

Newsletter

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News



We are very excited to announce that **Philippe Villard** (above: listening to a comment from one of the committee members) successfully defended his dissertation on January 26, 2015, **thereby earning the first Ph.D.** awarded by the Department of Political Science.

Philippe's dissertation is titled "Clear Skies or Ongoing Turbulence? Canadian Airport Policy between Airport Operators, Airlines, and the Federal Government."

Dr. Villard is currently the Manager Industry Charges, International Air Transportation Association (IATA) in Geneva, Switzerland.



From left to right: Dr. James Kelly, internal examiner; Dr. Elena Razlogova (Department of History), who chaired the defense on behalf of the School of Graduate Studies; Dr. Patrik Marier, Supervisor; Dr. Eric Champagne, external examiner from School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa; Dr. Stephanie Paterson, internal examiner; and Dr. Isabelle Dostaler, “internal external” from the Department of Management.

The Department participated in the **Jeux de la Politique** again this year. The Concordia team ranked sixth, after Université Laval, Université de Sherbrooke, UQAM, Université d'Ottawa, and UdeM and McGill (tie).

The organizing committee consisted of Mounia Mrim, Melissa Pilon, Zineb El-Koulali, Matthieu Motillon, Flora Magnan, Tenisha Vaillant, Daniela Valendia, Lydia Risi, Nathan Charpentier, and Bénite Mandaka. The Concordia delegation was comprised of Heldden Byumvuhore, Haysh Hsb, Javier Eduardo Valbuena Ramirez, Frederic Co van, Alexandre St-onge Perron, Victor Lakoff, Alexandra François, Emby Park, Magatte Diop, Fiona Schlumberger, Mauricio Chavez Castro, Pearson Falkner, Jason Poirier Lavoie, Vasily Aliev, Jama Jama, Javier I. Hoyos, Ahmed El-Mamoon Ageeb Gemma Acco, Michael Danzer, Daniel Christopher Rhodes and Charlotte Watson,

The judges for the event were Arjun Tremblay and Mireille Paquet.

Patrik Marier (replacing Marlene Sokolon) made the opening remarks and Guy Lachapelle gave the closing remarks.

Publications

James Kelly's book (with Janet L. Hiebert) *Parliamentary Bills of Rights: The Experiences of New Zealand and the United Kingdom* has been published by Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in Constitutional Law).



Mireille Paquet published a new article titled "La construction provinciale comme mécanisme: le cas de l'immigration au Manitoba" in *Politique et sociétés* (vol. 33, 3, pp.101-130).

Upcoming Events

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| February 16,
2015
12:00PM
H1220 | Frédéric Bastien will be giving a talk titled "From the Battle of London to the Search for Truth" based on the release of his most recent book <i>The Battle of London</i> . This talk is sponsored by the CRIDAQ (Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité et la démocratie) and the Department |
| February 18,
2015-02-09
9:00AM
H1220 | Daniel Macfarlane will be giving a talk titled "Fluid Relations: Canada-U.S. Water Politics and the St. Lawrence Seaway". This talk is sponsored by the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre and the Department. |
| February 17,
2015
9:00AM - 11:
45AM
H767
1:00PM – 5:00PM | Peter Stoett, Director of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre is pleased to announce the upcoming "Transnational Environmental Governance in North America Symposium," to be held in collaboration with the Secretariat of the NAFTA-based North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation. The event will feature public roundtables on the future of environmental governance and open-invitation workshops featuring scholars contributing to |

H1220 a book co-edited by Dr. Stoett (SUNY Press) on energy politics and ecosystem management and restoration. The event will close with a reception at the Mexican Consulate on Peel Street.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.concordia.ca/cunews/main/stories/2015/01/12/environmental-protection-can-free-trade-be-green.html>

June 1-3, 2015

SB-Atrium

(Samuel

Bronfman

Building, 1590

Doctor Penfield).

The Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies will be hosted by the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies. This year's theme is "Sustainable Israel: A Changing Society in the 21st Century."

For more information, visit: <http://www.concordia.ca/artsci/research/azrieli-institute/news/31-annual-conference-association-israel-studies.html>

Recent Events

Csaba Nikolenyi gave a research seminar titled "Indirect Presidential Elections in Post-Communist Europe" at the Department of Political Science in Bar-Ilan University on November 25, 2014.

