



Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

The Department of Political Science presents a brownbag lecture by **Benjamin Perrin**, Law Professor, UBC on his book *Victim Law*, Tuesday March 28th, 2017 in H1220 12:00-1:30 pm.

The Department of Political Science presents a workshop entitled: **Flattering the Demos** on the political literature on Friday March 3, 2017 in H1220 9:00-5:00 pm.

The **Centre for Research and Expertise in Social Gerontology** will held its annual conference at Concordia on May 15th. This year's theme is on the impact of austerity measures on the living conditions and health of older adults. It will feature presentations by **Meghan Joy** and **Patrik Marier**. The activity is free, but attendees must register in advance since places are limited. <https://www.creges.ca/colloque-2017/>

The Department of Political Science and the **Workshops on Social Science Research (WSSR)** are presenting the following the following **Free Public Evening events**. All attendees must register in advance.

An Evening with...

March 16th - 5:30-7:30 **The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C.**, Chief Justice of Canada [Register here...](#)

March 30th - 5:30-7:30 **Lord Bhikhu Parekh**, Emeritus Professor and Member of the UK House of Lords [Register here...](#)

May 8th - 5:30-7:00 **Honourable Jean Charest**, Former Premier of Quebec [Register here...](#)

May 24th - 5:30-7:00 **Dr. Keith Banting**, Stauffer Dunning Fellow and Professor Emeritus, Queen's University [Register here...](#)



This year the **WSSR is celebrating Canada's 150th birthday** with a series of thought-provoking and inspirational workshops and events exploring the state of democracy. For more information and the complete schedule of events, see <http://www.concordia.ca/artsci/polisci/wssr.html>.

Mireille Paquet and **Chedly Belkhodja** (School of Community and Public Affairs) will be offering a summer school on **The Policy and Politics of Refugee Resettlement in Canada**.

Recent Publications

Ambe-Uva, Terhembra. "Whither the State? Mining Codes and Mineral Resource Governance in Africa", *Canadian Journal of African Studies/Revue canadienne des études africaines*.

Published online: 1 March 2017.


Panagiotarakou, Eleni. 2016. "Who Loves Mosquitoes? Care Ethics, Theory of Obligation, and Endangered Species", *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 29 (6): 1057-1070.

Dodds, Graham G. "The Ideological Character of George W. Bush." Chapter in Bose, Meenekshi, ed. *The Constitution, Politics, and Policy-Making in the George W. Bush Presidency*. Nova Science Publishers, 2016. p57-72.

Liang, Jiayin and Patrik Marier. "Awaiting Long Term Care Services in a Rapidly Changing Environment: Voices from Older Chinese Adults" [*Journal of Population Ageing*](#). Published online: 13 January 2017.

Marier, Patrik. "The Politics of Policy Adoption: A Scandinavian Tale on the Difficulties of Enacting Policy Diffusion or Transfer Across Industrialized Countries," [*Policy Sciences*](#). Published online: 26 Dec 2016.

Lipson, Michael. "Organization Theory and Cooperation and Conflict Among International Organizations." In *Palgrave Handbook on Inter-Organizational Relations in World Politics*, edited by Rafael Biermann and Joachim A. Koops, 67-96. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.



Grants and Fellowships

Peter Stoett has been awarded the Visiting Provost Scholarship at the University of Tasmania for the month of March 2017.

Patrik Marier has been awarded a joint ANR/FQRSC Grant for PASOLO: Personnes Âgées et Solidarités Locales. He is the PI of the Québec team.

Patrik Marier and **Meghan Joy** were awarded a Horizon Post-Doctoral Fellowship Grant entitled: [The Politics of Social Gerontology in Asian Post-Industrialised Societies](#).

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Jordan Gentile and **Axel Huelsemeyer**, “Can’t have politics without the party: The relationship between political parties and European integration.” Paper presented at the 42nd annual conference of the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association, Saint John, NB, 14-16 October 2016.

Manon Laurent, “Tolerating Authoritarianism: The Chinese Middle Class and Educational Reform.” Paper presented at the 2nd Graduate Student Conference on China at Carleton University, Ottawa, 14 February 2017.

Patrik Marier, **Anne-Sophie Dubé**, and **Daniel Dickson**. “Reconceptualising Autonomy : A view from Québec’s older adults.” Canadian Association of Gerontology Annual Meeting, Montréal, Oct. 20-22, 2016.

Elizabeth Bloodgood. “Power to the People? Network Structures at the World Social Forum.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 22-26, 2017.



Awards

Audrey Gagnon won the Brigitte-Schroeder Prize - a prize for the best master's thesis in political science (UdeM, 2016).

