

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events



Dr. Marianne Kneuer, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Hildesheim, Germany, will be giving a talk on the impact of digitalization in politics on Tuesday, February 4th at 12:30pm in H-1220.

Dr. Allan Rock, President Emeritus and Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa, will be visiting the Department of Political Science in the spring. He will be presenting as part of Henri Habib's Distinguished Speaker Series on Tuesday, April 21st at 5:00pm in H-1220.



Recent Events

James B. Kelly co-organized a meeting of IPSA's Research Committee 9 (Comparative Judicial Studies) at the Monash University Prato Centre in Prato, Italy, July 24-26, 2019. The conference was entitled "Democracy, Populism, and Judicial Power" and was co-sponsored by the Clark Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, the Monash University Prato Centre, and RC09 (Comparative Judicial Studies). Thirty participants attended from 15 countries.

James Moore, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, delivered a lecture on "Epicureanism and Scepticism in the moral philosophy of David Hume" at a workshop on John Robertson's Enlightenment at Christ Church, Oxford on September 27th, 2019.

This year's Public Servant in Residence Speaker Series' first conference was a conversation between David Heurtel and Ivan Vrana. Mr. Vrana is an Adjunct Professor in the department and teaches a graduate summer course every year on the Mechanics of Policy-Making. The discussion centered on legislation following the recent legalization of cannabis.



Several members of the department participated in the 2nd Concordia-McGill African Studies Conference on “Rethinking Africa’s Urban Futures,” October 3 - 4, 2019. This event was hosted by the Concordia African Studies Working Group.

Henri Habib, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, analysed the Trump Peace Proposal for the Isreal-Palestine conflict and its effects on the recent regional problems affecting the withdrawal of the USA from Syria on November 12th, 2019.



On October 29th, Vicki Prais, a London-based human rights lawyer, gave a lecture to Concordia students on the opportunities and challenges involved in pursuing a career in human rights. This was the first lecture in the Department’s Human Rights Lecture Series, organized by Nicole De Silva.

The Concordia African Studies Working Group hosted Anne-Maria Makhulu (Duke University) for two events in November 2019. On November 14th, she gave a public lecture on “South Africa after the Rainbow: Aspiration, Ambition, and Social Mobility.” The following day, she led a graduate seminar on welfare, resistance, class, and monetization in post-apartheid South Africa. These events were supported by the Department of Political Science, as well as the Departments of Sociology and Anthropology, English, and History, and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture.





Meghan Joy led a talk entitled “What is an Age Friendly City Anyways?!” for the engAGE (aging research at Concordia) ‘Beyond the Body’ Summer School on July 4th, 2019. She also gave a ‘lightning talk’ on the health-related dimensions of her research on age friendly cities for Concordia’s Health Challenge Networking Event on December 4th, 2019.

Recent Publications

James B. Kelly, “Legislative Capacity and Human Rights in the Age of Populism – two challenges for Legislated Rights: Discussion of *Legislated Rights: Securing Human Rights through Legislation*,” *Jerusalem Review of Legal Studies* (forthcoming).

Janet L. Hiebert and James B. Kelly, “Intra-parliamentary dialogue in New Zealand and the United Kingdom: a little less conversation, a little more action please,” in Geoff Sigalet, Grégoire Webber and Rosalind Dixon, eds., *Constitutional Dialogue: Democracy, Rights, Institutions*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019, pp. 235-266.

James B. Kelly, “The *Charter of the French Language* and the Supreme Court of Canada: assessing whether constitutional design can influence policy outcomes,” in Emmett MacFarlane, ed., *Policy Change, Courts, and the Canadian Constitution*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018, pp. 250-268.

Francesca Scala, Stephanie Paterson and Laurence Richard-Nobert. 2019. "The Gender Logic and Effects of Instrument Mixes: Implementing Eldercare Policy in Canada" *Policy and Society*. July 5, Online View.

Brooke Jeffrey. "Liberalism and the Protection of LGBTQ Rights in Canada." in Manon Tremblay, ed. *Queering Representation: LGBTQ People and Electoral Politics in Canada*. Toronto: UBC Press. 2019. pp 179-200.

