

2014-2015 Colloquia



April 10, 2015

Julie Guthman, University of California, Santa Cruz

“Killing Life to Make Life: the Biopolitics of Soil Fumigant Regulation in California’s Strawberry Industry”

Julie Guthman (Ph.D. UC Berkeley) is Professor in the Social Science Division of the University of California, Santa Cruz. She studies sustainable agriculture and alternative food movements, international political economy of food and agriculture, politics of obesity, environmental health, political ecology, race and food, critical nutrition, and critical human geography. She has an MBA and a Ph.D. in geography from UC Berkeley and blogs for the *New York Times* (see her recent piece, “**Enough with the Calorie Counting**”). Her article “The Food Police: Why Michael Pollan Made Me Want to Eat Cheetos” reprinted in late 2008 by *Utne Reader*, received national attention. In her book, *Weighing In: Obesity, Food Justice, and the Limits of Capitalism*, Guthman draws on science and economics to question the pervasive myths that drive our obsession with food.



February 27, 2015
Kathryn Harrison, University of British Columbia

“The Comparative Politics of Carbon Taxation”

Kathryn Harrison (Ph.D., University of British Columbia) is Professor of International Affairs at the University of British Columbia. Her research addresses environmental policy-making, focusing on the comparative analysis of governmental policy adoption as well as the efficacy of alternative policy instruments. She authored the book *Passing the Buck: Federalism and Canadian Environmental Policy* (1996) and co-authored (with George Hoberg) *Risk, Science, and Politics* (1994). In addition, she has edited three volumes, the most recent of which is *Global Commons, Domestic Decisions: The Comparative Politics of Climate Change* (MIT Press, 2010), co-edited with Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom. Recent journal publications include: “Multilevel Governance and American Influence on Canadian Climate Policy: The California Effect vs. the Washington Effect,” (2012); “Historical Legacies and Policy Reform: Diverse Regional Reactions to BC’s Carbon Tax,” with Chelsea Peet (2012); “A Tale of Two Taxes: The Fate of Environmental Tax Reform in Canada,” (2012); and “The Comparative Politics of Carbon Taxation,” (2010).

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January 26, 2015 Robert Keohane, Princeton University

“The Global Politics of Climate Change: Challenges for Political Science”

Robert O. Keohane (Ph.D. Harvard University) is Professor of International Affairs, Princeton University. He is the author of *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (1984) and *Power and Governance in a Partially Globalized World* (2002). He is co-author (with Joseph S. Nye, Jr.) of *Power and Interdependence* (third edition 2001), and (with Gary King and Sidney Verba) of *Designing Social Inquiry* (1994). He has served as the editor of the journal *International Organization* and as president of the International Studies Association and the American Political Science Association. He won the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, 1989, and the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science, 2005. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the National Academy of Sciences. He has received honorary degrees from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, and Sciences Po Paris, and is the Harold Lasswell Fellow (2007-08) of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

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November 13, 2014
David Vogel, University of California, Berkeley

“How The Golden State Became Green: The Origins of Environmental Regulation in California”

David Vogel (Ph.D., Princeton University) is the Soloman P. Lee Distinguished Professor in Business Ethics at the University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of both the Political Science Department and the Haas School of Business, and is Editor of the *California Management Review*. His research addresses business-government relations and focuses on the comparative and international dimensions of environmental and consumer regulation, including the effects of globalization, trade, and corporate social responsibility. His most recent book, *The Politics of Precaution: Regulating Health, Safety and Environmental Risks in Europe and the United States* (Princeton University Press 2012), won the 2014 APSA Lynton Keith Caldwell Prize for the best book in Science, Technology and Environmental Politics. He is currently conducting research on the history of environmental regulation in California.

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October 17, 2014

Ronald Mitchell, University of Oregon

“Leaders, Laggards, and the Influence of International Institutions”

Ron Mitchell (Ph.D, Harvard University) is Professor of Political Science at University of Oregon. He is the Associate Editor of *Global Environmental Politics* and the former chair of the Editorial Board of *International Organization*. In addition to his extensive publication record, he has received numerous research grants including the National Science Foundation grant, “DISCCRS: Interdisciplinary Leadership Training for Early-Career Climate Scholars”. Professor Mitchell has established and maintains the International Environmental Agreements (IEAs) Database which contains information for over 1100 multilateral and 1500 bilateral environmental agreements.