Vancouver Institute Fall 2001 Program

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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 2001 season comprises eight lectures, from September 29 to December 1, omitting October 6 (Thanksgiving) and November 10 (Remembrance Day).

Fall 2001 Lecture Schedule

*(Please click on the lecture date for further detail.)*

| September 29 | Dr. Alex Boraine, Co-Chair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, South Africa  
|              | *UNMASKED AT MIDNIGHT: SOUTH AFRICA'S TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION* |
| October 6    | Thanksgiving--No Lecture |
| October 13   | *BEL N. NEMETZ LECTURE*  
|              | Dr. Freeman Dyson, Professor Emeritus, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton  
|              | *DAVOS DEBATES* |
| October 20   | *PROFESSOR JOHN HEPBURN*, Head, Department of Chemistry - UBC  
|              | *TERRA INCOGNITA: PATHFINDING IN SCIENCE* |
| October 27   | *CECIL AND IDA GREEN LECTURE*  
|              | Dr. Mogens Herman Hansen, Director, Copenhagen Polis Centre, Denmark  
|              | *DIRECT DEMOCRACY: ANCIENT AND MODERN* |
| November 3   | *PROFESSOR KATHLEEN COLEMAN*, Department of the Classics, Harvard University  
|              | *THE VIRTUES OF VIOLENCE: GLADIATORS, THE ARENA, AND THE ROMAN SYSTEM OF VALUES* |
| November 10  | Remembrance Day--No Lecture |
| November 17  | *DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE*  
|              | Professor Steven Rose, Director, Brain and Behavioural Research Group, The Open University, U.K.  
|              | *GENETIC DETERMINISM: LIFE BEYOND GENES* |
| November 24  | *DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE*  
|              | Lieutenant-General Romeo Dallaire (Retired), Canada  
|              | *IS CONFLICT RESOLUTION THE NEW PEACEKEEPING? ARE THERE CASUALTIES INVOLVED?* |
| December 1   | Professor Judith Myers, Department of Zoology, UBC  
|              | *INSECTS AS FRIENDS AND FOES* |
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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.
Dr. Alex Boraine Lecture

Dr. Alex Boraine
Co-Chair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission
South Africa

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 29, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**UNMASKED AT MIDNIGHT: SOUTH AFRICA'S TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION**

Educated at Rhodes University, Oxford University, and Drew University, Dr. Boraine was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1956, and in 1970 was elected as the youngest-ever President of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. In 1974, he was elected to the South Africa legislature as a member for the opposition Progressive Party. Together with Dr van Zyl Slabbert, former Leader of the Opposition, he formed the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), and in 1994 started Justice in Transition, a non-governmental organisation whose express objective was to facilitate South Africans to deal with the history and effects of the apartheid years. In 1996, Dr. Boraine was appointed by President Mandela as Vice Chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. Elected Fellow of the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University as well as Mansfield College, Oxford University, other honours include an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Rhodes University and the Harvard Peace Prize.

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Dr. Freeman Dyson Lecture

Dr. Freeman Dyson
Professor Emeritus
The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **October 13, 2001** at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**DAVOS DEBATES**

Freeman Dyson, one of our most acclaimed speakers, returns to the Vancouver Institute after twenty years. An outstanding physical scientist from the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, Dyson has written extensively for the New Yorker and many books on the great current issues of the day. Included among these are Disturbing the Universe: Imagined Worlds; Origins of Life; The Sun, the Genome, and the Internet: Tools of Scientific Revolutions; From Eros to Gaia; Infinite in All Directions; and Weapons and Hope. These books have earned him a huge following from the public and the world's business and political leaders. For his writings, he was recently awarded the prestigious Templeton Prize for science and religion. Dr. Dyson was invited to the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland in January, and participated in three public debates: first with Bill Joy, founder of Sun Microsystems, on the subject "Are we in control of our technology?"; second with Carl Djerassi, inventor of the birth-control pill, on "Is reproduction an inalienable right?"; and third with author Brian Greene, on "When will we know it all?"

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Professor John Hepburn Lecture

Professor John Hepburn
Head, Department of Chemistry
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 20, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**TERRA INCognITA: PATHFINDING IN SCIENCE**

A native of Hamilton, Ontario, Professor Hepburn was educated at the Universities of Waterloo and Toronto where he studied under Prof. John Polanyi. He subsequently worked in Prof. Y.T. Lee's laboratory at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and then began his academic career back at the University of Waterloo in 1982. In 2001, he assumed the headship of UBC's Chemistry Department. He has been a Fellow of the A.P. Sloan Foundation, a Foreign Research Fellow of the CNRS, and a Canada Council Killam Fellow. He has been awarded the Rutherford Medal and the Noranda Prize and is a Fellow of the American Physical Society. Dr. Hepburn is internationally renowned for his research in laser spectroscopy and laser chemistry, and has delivered over 160 invited lectures at international conferences and research institutions in North and South America, Europe, and Asia.

