

Newsletter

Winter 2024

Department Speaker Series

This term co-organizers Alexa Zeitz and Graham Dodds brought in five external speakers for the Department's Speaker Series:

- Thurs Feb 8th, Sophie Bourgault (Ottawa):

"Feminist care ethics and the discourse of resilience."

- Fri Feb 23rd, Catherine Ouellet (UdeM):

"Lifestyle as a social marker: exploring the link between lifestyle & political choice in Quebec."

- Fri March 15th, Amel Ahmed (Massachusetts-Amherst):

"When democracy divides: the regime question in European & American political development."

- Fri April 5th, Cheng Chen (Albany):

"Regime-building and corruption crackdowns in Russia and China."

- Fri Apr 19th, Claudia Leeb (Washington State):

"Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach."

Thanks to all those who attended the talks this past term and also to Francesco MacAllister-Caruso, Lucia Kovacikova, and Sivakamy Thayaalan for serving as discussants.

Orientation

The department held two drop-in sessions for newly admitted students while Touchstone was on hold: Jan 11 at 2:00PM and Jan 17 at 1:00PM.

Events

Concordia hosted a conference on “Challenges and New Directions in Multi-Level Governance” April 25-26. The conference was organized by the International Political Science Association (IPSA), to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of IPSA under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). IPSA’s secretariat has been located at Concordia since 2006.

For students who have a question about Polisci, whatever it may be, come and ask away and we will do our best to answer! The next "**Got Questions?**" session is on May 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm via Zoom.

Patrik Marier co-organized with Marie-Louise Leroux the International Workshop Demand and supply of LTC services: new perspectives from economics, sociology, and political science. Montréal, April 18-19, 2024.

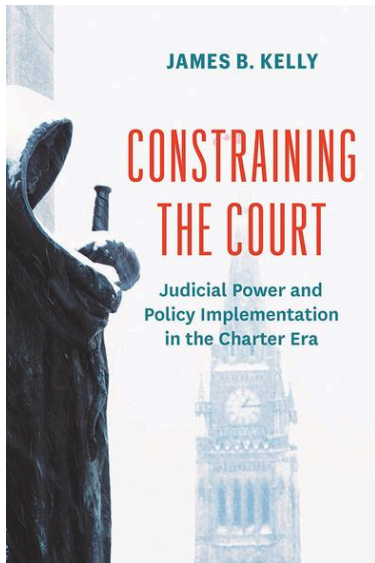
Coffee with Poli. Wednesday, January 24th, 2024, 1:30 pm in H-1220, also hybrid. MPPPA Director, Dr. Belge, MA Director, Dr. Kelly and Undergraduate Advisor, Elizabeth C. Lefèvre helped students understand the Graduate admissions process with some tips and pointers.

Alexandre Boulerice, MP for Rosemont-La-Petite-Patrie, visited Concordia to explain and discuss the confidence and supply agreement between the minority Liberal government and the NDP. Students from Donal Gill’s Poli204, Poli356, and Poli488 attended and participated in a lively bilingual question and answer period following the MP’s presentation.

Recent Publications

BOOKS

James Kelly. *Constraining the Court: Judicial Power and Policy Implementation in the Charter Era*. UBC, 2024.



Frank Ohemeng and Joseph Ayee (eds.) *Think Tanks, Governance and Development in Africa*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2024



ARTICLES

Benoit, Maude et Patrik Marier (2024). When Hidden Politics Become Visible: Administrative burden experiences of older adults and professionals in home care. [International Journal of Social Welfare](#).

De Silva, Nicole, & Holthoefer, Anne. (2024). Hidden figures: how legal experts influence the design of international institutions. *European Journal of International Relations*, 30(1), 52-77. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661231210931>

Marier, Patrik, Loic Trabut, and Alexandra Garabige (2024). National Intentions and Local Welfare Markets: A Comparative Analysis of Market Tools to Support Seniors in France and Québec. [Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis](#).

