Vancouver Institute Fall 1997 Program

* Free Public Lectures *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

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Lecture Times

Saturday evenings, 8:15 p.m. Doors open 7:30 p.m.

The Fall 1997 season, the 81st anniversary season, comprises eleven lectures, from 20 September to 6 December, omitting 11 October (Thanksgiving weekend).

Note that the 6 December evening will be a special lecture and concert, and will be held in the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, at the north end of the Main Mall, rather than the Woodward Building.

Fall 1997 Lecture Schedule

Sept. 20 Mr. William Thorsell
Editor-in-Chief
The Globe and Mail

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS:
POWER IN CANADIAN MEDIA AND POLITICS

A graduate of the University of Alberta and Princeton, Mr. Thorsell was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Globe and Mail in 1989. Prior to that time, he engaged in a broad range of activities, including head of protocol for Canada at Expo 70 in Japan, co-founder of a film production company, Executive Officer of the University of Alberta Senate, and editor at the Edmonton Journal. He currently writes a regular and provocative column for the Globe and Mail in addition to his editorial duties.

Sept. 27 CECIL AND IDA GREEN LECTURE
Professor Bruno Messerli
Institute of Geography
University of Berne, Switzerland

MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS: THE LAST FRONTIER

Former Rector of the University of Berne, and Vice-President of the Swiss National Research Program, International Geophysical Union, and Swiss Academy of Science, Professor Messerli has established an outstanding international reputation for the study of climate change and environmental hazards associated with human occupation of mountain areas. He has pursued research in the mountains of the Sahara, the Alps, Himalayaas, Andes and Mount Kenya and has acted as scientific advisor to UNESCO, the RIO conference and other major international environmental research programs.

Oct. 4 CECIL AND IDA GREEN LECTURE
Professor Anthony B. Atkinson
Warden, Nuffield College
Oxford University

CAN WELFARE STATES COMPETE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY?

A graduate of Cambridge University, Professor Atkinson taught at Cambridge, University College, London, the London School of Economics and
the University of Essex before assuming his current position at Oxford. He has a keen interest and concern for poverty, inequality and social policy, spending much of his time advising governments, royal commissions and community groups on matters of pressing social concern. He has served as President of the International Economics Association and has published numerous books including Economics of Inequality and Social Justice and Public Policy.

Oct. 11  Thanksgiving - No Lecture

Oct. 18  Professor Larry Cuban
Faculty of Education
Stanford University
WHAT ARE GOOD SCHOOLS AND WHY ARE THEY SO HARD TO GET?

Trained as a historian, Professor Cuban received his education at the University of Pittsburgh, Case-Western and Stanford. Throughout his career, he has been intimately involved in the educational process at all levels, from teaching in urban ghetto schools to acting as superintendent of the Arlington public school system. He has been voted teacher of the year six times at Stanford. His books include Tinkering toward Utopia, The Managerial Imperative: The Practice of Leadership in Schools and Urban School Chiefs Under Fire.

Oct. 25  Dean Moura Quayle
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
UBC
URBAN COUNTRYSIDE; RURAL METROPOLIS

UBC's new Dean of Agriculture, Professor Quayle was a professional landscape architect in the private and government sectors before returning to university for her graduate training. Deeply committed to the application of her disciplinary training for community betterment, Dean Quayle has served as Chair of the Urban Landscape Taskforce for the City of Vancouver, and has won several teaching, public service and professional awards, including the 1993 YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for Community and Public Affairs. The focus of much of her current research is on addressing the extraordinary problems and challenges facing our urban and rural areas.

Nov. 1  CECIL AND IDA GREEN LECTURE
Professor Jonathan Dollimore
Graduate Research Centre for the Humanities
Sussex University
FROM HOMOSEXUAL TO BISEXUAL: EROTIC DISSONANCE AT THE END OF THE CENTURY

Professor Dollimore is considered one of the English-speaking world's most important and provocative scholars in both Renaissance and gay studies. He is author of several seminal works, including Sexual Dissidence: Augustine to Wilde, Freud to Foucault, Radical Tragedy: Religion, Ideology and Power in the Drama of Shakespeare and his Contemporaries, and Political Shakespeare: New Essays in Cultural Materialism. His work is characterized by brilliance, clarity and political energy and, in many respects, has revolutionized our view of both the history and politics of sexuality and English Renaissance literature.