Marlene K. Sokolon (2019) “It’s All in the Argument: Euripides’ *Agōnes* and Deliberative Democracy,” *The European Legacy*, DOI: [10.1080/10848770.2019.1646544](https://doi.org/10.1080/10848770.2019.1646544) Aug 6, Online

Meghan Joy, John Shields, Siu Mee Chen. 2019. "Social Innovation Labs: A Neoliberal Austerity Driven Process or Democratic Intervention?" *Alternate Routes: A Journal of Critical Social Research* 30 (2): 35-54.

Lisa Dellmuth and Elizabeth Bloodgood. (2019) "Advocacy Groups in Global Governance: Global and Domestic Opportunity Structures." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* Special Issue 8(3): 255-269.

Announcements

We'd like to extend our warmest welcome to our new Service Assistant at the Front Desk, Steve Hirst, who started in Political Science on December 4th!

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Nicole De Silva, "Beyond Adjudication: International Courts' Agency and Influence in Governance," Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, 4 June 2019.

Nicole De Silva, "From Global to Regional Institutions: Insights from the African Human Rights System," International Studies Association International Conference, Accra, Ghana, 2 August 2019.

Nicole De Silva, "International Institutions and International Justice," Dimensions of Leadership Conference, University of Oxford, UK, 19 August 2019.

Nicole De Silva, "International Human Rights Governance," Dimensions of Leadership Conference, University of Oxford, UK, 20 August 2019.

James B. Kelly, "Northern Ireland Exceptionalism and Rights-based Scrutiny by the Stormont Parliament," Research Committee 9 (Comparative Judicial Studies) Interim Meeting, Monash University Prato Centre, Prato, Italy, 24-26 July, 2019.

James B. Kelly participated in a workshop at the Harry Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, Israel, 26 May. This international workshop was co-organized by the Israeli Association of Legislation and the *Jerusalem Review of Legal Studies*. The workshop considered *Legislated Rights: Securing Human through Legislation* (Cambridge University Press 2018) by Grégoire Webber, Paul Yowell, Richard Ekins, Maris Kopcke, Bradley W. Miller, and Francisco J. Urbana.

James B. Kelly, "Stormont and Human Rights: an assessment of rights-based scrutiny by the Northern Ireland Assembly," Political Studies Association (UK), Parliaments Group, Stormont Estate, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 8-9 November 2018.

James B. Kelly participated on a panel at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, on the decision by the Ontario government to invoke the notwithstanding clause to reduce the size of Toronto City Council. He delivered the following talk: “Standing up for the Notwithstanding Clause, notwithstanding Doug Ford and Bill 5,” *The Constitution, Notwithstanding*. Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, 19 September 2019.

Marlene K Sokolon “The Bayeux Tapestry: Nationalism before Nations and Globes,” International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI) Conference, Zaragoza, Spain: July 5, 2019.

Graham G. Dodds. “Donald Trump and the Unitary Executive Theory.” Prairie Political Science Association. Banff, AB. September 15, 2019.

Graham G. Dodds. Participant and Co-Chair. Roundtable on “Teaching in the Trump Era.” Prairie Political Science Association. Banff, AB. September 15, 2019.

Graham G. Dodds. “Reassessing the Unitary Executive: A Scholarly Update for the Trump Era.” American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. August 29, 2019.

Brooke Jeffrey. "Plus ca Change?: The Trudeau Liberals and the PBO" Presented at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPA). Montreal. Concordia University. May 24, 2019.

Poteete, Amy R. and Keith Jefferis. 2019. “Are Diamonds Becoming More Like Oil? Questioning the Exceptionality of Botswana’s Diamond-Dependent Development.” Presented at the 62nd annual meeting of the African Studies Association, 21 – 23 November 2019, Boston, USA.

Meghan Joy, John Shields, Siu Mee Chen. “Social Innovation Labs as Transformative Change Agents in Government” (presentation by S.M. Chen), *Institution of Public Administration of Canada*, Winnipeg, August 19, 2019.

Meghan Joy, John Shields, Siu Mee Chen. “Social Innovation Labs: Canadian SIL Landscape and Policymaking Implications” (presentation by M. Joy), *International Conference of Public Policy*, Montreal, June 28, 2019.

Meghan Joy. “Neoliberal Rationality and the Age Friendly Cities and Communities Program: Reflections on the Toronto Case” *Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Vancouver, June 6, 2019.

Mireille Paquet and Meghan Joy. “Localist Access Policies: Canadian Municipalities and Sanctuary”, *Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Vancouver, June 5, 2019.

