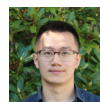
**Cindy Quan**  
Graduate Student Fellow, CFGS  
"Learning about Heritage Cultures Remotely: A Resource or Risk Factor for Human Development"



**Julian Yates**  
Visiting Scholar, CFGS  
Research interests include the intersection of the politics of Indigenous knowledge, inter-cultural adult education, rural development policy, planning, and practice, and environmental governance.



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**Tatiana Shaban**  
Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar, CFGS  
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## ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

Associate Fellows are an important part of the CFGS intellectual community. By participating in the Centre's wide range of scholarly and social activities, Associate Fellows help to shape the development of the CFGS community while also benefiting from enhanced opportunities for research, networking, mentorship, and intellectual exchange. This reporting period we welcomed five new Associate Fellows.



### **Geoffrey Bird**

Dr. Geoffrey Bird is a Professor in the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management at Royal Roads University and has over 30 years of experience in education in tourism, sustainability, and heritage. He has held various positions with the provincial and federal governments,

including as an entrepreneur and as a consultant, as a naval officer, and as a heritage interpreter at the Canadian National Memorial at Vimy Ridge, France. He has taught a range of courses related to subjects such as culture and heritage tourism, globalization, sustainability, ethics, product development, field research. His primary research interest involves film-making involving war heritage.



### **Andrew Buck**

Dr. Andrew Buck is an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Law at UVic where he currently researches the history of dispossession. Originally from Australia, where he edited *The Australian Journal of Legal History*, he now resides in Victoria, B.C., where he has most recently taught

courses in the law school at UVic on the legal history of dispossession and the legal history of suffrage. A firm believer in interdisciplinary research, he has published and presented on topics such as the role of property in Shakespearean drama, the law of inheritance and colonial state formation, and the history and politics of property in the British Empire during the nineteenth century.



### **Doug Donaldson**

Doug Donaldson served as an elected 3-term Member of the B.C. Legislature Assembly (MLA) representing the remote-rural constituency of Stikine. As the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (2017–2020), some of the projects he led were:

a modernization of land use planning; creating a long-term strategy for wildlife management and habitat conservation; amendments to forestry legislation including the Forest Range and Practices Act and the Forest Act; a strategic review and action plan on old forest management; and the implementation of a caribou recovery action plan. His research interests include political engagement in rural communities centred on connection to land, water, and kin.



### **Ross McMillan**

Ross McMillan is a consultant based in Vancouver, Canada, with a diverse background in public service and philanthropy. He served as CEO of Tides Canada Foundation, a national public foundation focused on the environment and social justice, from 2007 to 2019. Ross

started his career in the public service, with positions in the City of Vancouver, Government of the Northwest Territories, and Government of Canada. Ross' recent work has focused on supporting Indigenous and community interests and NGOs in large scale conservation programs and conservation financing initiatives in Ecuador, Peru, Botswana, and Indonesia, as well as reconciliation, collaborative decision-making, and conservation in Canada.



### **Tamara Plush**

Dr. Tamara Plush is a researcher and consultant working in the international development field. Her focus is on adolescent and youth participation, child rights, gender equity, disaster risk reduction, climate justice, responsive listening, and voice. In her research and

practice, Dr. Plush has used visual storytelling methods to meaningfully and ethically ensure that those least heard in society have opportunities to gain the confidence, agency, skills, and tools to influence decisions that affect them. Since 2019, she has been working with UNICEF in creating knowledge for and with young people and strengthening staff networking and knowledge on adolescent and youth engagement.



## Associate Fellow Cohort

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Health and sustainability integration

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International Women's Rights Project (IWRP)

### **Gregory Blue**

History of colonial and post-colonial societies

### **Ron Crelinsten**

Terrorism, radicalization, and counter-terrorism in liberal democracies

### **Derek Fraser**

Ukraine; fragile, dangerous, and failed states

### **Helga Hallgrimsdottir**

Sociological history, citizenship, labour, and social movements

### **Budd Hall**

Community-based research, social movements, international communities development

### **Trevor Hancock**

Public health systems and services, urban health and urban health equality, public policy and health, health and the environment

### **Peter Heap**

Globalization and summit reform in the G-20

### **Hanny Hilmy**

Contested interaction between the rights of national sovereignty and the requirements of international intervention

### **Pablo Ouziel**

Democratization in Spain and public philosophy of governance

### **Jon O'Riordan**

Provincial water policy reform and the ecological governance of water management

### **Vic Neufeld**

Special Advisor to the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research ; Capacity development for health system reform; health research in low- and middle-income countries

### **Ted Parson**

International environmental law and policy

### **Edward A. Parson**

International governance of climate engineering, environmental regulation and technological innovation

### **Alan Pence**

Early childhood education, community-based aboriginal child and youth care education, capacity building in the majority (developing) world

### **Martin Segger**

19th century colonial architecture in Indian, impact of international cultural conservation protocols on museum management practice in the developing world.

