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About the School

The Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA) is an institute for advanced research, education, and outreach in the fields of global governance and international public policy. As a hub in a global network of scholars, practitioners and students, the BSIA aims to develop new solutions to humanity's critical problems, improve global governance now and in the future, and enhance the quality of people’s lives around the world. Founded in 2007 by philanthropist Jim Balsillie, the BSIA is an equal collaboration among the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the University of Waterloo (UW), and Wilfrid Laurier University (Laurier). The collaborating institutions bring to the BSIA different but complementary strengths, so they have different roles and responsibilities.

The two universities employ BSIA faculty and offer BSIA’s academic programs, while CIGI, as a think tank, uses its in-house expertise and its worldwide network of practitioners to help inform and guide BSIA outreach and collaborative research. The BSIA is also the home to three research centres with an international profile: the International Migration Research Centre (IMRC), the Laurier Centre for Sustainable Food Systems (LCSFS), and the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS).

The unique integration of the collaborating institutions’ approaches and cultures gives BSIA an unmatched ability to promote vigorous engagement across boundaries of discipline and practice, to connect today’s experts with tomorrow’s leaders in critical debate and analysis, and to achieve—at all its works—the highest standards of excellence.
The year 2020 will undoubtedly be remembered by all in history. Despite the challenges which the COVID-19 global health pandemic brought to those across the globe, we are incredibly proud of the strength and resilience that the members of the wider BSIA community demonstrated in support of continuity, progression and – most importantly – the health and well-being of our colleagues during such uncertain and uncharted times.

Further pivoting took place over the summer months to support the ongoing professional development of our students. These opportunities included presentations from former BSIA graduates working in different GAC sectors, media training, and group discussions and interview preparation. In lieu of the annual International Studies Association conference, which had been cancelled in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tim Donais and Derek Hall organized an mini-ISA-type conference for our community.

Events across the world triggered by the “Black Lives Matter” campaign – and calls to end racism and oppression of all types – compelled the School to act urgently and substantively in support of a broader anti-oppression and equity agenda. Students, faculty and staff came together to inform the creation of an “Anti-Oppression and Equity Committee” and a number of initiatives supporting the prioritization and wider socialization of this agenda. These initiatives included the development of a new “Global Justice and Human Rights” research cluster, which officially launched in September 2020.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 necessitated immediate pivoting. Within days of the GoC’s March announcements encouraging all non-essential work to be undertaken remotely, the School’s staff team worked to adapt all operations from the School building to a virtual mode. Faculty worked hard to transition from classroom-based asynchronous taught course delivery, and all Sections – from meetings, teaching, seminars, Courses and events – went “online”. The BSIA was grateful for the cooperation of all collaborative partners whose policies and procedures helped shape the procedures and protocols adopted by the School.

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The BSIA continued to host leading scholars and thought leaders from the policy community, all of whom added richly to the School’s research culture and networking opportunities. Eminent guest speakers included Karin von Hippel (RUSI, UK), David Crane (American University in Washington, DC), Rygiel’s and Margaret Walton-Roberts’ WLU Merit Awards. Also celebrated were the retirements of Jan Blight, Janet Lang, and Rianne Mahon.

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Highlights of the Year

I was thrilled to become the School’s new Director in late August 2019, before the word “coronavirus” entered most of our vocabularies. An initial period of consultation with all internal and external GAC stakeholders led to the development and endorsement of a 2020-2025 five year strategic plan, which we have now put into action. The Plan reflects a truly consultative exercise, the endorsement of which is testament to the valuable contributions and iterative efforts of our staff, students, alumni, faculty and fellows.

In September 2019, we were delighted to welcome the School’s largest cohort to date – a 24% increase from the previous year – across the MIPP, MAGG and PhD programs. In efforts to support continued events and research dialogue, the School initiated “Global Insights” – a live, weekly interactive panel discussion which addressed current global policy and social and policy implications of technology and innovation, and its Farid Azaran and Jennifer Lui for developing a “Global Health” research cluster, to address critical health related challenges through research, practice, and policymaking.

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We celebrate the ongoing outstanding and reputable achievements of our hard-working and dedicated team of BSIA scholars. Highlights among a very long list include Rianne Mahon’s appointment to the Royal Society of Canada, Alison Blay-Palmer’s SSHRC/CRS Chair in Food, Biodiversity and Sustainability, and Stadler, Eric Helman’s International Federal Economy Distinction Scholar Award from the GAC, Susan Bacon’s SSHRC Award for Research Excellence, Andrew Cooper’s Canada Research Chair, and Kim Rygiel’s and Margaret Walton-Roberts’ WLU Merit Awards. Also celebrated were the retirements of Jim Blight, Joan Lang, and Blaize Malon.

