

Newsletter

Winter 2023 (Volume 9, Issue 3)

Upcoming Events

The department hosted CREGÉS' *École d'été en gérontologie sociale* May 15-18. Professor Marier led the first panel on public policy.

<https://ecole-dete-en-gerontologie-sociale-27.websselfsite.net/services>

Sam Rowan and Alexandra Lesnikowski (Geography) hosted a workshop on “**Advancing Climate Policy**” in the ER building on May 15-16 for early career researchers.

Events This Term

On March 14, Isabel Rodriguez-Toribio, Sam Rowan, and Alexandra Zeitz hosted a workshop on “Integrating Diverse Interests in Global Governance” in the department for early career researchers ahead of the International Studies Association annual meeting in Montreal.

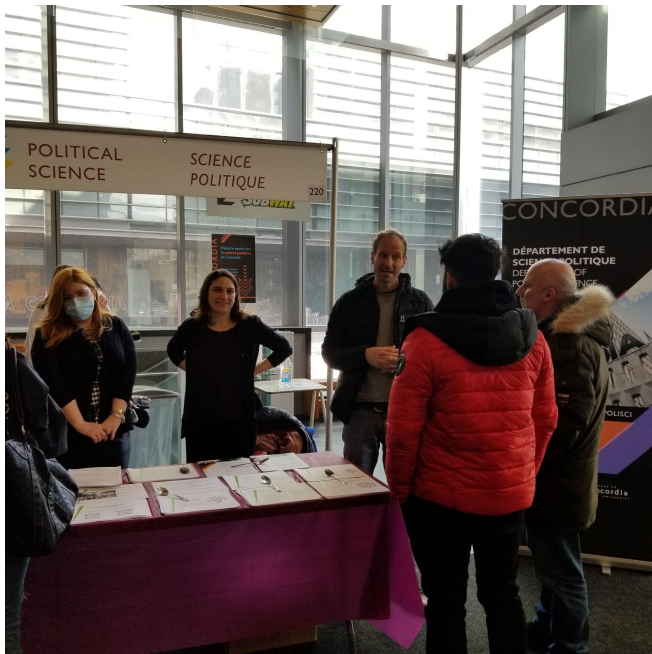
Coffee with Poli

We have had several interesting, fun and interactive Coffee with Poli's this last fall and winter terms including our amazing student panel guest speakers Catherine Harvey, Madi Evans, and Christian Taboada. We had our two ever so popular information sessions with Concordia International for students interested in going abroad, and Career & Planning Services for those looking for advice on finding a fulfilling career or to simply find a summer job or internship. More amazing Coffee with Poli events are yet to come: stay tuned for some exciting and inspiring guest speaker Alumni and our very informative Graduate program info session in September!

On April 4, 2023, Allan Rock delivered a Talk on *The Withering of Human Rights*.



Our Winter version of Open House occurred on Saturday, February 18th.



Departmental Speaker Series (Winter Term 2023)

January 20, 2023: Veldon Coburn (Ottawa) “Neocolonial Subjects: Race-shifting and the Algonquin modern treaty”

February 17, 2023: Saladdin Ahmed (Union College) Postnihilism: A book talk on Revolutionary Hope After Nihilism: Marginalized Voices and Dissent

March 16, 2023: Lynette Ong (Toronto) “Outsourcing Repression: Everyday State Power in Contemporary China”

March 31, 2023: Didier Zúñiga (Centre for Research in Ethics) “Mestizaje as Neocolonialism: Racelessness, homogeneity, improvement”

Got Questions?

A “Got Questions?” session was held on May 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm via Zoom. Students had the opportunity to ask questions about our programs, policies, rules and regulations.

Orientation

Orientation is hosted in tandem with Touchstone provided by Student Academic Services. Here is a link with further information and to sign up to a session:

<https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/students/sas/new-student-advising/touchstone-presentations.html>

Recent Publications

SPECIAL ISSUES

ARTICLES

Schmitt, E. (2023). “The Renewal of Alsatian Nationalism”, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 29:1, 39-59, DOI: 10.1080/13537113.2022.2153494

Schmitt, E. (2023). “La stratégie internationale du nationalisme corse”, *Politique et Sociétés*, 42 (2), DOI: 10.7202/1097236ar

Sokolon, Marlene K. and Patrik Marier (2023) “Policy Instruments and Infant Feeding for Mothers on Social Assistance: A Comparative Study of Canadian Provinces” *Canadian Review of Social Policy/Revue canadienne de politique sociale*, 82, Retrieved from <https://crsp.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/crsp/article/view/40373> retrieved from <https://crsp.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/crsp/article/view/40373>