### **Ted Sheldon**

Local government, clean energy, and climate action with a focus on solutions to the Paris Agreement & IPCC disconnect; One Planet Cities; and UN Sustainable Development Goals

### **Shefa Siegel**

History of mining examining the relationship between mining and greed, our understanding of scarcity, and how scarcity affects humanity and the environment

### **Harry Swain**

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### **Lewis Williams**

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# KEYSTONE EVENTS

This year, CFGS hosted, sponsored, or supported 76 virtual events. These events ranged from weekly Global Talks and newly launched webinar series to larger collaborative events, workshops, and conferences. Given the online nature of this year's events, we were able to welcome even more guest speakers and partners from around the globe to participate in and attend events.

## Global Talks

### CENTRE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES SIGNATURE SERIES GLOBAL TALK



Established in 2013, the CFGS Global Talks Series is a weekly speaker's series and a forum through which the greater CFGS community can share their research and reflect on critical questions and emerging issues. These informal talks provide an opportunity to highlight the work being done by CFGS fellows, projects, and working groups. Over the past eight years, the Global Talks program has grown and now represents a regular fixture within the greater UVic community. The Global Talks Signature Series typically occurs on the first Wednesday of every month and is publicised more widely within the community. This series includes presentations given by senior experts or practitioners within the CFGS community as well as invited guests from other universities. The 2019/2020 Signature Series consisted of seven presentations:

- **October:** *Our Two Far Norths: Environmental, Indigenous, Identity, and Security Challenges in Canada and Russia's Arctic* with CFGS Faculty Fellow Megan Swift
- **November:** *Exploring the Interdisciplinarity of Remembrance: The Relationship between Tourism and Sites of War Memory* with Incoming CFGS Associate fellow Geoffrey Bird
- **December:** *Beyond Shanghai: The Modern Chinese Artist in Paris* with CFGS Faculty Fellow Angie Chau
- **March:** *Creating Spaces of Engagement: Policy Justice and the Practical Craft of Deliberative Democracy* with Special Guest Sarah Marie Wiebe

- **April:** *The Economic Outlook: The Roaring '20s* with special guests Michael King and Chris Lawless
- **May:** *The Global State of Democracy after Biden's First 100 Days* - A panel discussion co-hosted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.
- **June:** *Cuba: Living Between Hurricanes* - A film screening and discussion with special guests Michael Chanan and Jean Stubbs.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in an effort to continue fostering a sense of community within

CFGs networks, the administrative team decided to continue to host our regular Global Talk series using virtual platforms. Global Talk recordings are published on the [CFGs Youtube Page](#) and on the events section of the website as they become available.

To avoid overwhelming our community or contributing to “zoom fatigue”, CFGS made the conscious decision to host a number of our public events in Global Talk time slots. For more information on these events see the *Public Events, Panels, and Guest Lectures* section of this report.

## Webinar Series

### Creating a Blue Dialogue Series



The Creating a Blue Dialogue webinar series brings together expert water practitioners and thinkers, as well as emerging water leaders, to engage with innovative ideas on water policy and governance in Canada. By creating an online community of interest, the series strengthens the national capacity to engage with and solve problems, and raises awareness about emerging Canadian water issues, best practices, and policies. The series began in 2010 and is hosted by the POLIS Water Sustainability Project at the Centre for Global Studies.

This year's series included three webinars: the [Second Annual Water Research Roundup](#); the [Virtual Book Launch - Water Resilience: Management & Governance](#)

[in Times of Change](#); and [Working for Watersheds: How B.C. Can Grow A World-Class Watershed Sector](#). These webinars brought together experts from across Canada and drew the interest of over 550 registrants including local, First Nations, provincial, and federal government representatives; students and researchers; environmental NGOs, practitioners, and local watersheds groups. To-date the recordings of these webinars have been watched over 100 times.

### Democracy in Latin America Series

COVID-19 not only raised new questions on democracy, it also forced the cancellation of many events where people could discuss this topic. Through public webinars, the series *Democracy in Latin America* aims to bring together researchers, graduate students, and civil society to discuss the current state of democracy in Latin America. In its first year, the series hosted four webinars.

