

Department of Political Studies



Congratulations on a great term! The Department of Political Studies wishes you a happy, healthy and safe break. We can't wait to see you again in January, 2023!

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Fall Recap & POLS in the news

It has been a busy term in the Department of Political Studies. We've hosted events, been guest speakers and celebrated the launch of a new book written by one of our own. We hope that you were able to make it to some of these fantastic events over the term, and keep an eye on our social media and PAWS announcements for more exciting events in the winter!



November 8, 2022 Dr. Kirsten Fisher gave a talk on "Justice and other post-conflict contemporary concerns in Northern Uganda" as part of the CIC Salon Series (photo credit Dr. David McGrane)

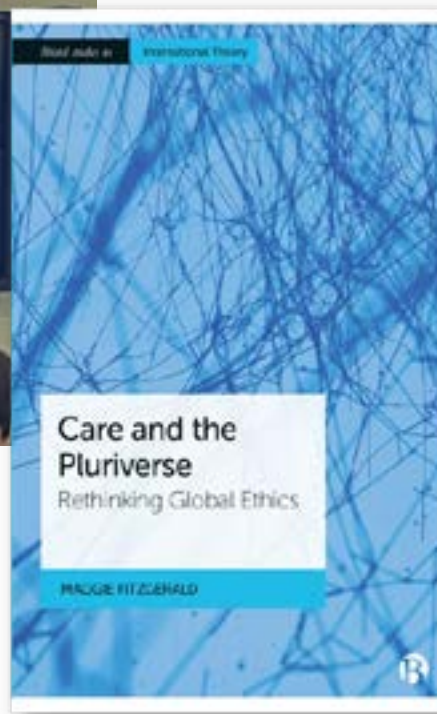
Our faculty is always highly involved with the media, giving interviews, opinions, and writing about current events. Check out the links below to catch up on what they've been saying.

- [Political scientist explains motive behind Scott Moe's 'childish' tweet and why we're seeing more attack ads](#) with Dr. Daniel Westlake
- Dr. Colleen Bell discusses her work on Recentring the Coloniality of Global Policing in [this](#) video
- [Convicted murderer Colin Thatcher's invitation to the Saskatchewan legislature diminishes us all](#) – a co-authored article by Dr. Kathy Walker
- Dr. Kirsten Fisher was honoured this year with a college research award from the University of Saskatchewan. Read about her research and her award [here](#)



It was standing room only on November 4th, as we celebrated the launch of Dr. Maggie FitzGerald's book *Care and the Pluriverse: Rethinking Global Ethics*. In this work, Maggie examines the concept of the pluriverse alongside global ethics and the ethics of care in order to contemplate new ethical horizons for engaging across difference.

Looking for a copy? You can find it at [Bristol University Press](#), [Indigo](#) or [Amazon](#)



Global Cafe Series

This term has seen 4 Global Cafe events, each one exploring a different aspect of global politics. From Canadian perspectives with Senator Pamela Wallin, to discussions about Japan, the war in Ukraine and the protests in Iran inspiring a shift in human rights considerations, the debates have been crucial to understanding politics around the world.

Stay tuned for announcements on Term 2 Global Café events on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), PAWS announcements, and on TV screens around the college.



SEP 07

THE GLOBAL CAFE

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022
5 pm Arts 133

GUEST SPEAKER:
Mr. Uchida Tatsukuni
Consul General of Japan in Calgary

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NOV 03

THE GLOBAL CAFE

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022
8 pm
Saskatoon Club, 417 21st St. E.

GUEST SPEAKER:
Dr. Chris Kilford

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NOV 14

THE GLOBAL CAFE

Monday, Nov. 14, 2022
4:30 pm
Neatby Timlin Theatre, Arts 241

GUEST SPEAKER:
Senator Pamela Wallin

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NOV 25

For Women, For Life, For Freedom:
How Iran Protests are Inspiring a
Paradigm Shift in the Struggle for a
Better World

an advertised presentation in
THE GLOBAL CAFE SERIES

Friday, Nov. 25
4:30 pm

Neatby Timlin Theatre,
Arts Building Room 241, 9 Campus Dr.

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Student Profile

TASNIM JAISEE

Tasnim Jaisee (she/her) is an undergrad student studying Political Studies and Women's and Gender Studies at USask. She is an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Project Specialist for the Provost and Vice-President Academic Office. Her lived experience as a woman of colour with disabilities guides her research interests using lenses of intersectional feminism and critical disability studies. Tasnim's time on campus has been filled with advocacy and student governance experience. She previously served as the President for the USask Students' Union President (USSU), as well as the Women's Center Coordinator.