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“Roundtable with the Director-General of Legal Affairs and International Treaties of the Republic of Indonesia”
DR. IUR. DAMOS DUMOLI AGUSMAN

October 23, 2019
“Roundtable with the Consul General of Russia in Toronto”
KIRILL S. MIKHAYLOV

October 29, 2019
“Policy Without Strategy? Challenges Facing the Global SDG Agenda”
ANN FITZ-GERALD, DIRECTOR, BSIA

October 29, 2019
“Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Global Governance Challenges, Waterloo Book Launch”
SIMON DALBY, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
SUSAN HORTON, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
RIANNE MAHON, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
MODERATED BY ANN FITZ-GERALD, DIRECTOR, BSIA

November 12, 2019
“2019 International Humanitarian Law in Action Conference”
Go Instructs with The Canadian Red Cross, Conrad Grebel University College, Project Ploughshares, Laurier

November 19, 2019
“Global Governance Regimes and the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”
ALEXANDRA R. HARRINGTON, FULLBRIGHT CANADA SPECIAL FOUNDATION FELLOW, BSA

February 18, 2020
“Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Global Governance Challenges, Ottawa Book Launch”
VANESSA SCHWEIZER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, BSIA/UW
OLAF WEBER, PROFESSOR, UW, AND FELLOW, BSA
RIANNE MAHON, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
MODERATED BY ANN FITZ-GERALD, DIRECTOR, BSIA

March 13, 2020
“UN Security Council Membership: Opportunities and Challenges for a Non-Permanent Member of the Council”
KATHRYN WHITE, PRESIDENT & CEO, UNA-CANADA (MC)
ALISTAIR EDGAR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, LAURIER/BSIA
ANN FITZ-GERALD, DIRECTOR, BSA
GWYNETH KUIK, DG GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA
GUILLERMO BISHOFMANS, VICE-CHAIR, UNA-CANADA

March 30, 2020
“Global Health Pandemics: COVID-19 Forward”
SUE HORTON, PROFESSOR, BSIA/UW
MICHAEL PEARSON, DIRECTOR GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA
PETER SINGER, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WHO
ALAN WITKEIDE, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER

June 23, 2020
“BSIA PhD Student Research Forum”
MODERATORS: DEREK HALL AND TIMOTHY DONAIS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS, LAURIER/BSIA

September 11, 2019
“Advanced Policy Analyst Program Recruitment”
TAYLOR RODRIGUES, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA

September 12, 2019
“Information Session: On Campus Resources”
MODERATORS: JEREMY HALL AND FRATHY BONAM, ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS, LAURIER/BSIA

May 27, 2020
“BSIA PhD Student Research Forum”
CENTRE FOR CAREER ACTION, UW

June 1, 2020
“Media and Communications Training”
VICKY JARRELL, MEDIA TRAINING COACH

July 13, 2020
“Work Search Workshop”
CENTRE FOR CAREER ACTION, UW

August 10, 2020
“LinkedIn Workshop”
CENTRE FOR CAREER ACTION, UW
Global Insights Webinars

Global Insights, a weekly live-streamed, moderated panel series, launched in April 2020 as part of the Balsillie School’s pivot from in-person events to online events. Its goal is to provide different national and regional perspectives on big questions facing researchers, policymakers and planners worldwide in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Global Insights features experts from the Balsillie School’s partners: the Department of Politics & International Studies at the University of Warwick (UK); the School of International Service at American University (USA); the Institute of Strategic Affairs in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia); and the Department of Politics & Public Administration at the University of Konstanz (Germany) – all leading institutions in the study of international affairs.

The first season of Global Insights ran for eight weeks during the Spring term, and reached almost 2,000 viewers from 52 countries, with viewers from the United States, Canada and the UK accounting for just less than 1/2 of our audience. We were pleased to attract viewers from Albania, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Estonia, Iceland, and Namibia, among many others.