The series began in October of 2020 with a session entitled, *Populism and the Rise of the Far-Right*, which addressed the rise of far-right populist political leaders and its challenges to democracy. Speakers discussed the historical aspects of far-right ideologies and their



international networks, as well as the current dynamics of far-right groups particularly in Uruguay and Bolivia. The second webinar, *Government Responses to Emergencies*, explored the way governments in Latin America have responded to emergency circumstances and the challenges these situations pose to democracy. Its speakers discussed economic emergencies, crime and terrorism, as well as the role of institutions in response to emergencies.

The final two webinars of the year were hosted during the summer semester. On May 6th, 2021, *Democracy and Police Violence* explored how different forms of social discrimination influence the way police treat distinct social groups; the role of neoliberalism and the media in feeding punitive populism; and the persistence of authoritarian police in democratic systems. Finally, on June 1st, 2021, in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico in Vancouver, *Inclusive Democracy in Mexico* focused on Mexico's strategies for fostering an

inclusive democracy; panelists discussed the challenges of ensuring social equality and representation for Indigenous and Afro-Mexicans.

### European Memory Politics Webinar Series

In the spring of 2021 EUCAnet and its Jean Monnet Network “European Memory Politics” in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Ottawa organized a five-part webinar series entitled *European and North American Perspectives on Commemorating and Addressing Past Injustice*. The beginning of the third decade of the 21st century is a critical turning point on how individual countries and the European Union as a whole remember and draw lessons from the past. For instance, the Second World War and the Holocaust as the dominant reference points for much of the second part of the 20th century can rely less and less on lived memory. At the same time, the lessons that we draw from the legacy of authoritarianism and genocide



## WEBINAR SERIES MEMORY POLITICS

MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 202109:00-11:00 PST, 12:00-14:00 EST and  
18:00-20:00 Europe

**European Memory from a Franco-German Perspective :**  
a Memory of War or a Memory of Peace?

## WEBINAR SERIES MEMORY POLITICS

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 202110:30-12:00 PST, 13:30-15:00 EST and  
19:30-21:00 Europe)

**Contesting National Memory:**  
Reinterpreting the Past  
in Poland and Hungary

## WEBINAR SERIES MEMORY POLITICS

JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021

09:00 -11:00 PST and 18:00-20:00 CET

**Collective memory  
and populism in  
Central Europe**

## WEBINAR SERIES MEMORY POLITICS

JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 202110:30-12:00 PST • 12:30-14:00 EST •  
18:30-20:00 ECT

**Contesting National  
Memory in Canada:**  
The Role of the Right

are still debated and contested – at times fiercely. In countries such as Hungary and Poland governments seek to redefine the difficult past of the 20th Century in order to promote nationalist agendas. In Canada, recent discoveries of unmarked graves at Residential Schools have underlined the urgency to address past injustices associated with colonial practices and the treatment of Indigenous peoples more forcefully and openly.

Over the course of eight weeks, the webinar series addressed issues of how to commemorate past injustices appropriately and effectively in contemporary society. The first event, [Contested History: Commemorating and Learning from Past Injustices](#), allowed for a debate that considered the different perspectives on how contested history could best be made accessible to different audiences – a task often shaped by politics. [Contesting National Memory: Reinterpreting the Past in Poland and Hungary](#) saw experts from Poland debate why the memory of the Holocaust and German occupation is so controversial and politically charged in this post-Communist country. [European Memory](#)

[from a Franco-German Perspective: A Memory of War or a Memory of Peace](#) was in French and was dedicated to an emerging European memory culture. It addressed the question how the project of European integration is critically connected to the lessons learned from extreme nationalism, fascism and the Holocaust. [Collective Memory and Populism in Central Europe](#) allowed experts from Poland to speak from their hearts in Polish (with simultaneous English translation), thereby teaching us about the intricate and complex ways in which history and contemporary national identity are intertwined. [Contesting National Memory in Canada](#) looked into the legacy of the treatment of Indigenous peoples. This talk made apparent how challenging and politically contentious it is to look at the country's history. And yet, it also demonstrated the pressing need for such reflection in Canada, and the promise of a comparative transatlantic perspective on these issues.



Exploring the Rise of Populism and the Threat to Liberal Democracy - The European Context

### European Studies Lecture Series

The EU and European Studies public lecture series is funded by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Victoria, in collaboration with CFGS, the Department of Political Science, the Department of History, and the School of Public Administration. This year the lecture series was hosted entirely online and welcomed speakers from a variety of disciplines including economics, germanic and slavic studies, history, law, philosophy, political science, and public administration. These talks drew in a nation-wide audience with a variety of academic backgrounds.

