

February 1–2, 2025

SHIFTING TIDES HISTORY CONFERENCE

2025 PROGRAM

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Shifting Tides History Conference - Program

The Shifting Tides History Conference will be held 1-2 February 2025 on the UBC-Vancouver campus, at The Nest, the student union building on campus. Below you'll find a program. There will be Chairs for each session that will be added later. If you have questions, contact [shiftingtides2025\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:shiftingtides2025[at]gmail[dot]com).

The Program Committee:

Joan Kelly (University of Victoria), Catriona Webber (Simon Fraser University), Peter Zhang (University of British Columbia), Tina Loo (University of British Columbia).

Friday, 31 January 2025

Registration, UBC Student Nest, Room 2509, 4PM to 8PM

Saturday, 1 February 2025

8:00-9:00AM: Registration (outside the Great Hall North)
and Breakfast
Great Hall North, UBC Student Nest

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Session 6: 11:00AM-12:30PM

Panel 6-1
Room 2311

Gender and Sexuality

Sarah Milligan (UNBC MA), "Sex Sells: Marketing, Objectification, and Self-Fashioning in Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies, 1761-1794."

Grace Mitchell (UBC MA), "Pious Steps and Feminine Voices: Egeria's Pilgrimage and Early Christian Female Sexuality."

Timothy Tan (UBC MA), "A Modern White Woman: The racialization of consumerist and colonial power and status through depictions of white womanhood in 1930s Malay-language newspapers."

Wei Wang (UBC MA), "Women in the Crosshairs: The Mechanisms of State Control over Female Bodies in the Qing Empire."

Chair: Prof. Dana Wessell Lightfoot (UNBC)

Panel 6-2
Room 2314

Myth and Memory

Shue Fung Chow (UBC PhD), "One Massacre, Two Morals: The Umbrella Generation Between the Memory and Myth of Tiananmen in Hong Kong."

Braeden Mandrusiak (SFU MA), "Brotherhood of Atrocity: Camaraderie, Brutalization, and Mythmaking in the Wehrmacht's War in the East."

Wenqian (Jerry) Yang (UBC MA), "Did Gunpowder Originate in China? The Historical Memories and Literary Narratives of a Captive Vietnamese Prince during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)."

John Ye (UBC MA), "East German History after East Germany: The 'Paradoxical' Ostalgie and its Impacts on Contemporary German Politics."

Chair: Prof. Sarah Walshaw (SFU)

Session 1: 9:00-10:30AM

Panel 1-1
Room 2311

Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and Resistance

Shane Atenza (UBC MA), "The Seven Crowns of Greater Britain, The Empire's Executive Power, and Canada in the Westminster Reform Period, c. 1918-1952."

S. Berk Melin (SFU PhD), "Obeying the Ruler, Praying Behind the Imam."

Rui Zhao (UBC MA), "Writing for Empire, Writing for Self: Indigenous Officialdom and Genealogy-making in Late Imperial China."

Chair: Prof. Bradley Miller (UBC)

Panel 1-2
Room 2314

Resources and Development

Rui Ding (UBC PhD), "Ploughing the Ming's Land with Korean Cattle: Massive Trade of Livestock and the 14-15 Centuries China-Korean Borderland Agriculture."

Joan Ilevbaoje (UVic MA), "Exploring the Socio-Economic Impact of Idanre Hills on Sustainable Tourism Development in Western Nigeria."

Catrina Webber (SFU MA), "One Fish, Two Fish: Legal Access to Land and Water in Fin de Siècle British Columbia."

Jielu Xu (UBC PhD), "The Shore of the Island: The Social and Environmental Changes in the Qing Zhoushan Archipelago."

Chair: Prof. Jason Colby (UVic)

Break: 10:30-11:00AM

Refreshments available in the Great Hall North, UBC Student Nest

Session 2: 11:00AM-12:30PM

Panel 2-1
Room 2311

Identities - 1

Isabelle Avakumovic-Pointon (UBC PhD), "'Old and Physically Exhausted': Chronological Age, Expected Capacity, and Marginal Disability in Austro-Hungarian Bosnia, 1878-1914."

Slade Barret Brown (SFU MA), "'You'll Get Your Station, Boys!': The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, Dunsmuir Family, and the Making of Settler Society in the Popular History of Duncan's Founding."

Morgan Jennings (SFU MA), "The Disintegration of Unity: Contextualizing Discontent within the Late Ottoman Empire."

Alyssa Talley (UVic MA), "Perpetrators and Their History."

Chair: Prof. Mark Leier (SFU)

Panel 2-2
Room 2314

Sources and Methods

Quinton Huang (UBC MA), "Scribbles over Shaukiwan: Secretaries, Surveyors, and Squatters in Hong Kong at the end of the 19th Century."

Sichen Liu (UBC MA), "Manufactured Liberation: Women's Images in Cultural Revolution Propaganda Posters."