Elizabeth Bloodgood, Jesse Bourns, Michael Lenczner, Takumi Shibaike, Jenny Tabet, and Wendy Wong. “Explaining National Nonprofit Data Environments: Data to Enable or Constrain?” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2019.

Elizabeth A. Bloodgood and Joannie Tremblay-Boire. “NGO Regulatory Backlash? Examining Internal and External Explanations for NGO Regulation.” Presented at the Association of Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2019.

Kudos

Nicole De Silva received a SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2019-2021) for the project “From Global to Regional Institutions: Insights from the African Human Rights System.”

James B. Kelly, was awarded a SSHRC Insight Development Grant (Funding 2019-2021) for the following project: “The Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the Protection of Human Rights: how does consociational power sharing affect the Northern Ireland Assembly’s approach to Human Rights?”

Brooke Jeffrey assumed the post of Vice President of CAPPA in October 2019 and is the president-elect.

Amy Poteete received a SSHRC Partnership Engagement Grant (2020) for a project with Nik Luka (McGill University) and Les Amis du Champ des Possibles: “Supporting the Possibilities of Urban Commoning in Montreal’s Champ des Possibles.”

Meghan Joy received a SSHRC Partnership Engagement Grant (2020) for a project with Paula Negrón (UDM) and le Table de concertation des aînés de l’île de Montréal entitled *Un nouveau chez-soi: une plateforme pour outiller les aînés dans leurs choix résidentiels*.

Meghan Joy along with Primary Investigator J. Timm-Bottos, other Co-investigators L. Dyer, S. Hebblethwaite, N. Khalili Mahani, K. Li, L. Young, T. Swim received an FRQSC Intersectoral Living Lab Grant (2022) entitled *Meet Me at the Mall: Engaging Older Adults in Living Labs for Wellbeing*.

Meghan Joy was selected Newsmaker of the week by University Communications Services twice, first on July 7th, 2019 for a co-authored op-ed in the Montreal Gazette and La Presse (with Kim Sawchuk and Shannon Hebblethwaite) and second on August 11th, 2019 for her extensive media coverage on aging in the city.

Elizabeth Bloodgood received a SSHRC Partnership Engagement Grant PI, with Woodrow Rosenbaum and Michael Lenczner for “Fighting Closing Civil Society Space and Building Better Nonprofit Environments” (2019-2020).

Public Talks

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Media Appearances and Op Eds

James B. Kelly was interviewed on the following CBC Radio affiliates over the SNC-Lavalin and the resignation of Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould in March 2019: CBC International, CBC Montreal, CBC Toronto, CBC Ottawa, CBC Kitchener-Waterloo, CBC Sydney, CBC Winnipeg, CBC Regina, CBC Calgary, CBC Kelowna, CBC Victoria, and CBC Whitehorse.

James B. Kelly appeared in articles published by the *Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, *The Hill Times*, and the *Ottawa Citizen* in regard to SNC-Lavalin and the resignation of Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould in March 2019.

Yasmeen Jiwani, **Stephanie Paterson** and **Francesca Scala**. “A Feminist Take on the Federal Election”. *The Conversation*. October 14, 2019.

<https://theconversation.com/a-feminist-take-on-the-canadian-federal-election-124682>

Since Summer 2019, Graham Dodds has been interviewed by journalists about U.S. politics on local television 7 times, on radio twice, and once in print (Le Devoir).

Brooke Jeffrey was interviewed 26 times on national radio and television and in 3 national newspapers during the 2019 federal election with respect to the platform and strategy of the Liberal Party, the importance of the youth vote and the reasons for the resurgence of the Bloc.

Meghan Joy appeared on CTV Montreal News at Five. The talk was titled “Seniors and the city: Adapting to the Elderly” on August 12, 2019. <https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1752309>

Meghan Joy was featured in conversation on Radio Canada International (with Terry Haig). The talk was titled “Time for Canada to pick up the pace in creating age-friendly cities? Take a guess!” August 8, 2019.

<https://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/08/08/time-for-canadian-cities-to-pick-up-the-pace-in-creating-age-friendly-cities-take-a-guess/>

Meghan Joy was featured on the front page of the Montreal Gazette in an article by Katelyn Thomas entitled “Tackling ageism: Cities need to do more for seniors, Concordia prof says” August 8, 2019.

<https://montrealgazette.com/health/seniors/tackling-ageism-cities-need-to-do-more-for-seniors-concordia-prof-says>

Meghan Joy appeared on CTV Montreal in a segment entitled “East End bike path causing problems for disabled, elderly residents” August 7, 2019.