This year's inaugural series included seven webinars: [The UK-EU Membership Costs Yesterday and Tomorrow](#); [Exploring the Rise of Populism and the Threat to Liberal Democracy - The European Context](#); [The Complex Relations Between Borders and the EU](#); [Pluralism in the European Union and 'Canada' in Comparative Perspective](#); [The Politics and Economics of EU Policy Coordination - From the European Semester to the Recovery and Resilience Facility](#); [Fiscal Solidarity Across the Euro Area - Evidence from an Expert Survey](#); and [Graphic Novels, Holocaust Memory and Human Rights](#).

### Property and Dispossession Series

This reporting period, the Property Right and Society Discussion Group launched a webinar series focused on the question of dispossession throughout history and across societies. These presentations were designed not only to present recent historical work on dispossession across societies, but, critically, to do so across diverse methodological approaches.

To date, three webinars have been held as part of the new series. To launch the series, Dr. Gary Fields (University of California, San Diego) and author of *Enclosure: Palestinian Landscapes in a Historical Mirror* (University of California Press, 2017) gave a presentation entitled "[Lineages of Dispossession: Palestinian Land Loss across Time and Geography](#)". Then, the group welcomed Dr. Laura Brace (University of Leicester, UK) and author of *The Politics of Slavery* (Edinburgh University Press, 2018) who gave a presentation entitled "[The Unjust & Uncertain Tenure of Property in Persons: Slavery and Dispossession](#)". Finally, Dr. Carolyn Lesjack (Simon Fraser University) and author *The Afterlife of Enclosure: British Realism, Character and the Commons* (Stanford University Press, 2021) gave a presentation entitled "[Enclosure, Dispossession and the Nineteenth-Century British Novel](#)".

The fall series is already planned and information can be found on the group's website once the details become available.





US ELECTION & GLOBAL AFFAIRS SERIES - PANEL 1

# ELECTION PREVIEW:

## GLOBAL POLITICS UNDER A 2ND TRUMP OR 1ST BIDEN ADMINISTRATION



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### CFGS-CAPI US Election Series

In the fall of 2020, CFGS partnered with the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives to host three panel discussions on the 2020 American Presidential Election. On October 21, 2020, CFGS took the planning lead on a pre-election event titled, “[Global Politics Under a Second Trump or a First Biden Administration](#).” Dr. Colin Bennett (Political Science, UVic), Susan Breau (Law, UVic), Jill Horwitz (Law, UCLA), and Michael Peil

(Law, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law) discussed the potential outcomes for the 2020 Presidential Election and the possible implications for the United States, North-America, and international relations. The two subsequent events in this series, [Post US Election: Change or Continuity in Global Affairs in Asia](#) and US Election Debrief Roundtable: Implications for Southeast Asia, took place in November and were hosted at CAPI.



Oliver Schmidtke



Stephanie Gruhlke



Jill Horwitz



Jodie Walsh



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CFGS-CAPI US Election Series Panelist

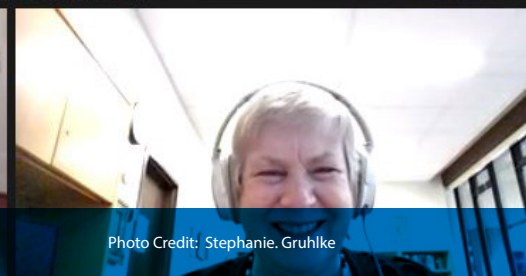


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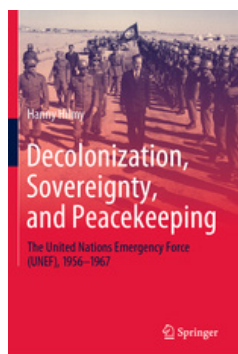
## Conferences and Workshops



On October 15th and 16th [Watersheds 2020](#) brought together more than 200 water champions from across B.C. and Canada to learn from one another, explore initiatives and opportunities for innovative partnerships and watershed decision-making, and be inspired to continue making a difference in their home watersheds. Sessions focused on reconciliation and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), co-governance and shared authority, and Indigenous laws and ethics in the freshwater context. A video record of the conference has been made available.

POLIS also hosted two workshops this reporting period. On November 26, 2020, the *Annual Water Leaders-Funders Joint Workshop*, co-hosted by the B.C. Water Funders Collaborative, was attended by approximately 35 water leaders and funders. Then, on January 21, 2021, the *Water Leaders and Government Dialogue* featured 43 participants with cross-Ministry representation from the Ministries of Environment, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development. This session catalyzed a follow up statement of expectations from the water leaders.