De Silva, Nicole, and Plagis, Misha Ariana. 2023. “NGOs, International Courts, and State Backlash against Human Rights Accountability: Evidence from NGO Mobilization against Tanzania at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.” *Law & Society Review* 57(1): 36– 60. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12639>

Lihi Lahat, Omer Keynan & Francesca Scala. 2023. “Capitalising on Twitter for Policy Learning during Crises: The Case of the Covid-19 Pandemic”, *International Journal of Public Administration*, DOI: [10.1080/01900692.2023.2171432](https://doi.org/10.1080/01900692.2023.2171432)

BOOK CHAPTERS

OTHER

CREGÉS submitted a *mémoire*, as part of the ongoing consultation for the 3rd Provincial Policy on Aging (*Vieillir et vivre ensemble*, 2024-29). Edited by Professor Marier and coordinated by Marina Revelli, the document involved 15 researchers in social gerontology throughout the province. It is available at: <https://www.creges.ca/avis-et-memoire/>

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Poteete, Amy R., Pavel Kunysz, and Nik Luka. 2023. "Is Commoning Compatible with Heterotopia: Reflections from Montreal's Champ des Possibles." Presented by Amy Poteete and Pavel Kunysz as part of a hybrid panel at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 23 – 27 March 2023, Denver, USA.

Emma Despland, Elizabeth Miller, Amy R. Poteete, and Carly Ziter. 2023. "Forgotten Green Spaces of Montreal: The value of Montreal's unofficial parks." Panel discussion at the 2023 Sustainability across Disciplines conference, 13 – 17 March 2023, Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability and the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre (LSRC), Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

Graham Dodds presented a paper (via Zoom) on "Pruning Presidential Power: Congressional Attempts to Curtail Presidential Unilateralism" at the Political Studies Association (PSA) conference held in Liverpool, England on April 5, 2023.

Graham Dodds presented a paper on "Competing Conceptions of Obama's Unilateralism: Too Much, Too Little, or Just Right?" at Hofstra University's conference on President Barack Obama in Hempstead, NY on April 20, 2023.

Michael Lipson presented a paper titled "Ideational Liberalism, Brexit, and International Order in the 21st Century," at the 2023 annual meetings of the International Studies Association in Montreal, on March 16, 2023.

Nicole De Silva presented a paper titled "Promoting State Commitment to International Courts: Evidence from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights" at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Montreal on March 17, 2023.

Patrik Marier made two presentations at an international event at INED (Paris) on the conceptualisation and measurement of autonomy for older adults in 18 countries and on home care policies in Canada on March 28th and March 29th, 2023.

Sam Rowan presented a paper titled "Conditional and unconditional climate policy" at the 2023 annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Montreal in March 2023.

Alexandra Zeitz presented a paper titled "Public opinion on aid conditionality in recipient countries" at the Politics, Sandwiches and Comments (PSAC) seminar at Cornell

University, January 27, 2023.

Alexandra Zeitz presented a paper titled “Public opinion on aid conditionality in recipient countries” at the 2023 annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Montreal in March 2023.

Alexandra Zeitz presented a paper titled “China, the IMF, and Sovereign Debt Crises” at the Junior Scholars in International Relations workshop at the Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, University of Pennsylvania, April 7, 2023.

Other Presentations

Hazelton-Cook, Kiho and Amy Poteete. 2023. “Le Champ des Possibles après la décontamination.” Presentation to members of the board and planning committee of Les Amis du Champ des Possibles, 15 February 2023.

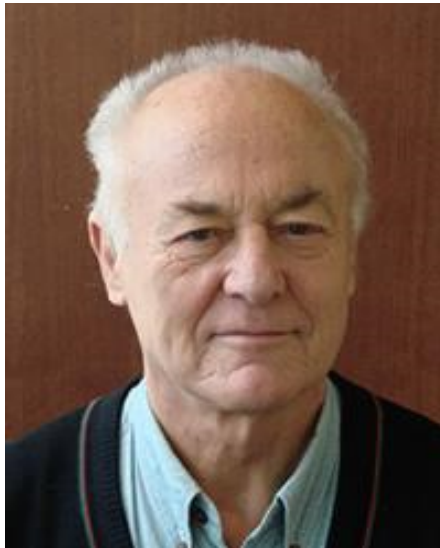
Announcements

[Rowena Pinto becomes CEO of Jack.org at a vital moment for the well-being of young people](#)

In Memoriam



It is with heavy hearts that we heard the shocking news of Elaine Carsley's passing at the end of January. She obtained her MPPPA in 2004 from Concordia University and enrolled in a PhD program at Carleton. She taught part-time in the department from 2007 to 2010 and then again from 2019 to 2022.