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Dr. Mogens Herman Hansen Lecture

Dr. Mogens Herman Hansen
Director, Copenhagen Polis Centre
Denmark

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 27, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

DIRECT DEMOCRACY: ANCIENT AND MODERN

Professor Hansen is a preeminent historian and the leading world scholar of ancient Greek constitutional studies. His definitive book Athenian Democracy in the Age of Demosthenes (1991) has been translated into French, German, Polish and Italian. His latest publication is as editor for A Comparative Study of Thirty City-State Cultures. Dr. Hansen is a Fellow of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters and the British Academy. He has published a voluminous series of books and articles on many aspects of ancient Greek law and government and has presented invited lectures in numerous major cities and universities of the world. The interdisciplinary Polis Centre, which Dr. Hansen heads, attracts scholars worldwide.

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Professor Kathleen Coleman Lecture

Professor Kathleen Coleman
Department of the Classics
Harvard University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 3, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

THE VIRTUES OF VIOLENCE: GLADIATORS, THE ARENA, AND THE ROMAN SYSTEM OF VALUES

A native of South Africa, Dr. Coleman received her graduate education at Oxford University and joined the faculty of Harvard University in 1998 after a teaching career in Africa and Ireland. She has published extensively in the areas of Latin literature and history. Her works include: "Art in the daily life of the Romans," "Some Roman women c AD 100," "Animals in the Roman World" and "Fatal charades: Roman executions staged as mythological enactments." Dr. Coleman has made numerous contributions to the media, including the BBC, National Public Radio, the Discovery Channel, Grenada Television, and the History Channel. Dr. Coleman was special consultant to Hollywood's Dreamworks studio in the recent production of the movie Gladiator.

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Professor Steven Rose Lecture

Professor Steven Rose
Director, Brain and Behavioural Research Group
The Open University, U.K.

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 17, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

GENETIC DETERMINISM: LIFE BEYOND GENES

A graduate in biochemistry from Cambridge and neuroscience from Oxford, Dr. Rose has spent much of his research career studying the complexities of the brain, focusing in particular on learning and memory. The author of Lifelines: Biology, Beyond Determinism, The Making of Memory, co-author of Not In Our Genes, and editor of From Brains to Consciousness, Professor Rose's research goal is to "offer an alternative vision of living systems, a vision which recognizes the power and role of genes without subscribing to genetic determinism." One of his most recent discoveries is a new molecule which may alleviate memory loss associated with Alzheimer's Disease.

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Lieutenant-General Romeo Dallaire (Retired) Lecture

Lieutenant-General Romeo Dallaire (Retired)
Canada

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **November 24, 2001** at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**IS CONFLICT RESOLUTION THE NEW PEACEKEEPING? ARE THERE CASUALTIES INVOLVED?**

Lieutenant-General Dallaire was born in Denekamp, Holland, and enrolled in the Canadian Army in 1964. He has held various command, staff and training appointments in Canada and Germany. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General on July 3, 1989, and on July 1, 1993 took command of the UN Observer Mission - Uganda and Rwanda (UNOMUR) and the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR). It is for this mission that he was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross. He was promoted to Major General on January 1, 1994 and from September 1994 to October 1995, he assumed simultaneously the positions of Deputy Commander of Land Force Command in St. Hubert and Commander of the 1st Canadian Division. On June 2, 1995, the Conference of Defence Associations presented him with "The Vimy Award". Promoted to Lieutenant General, he assumed the duties of Assistant Deputy Minister (Human Resources-Military) in April 1998.

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Professor Judith Myers Lecture

Professor Judith Myers
Department of Zoology
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on December 1, 2001 at 8:15 p.m. in Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

INSECTS AS FRIENDS AND FOES

Educated at Tufts and Indiana universities, Dr. Myers joined the faculty of UBC in 1972. One of Canada's leading ecologists, Professor Myers specializes in insect ecology, conservation biology and agroecology. She is intimately involved in using basic ecological principles to solve important applied problems. Dr. Myers is part of a new nationwide Biological Control Network funded by Canada's Natural Science and Engineering Research Council. This research effort is developing new microbial pesticides and techniques to maintain effective biological control of insects such as cabbage loopers and caterpillars which threaten the output of vegetables and flowers from Canada's thriving greenhouse industry.

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