Vancouver Institute Fall 2011 Program

* Free Public Lectures *

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

Please see the Vancouver Institute home page.

Lecture Times

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

The Fall 2011 season comprises nine lectures, from September 24 to November 26, omitting October 8th (Thanksgiving).  

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Fall 2011 Lecture Schedule

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*Childhood Under Siege: How Big Business Targets Children*  |
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| Oct 15| Mr. Charles Emmerson                             | The Royal Institute of International Affairs, London, and Head of the Global Risk Team, Davos  
*Canada and the Geopolitics of Oil and Gas*  |
| Oct 22| Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond                         | B.C. Representative for Children and Youth, Victoria, BC  
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| Oct 29| Professor George Saliba                          | Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University  
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| Nov 5 | Mr. Andrew Coyne                                  | Columnist, The Globe and Mail  
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| Nov 12| Professor Andrew Trites                           | Director, Marine Mammal Research Unit, Fisheries Centre, UBC  
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| Nov 19| Professor Matthew Farrer                          | Professor, Department of Medical Genetics,, Canada Excellence Research Chair, Brain Research Centre, UBC  
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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 Andrew Weaver Lecture

Professor Andrew Weaver
School of Earth and Ocean Sciences
University of Victoria

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on September 24, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Note: Photos still to come.

DAL GRAUER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Generation Us:
The Challenge of Global Warming

Dr. Weaver was a Lead Author in the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2nd, 3rd and 4th scientific assessments and is also a Lead Author in the ongoing 5th scientific assessment. He was the Chief Editor of the Journal of Climate from 2005 to 2009. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society and the American Meteorological Society. Over the years he has received several awards including the E.W.R. NSERC Steacie Fellowship in 1997, the Killam Research Fellowship and a CIAR Young Explorers award in 2003, the CMOS President’s Prize in 2007 and a Guggenheim fellowship in 2008. In 2008 he was also appointed to the Order of British Columbia. His first book Keeping our Cool: Canada in a Warming World was published in 2008.
Professor Joel Bakan Lecture

Professor Joel Bakan
Faculty of Law
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 1, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Note: Photos still to come.

Childhood Under Siege: How Big Business Targets Children

Mr. Bakan is professor of law at the University of British Columbia. A Rhodes Scholar and former law clerk to Chief Justice Brian Dickson of the Supreme Court of Canada, he holds law degrees from Oxford, Harvard and Dalhousie universities. An internationally renowned legal authority, Bakan has written widely on law and its social and economic impacts. He is the author of the critically acclaimed and award winning book and film, The Corporation, and also the forthcoming Childhood Under Siege: How Big Business Targets Children.
Mr. Charles Emmerson
The Royal Institute of International Affairs
London, and
Head of the Global Risk Team, Davos

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 15, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

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Canada and the Geopolitics of Oil and Gas

Mr. Emmerson is the author of The Future History of the Arctic (Random House, 2010), an exploration of the changing geopolitics and geo-economics of the Arctic. He is a Senior Research Fellow at Chatham House (the Royal Institute for International Affairs) where he leads the Resources Futures project on resource security. Before writing The Future History of the Arctic, Charles was an Associate Director of the World Economic Forum, where he was responsible for the Forum's global risks' work, and an analyst at the International Crisis Group. Born in Australia, Charles grew up in London, studying history at Oxford University and international relations and international public law at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.
Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond Lecture

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond
B.C. Representative for Children and Youth
Victoria, BC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 22, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Note: Photos still to come.

Who Speaks for the Child?
The Role of a Public Advocate

Ms. Turpel-Lafond is a judge on leave from the Saskatchewan Provincial Court. She worked as a criminal law judge in youth and adult courts, with an emphasis on developing partnerships to better serve the needs of young people in the justice system, particularly sexually exploited children and youth, and children and youth with disabilities, such as those who suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. She holds a doctorate of law from Harvard Law School and a master's degree in international law from Cambridge University. Time Magazine has twice bestowed honours upon Ms Turpel-Lafond, naming her one of the ‘100 Global Leaders of Tomorrow’ in 1994, and one of the ‘Top 20 Canadian Leaders for the 21st Century’ in 1999. A member of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, she is active in her First Nations community.
Professor George Saliba Lecture

Professor George Saliba
Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures
Columbia University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on October 29, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Note: Photos still to come.

What Did Galileo Know of Arabic/Islamic Science and How Did He Know It?