Season 1 Episodes

April 30, 2020
“COVID-19: Stress-test for the Global Economy”

Tudoros Mafturah, Country Economist, International Growth Centre in Addis Ababa

Leonard Sisk, Professor, University of Warwick

Ola Trosa, Director, Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, University of Warwick

Stephen J. Silvia, Professor, American University

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA)

May 7, 2020
“COVID-19 and the Global South”

Jonathan Crush, University Research Professor, BSIA

David Collier, Professor, University of Warwick

Halilu Adamu, Researcher, Institute for Strategic Affairs

Anita Osuji, Senior Researcher, University of Konstanz

Rachel Robinson, Sociologist and Investigator, American University

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, BSIA

May 14, 2020
“COVID-19 Climate Change and Energy”

Galen R. Bannister, Legal Advisor to the African Group of Negotiators, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Vinod Dalby, Professor, BSIA

Caroline Muki, Associate Professor, University of Warwick

Andrea Naters, Professor and Executive Director, Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Energy

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, BSIA

May 21, 2020
“COVID-19 Migration, Refugees and Borders”

Alison Bekele, UNHCR Legal Officer, Office to the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Mark Kinsella, Chair, British International Studies Association Working Group on the “International Politics of Migration, Refugees and DIASPORA”, University of Warwick

Austen Montel, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Global Migration, BSIA

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, BSIA

June 4, 2020
“COVID-19 and Gender Divides”

Juanita Elias, Professor, University of Warwick

Jenna Hennebry, Associate Professor, BSIA

Sehin Teferra, Co-founder, Setaweet

Liane Wörner, Professor, University of Konstanz

Thespina Yamanis, Associate Professor, American University

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, BSIA

June 11, 2020
“COVID-19: War, Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution”

Chuck Call, Associate Professor, American University

Lucy Chifley, Co-founder, BSIA

Agnieszka Afropoulou, Associate Professor, BSIA

Anthony King, Professor, University of Warwick

Julia Weiland, Associate Professor, University of Warwick

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, BSIA

June 18, 2020
“COVID-19 Surveillance, Intelligence and Security”

James Collier, Professor, American University

Florian Kerschbaum, Executive Director, Waterloo Cybersecurity and Privacy Institute, and Associate Professor, UW

Tom Sorell, Professor, University of Warwick

Bernard Tafe, Senior Policy Analyst and Globe Internet Shutdowns Lead

Access now

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, BSIA

June 25, 2020
“COVID-19 and the Future of International Order”

Renaud de Possenne, Associate Professor, University of Warwick

Miles Kahler, Distinguished Professor, American University

Abba A. Malami, Chief of Staff and Senior Political Advisor, African Union

High Level Panel

Michael Gordon, Professor, University of Warwick

David Welch, Professor, BSIA

Moderated by Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director, BSIA
Research Cluster Events

Each year, the BSIA holds approximately 100 events that are largely open to the public. In many cases, these events are hosted by one of the School’s seven Research Clusters. This year, the Research Clusters hosted speakers from all over world, both in-person and virtually.

Conflict and Security

Research in this cluster includes work on confidence building, the nexus between economics and security, the role of ideology in conflict, critical approaches to security and human security, and human rights.

- Timothy Donais
  Cluster Lead, BSIA/Laurier

- Kayla Grant
  Support Officer

Environment and Resources

This cluster addresses global governance challenges arising from large-scale environmental and resource stresses, including climate change, food insecurity, declining biodiversity, water shortages, forest loss, fishery depletion, and energy scarcities.

- NEIL CRAIK, PROFESSOR, BSIA/UW
  DEBORA VAN NIJNATTEN, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
  May 21, 2020
  “Low Carbon Transitions and Cities: Governance and Solutions”
  SARAH BURCH, CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION, BSIA/UW
  DAVID MILLER, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY, C40 CITIES CLIMATE LEADERSHIP GROUP

- CHRISTOPH NEDOPIL WANG, DIRECTOR, GREEN BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI) CENTER, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GREEN FINANCE, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS
  OLAF WEBER, PROFESSOR, UW, AND FELLOW, BSIA
  June 2, 2020
  “Sustainable and Climate Finance in China and Canada”

- A. Neil Craik
  Cluster Co-Lead, BSIA/UW

- Debora Van Nijnatten
  Cluster Co-Lead, BSIA/Laurier

- Jonathan Hui
  Support Officer

- Timothy Donais
  Cluster Lead, BSIA/Laurier

- Kayla Grant
  Support Officer

- Evan Ging-Mares, Senior Advisor, Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
  January 20, 2020
  “Film Screening: MLK: A Call to Conscience”
  Co-hosted with PACS-CAN and KW Peace

