Constellation of Truths: Towards a conceptualization of borders, (un)civil society, and contentious politics.

Monday, April 7th – Tuesday, 8th, 2025

University of Victoria
Centre for Global Studies, Sedgewick Building
3800 Finnerty Rd, Victoria, BC

Day 1: Monday, April 7th, 2025.
Please arrive at SED C168 by 9am, coffee and refreshments will be available.

Lək̓ʷəŋən welcome and blessing.

Time: 9:15am to 10:00am
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Lək̓ʷəŋən elder Dr. Skip Dick.

Welcome remarks.

Time: 10:00am to 10:30am
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria).

Keynote address.

Time: 10:30am to 11:30pm
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Jeff Corntassel with Emma Swan, Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir & Jules Soupault (University of Victoria). *Constellation of truths: Towards a conceptualization of borders, (un)civil society, and contentious politics.*

Lunch.

Time: 11:45pm to 12:45pm
Location: SED C168

Panel 1: Discursive making of borders

Time: 12:45pm to 2:00pm
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Chair: Emma Swan.

Jose Olivias Osuna (London School of Economics). *Populist discourses on tragedies at Europe's Southern border*. (In person).

Ole Frahm (University of Iceland). *Counter-hegemonic struggles from the gutter: how Germany's AfD and Austria's FPO discursively construct a border between belonging and not belonging*. (Online).

Daniela Trucco and Cecilia Vergnano (FRS-FNRS, Université Libre de Bruxelles). *Understanding "ugly" border truths through speech act theory and legal consciousness. Insights from the case of a mainly white working-class neighborhood facing illegalized migration at the French Italian border.* (Online).

Coffee break.

Time: 2:00pm to 2:30pm
Location: SED C168

Panel 2: Imperial and colonial borders

Time: 2:30pm to 4:00pm
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Chair: Jules Soupault.

Sebastian Cobarrubia (University of Zaragoza, ARAID). *From into-imperial to extraterritorial*. (In person).

Abdoulaye Mfonka (University of Yaounde II-Cameroon). *The impacts of transborder culture on regional integration in Central Africa: the case of the « Fang » culture in between Cameroon, Gabon and Congo*. (Online).

Heather Nicol (Trent University). *The Changing Face of Arctic Border Management.* (In person).

Andrew Ambers (University of Victoria). *Strengthening the Judicial Functions of Truth and Justice in Canada: Incorporating Indigenous Law into Judicial Legal Reasoning to Overcome the Legal Boundaries of Possibility*. (In person).

Drinks & Hors d'Oeuvres.

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Location: University of Victoria Grad House

Day 2: Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

Please arrive at SED C168 by 9am, coffee and refreshments will be available.

Panel 3: The politics of evidence and resistance
Time: 9:15am to 10:45am
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Chair: Emma Swan.

Rhoumour Ahmet Tchilouta (Université Grenoble Alpes). *Revealing hidden truths: how civil society actors challenge and document migration-induced border violence in Nigeria.* (Online).

Burcu Togral (European University Viadrina). *(Un)doing Local Borders: Civil Society Actors and Refugees.* (Online).

Malgorzata Fijal and Mirela Marta Banach (Jagiellonian University). *Borders in Flux: How Civil Society Shapes Italian Migration Policy in the Post-Truth Era.* (joint presentation – hybrid: one online, one in person)

Daphné Velay (Université de Poitiers). *Inside the making of the border: law as a tool of space control and contest in the Alps.* (Online).

Coffee break.
Time: 10:45am to 11:15am
Location: SED C168

Panel 4: Contentious border politics
Time: 11:15am to 12:30pm 11:30-12:30
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Chair: Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir.

Oscar Garcia Agustin (Aalborg University). *Contesting the Southern Border: The exclusionary people, by the right party Vox, and the defense of people on the move, by civil society.* (Online).

Sharri Plonski (Queen Mary University of London). *Disrupting the fantasy of Israel's corridor infrastructures.* (Online).

Joanna Ollier (Grenoble Alpes University, CERDAP² Laboratory). *Does the border provide security? Perception of the Turkish-Iranian borderland by students of the Van Yüzüncü Yil Üniversitesi.* (Online).

Lunch.

Time: 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Location: SED C168

Panel 5: Border policymaking in the "post-truth" era

Time: 1:30pm to 2:45pm 1:30-2:30
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Chair: Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly.

Lisa Brunner (University of British Columbia) and Dale McCartney (University of the Fraser Valley). *Contesting international student mobility as a 'backdoor into Canada'.* (In person).

Roberto Rodolfo Georg Uebel (Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing). *Redefining Borders in the Age of Climate Extremes: A Case Study of the Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil) Floods.* (Online).

Coffee break.

Time: 2:45pm to 3:15pm 2:30-3:00
Location: SED C168

Keynote Address.

Time: 3:15pm to 4:45pm 3:00 – 4:30
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Chief Janice George, Elder Buddy Joseph, Sussan Yanez and Antje Ellermann (University of British Columbia). *Foregrounding Indigenous voices towards decentering settler and settler state narratives of belonging and immigrant integration.*

Closing remarks.

Time: 4:45pm to 5:15pm 4:30-5:00
Location: SED C168 and online via Zoom

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (University of Victoria)