<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/east-end-bike-path-causing-problems-for-disabled-elderly-residents-1.4540674>

Meghan Joy was featured in an article in 24 heures/Le Journal de Montréal by Beatrice Roy-Brunet entitled “Réseau Express Vélo: Des débarcadères pour personnes à mobilité réduite supprimés” August 6, 2019.

<https://www.journaldemontreal.com/2019/08/07/reseau-express-velo-des-debarcaderes-pour-personnes-a-mobilite-reduite-supprimees>

Theses and Internship Defenses

Congratulations are in order for the following:

Gabriel Sales who successfully defended his internship report entitled: “Soft Power and Public Diplomacy: The U.S. Consulate General Montreal” on June 13, 2019 under the supervision of **Dr. Csaba Nikolenyi**, second reader **Dr. Ceren Belge** and chaired by **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Stanislava Igrutinovic who successfully defended her internship report entitled: “The narrative construction of the EU refugee crisis” on June 25, 2019 under the supervision of **Dr. Meghan Joy**, second reader **Dr. Amy Poteete** and chaired by **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Zhuo Xi (Jesse) Wang who successfully defended his internship report entitled: “The Adoption of New Public Management in the Public Bureaucracy: A Case Study of the Canadian Public Service” on June 27, 2019 under the supervision of **Dr. Julian Schofield**, second reader **Dr. Antoine Bilodeau** and chaired by **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Melissa Micu who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “The Multiple Streams Framework and Trade Policy: An Analysis of the Automotive Provisions in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement” on July 2, 2019, under the supervision of **Dr. Amy Poteete** and second reader **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Yasmine Raddassi who successfully defended her internship report entitled: “Policy Network Theory: Looking at the Role of Think Tanks in Public Policy Projects” on July 4, 2019 under the supervision of **Dr. Michael Lipson**, second reader **Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood** and chaired by **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Katherine O’Leary who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “Networks of Reconciliation: Understanding Indigenous Reconciliation Through Arctic Policy Development” on July 17, 2019, under the supervision of **Dr. Daniel Salée** and second reader **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Mario Socha who successfully defended his internship report entitled: “Policy-Making in the New Governance Model: Comparison of Stakeholder theory and Social Construction of Target Populations” on September 24, 2019 under the supervision of **Dr. Julian Schofield**, second reader **Dr. Guy Lachapelle** and chaired by **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Alireza Nouri who successfully defended his Master's Thesis entitled: "Revolution and International Tensions" on October 29, 2019, under the supervision of **Dr. Julian Schofield** and second reader **Dr. Tina Hilgers**.

Kyla Hosie who successfully passed her internship report entitled: "Explaining Policy Change with the Multiple Streams Framework: The Case of Canada's Marine Security Operations Centres" on November 12, 2019, under the supervision of **Dr. Nicole De Silva** and second reader **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Thomas Furnivall Harrison who successfully passed his internship report entitled: "The Multiple Streams Framework and the Coast Guard Fleet Renewal Policy: Explaining the Government of Canada's Rapid Policy Expansion" on November 22, 2019, under the supervision of **Dr. Meghan Joy** and second reader **Dr. Brooke Jeffrey**.

Maxwell Jones who successfully defended his Master's Thesis entitled: "Taking Stock of Canada's Approach to Food Insecurity" on December 4, 2019, under the supervision of **Dr. Meghan Joy** and second reader **Dr. Daniel Salée**.

Marianna Callochia who successfully defended her Master's Thesis entitled: "The Judicialization of Politics in Canada and the Policy Legacy of McLachlin Court (2000-2017)" on December 5, 2019, under the supervision of **Dr. James Kelly** and second reader **Dr. Daniel Salée**.

MPPPA News

The videos for the 2019 Case Competition should be on the CAPPa website soon:

<https://cappa.ca/en/what-we-do/case-competition/2019-case-competition/>

In the meantime, here is the YouTube link for previous years' presentations. The videos pre-2019 should be on the CAPPa website (2018's here:

<https://cappa.ca/what-we-do/case-competition/2018-case-competition/>)

Concordia University: <https://youtu.be/RqnV-iHNzPY>



In Memoriam

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of our late colleague Melissa Knock, who passed away this past July. Her obituary can be found here: <https://www.kanefetterly.qc.ca/en/funeral/obituary.php?cnd=17062>