# Vancouver Institute Fall 2005 Program

* Free Public Lectures *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

## General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2005Fall.html).

## Lecture Times

Saturday evenings, 8:15 p.m. (doors open 7:30 p.m.), except where otherwise noted.

The Fall 2005 season comprises nine lectures, from September 24 to November 26, omitting October 8 (Thanksgiving).

## Fall 2005 Lecture Schedule

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

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 24, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Mandela's Legacy:
Reconciliation Between Israelis and Palestinians?

Professor Adam is a political sociologist at Simon Fraser University and also teaches at the University of Cape Town. He has published extensively on comparative ethnic conflicts and peacemaking, particularly socio-political developments in South Africa. He was awarded the 1998 Konrad Adenauer Prize of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. His most recent book, Seeking Mandela: Peacemaking Between Israelis and Palestinians, coauthored with his wife, Kogila Moodley, a professor at the University of BC, forms the basis for his lecture to The Institute.

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Professor Margaret MacMillan Lecture

Professor Margaret MacMillan
Department of History and Provost of Trinity College
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **October 1, 2005** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

**Lessons of History:**

**The Paris Peace Conference of 1919**

Professor MacMillan was educated at the University of Toronto and Oxford University. She is a Senior Fellow of Massey College and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Her publications include *Women of the Raj* and *Paris 1919: Six Months that Changed the World*. This latter work won the Duff Cooper Prize, the Samuel Johnson Prize for non-fiction, the Hessell-Tiltman Prize for History, the Silver Medal for the Council on Foreign Relations, the Arthur Ross Book Award and the Governor-General's award for non-fiction for 2003. Dr. MacMillan appears frequently in the media commenting on both history and current international affairs. She has just been elected Warden of St. Anthony's College, Oxford, and will assume her new position in 2006.

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Professor Sara Davis Buechner Lecture

Professor Sara Davis Buechner
School of Music
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on **October 15, 2005** at 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall, UBC Music Building.

**NB: Alternate location.**

**Piano Music and the Movies**

Professor Buechner was the gold medalist of the 1984 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and was the top American prizewinner of the 1986 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow. With an active repertoire of nearly 100 piano concertos ranging from Bach to Wuorinen, she has appeared as soloist with major international orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia and San Francisco Symphony Orchestras, the Japan Philharmonic and BBC Philharmonic. She has recorded many celebrated CDs on the Koch, Connoisseur Society and Yamaha Disklavier labels. Ms. Buechner previously served on the piano faculty of New York University. She gives yearly master classes throughout the Far East, and has also toured extensively as pianist for the Mark Morris Dance Group, and as an innovative collaborator with silent films.

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Professor Pierre-Etienne Will Lecture

Professor Pierre-Etienne Will
Directeur d'études
École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
Paris

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 22, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

St. John's College Lecture

Democracy, Human Rights, and the Chinese Political Tradition

Professor Will holds the chair in Chinese history at the prestigious College de France in Paris. A specialist in eighteenth-century China, he has published extensively in French and English on a wide range of topics, including famine relief, forensic medicine, and Chinese political institutions. His books include Bureaucracy and Famine in Eighteenth-Century China and Nourish the People. His current work focuses on the place of democracy and human rights in contemporary China.

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Dr. William Bowie, MD, FRCP Lecture

Dr. William Bowie, MD, FRCP
Professor of Infectious Diseases
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 29, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Emerging Epidemics and Pandemics:
Are They Inevitable and Catastrophic?

Former acting director of the UBC Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Bowie teaches at UBC and practices medicine at VGH. The author of over 160 scientific articles, chapters and monographs, he is an internationally recognized expert on the genesis, spread and control of infectious diseases, including STD, SARS, tropical diseases, as well as antibiotic resistance and bioterrorism. He has served as an advisor in Mexico, Sweden, Canada and the United States, including the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

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Professor Tim Barnes, FRSC Lecture

Professor Tim Barnes, FRSC
Department of Classics
University of Toronto

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 5, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Render Unto Caesar?
Early Christianity and the Roman Empire

A graduate of Oxford, Professor Barnes devotes most of his teaching and research time to the history, literature, culture and religions of the Roman Empire from Augustus to the sixth century. Among his current research projects are The Theodosian Code and Early Christian Hagiography. His main recent publications include: Constantine and Christianity: Ancient Evidence and Modern Interpretation; Representation and Reality in Ammianus Marcellinus; The Collapse of the Homoeans in the East; From Eusebius to Augustine: Selected Papers 1982-1993; and Athanasius and Constantius: Theology and Politics in the Constantinian Empire.

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Professor Gary Geddes Lecture

Professor Gary Geddes
Distinguished Professor of Canadian Culture
Western Washington University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 12, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

CECIL AND IDA GREEN LECTURE

The Search for an Asian Marco Polo

Professor Geddes taught at Concordia University from 1978 to 1998 before returning to the Pacific Northwest. In addition to writing and editing more than thirty-five books of poetry, fiction, drama, non-fiction, criticism, translation and anthologies, he was founding editor of a series of critical monographs called Studies in Canadian Literature. Professor Geddes reviewed poetry regularly for the Globe and Mail and started several publishing companies, including Quadrant Editions and Cormorant Books. His awards include the E.J. Pratt Medal, the National Poetry Prize, the Americas Best Book Award in the 1985 Commonwealth Poetry Competition, the Writers' Choice Award, National Magazine Gold Award, and the Gabriela Mistral Prize in 1996 for service to literature and the people of Chile. His most recent book, about an ancient Asian voyage to the Americas, The Kingdom of Ten Thousand Things, is the subject of his Institute lecture.

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Mr. Ronald Wright Lecture

Mr. Ronald Wright
Novelist, historian and essayist
Saltspring Island, B.C.

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 19, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Traps of Progress

Before becoming a writer, Mr. Wright studied archaeology at Cambridge University and the University of Calgary, which awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1996. His books include the number-one bestsellers Time Among the Maya and Stolen Continents, which won the Gordon Montador Award and was chosen a book of the year by the Independent and the Sunday Times. His first novel, A Scientific Romance, won Britain's David Higham Prize for Fiction and was chosen a book of the year by the Globe and Mail, the Sunday Times, and the New York Times. Mr. Wright is a frequent contributor to the Times Literary Supplement, and has made radio and television broadcasts in Canada, Britain, and the United States. In 2004 he gave the CBC Massey Lectures, A Short History of Progress, the book of which became a national bestseller.
Ms. Karen Connelly Lecture

Ms. Karen Connelly
Canadian writer and poet
Greece

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](http://vaninst.ca/VbConnelly.html) on **November 26, 2005** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](http://vaninst.ca/VbConnelly.html), University of British Columbia.

**Writing "The Lizard Cage"**

Karen Connelly was born in Calgary, Alberta. She is the author of eight books, the most recent being a novel of Burma called *The Lizard Cage*. Her best-known book, *Touch The Dragon: A Thai Journal*, won the Governor General's Award for Non-Fiction in 1993, and was also a *New York Times* Notable Travel Book of the Year in 2002. Her other books include *The Small Words in My Body* (winner of the Pat Lowther award in 1991), *One Room in a Castle, The Disorder of Love, This Brighter Prison*, and a new edition of her early poetry, *Grace and Poison*.
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