On May 22, 2023 we were again very sad to find out that Dr. Horst Hutter had passed away, after a long illness. He was 85 years old. Horst joined the Department of Political Science at Sir George Williams University in the early 1970s, before the merger with Loyola College that would lead to the creation of Concordia University in 1974. He was held in high esteem by all his students and taught with us well into his seventies. A specialist of political theory and the history of political thought, he was well known for his acclaimed scholarship on 19th century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. He is the author of *Shaping the Future: Nietzsche's New Regime of the Soul and Ascetic Practices* (Lexington Books, 2005) and co-editor (with Eli Friedland) of *Nietzsche's Therapeutic*

Teaching for Individuals and Culture (Bloomsbury, 2013).

The faculty, staff and students of the Department of Political Science extend their sincerest condolences to Horst's wife Francine Prévost-Hutter and their sons, Harald and Florian.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Graham Dodds was interviewed live on CTV on January 16th about former U.S. President Donald Trump's possession of classified documents in Florida and on April 3rd about Trump facing criminal charges in New York. The second interview was Professor Dodds's 500th mass media appearance.

Sam Rowan's research on extreme weather events and climate policy was written up in *Le Devoir* in February 2023

<https://www.ledevoir.com/environnement/780612/recherche-et-innovation-des-changements-climatiques-mais-pas-politiques>

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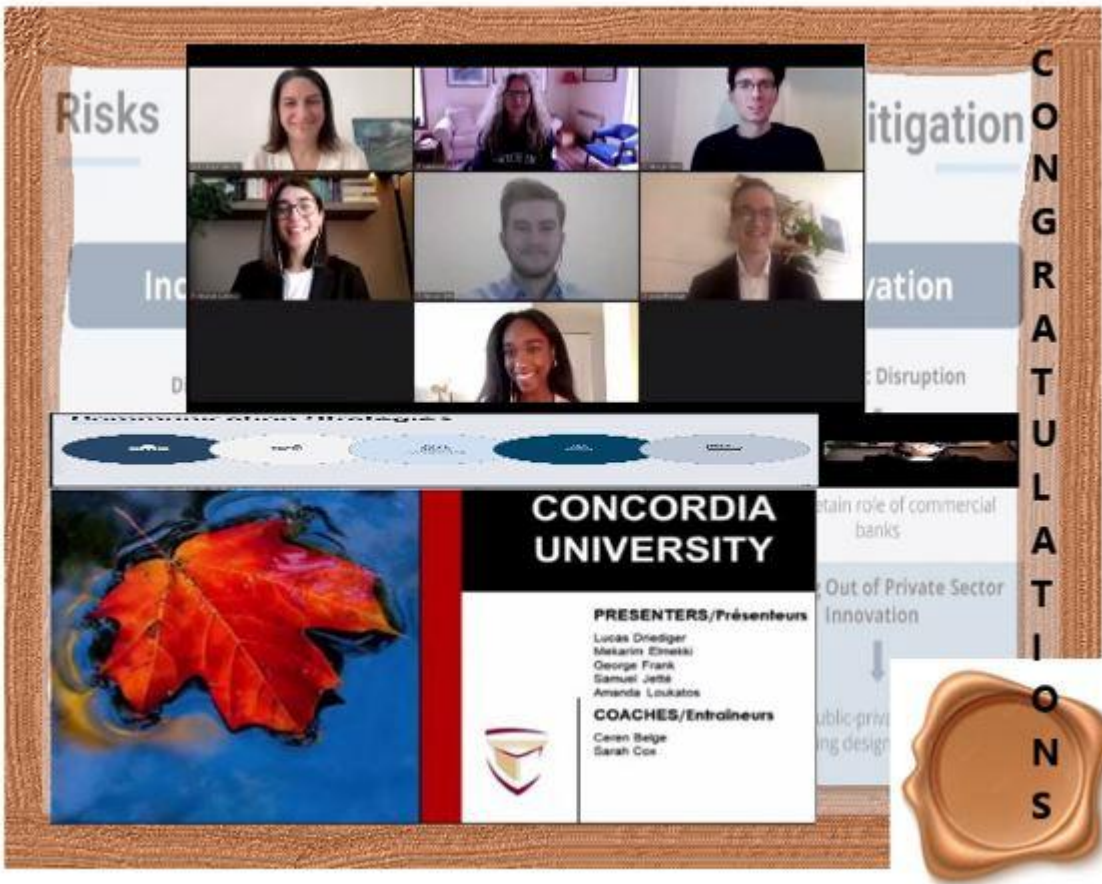
Professors Mireille Paquet and Antoine Bilodeau are among the research leaders who were recently awarded a \$98.6 million grant from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) to study migrant integration during a time of rapid technological transformation. Entitled "Migrant Integration in the Mid-21st Century: Bridging Divides," the project brings together researchers from Concordia, Toronto Metropolitan University, the University of Alberta, and The University of British Columbia. It will include 25 research leaders, more than 100 scholars, and it will offer 1,500 training opportunities and involve more than 200 organizations.