Shams Sharif (SFU PhD), "Echoes of Silence: Uncovering the 1979 Bomb Drop in Soviet Tajikistan through Oral Histories."

Navid Aliakbar (SFU Honours), "Reading Between the Lyrics: Examination of the late Pahlavi Era to the Islamic Republic in Iran through Music."

Chair: Prof. John Roosa (UBC)

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Lunch: 12:30-1:30PM
Great Hall North, UBC Student Nest

Session 3: 1:30-3:00PM

Panel 3-1
Room 2311

Identities - 2

Sophie Abbott (UBC Honours), "Investigating the Relationship of Vancouver Based Chinese-Canadians to Land and their Contributions to Habitat '76."

Aso Javaheri (SFU PhD), "From the mother of the nation to the Political Agent."

Yuri Yamaguchi (UBC MA), "Singapore's Japanese Community: A Study in Migration, Acculturation, and Transforming Identities."

Chair: Prof. Leo Shin (UBC)

Panel 3-2
Room 2314

Military History

Emilio Da Silva (SFU Honours), "Unnecessary Heroism: Canada and the Battle of Hong Kong."

Santiago Dominguez (UVic MA), "From Slaves to Liberators: The Role that Free and Enslaved Black Soldiers and Leadership Played in Colombian Independence."

Noah James (UBC MA), "The Advance to the West Coast, Chapter 1: Kaiser Wilhelm II, German Colonial Ambitions, and German Naval Planning to 1903."

Chair: Prof. Robert Brain (UBC)

Dinner: 5:30-7:00PM
Great Hall North

After Dinner Talk: 7:30-9:00PM
Room 2301

The 2025 Burge Lecture
Delivered by Dr. Sarah Nickel
Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Politics and Gender, University of Alberta

"A Crying Need for a Daycare Centre": Indigenous-Run Daycares, 1967-1985"

A reception will follow in the Great Hall North

Sunday, 2 February 2025

Breakfast 8:00-9:00AM
Great Hall North, UBC Student Nest

Session 5: 9:00-10:30AM

Panel 5-1
Room 2311

The Dynamics of Imperial and State Power

Kiran Bhana (UBC MA), "Without Yielding an Inch: Violence, Masculinity and the Rebellion of 1857."

Duncan Murray (UBC MA), "Frantz Fanon, Antoine Porot, and the Battle of Psychiatry in Algiers."

Huang Shijie (PhD East China Normal University), "Identity Differences and the Fate of Shanghai's Private Business Community: Revisiting China's State-Society Relations in the Early 1950s."

Chair: Prof. Aaron Windel (SFU)

Panel 5-2
Room 2314

International Relations

Hamid Incidelen (SFU PhD), "American Protestant Missionaries as Transnational Agents in the Late Ottoman Empire."

Nolan Jensen (SFU MA), "How did Canadian Media Report the Connections Between Light/Brascan and Brazil's Military Regime?"

Fiona Li (UBC MA), "Hidden Friendship - Sino-Soviet relations at grassroots level."

Johnny Zhen (UBC MA), "Fraternal Friendship: Ho Chi Minh and the Chinese Communist Party in the Making of Sino-Vietnamese Solidarity, 1955-1975."

Chair: Prof. Benjamin Bryce (UBC)

Break: 3:00-3:30PM

Refreshments available in the Great Hall North, UBC Student Nest

Session 4: 3:30-5:00PM

Panel 4-1
Room 2311

Colonialism in Canada

Ursula Dhillon (UVic MA), "Cartography, Colonialism, and Kelp: Navigating the Intersections of History and Ecology."

Harry Jarrett (UBC Honours), "Stateless Sovereigns Unite: Habitat 1976 and the Emergence of a Global Indigenous Identity."

Natasha McConnell (UBC MA), "'We want that river for the salmon that run there': Salmon and the McKenna-McBride Testimonies from Around the Salish Sea."

Catherine St. John (UBC MA), "'What is a Sportsman?': Rod and Gun, Constructions of Indigeneity, and Hunting in Western Canada, 1900-1925."

Chair: Prof. Christine O'Bonsawin (UVic)

Panel 4-2
Room 2314

Religious Histories

Chien-Cho Chan (UBC PhD), "Recognizing Negative Emotions for Enlightenment: Diverse Approaches to Emotions in Late Ming Chinese Buddhism."

Jayme Martin (SFU MA), "A Portrait of a Protestant Artist: Robert Heaz, 1564-1594."

Sean Robinson (UNBC, Honours), "New Crosses to Bear: Catholicism in Navarra, 1923-1930."

Borna Zargarian (VIU, Honours), "'To give mankind an example of reformation': The Exemplary Animal in High Medieval Hagiography."

Chair: Prof. Kenneth Duggan (VIU)

Break 10:30-11:00AM

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