## Book Launch



**Decolonization, Sovereignty, and Peacekeeping: The United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), 1956-1967**

**By: Hanny Hilmy  
(Springer International Publishing, 2020)**

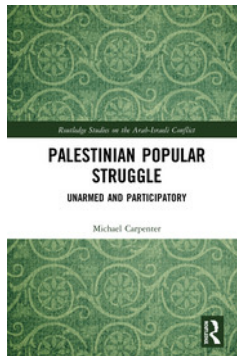
On December 9th, 2020, CFGS and the Middle East Discussion Group hosted former CFGS Associate Fellow Hanny Hilmy to celebrate the launch of his new book *Decolonization, Sovereignty, and Peacekeeping: The United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), 1956-1967*.

Hanny's book analyses three major themes: decolonization, sovereignty, and peacekeeping. The struggles for national liberation during the Cold War, culminating in the 1956 Suez War, addresses the principle of national sovereignty after World War II in the framework of the UN Charter. The new peacekeeping operations were used in many of these conflicts, during which the Charter's theory and application were tested. The rise of the United States as the key Western power and Israel's special role in the Middle East created a new confrontational dynamic for the entire region. The interaction between the book's main themes in the field has led to the principles of peacekeeping in international and national conflicts being reviewed in light of the discredited 'Capstone Doctrine'. Hanny argues that state sovereignty is sacrosanct, but humanitarian interventions are equally imperative. Striking the right balance is crucial for managing conflicts.

### Palestinian Popular Struggle: Unarmed and Participatory

By: Michael Carpenter  
(Routledge, 2019)

BIG Post-Doctoral Scholar Michael Carpenter released his book *Palestinian Popular Struggle: Unarmed and Participatory* in 2019, but CFGS and the Middle East Discussion Group celebrated the release of its paperback version on February 17, 2021. Michael presented the main arguments of the book and took questions from an engaged group of CFGS and MEDG community members.



*Palestinian Popular Struggle* challenges conventional thinking about political action and organization. It offers an alternative to the seemingly failed tracks of armed struggle and diplomatic negotiation. A discourse of rights and global justice helps bridge national and religious divides, drawing

Jewish Israelis and diverse supporters from around the world to participate in direct-action campaigns on the ground in the West Bank. The movement has some important achievements and continues to offer innovative approaches to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. The book offers insight into new waves of Palestinian popular protest, from the 2017 prayer protests in Jerusalem to the 2018 march of return in Gaza. *Palestinian Popular Struggle* is a valuable resource for researchers and students interested in War and Conflict Studies, Politics, and the Middle East.

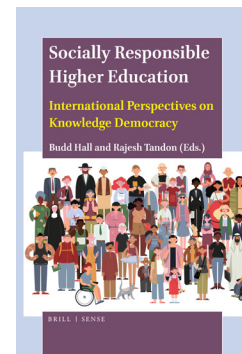
### Socially Responsible Higher Education: International Perspectives on Knowledge Democracy

Edited by: Budd Hall and Rajesh Tandon  
(Brill, 2021)

On June 17th, 2021, the UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education partnered with CFGS to host the Canadian book launch of Co-Chair's Budd Hall and Rajesh Tandon's new edited volume, *Socially Responsible Higher Education: International Perspectives on Knowledge Democracy*. This virtual book launch began with welcoming words from Cathir Krull (UVic's Special Advisor on International Affairs) and an overview of the book from Budd Hall. The audience also heard from three of the Canadian authors - Tamara Krawchenko (UVic), Catherine Déri (UOttawa), and Baptiste Godrie on behalf of Florence Piron (Univ. de Sherbrooke). Andrew Petter, the former President of Simon Fraser University, acted as the discussant.

*Socially Responsible Higher Education: International Perspectives on Knowledge Democracy* shares the experiences of a broadly representative and globally dispersed set of writers on higher education and social responsibility, broadening

perspectives on the democratisation of knowledge. The editors deliberately sought examples and viewpoints from parts of the world that are seldom heard in the international literature. Importantly, they intentionally chose to achieve a gender and diversity balance among the contributors. The stories in this book call on us to take back the right to imagine, and 'reclaim' the public purposes of higher education.