- MARK RAYMOND, WICK CARY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR, CYBER GOVERNANCE AND POLICY CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
  February 24, 2020
  “Lessons from the Bombing of Dresden: A 75 Year Retrospective”
  STEPHEN G. EVANS, PROFESSOR, UW, AND FELLOW, BSIA

- STEPHEN G. EVANS, PROFESSOR, UW, AND FELLOW, BSIA
  March 10, 2020
  “An Inconvenient Ukraine”
  JILL SINCLAIR, CANADIAN REFORM ADVISOR TO THE UKRAINIAN MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- KARIN VON HIPPEL, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE (RUSI)
  May 25, 2020
  “Re-thinking International Security in a Post-Pandemic Landscape”
  KARIN VON HIPPEL, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE (RUSI)

- NEIL CRAIK, PROFESSOR, BSIA/UW
  DEBORA VAN NIJNATTEN, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
  April 28, 2020
  “The Environmental Protection Agenda in a Post COVID-19 Policy Landscape”

- SARAH BURCH, CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION, BSIA/UW
  May 10, 2020
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  OLAF WEBER, PROFESSOR, UW, AND FELLOW, BSIA
  June 18, 2020
  “PhD Research Workshop”
  ORGANIZED BY NEIL CRAIK, PROFESSOR, BSIA/UW
  DEBORA VAN NIJNATTEN, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
Global Political Economy
This cluster embraces a variety of perspectives on the field of political economy. Topics include the politics of global trade and finance, the changing world food system, and the rise of “emerging powers” in the world economy.

September 18, 2019
“The Trudeau Formula: Seduction and Betrayal in an Age of Discontent”
MARTIN LUKACS, INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST

October 21, 2019
“One Road, Many Dreams: China’s Bold Plan to Remake the Global Economy”
DANIEL DRACHE, PROFESSOR EMERITUS, YORK UNIVERSITY

November 21, 2019
“The Economics (or not) of EV Supports”
RANDALL WIGLE, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, BSIA/LAURIER

January 31, 2020
SIMON EVARTS, PROFESSOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. GALLEN

February 3, 2020
“Varieties of Ignorance in Economic Policymaking”
JACQUELINE BEST, PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Global Health
This cluster brings together a vibrant team of scholars and practitioners from multiple disciplines and backgrounds to address critical health-related challenges through research, practice, and policymaking.

November 4, 2019
“The Making (and Unmaking) of Medical Inadmissibility: Illness and Disability in Canadian Immigration Law”
LAURA BISAILLON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

November 29, 2019
“Canada’s International Climate Responsibilities: Our Role in the Madrid Climate Panel”
SAMANTHA ESTROEVA, EQUITY ADVOCATE
ANDRES FUENTES, CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK
ROBERT MCMLEEN, PROFESSOR, LAURIER
FANIS JUMA RADSTAKE, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, AFRICAN COMMUNITY WELLNESS INITIATIVE (ACW)

Indigenous Peoples, Decolonization and the Globe
This cluster is an action-oriented research group that supports activities oriented to decolonizing our institutions, the disciplines we work across and the knowledge systems with which we engage.

September 25, 2019
“A Global Solution for the Six Nations of the Grand River”
PHIL MONTURE, OWNER, NATIVELANDS LTD

October 4, 2019
“Freedom of Expression in Canada Workshop”
Co-hosted with Political Science, UW, and the Courts & Politics Research Group

November 21, 2019
“Climate Change Loss and Damage: Challenges Facing Northern Indigenous Peoples”
Co-hosted with the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)
Migration, Mobilities and Social Politics

This group fosters dialogue and scholarship on governance challenges arising from global migration, mobilities and social politics. Priorities include human rights and citizenship, global social policy and protection, diaspora and transnationalism, and territory and identity.

Andrew Cooper
Cluster Co-Lead, BSIA/UW

Margaret Walton-Roberts
Cluster Lead, BSIA/Laurier

Suzan Ilcan
Cluster Lead, BSIA/UW

Lana Gonzalez Balyk
Support Officer

Multilateral Institutions

This cluster analyzes the activities and policies of political, economic and other multilateral institutions - including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations - and the challenges that face such bodies or are posed by their actions.

