Vancouver Institute Spring 2007 Program

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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

General Information

Please see the [Vancouver Institute home page](http://vaninst.ca/Vi2007Spring.html).

Lecture Times

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

The Spring 2007 season comprises eleven lectures, from January 20 to April 14, omitting February 17 (Midterm Break) and April 7 (Easter).

Spring 2007 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.
Dr. David Sweet Lecture

Dr. David Sweet
Faculty of Dentistry
And Director, BOLD
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 20, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Crime Scene Investigation:
Identifying Victims and Perpetrators Using New Forensic Science Methods

Dr. Sweet is a Doctor of Dental Medicine and holds a Ph.D. in forensic medicine as well as being certified as a specialist in forensic odontology. He is an internationally recognized evidence expert, investigator, professor and researcher at UBC and Director of the Bureau of Legal Dentistry (BOLD) Laboratory, a unique crime-fighting laboratory where, through the analysis of DNA evidence, he pits modern science against criminals. Since 1984, Dr. Sweet has been involved in more than 700 forensic investigations in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia, Central America, Africa and the Caribbean. Dr. Sweet has recently been appointed a consultant to INTERPOL.
Professor Cole Harris Lecture

Professor Cole Harris
Department of Geography
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on January 27, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Colonialism and Its Consequences: Creating and Solving the Native Land Question

One of the preeminent historical geographers of his generation, Professor Harris is the author of many books and articles on settler colonialism and its impact on native societies. Editor of the first volume of the Historical Atlas of Canada, his most recent books - The Resettlement of British Columbia and Making Native Space - explore the nature of settler society in British Columbia and the interrelations in the province of settlers and native peoples. In books and essays, he has also sought to identify underlying patterns of society and culture in early Canada. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an Officer of the Order of Canada.
Professor Gert Groening Lecture

Professor Gert Groening
Deputy Executive Director
Institute for the History and Theory of Design
Berlin University of the Arts

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 3, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Cecil and Ida Green Lecture

Gardens as Elements of an Urbanizing World

Professor Groening is an internationally recognized expert on the development of landscape architecture through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. He was co-founder of his university’s interdisciplinary doctoral program “Practice and Theory of Creative Processes in the Arts.” Professor Groening has published widely, and his research includes German-American connections in landscape architecture history. His many public lectures have covered a broad and rich array of topics on the relationship of gardens to culture, political systems, community and society in general in such countries as Germany, the United States, Japan and Czechoslovakia.
Professor Mark Jaccard Lecture

Professor Mark Jaccard
School of Resource and Environmental Management
Simon Fraser University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 10, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Fossil Fuels: Friend or Foe?

Dr. Jaccard is an economist focusing on sustainable energy systems. He leads an energy and materials research group in developing and applying models that assess policies to induce technological change. Recent applied work involves costing GHG emission reduction policies for government, industry and NGOs. Current research includes macro-economic feedbacks of energy-environment policies, discrete choice modelling of consumer behaviour, and modelling the relationship between production and cost for environmentally desired technologies. Dr. Jaccard is responsible for the Canadian Industrial Energy Efficiency Data and Analysis Centre, funded by the Canadian government and other agencies. He has chaired the B.C. Utilities Commission, served on the IPCC, and served on the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development.
Sir Jeremy Greenstock
Former British Ambassador to the United Nations
And Her Majesty’s former Special Representative in Iraq

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on February 24, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Globalization or Polarization:
Where is the World Heading?

Sir Jeremy was a British diplomat from 1969 to 2004, serving in Washington DC, Paris, Dubai and Saudi Arabia. He is the former British Ambassador to the UN and Her Majesty's former Special Representative in Iraq, where he worked alongside Paul Bremer within the Coalition Provisional Authority. He left his position as deputy to Bremer in late March 2004, three months before the end of the CPA's term. Since then he has warned that the Coalition should be ready to acknowledge that it was leaving its goals unachieved, and pull out, rather than remain mired in an unwinnable struggle. Sir Jeremy wrote a book about his role in the Iraq war that was expected to be released in the Autumn of 2005. On November 27, 2005 The Times reported that the publication of his book had been barred by the Cabinet Office.
Professor Philip Pettit Lecture

Professor Philip Pettit
Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor of Politics and Human Values
Princeton University

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 3, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Democracy:
Fashions, Failures, and Fantasies

Professor Pettit moved to Princeton from the Australian National University in 2002. He works in moral and political theory and on background issues in philosophical psychology and social theory. His recent books include: The Common Mind; Republicanism; A Theory of Freedom; Rules, Reasons and Norms; and Penser en Societe. He is currently on leave as Senior Scholar in Ethics, in the E.J.Safra Foundation Center for Ethics at Harvard University. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Social Sciences and the Australian Academy of Humanities and holds honorary doctorates from the National University of Ireland, the University of Crete and l’Universite de Montreal. Professor Pettit serves as special advisor to the government of Spain.
Professor Daniel Pauly Lecture

Professor Daniel Pauly
Director, Fisheries Centre
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 10, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

UBC Excellence in Research Lecture

Global Fisheries:
Are the Gloom and Doom Justified?