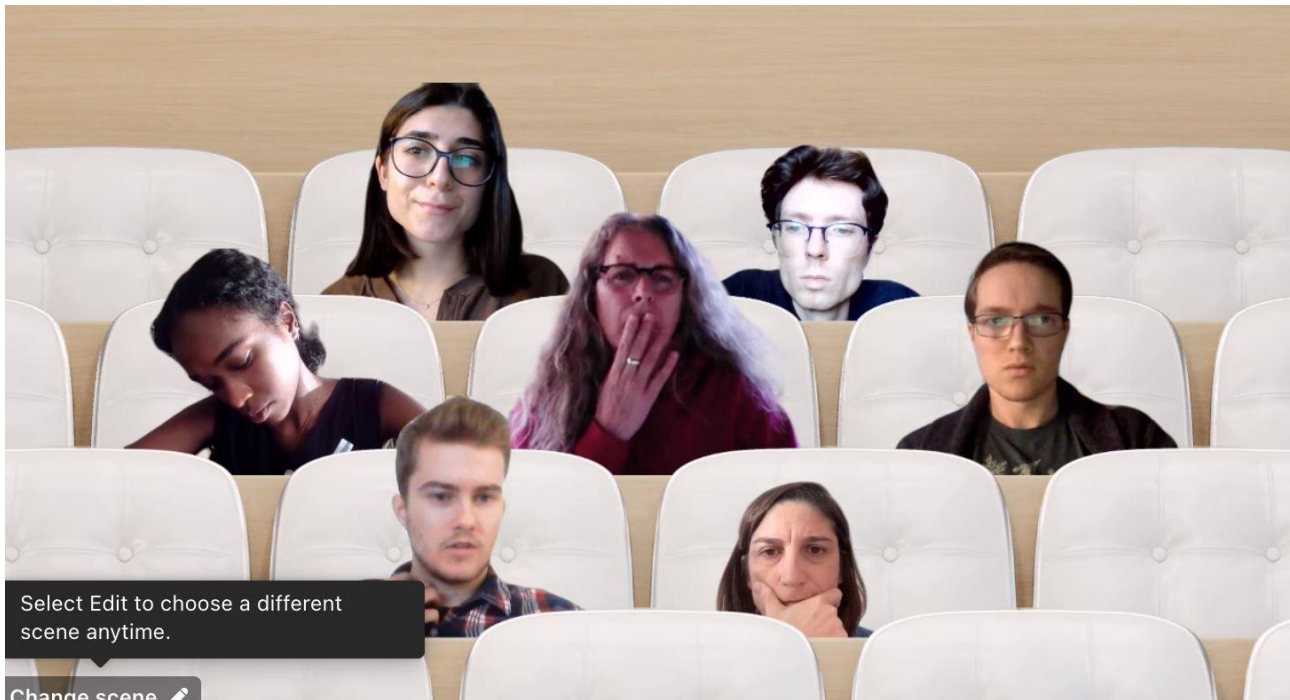
Nicole De Silva (with Misha Plagis) received the 2023 Best Human Rights Paper Award from the International Studies Association for their paper "NGOs, International Courts, and State Backlash against Human Rights Accountability: Evidence from NGO Mobilization against Tanzania at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights."

Nicole De Silva received a FRQSC Research Support for New Academics Grant (2023-26) for her project "Mobilizing for Human Rights in Africa's International Courts."

Professor Marier is part of a team of economists who received a FRQSC Team grant *Étude des conditions de vie et des systèmes publics et privés de protection sociale liés au vieillissement de la population québécoise*. \$318 707. 2023-27.