Eric Tanguay
Support Officer

Andrew Cooper
Cluster Co-Lead, BSIA/UW

Alistair Edgar
Cluster Co-Lead, BSIA/Laurier

October 2, 2019
“Influencing Change at the Global Level: Q&A on Adapting to the Crisis in Global Governance”
KEL CURREN, FOUNDER & CEO, WHAT WORLD STRATEGIES LTD

October 15, 2019
“Human Security is Dead; Long Live Human Security”
GREGORY MACCALLION, VISITING FELLOW, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

November 6, 2019
“The Destruction of Memory”
TIM SLADE, FILMMAKER

November 11, 2019
“Justice as a Solution to War: Facing Down Terrorists, Warlords and Thugs”
DAVID CRANE, FOUNDING CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

January 9, 2020
“Does Canada Need a Foreign Policy Review?”
RANDOLPH MANK, FELLOW, BSI

January 16, 2020
“Differential Inclusion, Soft Domination and Good Intentions: A Reflexive Examination of Refugee Sponsoring Relationships”
LUANA GOOD-SONGCHI, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, AND DIRECTOR, GLOBAL LABOUR RESEARCH CENTRE, YORK UNIVERSITY

March 5, 2020
“Smuggling, Trafficking and Extortion: New Conceptual and Policy Challenges on the Libyan Route to Europe”
Co-hosted with the IMRC
ANNA FRANIAFELIADOU, CANADA EXCELLENCE RESEARCH CHAIR IN MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION, RYERSON UNIVERSITY

March 6, 2020
“Global Turbulence: Challenges for Canada and Modern Diplomacy”
SENATOR PETER M. BOEHM

September 19, 2019
“Designing Humanitarian Goods: Refugee Shelter in a Logistical World”
ELISA PASCUCCI, ACADEMY OF FINLAND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER, UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

September 26, 2019
“Cosmopolitan Sex Workers: Women and Migration in a Global City”
CHRISTINE BYNCH, DEAN, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

October 10, 2019
“Navigating Borders: How Rejected Asylum Seekers Resist Local Border Experience”
CLAUDIA WILDOY, PhD CANDIDATE, UNIVERSITY OF BASEL

October 24, 2019
“The Uses and Limits of Photovoice in Research on Life After Immigration Detention and Deportation”
SARAH FURNIVAL, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UW
The mandate of the STEM for Global Resilience research cluster is to critically inform public debate and shape the policy discourse addressing the nexus between technology, innovation, social and economic policy.

Tim Elcombe
ClanLead, BSIA/UW

Jatin Nathwani
ClanLead, BSIA/UW

Bukola Solomon
Support Officer

April 9, 2020
“Policy and Technology: Some Reflections on the Health Sector”
ALAN WHITESIDE, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
SIVABAL SIVALOGANATHAN, PROFESSOR, UW
ALFRED YU, PROFESSOR, UW

April 16, 2020
“The Impact of Covid-19 on Climate Change”
SIMON DALBY, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER
RICHARD KELLY, PROFESSOR, BSIA/UW
VANESSA SCHWEIZER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BSIA/UW

April 23, 2020
“Statistical Modelling”
DOUGLAS DEUTSCHMANN, PROFESSOR, LAURIER

“COVID-19 Vaccine Trials”
RICHARD COOK, PROFESSOR, UW

April 28, 2020
“Mobilizing Data to Inform LTC Policy”
JOHN HIRD, PROFESSOR, UW

“Global Care Chains and Care Labour in the Global North”
MARGARET WALTEN-ROBERTS, PROFESSOR, BSIA/LAURIER

May 8, 2020
“COVID-19: Vaccines, Antiviral Drugs and Immunity”
STEPHANE BENNET-CARE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, LAURIER

May 14, 2020
“High Population Density and Pandemic Infections”
STEPHEN EVANS, PROFESSOR, UW, AND FELLOW, BSIA

The Impact of Public Opinion on Science and Trust in Government on the COVID-19 Pandemic
DOUGLAS DEUTSCHMANN, PROFESSOR, LAURIER

July 9, 2020
“The Impact of Public Opinion on Science and Trust in Government on the COVID-19 Pandemic”
DOUGLAS DEUTSCHMANN, PROFESSOR, LAURIER

July 21, 2020
“Addressing Freedom from Fear and Freedom from Want: A Renewed Post-COVID Relevance for the ‘Human Security’ Concept”
ANN FITZ-GERALD, DIRECTOR, BSIA
The Balsillie Papers launched in April 2020, to provide clear, concise, peer-reviewed articles about today’s most complex issues in global governance and international affairs. In total, 11 Balsillie Papers were published during the spring and summer of 2020, which largely formed the first two Volumes.