Public Talks

Elizabeth Bloodgood. "The Dynamics of NGO Death." CEPSI/CIPSS Speakers Series, McGill University, February 10, 2017.

Guy Lachapelle and **Graham Dodds.** Public lecture on "Quebec in the Time of Trump: The Impact of the 2016 U.S. Elections on Quebec." With Quebec's delegates to Boston and Chicago. January 17, 2016.

Graham Dodds. "Understanding the 2016 U.S. elections." Canadian Employee Relocation Council (CERC). Montreal, QC. November 22, 2016.

Graham Dodds. "Understanding the 2016 U.S. elections." Royal Montreal Curling Club. Montreal, QC. October 26, 2016.

Graham Dodds, Guy Lachapelle, Michael Lipson, and Harold Chorney. "Understanding the 2016 U.S. Elections: A Post-Election Roundtable." November 16, 2016.

Graham Dodds. "Understanding the 2016 U.S. elections." Concordia University Pensioners' Association (CUPA/ARUC). Montreal, QC. November 2, 2016.

Patrik Marier. *Roundtable - Reconnaître et valoriser les proches aidants d'aînés – Comment éveiller les individus et les collectivités en faveur d'une transformation sociale?* Journée de l'Appui, Québec, November 28, 2016.

Patrik Marier. *L'apport des politiques publiques, ici et ailleurs, Un Québec fou des aînés? 20^{ième}* journée annuelle de santé publique, Montréal, November 22, 2016.

Patrik Marier. *Aging and Public Policy*, School of Social Work, McGill University, October 31, 2016.

Patrik Marier. *Quatre perspectives de politiques publiques sur le vieillissement.* Colloque Vieillessement et politiques sociales: enjeux d'aujourd'hui, défis pour demain. Université Laval, October 24 2016.


Kudos

Audrey Gagnon has been added to the dean's honor's list for graduate students at the Université de Montréal for her MA thesis, "La construction des attitudes envers les Roms: le cas français," recognized as one of the four best defended in the Master's degree program in political science in 2016-2017.

Graham Dodds was selected by University Communications Services (UCS) as Concordia's Newsmaker of the week for November 14th for the countless interviews he gave leading up to and following the U.S. election.

Distinguished Emeritus professor **Horst Hutter** presented his 6th podcast entitled "Eros and Gnosticism" which can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/glgh6uCSgZ4>

Daniel Salee was selected by University Communications Services (UCS) as Concordia's Newsmaker of the week of January 11th for his commentary about the PQ offering an alternative version of Canada's history during the 150th anniversary celebrations.



Özge Uluskaradag was a second time visiting research fellow at EHESS-Ecole Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique-CNRS, Paris/France between November 2016- February 2017.

Graham Dodds was selected by University Communications Services (UCS) as Concordia's Newsmaker of the week of January 23rd for the numerous interviews he gave leading up to the inauguration of Donald Trump.

Antwi Boasiako has been selected to be part of the Editorial Board for the 17th issue of the Paterson Review of International Affairs, the graduate students' journal of the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University.

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Graham Dodds was selected by University Communications Services (UCS) as Concordia's Newsmaker of the week on February 27th for the interviews he gave about U.S. President Donald Trump's first month in office.



And a special congratulations to **Antoine Rayroux** and his partner on the arrival of Camille on January 26!

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Antwi Boasiako published a blogpost on the recent elections in Ghana in which he makes a case for why Ghana should now be regarded as a consolidated democracy in Africa. You can see the blogpost here:

<http://www.iapss.org/2017/01/30/ghana-a-consolidated-democracy-reflections-on-the-december-2016-elections/>

Phd Student researchers **Özge Uluskaradag**, **Kerry Tannahill**, **Daniel Dickson**, **Rubens Lima Moraes** and **Lindsay Larios** appeared in the January edition of News, Concordia University.

<http://www.concordia.ca/content/shared/en/news/main/stories/2017/01/16/politics-of-health-care-latin-american-drug-war-graduate-students-investigate.html>

Graham Dodds has been interviewed by journalists dozens of times since October 2016: over the past four months, he appeared on national TV once and on local TV 16 times, on the radio 6 times, and in print (e.g., *USA Today* and the *Journal de Montreal*) 6 times.

Recent Talks and Events

Mireille Paquet and **Dr. Graham Dodds** held a brown bag discussion on Trump's Executive order on immigration on Thursday, February 2.



Amy Poteete was a panelist for “Is International Aid Hurting Africa? Film Screening of “Good Fortune” & Panel Discussion” at McGill University, organized by McGill Students for Oxfam-Quebec and McGill Students for End Poverty Now on 23 February 2017.

The Department held its first annual **CEGEP DAY** on Thursday, February 2nd in H1220.


