

Global Populism & Democratic Futures Summit – March 28 & March 29



Dr. Ann Komaromi
Associate Professor,
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'Framing' Social Media in the Trump Era

March 28, 7pm @Balsillie School of International Affairs

Komaromi considers some of the evidence for framing social media as a culprit for this debacle of democracy. She draws on her research of Soviet dissident networks to suggest that we need to think more about the frameworks of culture and policy within which social media operate.

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Dr. Henry Giroux
2018 Jarislowsky
Fellow & McMaster
Chair for Scholarship
in the Public Interest

The Challenge of Higher Education in a Time of Tyranny

March 29, 11:30am @Balsillie School of International Affairs

Giroux will focus on the threat that the Trump presidency poses to both higher education and democracy itself. In addition to taking up these issues, the talk will point to several recommendations that provide an alternative to some of the oppressive conditions now shaping institutions of higher learning, particularly in the United States.



Dr. Kurt Huebner
Interim Director of
European Studies
Institute, UBC

Cultural and Socio-Economic Factors of Populism in Europe

March 28, 7pm @Balsillie School of International Affairs

Huebner will look into a sample of populist movements and parties across Europe, making the argument that the retreat to the nation-state has the potential to undermine the project of European integration.