Nov. 8  Professor David Kennedy
Department of History
Stanford University
IMMIGRATION: WHAT THE U.S. CAN LEARN FROM CANADA

A native of Seattle, Professor Kennedy received his education at Stanford and Yale universities. He has published widely in the areas of American history, society and politics, including such works as Birth Control in America: The Career of Margaret Sanger, A History of the Republic, and Power and Responsibility: Case Studies in American Leadership. The recipient of several prizes in recognition of his research contributions, Professor Kennedy has been invited to lecture in Italy, Denmark, Finland, Turkey and Ireland. He has served as visiting Professor at Oxford and advised PBS' Boston station, WGBH, on its recent television series, The American Experience.

Nov. 15  J.V. CLYNE LECTURE
Professor Harry Arthurs, O.C.
Faculty of Law
Osgoode Hall, York University

GLOBALIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Former Dean of Law at Osgoode Hall and President of York University, Professor Arthurs has taught law at the University of Toronto, McGill, Cambridge, Oxford and University College, London. He has served as arbitrator and conciliator in numerous labour disputes, President of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, member of the Economic Council of Canada and Chairman of the Ontario Council of Universities. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Professor Arthurs has published extensively in the areas of labour relations law, civil liberties, administrative law, legal history and education.

Nov. 22  Mr. Bruce Pullan
Director, The Vancouver Bach Choir

THE HUMAN VOICE

Born in England, Mr. Pullan attended Cambridge and Oxford before emigrating to Canada. He has served as President of the Vancouver Academy of Music since 1993, and made several recordings as Music Director of the Vancouver Bach Choir, a position he has held since 1985. From 1985-91, he was Chairman of the Department of Music at Western Washington University. He is co-author of the book The Management of Voice Disorders and is considered an expert on the power and frailty of the human voice.

Nov. 29  Professor Heribert Adam
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Simon Fraser University

CONTRADICTIONS OF LIBERATION: TRUTH, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Professor Adam was born in Germany and received his university education at the Frankfurt School of Critical Theory. He joined Simon Fraser University in 1968 and also held fellowships at Berkeley, Yale, the American University in Cairo and since 1987 lectures regularly at the University of Cape Town. He is past President of the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Ethnic Minority and Race Relations and specializes in the comparative analysis of ethnonationalism, particularly in South Africa. He is the author of Ethnic Power Mobilized and co-author of South Africa Without Apartheid.

Dec. 6  SPECIAL LECTURE AND CONCERT
Venue: CHAN CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Professor Robert Silverman
School of Music
UBC

ON PERFORMING BEETHOVEN

A native of Montreal, Professor Silverman appeared in recital at the age of five, and made his debut with the Montreal Symphony when he was fourteen. Early in his career, Stereo Review included him in a feature article surveying several of the world's most promising pianists with established recording careers -- the only Canadian to be so honoured. Since that time he has performed throughout the world with such renowned orchestras as the Chicago Symphony, the BBC Symphony, the Sydney Symphony, the Boston Pops, and the St. Petersburg Philharmonic. Professor Silverman's discography numbers close to twenty albums. His recording of Liszt's piano music won a Grand Prix du Disque from the Liszt Society of Hungary.

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How to join: If you have a Vancouver Institute brochure, you can fill out the contained form and mail it with a cheque to the indicated address; otherwise you can simply come to a lecture, well ahead of the lecture time (there may be a lineup) with the membership fee.

How to get there.

About The Vancouver Institute. Complete list of lecture titles, from 1916 to the present.


The lectures are in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia. When necessary, neighbouring overflow halls in the Centre, with closed-circuit TV, are used, and the speaker visits each hall during the question period.

Seats in the front half of the main hall are reserved for members until fifteen minutes before the starting time, and a few seats are reserved for specific people. Seating is otherwise first-come, first-served.