## Public events, panels and guest lectures

### The Past, Present, and Future of Arctic Cooperation

On November 25th, 2020, in collaboration with the Canada-Russia Research Initiative, the Canadian International Council, and the Department of Germanic & Slavic Studies, CFGS welcomed the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy (former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada), Ambassador Alison LeClaire (Canadian Ambassador to Russia), and Ambassador Jeremy Kinsman (former Canadian Ambassador to Russia) for a panel discussion moderated by the Honourable Mary Collins (former Minister of National Defence, Government of Canada). The speakers looked back at the history of Arctic relations pulling from their own experiences and optimistically looked to what is possible going forward.

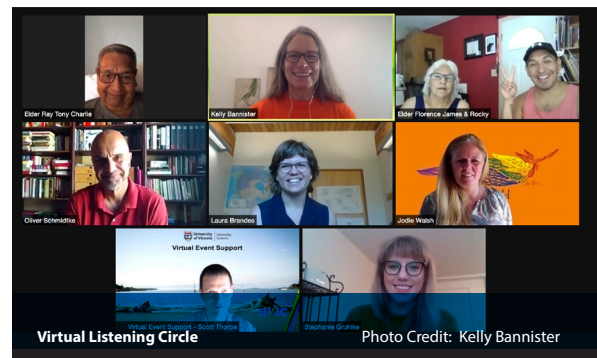
### Understanding the India Farmer Protests: Local Laws & Global Implications

In September 2020, hundreds of thousands of farmers, mostly from the agricultural states of Punjab and Haryana, began protesting three new laws passed by the Indian parliament and supported by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On February 23, 2021, CFGS Alumni Bikrum Gill, along with Navyun Gill and Natasha Behl, participated in a panel discussion moderated by UVic's Neilesh Bose. Over 60 participants from around the world tuned in live as the panel explained the content of the new laws. The panel focused on how to understand the protests as well as the protesters' fears that the new laws will make their crops vulnerable to larger corporations. The panel also discussed the global repercussions of both the laws themselves and the protests.

### The COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Insights One-Year On

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. Almost exactly one year later, on March 17, 2021, CFGS hosted an event entitled "The COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Insights One-Year On." The goal of this event was to look back on how the world has changed during this crucial year. Dr. Mitchell Hammond, Dr. Robert Huish, and Dr. Dzifa Dordunoo discussed the tensions that emerged as individuals and nations responded to the pandemic while considering their own interests and obligations at various levels of society. Specifically, panelists spoke about how the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted issues of public shaming, pandemic stigma, and scientific racism.

### Virtual Listening Circle with Coast Salish Elders Florence James & Ray Tony Charlie



A Listening Circle was held online June 30, 2021 led by Coast Salish Elders Florence James and Raymond Tony Charlie, along with Rocky James, all members of Penelakut Tribe. Florence James is a cultural, language and environmental expert and educator. Raymond Tony Charlie is an artist, educator, speaker, and author of the forthcoming book "In the Shadow of the Red Brick Building" which gives his personal account as a residential school survivor. Rocky James, son of Elder Florence James, is a Salish social policy expert and Treaty

Communications Coordinator for Penelakut Tribe. The Listening Circle was hosted by the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) and the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance (POLIS) at the University of Victoria and reached approximately 200 people live. It included opening and closing remarks by CFGS Director Dr. Oliver Schmidtke and was facilitated by POLIS Co-director Dr. Kelly Bannister.

The Listening Circle was organized in the spirit of listening and learning from local Indigenous Elders to better understand what reconciliation requires of us, after the deeply disturbing news of 215 children found in an unmarked mass burial site at the former Kamloops Residential School, on Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation in Kamloops. Since the Listening Circle was held, news of more many unmarked graves continue to be reported across our country, including on Penelakut Island in connection with the former Kuper Island Residential Institution. We extend our deepest condolences to families and communities of these unnamed young ones and we mourn along with our entire nation of Canada. We extend gratitude to Elder Florence James, Elder Raymond Tony Charlie and Rocky James for sharing their stories and wisdom with care, conviction, courage and compassion so we can all

learn. We know that in order to be part of healing and catalyzing real change for true reconciliation we must first attentively listen to Indigenous Elders and leaders who are speaking with courage, strength and wisdom to guide this important moment in our shared history.