Period Poverty Project - USask Menstrual Equity Initiative

The Period Poverty Project is an initiative through the Deputy Provost's office set to have completed launching by the end of the academic calendar year. Menstrual equity is an issue that matters across the globe including our USask community members of students, staff, and faculty. The project aims to offer free menstrual hygiene products in 26 locations at USask with more than 60 washrooms (women's, men's, and gender-neutral facilities). As part of this effort, de-stigmatization of periods through resource materials will also be available. Access to these menstrual hygiene products will allow for a more fuller experience on campus for many while elevating financial burdens, and increasing the overall health and well-being of our USask community.

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From the Library

Democracy Under Threat?

A recent New York Times* article "[It Can Happen Here: 8 Great Books to Read About the Decline of Democracy](#)" outlined the growing trend of international democratic backsliding using examples such as upending elections and/or questioning electoral results, increasing support for populist and nationalist parties, and growing inequality. While US President Joe Biden recently announced a win for democracy after this month's US mid-term elections, the so-called "democratic recession" remains an international concern.

Here is a sampling of books from the NYT article as well as some additional titles relevant to the Canadian context:

Twilight of democracy: The seductive lure of authoritarianism / Anne Applebaum (2020) [Publisher's description](#) / [Univ library catalogue record](#)

How democracies die / Steven Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt (2018)
[Publisher's description](#) / [Univ Library catalogue record](#)

The road to unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America / Timothy Snyder (2018)
[Publisher's description](#) / [Univ Library catalogue record](#)

Cyber-threats to Canadian democracy / Holly Ann Garnett and Michael Pal, editors (2022)
[Publisher's description](#) / [Univ Library catalogue record](#)

Authoritarian populism and liberal democracy / Ivor Crewe, David Sanders, editors (2020)
[Amazon description](#) / [Univ Library catalogue record](#)

The great experiment: Why diverse democracies fall apart and how they can endure / Yascha Mounk (2022)
[Publisher's description](#) / [Univ Library catalogue record](#)

Teardown: Rebuilding democracy from the ground up / Dave Meslin (2019)
[Publisher's description](#) / [Univ Library catalogue record](#)

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Tip: If you don't have time to read the daily NYT in its entirety, subscribe to "[The Morning](#)" digest to get the day's top news stories delivered to your inbox.

Political Studies Student Association

The Political Studies Students' Association is excited to welcome all students and faculty to the 2022/2023 school year! The PSSA is a student group comprised of predominantly POLS students (though open to anyone!), meant to build community, represent student voices to the Department, and ultimately, enrich your student experience. We're open to any suggestions you may have! For the upcoming year, we're hoping to host lots of social events (eg. games, bowling, debate, etc.), as well as an end-of-year social/banquet and our usual Meet the Profs. We also might have some bigger plans up our sleeves... (stay tuned!)

To be involved as a member (all are welcome), shoot us an email, stop us in the halls, or sign-up at any of our events. Membership is \$5, but only because we try to heavily subsidize members' participation in events! (Please let us know if payment is an issue and we can figure something out.)

Non-members are still more than welcome to attend most PSSA events. The only exception being events that are exclusively for PSSA members. In saying that, open events are open to everyone! This includes family and friends that are not students or faculty at the UofS. There are many perks to being a PSSA member though that may happen to include invites to special events, access to an alumni network, drink discounts at certain events, and free rides home from events with drinking. We would love to see everyone register to be on the PSSA, but if you don't, we would still love to see you at our events!

We look forward to another great semester with everyone. Keep an eye on your emails for more updates announcing fun upcoming events!

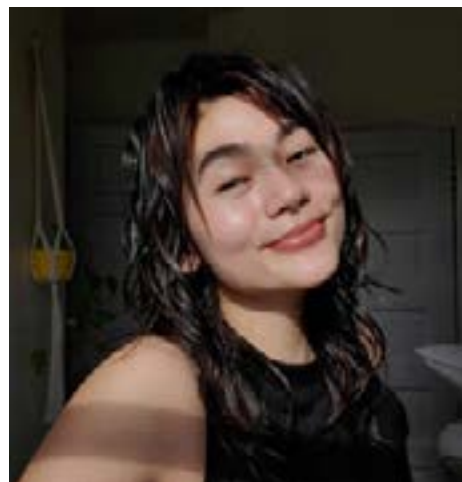
Your PSSA Exec 2022/2023

Christina McRorie – President

"Hi all, I'm thrilled to be part of the PSSA again this year—and I've been part of the PSSA since my first year, so that says a lot! My dreams for the

PSSA this year are to provide students with opportunities to engage in the larger community, as well as empower folks to make change. I'm currently in my fourth year of an International Studies honours with an Eco-

nomics minor, and can often be found tucked away in Murray or at the Loft. When off-campus, you can find me rock climbing, reading, or doing pottery. Feel free to say hi—I'm always happy to answer any questions!"



Elliot Dillabough – VP External Affairs

"Hello all, my name is Elliot Dillabough and I'll be the PSSA's VP External for the 2022/23 school year. I'm currently in the 5th (and hopefully final!) year of an honours degree in Political Studies. I love talking about political philosophy and municipal governance. Outside of school, I can be found making music all around western Canada or hiking.

