

Department of Political Studies

In the News

Faculty Articles

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/sask-election-2021-1.6183844>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8114646/saskatchewan-reaction-federal-election/>

<https://www.ckom.com/2021/09/22/saskatoon-dad-thrilled-daughters-could-soon-receive-covid-vaccine/>

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Canada/344585/Record-number-of-Indigenous-candidates-running-in-federal-election#.YTEeXeRrhyl.twitter>

https://theconversation.com/transitional-justice-for-indigenous-peoples-should-be-a-key-federal-election-issue-166452?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=bylinetwitterbutton

Student & Alumni Features



Fall, 2021 graduate Cole Cretien speaks to Shannon Boklaschuk about his new role with Métis Nation—Saskatchewan https://artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/6931/USask-political-studies-graduate-looks-forward-to-new-role_w



POLS graduate, and former PSSA president, Iryna Kutska is featured in *Political studies background proves beneficial for new USask law student* by Shannon Boklaschuk https://artsandscience.usask.ca/news/articles/6905/Political_studies_background_proves_beneficial_for_new_USask

Thia James of the Saskatoon Star Phoenix sat down with POLS alum Heather Hale for [Strong, fierce, independent — Heather Hale is working tirelessly for Saskatoon Sexual Health](#)



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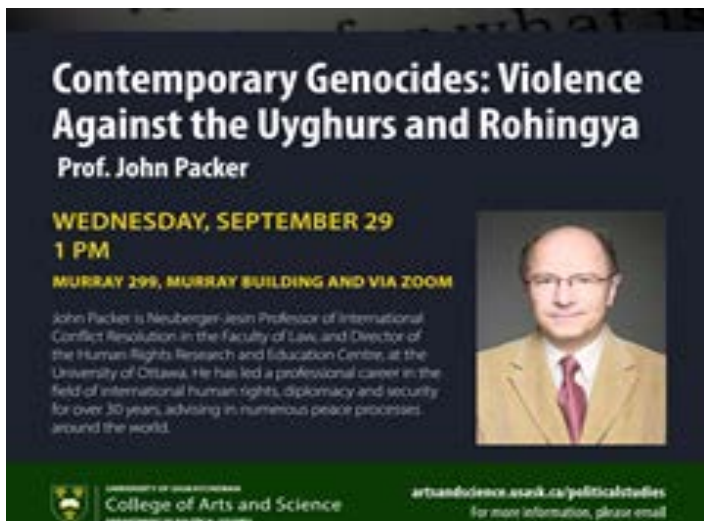
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Events

Political Studies Speaker Series

The Department of Political Studies holds speaker events multiple times per year. It is a chance to learn about the work our colleagues are doing and gain new perspectives on global concerns. This term, we have been privileged to welcome guest speakers John Packer, who spoke about the violence and discrimination the Uyghurs and Rohingya have faced in Myanmar, and Kyle Rapp, who spoke about his work concerning social media and genocide, and the responsibility of the state.

Be sure to watch our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for more events in Term 2!



The Global Café

The Global Café is a unique space on campus, created to allow internationally-minded people to gather and discuss the fascinating world we live in and, more importantly, to build community amongst ourselves. This is our fourth year running the Global Café and the second year to partner with the Political Studies Student Association. Watch the Global Studies [Facebook](#) page for upcoming events. On November 4th, Margaret Cornish from the *Institute for Peace and Diplomacy* spoke about China's role in the global order.

For more information, contact martin.gaal@usask.ca



On November 4th, 2021, we presented the Global Café: China and the Global Order: consequences for Canada, with Margaret Cornish.

Margaret Cornish is an Honorary Research Fellow at the Institute of Asian Research, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at the University of British Columbia and an advisor at the Institute for Peace & Diplomacy.

She spoke about the rise of China as a power, the tensions this may create with the US, and how these tensions may force Canada to make some tough decisions.

It was great to see so many of our students in attendance. It was also great to see so many former students who brought their post-university experiences into the discussion.

Looking for a new playlist? Check out the IS 201 Global Citizenship student picks on [Spotify](#)

The Global Café - upcoming events

On November 18th, the Global Café is excited to welcome the Managing Directors for Saskatchewan's Trade and Investment Offices in Japan, Vietnam, and the United Arab Emirates. They will discuss what Managing Directors do, how they represent Saskatchewan abroad, and what people know about Saskatchewan.

Zoom Link: <https://usask-ca.zoom.us/j/93879313683?pwd=QXJyNis3d2JONkhVks3di9qNXZ1dz09>

FB Event Page: [Global Cafe - Representing Saskatchewan to the World](#)

Paul Pryce is the Managing Director of Saskatchewan's Japan Trade and Investment Office. Prior to joining the Government of Saskatchewan in November 2020, he worked for Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs for more than six years as Principal Advisor to the Consul General of Japan in Calgary. Earlier in his career, Paul served in a variety of roles with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, including facilitating ceasefire talks during the 2008 war in Georgia. Paul holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Calgary and a Master of Arts in International Relations from Tallinn University. He grew up in Saskatoon and Weyburn, as well as elsewhere in Western Canada and the United Kingdom.