## CIC Partnership Events

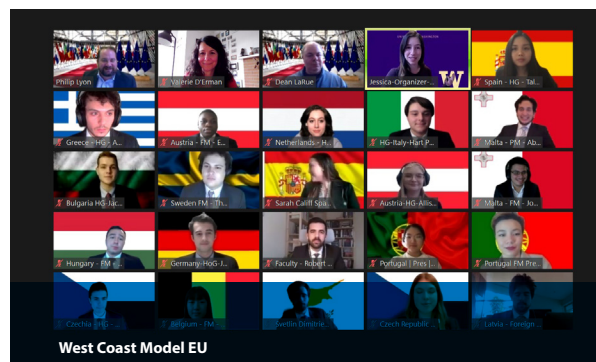
Over the past four years, CFGS has cultivated a close friendship with the Victoria Branch of the Canadian International Council. Each year the CIC and CFGS work together to host public events that appeal to both the CFGS community and the CIC audience. One event in particular, the Canadians Going Global event, has become an annual feature of CFGS's event schedule. The Canadians Going Global event is designed as a networking opportunity where professionals are able to connect with recent graduates interested in international careers. After being cancelled in 2020 due to the first COVID-19 lockdown, CFGS and the CIC partnered with the Undergraduates of Political Science to host Sandra Leduc, Sarah Brioman, Erin Hunt, and Jesse Baltutis on January 26th for the *Third Annual Canadians Going Global* event. Sandra, Sarah, Erin, and Jesse are all young professionals who spoke about their respective international career journeys.

## Field Schools

The West Coast Model EU, which typically takes place in Seattle WA every year, is a simulation of the European Council summit. As part of the simulation, teams made up of undergraduate students represent EU member state delegations, either as the Head of Government or the relevant Minister. This year, Dr. Valerie D'Erman helped four UVic students prepare position papers for the West Coast Model EU, which was hosted virtually. The UVic delegation represented Cyprus and the Czech Republic and were recognized by the judges for their work.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, European Studies cancelled the EU Study Tour and Internship Program.

This opportunity will be offered again in the Summer of 2022.



## Event Support

Without taking on direct hosting responsibilities, CFGS and its associated projects and fellows offered direct or in-kind support to a number of events and initiatives this year including events such as: the [Reconciling Ways of Knowing Episode 2: Enacting Ethical Space in Knowledge Sharing](#) webinar, the [Victoria Forum's](#) webinar series, the [Climate Change and Action IV - Climate Change and Human Mobility](#) webinar, the Global Health and Food Sovereignty Two-Day Film Event, the [Our Earth, Our Responsibility: Take Action](#) webinar, as well as events with Alexandra Isfahani-Hammond and Yamini Narayanan as part of the [Animals & Society Research Initiative's Distinguished Lecture Series](#).



## Media

**During this review period, CFGS fellows and associates provided expert perspectives in over 70 newspaper articles, television broadcasts, radio interviews, opinion pieces, and media releases.**

The POLIS team, lead by Co-Director Oliver Brandes and Project Manager Rosie Simms, published a number of op-eds relating the freshwater management and water security including: [Time to Fix Canada's Broken Freshwater Management Regime; A Future Different from the Past; Waiting for Water Leadership; The Time for Water Security is Now; Taking Steps Towards Reconciliation and Watershed Governance](#); and [Closing the Land-water Divide is Imperative for Land Use Planning](#). They also provided expert commentary for articles by The Narwal and University Affairs.

CFGS Director, Oliver Schmidtke, continued to provide expert commentary on a number of issues including the US Presidential Election and former President Donald

Trump's legacy on international relations. In October 2020, the [Cascadia Report](#) published an in-depth profile on Oliver, specifically his and Beate's commitment to public outreach and knowledge mobilization.

Through his weekly opinion column with the Times Colonist, CFGS Associate Fellow Trevor Hancock continued to provide relevant and thoughtful commentary looking at the broad ecological, social, political, economic, and commercial determinants of the health, and the role of public health professionals and organizations in protecting and improving the health of the population and preventing disease and injury.

*For general media inquiries, contact Operations Director and Research Coordinator, Jodie Walsh.*





Oliver Schmidtke

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## Grants

CFGS and its affiliated projects have benefited greatly from a variety of new funding opportunities this reporting period.