Rowan, Sam S. (2024). "Effective climate clubs require ambition, leverage and insulation: Theorizing issue linkage in climate change and trade." *The Review of International Organizations*, p. 1–26. doi: 10.1007/s11558-024-09535-6

Ferry, Lauren L., and Alexandra O. Zeitz. "The power of having powerful friends: Evidence from a new dataset of IMF negotiating missions, 1985-2020." *The Review of International Organizations* (2024): 1-32. doi: [10.1007/s11558-024-09537-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-024-09537-4)

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Graham Dodds presented a paper on "Congressional Actions to Limit Executive Orders" at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference held in Chicago on April 7.

Kimberley Manning organized and sat on a roundtable, "The State of the State in the PRC: from Mao to Xi," at the Association for Asian Studies in Seattle on March 14th.

Michael Lipson presented a paper entitled "Organized Hypocrisy and Rhetorical Entrapment in International Politics," at the annual conference of the International Studies Association in San Francisco on April 4.

Professor Marier participated in the *Table ronde défis pour les politiques publiques et la diversité*. Journée de printemps de l'IVPSA: Vieillissements pluriels: éclipser les stéréotypes, célébrer la diversité. Université Laval, Québec, 8 avril 2024.

Professor Marier made a presentation entitled *Intersectorialité au CREGÉS*. 18ième édition des Journées scientifiques du RQRV. Montréal, 4 avril, 2024.

Professor Marier participated in a special panel following the screening of *Stolen Time*, Cinéma du Parc, Montréal, March 23, 2024.

Amy Poteete presented a paper co-authored with Nik Luka (McGill), "Commoning as 'Caring With,'" at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, 16 – 20 April 2024. The paper was part of a virtual panel on "Commoning with and against Commoning" that she co-organized with Jill Philine Blau (Theologische Hochschule Friedensau).

Sam Rowan presented a paper entitled, "Compliance with climate targets" at the annual conference of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, April 3-6, 2024.

Isabel Rodriguez-Toribio presented a co-authored paper (with Sam Rowan and Alexandra Zeitz) entitled, "Dissatisfaction and partial membership in international organizations" at the annual conference of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, April 3-6, 2024.

Isabel Rodriguez-Toribio presented a co-authored paper (with Alexandra Zeitz) entitled "Informal global governance and sovereign debt: The G20 Common Framework and debt crises" at the Supporting Women in International Political Economy workshop at the University of Pennsylvania on April 12, 2024.

Alexandra Zeitz presented a paper entitled "Accountable to Whom? Public Opinion of Aid Conditionality in Recipient Countries" and co-authored with Richard Clark (Cornell) and Lindsay Dolan (Wesleyan) at the Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS) on January 25, 2024.

Alexandra Zeitz presented a co-authored paper (with Isabel Rodriguez-Toribio) entitled "Informal global governance and sovereign debt: The G20 Common Framework and debt crises" at the annual conference of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, April 3-6, 2024.

Alexandra Zeitz gave a presentation entitled "China and the Sovereign Debt Regime" at the Princeton Sovereign Finance Lab workshop in Washington D.C., April 17-28, 2024.

Nicole De Silva presented a paper entitled "Promoting State Commitment to International Courts" at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 4, 2024.

Nicole De Silva participated in a roundtable, "Navigating the International Studies Profession

as Women of Color,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 5, 2024.

Other Presentations

Amy Poteete gave a talk on “[Is Wildlife Conservation Sustainable?](#)” at the TEDxConcordia event “Looking Beyond,” Concordia University on 5 March 2024.

Amy Poteete participated in “Worth Defending: Montreal’s (extra)ordinary green spaces / À défendre : les espaces verts (extra)ordinaire de Montréal,” 4th Space, Concordia University, 27 January 2024, a day-long event exhibiting preliminary research findings from “Enhancing Biodiversity, Social Inclusion, and Climate Resilience through Informal Urban Green Spaces” research team, artifacts from the “Finding Urban Nature” team’s nature education work with summer day camps, and materials from partner organizations. There were also interactive demonstrations and [a panel discussion with representatives of our partner organizations](#), moderated by Liz Miller.