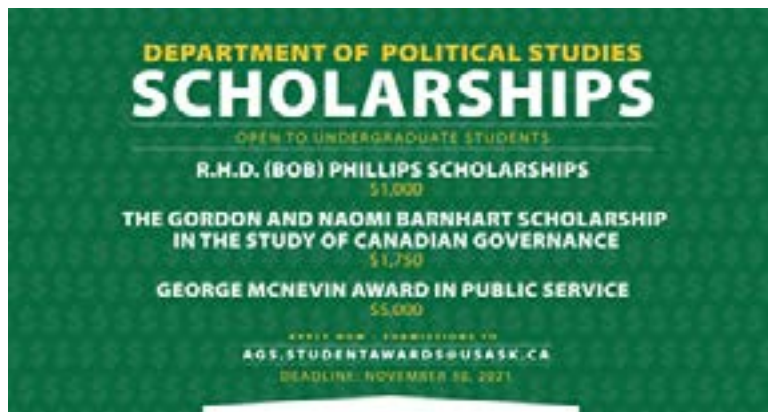
Kyle Procyshyn will transition to the Managing Director of Saskatchewan's United Arab Emirates Trade and Investment Office from his current role as a Director in the International Offices Branch. Prior to joining TED, Kyle was the Manager of International Engagement for Saskatchewan's Ministry of Agriculture, where he supported and led key trade and investment missions on behalf of the province. Before joining the Government of Saskatchewan, Kyle worked as an Economic Advisor to the Japanese Consul General in Calgary, providing strategic advice to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and previously worked with Global Affairs Canada in the consulate general in Shanghai, China. Raised on a farm near Aberdeen, Kyle has a Bachelor of Arts Honours in International Studies from the University of Saskatchewan.

Ha Nguyen (Managing Director – Vietnam) joins the Government of Saskatchewan from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, where he was most recently posted to the Embassy of Canada in Beijing, China, as Trade Commissioner and Counsellor (Agricultural Market Access). In this role, Ha is actively involved in numerous trade policy initiatives to help advance Canada's and Saskatchewan's key agriculture interests and priorities in China, including a focus on exploring trade and investment opportunities in China's growing agricultural and food markets. Ha brings 30 years of experience engaging stakeholders in the region, including on-the-ground experience in Vietnam. Ha has a Master of Public Policy and Management from the University of Manchester (UK), and a Graduate Diploma in International Management from Capilano University (BC) – in addition to Bachelors of Laws and International Studies from Hanoi and Hanoi Open Universities. Ha has lived, studied and worked in Canada, Vietnam, England, and Ukraine.



Academic Opportunities

The department of Political Studies is inviting applications for the following awards. Please note the deadline for all awards is **November 30th, 2021**. Contact asg.studentawards@usask.ca for more information or to submit your application.



George McNevin Award in Public Service - \$5,000

Open to second, third, and fourth year undergraduate Political Studies majors in the College of Arts & Science. Selection is based on academic achievement and the merits of a statement on career intentions in public service.

To apply, submit a statement to asg.studentawards@usask.ca indicating an intent to run for elected office as part of a career in public service.

R.H.D. (Bob) Phillips Scholarship - \$1,000

Open to Political Studies majors in the final year of a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree program who will be enrolling in at least 24 credit units in the regular session, and who have completed or are currently enrolled in at least six credit units of economics or applied economics courses. Selection is based on academic achievement, and demonstrated leadership and volunteer work

To apply, submit a class essay dealing with some aspect of politics and/or governance, and a one-page statement to asg.studentawards@usask.ca indicating leadership abilities and volunteer involvement including, but not limited to:

- Extra-curricular activities in the university
- Extra-curricular activities in the community
- Community volunteerism

Please note that the class essay is shared with the donor.

The Gordon and Naomi Barnhart Scholarship in the Study of Canadian Governance - \$1,750

Open to students who have completed or enrolled in at least 90 credit units towards a Bachelor of Arts who are majoring in Political Studies, Public Administration or Aboriginal Public Administration. Double Honours students in Political Studies are also eligible. Selection is based on academic achievement and demonstrated involvement in Canadian governance activities.

To apply, submit a statement of no more than three pages to asg.studentawards@usask.ca outlining activities in the study of Canadian governance including, but not limited to:

- Youth parliament
- Debate club
- Participation in a political party
- Community volunteerism

The Department of Political Studies has had two successful internship terms with *POLS 383 - Career Internship*, and we can't wait for the winter term to start! The internship students have some very exciting months ahead of them.

Keep your eye on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for dates to apply for our next internship opportunities!

If you have questions regarding the placements or internship class, please contact political.studies@usask.ca



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Indigenous Governance & Politics Certificate, please contact: Dr. Kathy Walker kathy.walker@usask.ca

Politics & Law Certificate, please contact: Dr. Kirsten Fisher kirsten.fisher@usask.ca

Global Studies Certificate, please contact: Dr. Martin Gaal martin.gaal@usask.ca

Political Studies MA Degree, please contact: Dr. Colleen Bell colleen.bell@usask.ca

For all other inquiries, please contact: Amanda Terry, Office Coordinator political.studies@usask.ca



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 2022 Classes

IS 110 – Global Issues
IS 202 – Global Experiential and Cultural Learning
IS 212 - International Studies and Conflict
IS 401 - International Cooperation and Conflict

POLS 111 – Democratic Citizenship in Canada (Main Campus/STM)
POLS 112 – Justice and Injustice in Politics and Law (Main Campus/STM)
POLS 205 – Canadian Politics and Society
POLS 221 - Global Indigenous Politics
POLS 237 – Modern Political Theory
POLS 251 – Social Movements and Change
POLS 262 – Global Governance
POLS 306 - Local Governance and Policy (STM)
POLS 336 – Justice and Democracy
POLS 341 – Asian Government and Politics
POLS 343 - Ukraine Processes & Problems of Nation & State Building (STM)
POLS 364 – International Terrorism
POLS 372 - Peacebuilding and Political Reconciliation
POLS 404 – Canadian Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 405 - Canadian Elections and Political Parties (STM)
POLS 422 – First Nations Governance
POLS 446 – Development Challenges and Prospects