Francesca Scala is part of a team that was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Government of Canada's New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – Exploration stream to investigate how point-of-care ultrasound and artificial intelligence (AI) can improve access to care for breast cancer-related lymphedema. The team is led by Dr. Hassan Rivaz (PI) in Electrical and Computer Engineering and includes Robert Kilgour, professor in the Department of Health, Kinesiology and Applied Physiology and Anna Towers, associate professor of oncology and family medicine at McGill University.





The MPPPA Program’s Case Competition Team won Bronze at the Annual CAPPa Case Competition. The star team consisted of Lucas Driediger, Kami Elmekki, George Frank (alternate), Samuel Jetté, and Amanda Loukatos. The case examined was whether Canada should adopt a Central Bank Digital Currency (“Preparing for the Future: Modernizing Transaction Through a Central Bank Digital Currency”).

It takes a village to place at the CAPPa Case Competition. The Team was coached by Ceren Belge and Sarah Cox (Public Servant in Residence). Special thanks to Dr. Heloisa Marone; colleagues Alexa Zeitz, Leander Schneider, Francesca Scala, Mireille Paquet, Meghan Joy, Beth Bloodgood, Stephanie Paterson, and former CAPPa team members Salma Addas, Sarah Gasparello, Veronique Leblanc, Melanie Piggott-Narodozza, and Will Ward.

The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

MA Thesis Defenses

Gustavo De Andrade, Sep 21, 2022 - JF Mayer

Cooperatives as tools of resistance of *catadores*: A case study of Cooper Glicério (São Paulo, Brazil)

Tomas Hatala, November 29, 2022 - Elizabeth Bloodgood

Getting to the table: Non State Actors' Contribution to River Negotiations

Dominic Lachance-Royer, November 28, 2022 - Mireille Paquet

La construction de l'enjeu des migrations climatiques dans les médias canadiens de 2010 à 2021

Natanael Vargas, December 22, 2022 - JF Mayer

The politics of economic development in Puerto Rico

MPPPA

On March 31st Senior Public Servant panelists spoke to over 45 graduate program students about working in public service. They shared their career insights and tips for making the journey meaningful and rewarding.

Panelist Speakers

Danielle White, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Partnerships, Indigenous Services Canada, Government of Canada

Julie Taylor (MPPPA alumna) Senior Associate, KPMG USA - Internal Audit

Sarah Cox (MPPPA alumna) Director, Circumpolar Affairs Directorate, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Government of Canada



Even a 3-year-long pandemic can't stop the MPPPA internship program from attaining its 100% placement record!!

MPPPA summer cohort placed in the following internships as junior policy analysts/researchers:

Khaled Agha	Natural Resources Canada – Demand Policy & Analysis Division
Alexandre Bérubé	Public Safety Canada – Emergency Management & Programs Branch
Myriam Bonamigo	Shared Services Canada – Digital Government Priorities
Nicholas Chalhoub	Transport Canada – Domestic Vessel Regulatory Oversight
Anastasia Dudley	Indigenous Services Canada - Major Projects & Management Practices
Samuel Jetté	Shared Services Canada – Digital Government Priorities – Strategic Policy
Andrew Krause	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Strategic Policy Branch
Sabrina Lamontagne	Transport Canada - Civil Aviation - Regulatory Affairs
Amanda Loukatos	Transport Canada – Legislative Modernization & the Regulatory Innovation
Owen Miller	Global Affairs Canada – Business Transformation Directorate
Mélanie Piggott-Nardozza	Employment & Social Development - Strategic Integration & Corporate Affairs
Matthew Schneider	Shared Services Canada - Governance & Ministerial Affairs
Oliver Smith-Jones	Shared Services Canada - Governance & Ministerial Affairs

The MPPPA internship option imbues students with a level of academic scholarship that influences their critical mind, engaging them in a deep-dive of analyzing questions with curiosity and passion. Coupled with the practical skills achieved during rigorous events like the CAPP Case Competition, or in demanding coursework; graduate interns are trained and ready for the real world. Proof is in their ability to both attain and secure a renewal contract, which the winter interns all achieved.



Winter 2023 Interns @ midway interview in March: **Jiayu Lin** at Global Affairs Canada; **Kathryn Nicassio** with the Canadian Coast Guard; **Matthew Cerasuolo**, Crown-Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs; **Natasha El-Ghawi**, at CAE; **Nicole Proano** at Environment & Climate Change Canada; and **Vanessa Pipia** at Global Affairs Canada. All renewed their contracts for the summer term.