Csaba Nikolenyi gave a research seminar titled "Do Indirect Presidential Elections Matter? Evidence from Post-Communist East-Central Europe" at the Department of Political Science in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on December 2, 2104.

Csaba Nikolenyi gave a research seminar titled "Understanding Israeli Democracy: The Political Consequences of Proportional Representation" at the Ben Gurion Research Institute on Zionism, Ben Gurion University, Sde Boker campus on December 25, 2014.

Mireille Paquet gave a talk on Canadian Politics and Policy to a class of University of Massachusetts (Amherst) students on a field trip to Montreal with their professor, Dr. Dean Robinson on February 29, 2015. Dr. Robinson, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, also gave a talk on the American Affordable Care Act on February 29.

The Centre for Immigration Policy Evaluation (co-directed by Mireille Paquet, Antoine Bilodeau, Daniel Salée and Chedly Belkhodja) held a one-day workshop titled "Immigration, intégration et le rôle de l'État" on January 23, 2015. The workshop was attended by close to 50 participants, including Gérard Bouchard, representatives from UQAM, Laval, McGill, and UdeM, representatives from the Ministère de l'immigration, de la diversité et de l'inclusion, as well as from the community sector in the field of immigration.



Kudos

Norrin Ripsman has been named a Research Fellow at the Norwegian Nobel Institute for Summer 2015.

Mireille Paquet won the Université de Montreal's Pierre Le François Award for Best PhD Dissertation. The title of her dissertation is "Les provinces et la fédéralisation de l'immigration, 1990-2010."

Peter Stoett was renewed as Provost Fellow for Sustainability.

Paulos Milkias completed archival and empirical research during the summer (2014) in Ethiopia, supported by a CUPFA professional development grant. Part of this research will appear as a chapter in the forthcoming volume *Geography, Society and Culture* (2015) ABC-CLIO (Oxford and Santa Barbara).

Csaba Nikolyeni was awarded a Concordia Aid to Research Related Events, Exhibition, Publication and Dissemination Activities (ARRE) grant for the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, which will be hosted by the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies in June 2015.

Csaba Nikolenyi received a grant in the amount of US \$20,000 from the Israel Institute in support of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, which will be hosted by the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies in June 2015.

Csaba Nikolenyi received a Connections grant in the amount of CAD \$25,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada in support of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, which will be hosted by the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies in June 2015.

Csaba Nikolenyi received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Azrieli Foundation in support of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, which will be hosted by the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies in June 2015.

Media Appearances

Daniel Douek was on CTV to discuss the Boko Haram crisis once again. Here's the link:

<http://canadaam.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=530190&playlistId=1.2187656&binId=1.815911&playlistPageNum=1&binPageNum=1>

Theses and Internship Defenses

Congratulations to John Charles Wilson, who successfully defended his Master's thesis titled: "Legislative Pursuits: An Analysis of the Effects of the Political Environment and Presidential Strategies on Domestic Policy Objectives during the George W. Bush Administration," on December 3rd, 2014 under the Supervision of Dr. Graham Dodds, second reader Dr. Michael Lipson, and Chaired by Dr. Amy Poteete.

Congratulations to Sarah Moffat, who successfully defended her Internship Report titled: "Voluntary Environmental Side Agreements: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing," on January 13th, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Stephanie Paterson, second reader Dr. Marcel Danis, and Chaired by Dr. Graham Dodds.

Congratulations to Andrea Matte, who successfully defended her Internship Report titled: "Decision Making Units and Space Sustainability: The Case of The United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space," on January 14th, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Ed King, second reader Dr. Stephanie Paterson, and Chaired by Dr. Graham Dodds.

Congratulations to Ulker Gurun, who successfully defended her Internship Report titled: "Canada's Access to Information Regime: Problems, the Government's Approach and the role played by the Nongovernmental Organizations," on January 16th, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Travis Smith, second reader Dr. Norrin Ripsman, and Chaired by Dr. Brooke Jeffrey.

Good luck to John Charles, Sarah, Andrea and Ulker in all their future endeavors.