Dr. Pauly obtained his doctorate at Kiel University in Germany in 1979, and spent much of his early career at the Manila-based International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (now the WorldFish Center), developing and disseminating, throughout the tropics, fisheries stock assessment methods and databases suitable for data-sparse, developing-country settings, notably FishBase, the popular online encyclopedia of fishes. He joined UBC's Fisheries Centre as a Professor of Fisheries in 1994, and became its Director in 2003. Since 1999, he has been the Principal Investigator of the Sea Around Us Project, devoted to documenting fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems, and to developing and communicating mitigation policies. The concepts, software and methodologies he initiated and disseminated in over 500 contributions to the scientific literature are used throughout the world. Dr. Pauly has earned numerous scientific and conservation awards, notably the International Cosmos Prize from Japan in 2005, and the Volvo Environment Prize, from Sweden, in 2006.
Dr. Patrick L. McGeer Lecture

Dr. Patrick L. McGeer
Faculty of Medicine
UBC

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 17, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Can We Eliminate Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias?

Dr. McGeer and his wife Dr. Edith McGeer are universally acknowledged as leading researchers on Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases and are among the world's top 100 most highly cited neuroscientists. In addition to research, Dr. Patrick McGeer also served as MLA and Cabinet Minister until 1986, and created the Open Learning Institute of B.C. In 2004, Dr. McGeer was awarded the Henry Wisniewski prize given to the top Alzheimer's disease researcher. He has received an Honourary Doctor of Science degree from UBC, the Medal of Service from the Cam Coady Foundation, the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Prize from the University of Toronto, and a lifetime achievement award from the Science Council of B.C. Dr. McGeer was appointed as Officer of the Order of Canada in 1995, and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2002.
Baroness Susan Greenfield Lecture

Baroness Susan Greenfield
Senior Research Fellow
Lincoln College, Oxford
And Director
Royal Institution of Great Britain

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 24, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Tomorrow's People:
How 21st Century Technology is Changing the Way We Think and Feel

Baroness Greenfield is Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain (the first woman to hold that position) and Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Oxford, where she leads a multi-disciplinary team investigating neurodegenerative disorders. In addition, she is Director of the Oxford Centre for the Science of the Mind, exploring the physical basis of consciousness. She has spun off four companies from her research, made a diverse contribution to print and broadcast media, and led a Government report on “Women In Science”. She has received 28 Honorary Degrees, Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians, a non-political Life Peerage as well as the Ordre National de la Legion d’Honneur. In 2006 she was installed as Chancellor of Heriot-Watt University.
Dr. Christopher Gaze Lecture

Dr. Christopher Gaze
Artistic Director
Bard on the Beach
Vancouver

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on March 31, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

The Bard In Vancouver: A National Treasure

Christopher Gaze is best known as Artistic Director of Vancouver's Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival, which he founded in 1990. Now planning its 18th Season, the Festival has seen its attendance grow from 6,000 in the first season to over 80,000 in 2006, cementing the foundations of a uniquely exceptional Shakespeare Festival for Western Canada. In 2002 Christopher was inducted into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame and in May 2005 he was honoured by the Governor General with Canada's Meritorious Service Medal. This past fall Simon Fraser University conferred him with an honorary doctorate.
Professor Matthew Paterson Lecture

Professor Matthew Paterson
School of Political Science
University of Ottawa

will be addressing the Vancouver Institute on April 14, 2007 at 8:15 p.m., Lecture Hall No. 2 in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, University of British Columbia.

Cecil and Ida Green Lecture

Moving the Earth:
Car Culture and Global Environmental Politics

Professor Paterson received his B.A. from the University of Newcastle, and Ph.D. from the University of Essex. His research interests include global environmental politics, climate change politics, international/global political economy, global environmental governance, International Relations Theory and the politics of the automobile. Some of his publications (singly and jointly) include: Automobile Politics: Ecology and Cultural Political Economy; Against Automobility; Empire’s Ecological Tyreprints; Boom or Bust? The political-economic engine behind the drive for climate change policy; and Globalisation, ecological modernization, and New Labour.
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