If you have comments or suggestions for the PSSA, feel free to reach out!"



Xavier Waddell – VP Internal Affairs

“Hey guys! I'm excited to be back for another year with the PSSA – this time as the Vice President of Internal Affairs. I'm a fourth year Political Studies major and – as a little bonus quest – I also decided to get a minor in French. Admittedly, I spend a lot of my free time coaching and playing video games, although I haven't had as much free time as usual lately. If you ever need anything, or just want someone to talk to, don't be afraid to reach out. You can contact me via email at xjw462@usask.ca or the PSSA at uofspssa@gmail.com.”



Maria Veronica Goyeneche – Secretary

"Hi everyone, my name is Veronica Goyeneche. Currently, I'm in my fourth year of political science. I enjoy learning about Canadian and international politics! I also love to travel and try new food and experiences! My goal for PSSA is to provide support and build a community where we can have fun and help each other grow in this field. I'll be spending a lot of time in the library or the food court this semester so don't be afraid and come say hi!"



Angela Getchius – VP of Finance

Angela Getchius 2nd Year studying Bachelor of Science, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Crime/Justice/Law/Politics. I am a mature student, and single parent to a very active toddler. As VP of Operations/Finance I hope to encourage membership growth as well as build on our budget with fundraising endeavours. Creative events allow for Department and membership appreciation which is my number one goal as an executive member of PSSA. In my journey to present I have moved at least two hundred times, living all over N. America; from BC to NB, California to Florida to NY, with many interesting stops along the way. It is my pleasure to serve Political Science Students Association 2022/2023.



Cameron Robinson – VP of Communications

Hello everyone! My name is Cameron Robinson, and I am currently pursuing two degrees in English and Political Studies. Fun little fact about me, when I first started at the U of S I did a year in AgBusiness before transferring to the Arts department. Easily the best life decision I've made so far. I am from a ranch near the town of Dalmney, so I love cows and being outside. I also love learning about philosophy and political theory and reading poetry. I am incredibly excited to be on the PSSA executive team this year and keeping the student body in the loop on what is happening on campus. We have a great team and a great year ahead! Can't wait to meet and get to know as many of you as possible.





Alex Duran – Graduate Member at Large

I am Alex Duran, an international Grad student from Colombia, pursuing my thesis-based MA in Political Studies. My primary goals as a Member at Large in the PSSA is representing my fellow grad students to the best of my abilities, voicing their needs, communicating their questions and concerns to the Association and the Department, and generating opportunities for networking and community-building among students, faculty and Alumni. A couple of fun facts about myself: (1) I am an insane football (soccer) fan, particularly of Boca Juniors and the Argentina National Squad; (2) I would like to resume playing Cello (which I did for close to 6 years at an earlier age); (3) I am learning Italian (lentamente ma certamente...)

Julia Morelli – Senior Member at Large

Hello everyone! My name is Julia Morelli and I am the Senior Member at Large in the PSSA. I am in my fourth and final year of Political Studies. My goal for the PSSA is to involve and include as many new students as possible and create a sense of community among pols and other majors alike. Events hosted by the PSSA have been some of the highlights of my undergrad and I would love to help create those opportunities for other students! A fun fact about me is that I played competitive hockey for 13 years, including being on the women's Huskie team!



Logan Muir – Junior Member at Large

Hello everyone! I'm Logan and I'm your Junior Member-at-Large this year. Whether it's music, gaming, trivia, or basketball, I try my hardest to geek out about everything that I do - and this year, I can't wait to geek out about politics with all of you! If you see me hanging around at any event, come by and start a passionately civil political debate, or just say hi! I'm determined to make every PSSA event as welcoming and engaging to as many people as possible

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We acknowledge that we live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Winter 2023 Classes

- POLS 111 | Democratic Citizenship in Canada (Main Campus & STM)
- POLS 112 | Justice and Injustice in Politics and law (Main Campus, STM & Online)
- POLS 205 | Canadian Politics and Society
- POLS 221 | Global Indigenous Politics
- POLS 222 | Indigenous Governance and Politics (online)
- POLS 226 | Canadian Public Policy
- POLS 237 | Modern Political Theory
- POLS 238 | Global Ideologies in the 21st Century (STM) ***NEW***
- POLS 251 | Social Movements and Change
- POLS 261 | Global Politics
- POLS 304 | Democracy & the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (STM)
- POLS 305 | Provincial Politics and Policy (STM)
- POLS 323 | First Nations Policies and Programs
- POLS 341 | Asian Government and Politics
- POLS 383 | Career Internship (for more information contact political.studies@usask.ca)
- POLS 405 | Canadian Elections and Political Parties
- POLS 431 | Contemporary Political Theory
- POLS 460 | Ethics and Global Politics
- POLS 463 | Politics and the International Criminal Court
- POLS 471 | Global Governance in a Contested World