Vancouver Institute Spring 2005 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.), except where otherwise noted.

The Spring 2005 season comprises eleven lectures, from January 22 to April 16.

Spring 2005 Lecture Schedule

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How to join: If you have a Vancouver Institute brochure, you can fill out the contained form and 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.
Ms. Sharon Butala Lecture

Ms. Sharon Butala
Novelist and Writer
Saskatchewan

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 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

What Makes a Westerner

Sharon Butala is a novelist and writer of creative non-fiction whose work reflects on rural life in southern Saskatchewan, where she lives and works. The Perfection of the Morning, a non-fiction meditation on prairie life, has been her best selling book and has won several awards. Her most recent book, Wild Stone Heart, continues the themes and exploration of Perfection. Sharon is also an environmental activist who, with her husband, has set up a large nature preserve in the Cypress Hills. Ms. Butala's talk to The Institute is based on her new book, Lilac Moon, to be published in 2005.

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Mr. Dirk Ryneveld Lecture

Mr. Dirk Ryneveld
Senior Prosecuting Trial Attorney
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
The Hague, Netherlands

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

The Milosevic Trial—An Update on the Ongoing Saga

Mr. Ryneveld has been the lead counsel with the International Criminal Tribunal in a number of significant cases. The first was a case out of Bosnia that led to the precedent-setting declaration by the Court of the Tribunal that rape, sexual assault and enslavement of women by soldiers are war crimes. That case was followed by the Keraterm detention camp case, in which the camp commander and shift leaders were convicted of persecution as a crime against humanity. Most recently, Mr. Ryneveld was the lead counsel in the Kosovo component of the ongoing Slobodan Milosevic trial, which has been described as the most significant war crimes trial since the Nuremberg trials.
Dr. Stephen Toope Lecture

Dr. Stephen Toope
President, The Trudeau Foundation

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

CANADA-NORWAY PEACE PRIZE SYMPOSIUM LECTURE

The Fate of the Disappeared: Addressing a Human Security Crisis

Stephen J. Toope is President of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, an independent private foundation created in 2002 to promote interaction between researchers in the social sciences and humanities, and policymakers in government, the private sector, the arts community and the voluntary sector. On leave from the Faculty of Law, McGill University, where he has worked since 1987, and of which he is a former Dean, Professor Toope's scholarly interests cover the full range of public international law. His current research focuses upon international human rights law, legal and institutional constraints on the use of war as an instrument of policy, and the bases of legal obligation in international society. He currently serves as Chair and Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, and is a former President of the Canadian Council on International Law. Professor Toope was a law clerk to the Rt. Hon. Brian Dickson, Chief Justice of Canada. He has also served as board chair and member of various non-governmental organizations promoting human rights and international development, including the Canadian Human Rights Foundation, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund of the Anglican Church and World University Service of Canada. His academic work has been awarded prizes from the American Society of International Law and the Canadian Tax Foundation.

For further information, please follow these links:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/4096211.stm
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Mr. D.D. Jackson Lecture

Mr. D.D. Jackson
Pianist/composer
New York

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 12, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall, UBC Music Building.

NB: Alternate location.

St. John's College Lecture

Can Jazz Be Classical?

Mr. Jackson was named the 2002 National Jazz Awards Socan Composer/Songwriter of the Year. His work has been nominated for 6 Juno Awards and he won the 2000 Juno Award for Best Contemporary Jazz Album. Mr. Jackson writes a regular column for Down Beat magazine entitled "Living Jazz." His notes for his Institute lecture state:

I will trace successful and less-than-successful attempts historically to combine the two worlds and include live performed demonstrations (Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and others). I will also discuss the Lincoln Center/Wynton Marsalis debate about whether jazz should be defined as "America's Classical Music" at all. I will conclude with excerpts from my own attempts in the jazz/classical sphere, performing examples from my "Suite for New York" and discussing my compositional approach to and conception of the work. I will also touch upon my jazz opera "Quebecite" as a work bridging jazz, classical and "beyond."

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Tendzin Choegyal Lecture

Tendzin Choegyal
15th Ngari Rinpoche
Tibet

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

NB: Alternate day of the week.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE LECTURE

Personal Transformation

Tendzin Choegyal is the youngest brother of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He was born in Lhasa in 1946, and at the age of four was recognized as the 15th Ngari Rinpoche (like Dalai Lama, a title that is passed through reincarnation). He began his monastic education in Lhasa at Drepung Monastery in 1953 at the age of 7, where he remained until he fled with the Dalai Lama and his family in 1959. Rinpoche enrolled in St. Joseph's College in Darjeeling, India, from which he graduated in 1969. That year he left the monastic order and spent the next two years studying in India and abroad. In 1971, Ngari Rinpoche joined the Central Tibetan Administration (Tibetan Government in Exile), where he remained until 1988. In 1991, Rinpoche was elected to the Tibetan Parliament in Exile, where he served until 1995. Rinpoche lives in the Kashmir Cottage in Dharamsala, India.