Written predominantly by BISSA Faculty, fellows, and students, the Papers have been well-received by policymakers and knowledge mobilizers. The Papers translate rigorous, inter-disciplinary research into accessible prescriptions aiming to solve humanity’s most intractable problems and improve lives around the world. Bridging sophisticated research with practice in a compact and digestible form, the objective of the Balsillie Papers is to provide a window into the intricate workings of international politics today.

Balsillie Papers

In the Aftermath of COVID-19: Policy Implications for Canada
April 1, 2020 | Volume 1
Jen Fin Carle

COVID-19 and Global Human Health Resources
April 2, 2020 | Volume 1
Margaret Halton-Roberts

Coronavirus, Climate and a Clean Energy Transition: Is Resiliency Achievable?
April 2, 2020 | Volume 1
John Halton

Migrant Care Labour and the COVID-19 Long-term Care Crisis: How Did We Get Here?
June 23, 2020 | Volume 2
Lana Sahal and Margaret Halton-Roberts

An Arctic Focus for Canada’s Post-COVID Multilateral Posture
June 23, 2020 | Volume 2
Anita D’Fi-Fari-Collins, Dwayne MacKenzie and Efua Essien

The Significant Insignificance of International Sport in a Global Crisis
April 22, 2020 | Volume 1
Tim Eason

The Post-COVID-19 Economy: Financing Canada’s Leadership in Sustainable Energy
May 8, 2020 | Volume 1
Jean Halton and Piyamit Reenair

COVID-19 Arising: Lessons in Proactive Response in East Asia
June 2, 2020 | Volume 1
Naran Parker and Jill Boler

COVID-19, Age and Mortality: Implications for Public Policy
June 3, 2020 | Volume 2
Alex Whindle and Felicia Clermont

The Long-term Care Pandemic: International Perspectives on COVID-19 and the Future of Nursing
November 15, 2020 | Volume 2
John F. McIlrath, Amy MacMillan, Marita Flame-Swet, Bruce A. Tille, Uiter Groen, George Medicine, Tanya Iton, Magaret Hoeben, Hope Stiller and John M. Morris

Canada’s Responses to COVID-19: Impacts on Vulnerable Populations Experiencing Housing Insecurity
July 21, 2020 | Volume 2
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**PhD Graduates**

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  - Masaya Llavaneras Blanco - NOVEMBER 28, 2019
    - “Fanm Pa Chita: Mobilities, Intimate Labour and Political Subjectivities Among Haitian Women on the Move”
    - Supervisor: Rianne Mahon, Laurier
    - Supervisory Committee Members: Simon Dalby, Laurier; Kim Riggi, Laurier; Parvati Raghumur, Open University, UK

- **PhD Graduates**
  - Michael Lawrence - DECEMBER 19, 2019
    - “Violence, Conflict, and World Order: Rethinking War with a Complex Systems Approach”
    - Supervisor: Thomas Homer-Dixon, UW
    - Supervisory Committee Members: Daniel Gorman, UW; Alexander Laroche, UW; Jack Donnelly, University of Denver, USA

- **PhD Graduates**
  - Tracey Wagner-Rizvi - JULY 28, 2020
    - “The Fox Building the Henhouse: Corporate Influence on Global Health Governance and the Risks to the World Health Organization”
    - Supervisor: Jennifer Clapp, UW
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Faculty Books

- **Sustainable Food Systems Assessment: Lessons from Global Practice** (2020) - Alison Blay-Palmer, D. Conaré, K.Meter and A. Di Battista

- **Food, Third Edition** (2020) - Jennifer Clapp

- **Anthropocene Geopolitics: Globalization, Security, Sustainability** (2020) - Simon Dalby

- **Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Canada** (2020) - Edited by Jennifer Linnicans, Lorraine L. Dawson and Sara Robinson

- **Strategizing the Canadian Armed Forces through Diversity and Inclusion** (2020) - Edited by Alan Cagar, Raillycerver, Saniyaz Mambud and Jennyos Marnier

Faculty Publications

**Alison Blay-Palmer**


- **Blay-Palmer, Alison and K. Landman. 2015. “The Future of Food Systems Planning in Canada.” Invited contribution to the Canadian Planning Institute-Centenary Special Issue.**

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