The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Political Science Graduate Students Association and The African Students Association of Concordia presented a workshop entitled: **Reflections on 2016 African Elections**, Thursday February 16, 2017. The panelists included **Antwi Boasiako** and **Mark Kwakye Frimpong**. The event was convened by **Antwi Boasiako** and moderated by **Leif Schenstead Harris**.

Elizabeth Bloodgood with Christopher Pallas, Kennesaw State University, held a workshop “Beyond the Boomerang: Transnational Activism in a Changing World” at the Annual ISA Conference in Baltimore, MD, on February 21, 2017. This workshop was funded by a Catalyst Grant from the International Studies Association.

Theses and Internship Defenses

Congratulations to **Jennifer Barbato** who successfully defended her internship report entitled: Constructing Dependency: Canada Learning Bond Participation and the Social Construction of Low-Income Families as a “Dependent” Target Population on January 31st, 2017 under the Supervision of Dr. Maben Poirier, Second Reader Dr. Stephanie Paterson and Chaired by Dr. Francesca Scala.

Congratulations to **Christine Bissonnette** who successfully defended her internship report entitled “ Has Primary Policy in Canada Evolved Over Time? An Application of the Multiple Streams Approach Punctuated Equilibrium Theory and Advocacy Coalition Framework” on January 9th, 2017 under the Supervision of Dr. Mebs Kanji, Second Reader Dr. Ed King and Chaired by Dr. Francesca Scala.



Congratulations to **Andréanne Nadeau** who successfully defended her internship report entitled “Shift in the Settler Colonial Paradigm in Canada: For Better or for Worse” on December 20th, 2016 under the Supervision of Dr. Mireille Paquet, Second Reader Dr. Daniel Salée and Chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood.

Congratulations to **Alexandre Duval** who successfully defended his internship report on December 20th 2016 entitled “ The Punctuated Equilibrium of Genomics Research in Canada” under the Supervision of Dr. Francesca Scala, second reader Dr. Julian Schofield and Chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood.

Congratulations to **Anastasia Plakhova** who successfully defended her internship report entitled “ The New 2013 Alberta Wetland Policy: Understanding Policy Change Using the Advocacy Coalition Framework” on December 19th, 2016 under the Supervision of Dr. Guy Lachapelle, second reader, Dr. Peter Stoett and Chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood.

Congratulations to **Johanna Sturtewagen** who successfully defended her internship report entitled “Canada’s Science, Technology and Innovation Strategies – A case of policy-learning?” on December 12th, 2016 under the Supervision of Dr. Amy Poteete, second reader, Dr. Leander Schneider and chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood.

Congratulations to **Victor Molina** who has successfully defended his internship report entitled “Arctic Policymaking: The Arctic Council” on November 29th, 2016 under the Supervision of Dr. Daniel Salee, Second Reader Dr. James Kelly and Chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.

Congratulations to **Olena Grygorashchuk** who successfully defended her internship report entitled “The Copyright Narrative” on November 18th, 2016 under the Supervision of Dr. Tina Hilgers, second Reader Dr. Mireille Paquet and Chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.



Alumni Corner

Stephen Covey, Chief Police and Chief Security Officer, CN



Stephen Covey, an alumnus of both the BA in Political Science and the Masters of Public Policy and Public Affairs at Concordia, became Canadian National (CN) Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer in November 2013. He has responsibility for CN's Canadian and U.S. Police and Risk Mitigation teams, as well as oversight for border and other security matters for CN. Prior to joining CN, Mr. Covey was with the RCMP for many years, most recently holding the rank of Superintendent. He served throughout Canada and overseas, including in Rome, on investigative and supervisory assignments related to counterterrorism and Canadian security issues. While he was a member of the RCMP, he completed his MPPPA degree. Between working for the RCMP and CN, he also led North American anti-piracy operations in Canada for the film industry. In October, Mr. Covey gave a fascinating guest lecture on transnational and Canadian counterterrorism planning and policy for POLI 421 Transnational Politics.

Anna Polatschek BA 11, senior consultant for climate change and sustainability services at Ernst & Young (EY) in Rio was recently profiled by advancement and alumni relations. For her profile, see:

<http://www.concordia.ca/alumni-friends/cunews/offices/vpaer/aar/2017/03/17/corporate-responsibility-in-the-marvelous-city.html>

Armen Papazian, MPPPA 1997, the founder and CEO of Finoptek Ltd., is a finalist for the Future Awards, Innovative New Idea Category. See his paper on the Space Value of Money at:

<http://finoptek.com/fftfa2016/spacevalueoptimisation/FFTFA2016-SpaceValueOptimisation-ArmenPapazian-260816.pdf>