**Towards Watershed Governance,  
MakeWay Foundation**

January 22, 2021 - December 1, 2022

**Exploring Rural and Place-Based Influence on  
Public Policy and Watershed Security, MakeWay  
Foundation**

January 14, 2021 - January 24, 2022

**Jean Monnet Network - Borders, Human-to-  
Military Security, Database, Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union**

November 23, 2020 - November 23, 2024

**European Union Policy and Governance (Function  
and Territorial), Jean Monnet Chair**

November 24, 2020 - November 24, 2024

**Bring EU Human Centred Design to British  
Columbia, Jean Monnet Project**

November 18, 2020 - March 15, 2023

**Knowledge Sharing and Coproduction Training,  
Canadian Mountain Network**

September 1, 2020 - March 15, 2021

**Building Leadership & Law Reform to Advance  
Watershed Governance in B.C., Real Estate  
Foundation of British Columbia (REFB.C.)**

September 11, 2020 - February 28, 2023

**BIG 2.0, Social Science and Humanities  
Research Council**

Spring 2021 - Spring 2028

**UNESCO**

January 1, 2021-December 20, 2022

**Consultations for the 2022 UNESCO World  
Higher Education Conference, CCUNESCO**

March 31, 2021 - March 31, 2022

**Toward Watershed Governance: A Comprehensive  
Approach for Water Management, Policy, and law  
and Watershed Security and Governance in B.C.,  
Sitka**

June 11, 2021 - June 11, 2024

**Memory Politics: European and North American  
Perspectives on Commemorating and Addressing  
Past Injustice, Konrad Adenauer Foundation**

January 2021 - December 2021

**Rockefeller Brothers Funds - Amazon Sacred  
Headwaters Initiative Counsel**

November 20, 2019 - November 19, 2020

**SSHRC Insight - Populism and its Effect on  
Liberal Democracy**

April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2024

**Tides Foundation- Patagonia Environmental Grants**

February 25, 2020 - February 25, 2021

**Tides Canada Foundation - Watershed governance  
law and engaging experts in water protection  
across B.C.**

September 1 2019 - September 1, 2020



# AWARDS

## Celebrating CFGS Achievements

This spring, Community Based Research Canada (CBRC) presented CFGS Associate Fellow **Budd Hall** with its [2021 Research Leadership Award](#). Budd, who is known worldwide for his work in university-community engagement, international development, adult education, and the field of participatory action research, was recognized for the impact of his accomplishments and contributions to community-based research, for his guidance on a host of successful initiatives, and for shaping the CBRC into its current form.

CFGS Graduate Student Fellows **Nicole Bates-Eamer** and **Can Zhao** both received Doctoral Fellowships from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Both Nicole's project ("Canada and Climate-induced Mobilities: From Discourse to Policy") and Can's project ("State and Firms in China's Information Revolution 1994-2019") directly relate to the research conducted during their time at CFGS.



Budd Hall

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# FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

During this reporting period, members of the CFGS community published over 40 different pieces ranging from books, journal articles, and reports to full journals and special issues. Below is a brief snapshot of some of this year's publications. Journals

## Journals

### **BIG\_Review**

Since its official launch in 2019, [\*Borders in Globalization Review\*](#) (BIG\_Review) has provided a forum for academic and creative explorations on borders in the 21st century. Their interest is advancing high-quality and original works in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences that explore various aspects of borders in an increasingly globalized world. BIG\_Review publishes scholarship (academic articles, essays, research notes, book reviews, and film reviews) as well as artwork (photography, painting, poetry, short stories, and more). This year, the BIG\_Review published two issues, a special issue released in December 2020 and the Spring/Summer 2021 issue which featured "[\*A World Anthology of Border Poetry: Blurred and Political\*](#)" co-edited by Natasha Sardzoska and Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly.

This year's special issue on [\*Borderlands in the Era of COVID-19\*](#) thematically focused on borders, borderlands, and border theory since the onset of the COVID-19 lockdowns. What is the role of border policy in confronting infectious disease? What international boundaries contain pandemics? What are the impacts on local communities of using borders as blunt-public health instruments? What do COVID-19 border closers look like from inside borderlands? How have borderland communities responded? In what ways can border theory enhance both our understanding of and response to global pandemics? This special issue of the BIG\_Review offers some preliminary responses to these questions and lays the groundwork for developing research along these lines.

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Halicka, Beata. [\*The Polish Wild West. Forced Migration and Cultural Appropriation in the Polish-German Borderlands, 1945-1948\*](#). London: Routledge, 2020.

Hall, Budd, and Rajesh Tandon. [\*Socially Responsible Higher Education: International Perspectives on Knowledge Democracy\*](#). Leiden, The Netherlands: Koninklijke Brill, 2021.

Hilmy, Hanny. [\*Decolonization, Sovereignty, and Peacekeeping: The United Nations Emergency Force \(UNEF\), 1956-1967\*](#). Switzerland, Springer International Publishing, 2020.

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Brandes, Oliver, Simms, Rosie, & O'Riordan, Jon. [Watershed Security Agenda for British Columbia.](#) Victoria: POLIS Project on Ecological Governance, 2020.



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