Professor Saliba is a historian of Arabic and Islamic Science. He studies the development of scientific ideas from late antiquity to early modern times, with a special focus on the transmission of astronomical and mathematical ideas from the Islamic world to Renaissance Europe during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. He received the History of Astronomy Prize from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science in 1996, and the History of Science Prize given by the Third World Academy of Science in 1993. He has also been selected as Distinguished Senior Scholar at the Kluge Center of the Library of Congress (2005-6), and at the Carnegie Scholars Program (2009-10). The visit of Dr. Saliba is an initiative of the Middle East Consortium of BC and of the Vancouver Muslim Community Centre in celebration of Islamic History Month, and is financially sponsored by the UBC Department of History; the Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies; the Office of the Dean of Arts; the Office of the Dean of Applied Sciences; and Green College.
Mr. Andrew Coyne Lecture

Mr. Andrew Coyne
Columnist
The Globe and Mail

will be addressing the [Vancouver Institute](http://vaninst.ca/VbCoyne.html) on **November 5, 2011** at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the [Woodward Instructional Resources Centre](http://vaninst.ca/VbCoyne.html), University of British Columbia.

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### Democracy and Freedom: Strange Bedfellows

National editor of *Maclean's*, Mr. Coyne was an original member of *The National Post*, where he was their national affairs columnist. He has established himself over the last two decades as one of this country's most thoughtful, passionate and articulate commentators on political and economic issues. Mr. Coyne has been an editorial writer, columnist and contributor for *The Globe and Mail*, *The Financial Post*, *Saturday Night*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Time* magazine. He is the winner of two National Newspaper Awards, and the Hyman Solomon Award for Excellence in Public Policy Journalism. He is also a member of the "At Issue" Panel on CBC's *The National*, appears on TVO's *The Agenda*, and once co-hosted *Face-Off* on CBC. Mr. Coyne’s lecture is co-sponsored by the BC Civil Liberties Association.
Professor Andrew Trites Lecture

Professor Andrew Trites
Director, Marine Mammal Research Unit
Fisheries Centre, UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 12, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Note: Photos still to come.

The Puzzling Disappearance of Sea Lions in Alaska:
Is the North Pacific Ecosystem on the Verge of Collapse?

Dr. Trites has been studying marine mammals in the North Pacific for over 30 years. His research spans the fields of nutrition, ecology, physiology, anthropology and oceanography; and involves captive studies, field studies and simulation models that range from single species to whole ecosystems. His research program is designed to further the conservation and understanding of marine mammals, and resolve conflicts between people and marine mammals. He recently led the Blue Whale Project to display the world’s largest freely suspended skeleton at the UBC Beaty Biodiversity Museum.
Professor Matthew Farrer Lecture

Professor Matthew Farrer
Professor, Department of Medical Genetics,
Canada Excellence Research Chair
Brain Research Centre, UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 19, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Note: Photos still to come.

Genetics of Parkinson Disease:
Paradigm Shifts and Future Prospects

Dr. Farrer became a Professor of Molecular Neuroscience at Mayo Clinic in 2006, and served as the director of the Division of Neurogenetics and the Transgenic Core Facility. In 2008, he was named a Mayo Clinic Distinguished Investigator, the Clinic’s highest award for research excellence, for several influential discoveries in neurogenetics. Dr. Farrer is internationally acclaimed for his work on Parkinson’s disease. His recruitment to UBC helps establish a research Centre for Applied Neurogenetics which is exclusively focused on neurologic and neurodegenerative disease research, prediction and prevention. Diseases of the brain represent one of the greatest challenges to global medical health in the 21st century. Nearly one-third of Canada’s population will be affected by brain disease, disorder or brain injury at some time in their life.
Professor Robert Silverman Lecture

Professor Robert Silverman
School of Music
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on November 26, 2011 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Note: Photos still to come.

RALPH AND ROSE YORSH LECTURE

Hammering the Klavier:
Beethoven's Earthshaking and Bone-crushing Masterpiece

Lecture and Recital

In a career spanning more than five decades, Robert Silverman has climbed every peak of serious pianism: lauded performances of the complete sonata cycles by Beethoven and Mozart; concerts in prestigious halls across the globe; and orchestral appearances under the batons of such renowned conductors as Ozawa, Gardiner, and Järvi with leading orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony, the Sydney Symphony, the BBC (London) Symphony, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, and every major orchestra in Canada. Robert Silverman's discography includes over 30 CDs and a dozen LPs, including his Grand Prix du Disque–winning recording of Liszt's piano music and his Juno Award–shortlisted recording of all 32 Beethoven sonatas. Visit him online at www.robertsilverman.ca.
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