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Professor Susan Rotroff
Dept. of Classics
Washington University, St. Louis

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 26, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

THOMPSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

New Light on an Old Agora: Excavations in Athens' Civic Centre

Professor Rotroff is a Classical archaeologist whose research focuses on the use of material culture to throw light on the daily lives of ancient people. Since 1970 she has been associated with the Agora Excavations, in Athens, where archaeologists have been investigating the civic center of the ancient town and the domestic and industrial neighborhoods that surrounded it. Her concentration there has been on the archaeology of the Classical and Hellenistic periods, using primarily ceramic evidence to reconstruct the activities and behavior of ancient Athenians. She has also worked on excavations at Troy and Sardis in Turkey, and at Carthage, in North Africa.

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Sir John Daniel Lecture

Sir John Daniel
President and CEO
The Commonwealth of Learning
Vancouver

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

Education for Development:
Can Technology Help?

A graduate of Oxford and the Université de Paris, Sir John Daniel has played a critical role in the evolution of higher education in Canada and the United Kingdom, as Vice-President of Athabasca University, Vice-Rector of Concordia University, President of Laurentian University, and Vice-Chancellor of the UK’s Open University. In 2001 he became Assistant Director-General for Education in UNESCO, a post he held until 2004, when he assumed the presidency of The Commonwealth of Learning (COL). Based in Vancouver, the COL assists Commonwealth member governments to take full advantage of open, distance and technology-mediated learning strategies. It is the only Commonwealth agency headquartered outside the UK.

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Professor Max Cynader Lecture

Professor Max Cynader
Director, Brain Research Centre
UBC

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

UBC Celebration of Research Lecture

The Aging Brain

Dr. Cynader's research has focused on understanding the nature of the processing performed by the cerebral cortex, especially the sensory cortices dealing with vision and audition, and on the neural and molecular mechanisms underlying the development and adaptability of the cortex. His research group has developed new viral vector systems to efficiently transfer potentially-therapeutic genes into specific neuronal populations. His studies of brain mechanisms in cortical development are relevant to visual disorders and various neurological dysfunctions including stroke and Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Cynader is one of the scientific founders of NeuroVir, a Vancouver-based biotechnology company which has developed gene therapy products to treat brain diseases. Dr. Cynader was a semifinalist in the Canadian Astronaut Program.

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Professor Lawrence Keppie Lecture

Professor Lawrence Keppie
Senior Curator, Hunterian Museum
University of Glasgow

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 19, 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 Romans in Scotland:
Their Far Frontier

Professor Keppie is a distinguished Roman historian and archaeologist. During his academic career at the University of Glasgow he has divided his time between a joint appointment in the Classics and Archaeology Departments and his curatorial responsibilities at the University's Hunterian Museum, one of the richest university museums in Europe in the wealth of its archaeological collections of Roman material. He currently serves as the editor of Britannia, the leading publication of Romano-British studies. Professor Keppie's scholarship covers three quite distinct though interrelated areas of Roman studies: the development and organization of the Roman army, the study of Roman inscriptions, and Roman frontiers, with particular emphasis on the Roman occupation of Scotland. This lecture is co-sponsored by the Centre for Scottish Studies at Simon Fraser University.

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Dr. James Cahill Lecture

Dr. James Cahill
Professor Emeritus of the History of Art
University of California at Berkeley

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

Chinese Painting:
The Realities Behind the Ideals

Professor Cahill is one of the world's most distinguished scholars in Chinese art. The question of how painters in traditional China made their livings has been a more or less taboo subject for centuries in the Chinese literature of art; artists were supposed to work for Confucian self-fulfillment, and to present their works to friends without thought of recompense. The realities of their lives were more earthy and more interesting than that, and can be partially reconstructed from scattered informal sources: letters, inscriptions, recorded anecdotes. This lecture will sum up the new understanding of Chinese artists' lives that is revealed in these neglected sources, and will show how it affects our readings of particular paintings.

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Professor Barry Barish Lecture

Professor Barry Barish
Physics Department
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, CA

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 16, 2005 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

TRIUMF Lecture

An Einstein Celebration:
Albert Einstein's Legacy—Our Best Description of the Universe

In celebration of Einstein and the centenary of his "miraculous" year of discovery, 1905, the year 2005 has been named as the International Year of Physics. This special lecture, sponsored by TRIUMF, has been arranged to nearly coincide with the 50th anniversary of Einstein's death on April 18, 1955. Professor Barish is the director of LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory) the first, very-large, supersensitive system of laser beams intended to observe the gravitational waves, predicted by Einstein, originating from cataclysmic events in outer space. The LIGO experiment has been dubbed: "Einstein's Unfinished Symphony: Listening to the Sounds of Space-Time." Professor Barish has received many honours and is currently a member of the National Science Board which advises the U.S. President and Congress.

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