Announcements

Dr. Colin Scott will join the department’s ranks as a tenure-track Assistant Professor on July 1. He holds a PhD from McGill and is an expert on immigration integration.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Graham Dodds, interviewed by Vincent Larin, “De nouveaux développements dans la saga Trump,” *La Presse*, December 24, 2023.

Graham Dodds was interviewed live on CTV (local) about the U.S. presidential primary elections on February 20 and also on March 18, and he was interviewed on April 23 about Donald Trump’s criminal trial in New York.

Patrik Marier was interviewed as part of an article in *La Gazette des femmes* - Méлина Nantel. [Le prendre soin, l’affaire de toutes... et tous](#). *La Gazette des femmes*. Avril 2024.

Donal Gill interviewed on Radio Noon Quebec with Shawn Apel - Feb. 13, 2024: Should Quebec end donations to political parties?

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-102/clip/16042256>

Donal Gill Op-Ed in the *Montreal Gazette*, April 1st 2024:

<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/opinion-a-tale-of-two-wunderkind-pms-and-why-one-step-ped-down>

Donal Gill Op-Ed in the *Montreal Gazette*, March 4th 2024:

<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/opinion-denis-coderre-may-not-be-right-for-liberals-but-hes-done-the-party-a-favour>

Kudos

On April 4, the Office of the Provost announced that Elizabeth Bloodgood was awarded the Concordia University Academic Leadership Award. The award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the university community in both formal and informal roles.

Sam Rowan was awarded a SSHRC Insight Grant for a project on “Designing dynamic environmental treaties”. He’s a co-applicant with Jean-Frédéric Morin (PI, Université Laval) and Clara Brandi (University of Bonn).

Kimberley Manning (PI) was awarded a Concordia University Sustainable Teams Transition Research Initiative grant for her project, “Facing the Far Right.”

Eric Veto has been awarded a SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship fellowship for his project “Intellectual Property: How Indigenous Knowledge is impacted.”

Nicole De Silva (Co-applicant) and Anette Stimmer (Principal Investigator, University of St Andrews) received a British Academy Leverhulme Small Research Grant for a project titled “Why not hold the pen? Exploring implications of drafting privileges in International Organisations.”

Mary Amadi (BA POLI) received a NSERC/SSHRC Undergraduate Research Award to complete a summer research project on international human rights courts in Africa, under the supervision of Nicole De Silva.

Bryanna Bragagnolo (BA POLI) received a Mitacs Graduate Research Award to complete a summer research project at the University of St Andrews on drafting agreements in international organizations, under the co-supervision of Nicole De Silva (Concordia) and Anette Stimmer (University of St Andrews).

Dr. Mireille Paquet has been invited to join the Provost’s Circle of Distinction in recognition of her induction as a Member of the New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada

Bogdan Ovcharuk, former MA student (under Marlene Sokolon’s supervision), now PhD candidate at York, recently published two articles based on his MA thesis:

“The State and Society Reconfigured: Resolving Arendt’s “social question” through Kojève’s ‘Right of Equity’”, *Constellations*, 2024

“Impartial Third and Disinterested Judgment: Kojève and Arendt’s Cosmopolitan Phenomenologies of Human Rights as a Response to Schmitt”, *Journal of International Political Theory*, 2023.

Graduate Defenses

Kerry Tannahil, PhD defense. “Democracy's Challenges: A Comprehensive Analysis of Political Support in Quebec and Canada.” April 3, 2024.

Louis-Philippe Morneau, PhD thesis: “Theory of Strategic Autonomy: U.S. Foreign Policy between 1823 and 1921.” March 14, 2024. Julian Spencer-Churchill (Supervisor), Csaba Nikolyeni (Examiner), Graham Dodds (Examiner).

Sebastian-Gabriel Toca, MA defense. “Small States Seeking Environmental Justice Via International Courts: The Case of Vanuatu,” April 16, 2024. Nicole De Silva (Supervisor), Sam Rowan (Second Reader).