

Dept. SRC Committee Fall 2014 Seminar and Workshop Events

Thursday October 9; 12:00 – 2:00 pm; SHE549

Emily Andrew, UBC Press, Publishing Workshop

Emily Andrew, senior editor at UBC Press, is holding a book publishing seminar at Ryerson University **on Thursday October 9th**. It consists of a 45-minute presentation followed by a question and answer period. Commencing at noon (12-2), it will take place in SHE 549. All faculty and PhD students are welcome to attend.

The talk will focus on scholarly publishing in the humanities and social sciences. It will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the process of publishing a book with a university press.

Topics of discussion include:

- what distinguishes university presses from other publishers
- how to locate the appropriate publisher for your work
- how to prepare an attractive prospectus
- how to turn your thesis into a book
- sources of funding for scholarly monographs and collections
- the stages through which a manuscript must pass before publication

Emily Andrew acquires manuscripts in several social sciences and humanities disciplines. She has worked at UBC Press for 16 years, another Canadian university press for several years, a commercial publisher, and a literary agency.

If you are unable to attend the session but would like to set up a separate meeting to discuss a specific book proposal, please email Emily Andrew at andrew@ubcpres.ca.

Thursday Nov. 6; 12:00 – 2:00 pm; JOR730

Saad Gulzar, Doctoral candidate, New York University, Dept. of Political Science.

Title: The Political Economy of Public Employee Absence: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan

Abstract: In many developing countries, public sector absence is both common and resistant to reform. One explanation is that politicians preferentially provide public jobs with limited work requirements as patronage. We test this patronage hypothesis in Pakistan using two experiments:

- (i) a randomized evaluation of a novel smartphone absence monitoring technology, and
- (ii) manipulating the salience of staff absence data presented to senior bureaucrats using an online dashboard. We find that the programs effects are highly localized to competitive constituencies and to monitored employees who do not know their politician.

Bio: Saad Gulzar is a third year Ph.D. student at the Department of Political Science at New York University. He works on issues relating to the political economy of development, the role of technology in development and political behavior. He studies these in the context of Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India, using field experiments and observational data.

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Thursday November 20; 12:00 – 2:00 pm; JOR730

Randall Germain, Department of Political Science, Carleton University

Title: Robert W. Cox and the Idea of History: political economy as philosophy

Abstract: The work of Robert Cox has had a significant impact on the discipline of IPE, even though the precise origins of his thought are difficult to pin down. He is often associated with the tradition of historical materialism, most often within a Gramscian-inspired version of this tradition. However, in this paper I argue that the most important single influence on his work is a very special variant of historicism closely connected to the work of Giambattista Vico, Fernand Braudel and R.G. Collingwood. I explore the connection between Cox's framework of historical structures and his method of diachronic change in light of how it has been informed by historicist currents in order to suggest why his approach to IPE, despite its popularity as measured by citation indices, is actually today out of sync with mainstream historical materialist analyses, Gramscian-inspired or otherwise.

Bio:

Randall Germain is Professor of Political Science at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. His teaching and research focus on the political economy of global finance, issues and themes associated with economic and financial governance, and theoretical debates within the field of international political economy. His work has been published in journals such as *Review of International Political Economy*, *Review of International Studies*, *Global Governance*, and *European Journal of International Relations*. He is the author of *The International Organization of Credit* (CUP, 1997) and *Global Politics and Financial Governance* (Palgrave, 2010). He is currently working on a manuscript that explores the use of the idea of history in IPE.

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