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Important Reminders

SPPA Hours of Operation: June – August 2014

The SPPA office will be open during the following hours from June 1st, 2014 – August 31st, 2014:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Important Dates: June 2014

June 15th, 2014 – enrolment deposit due for those that enrolled in F/W courses prior to June 1st.

June 20th, 2014 – last day of exams for S1.

June 24th, 2014 - last day to drop a S2 course and receive full tuition back.

June 27th, 2014 – last day to enrol in S2 without permission.

June 30th, 2014 – deadline to apply for OSAP and still have interest deferred in September and January (*in case it comes late, which does happen frequently*) **Note:** you can still apply after this date and will receive OSAP likely within 8 or so weeks of applying, however you will not be eligible for the interest deferral.

Refer to the link below for further details:

<http://yublog.apps01.yorku.ca/blog/2014/05/06/important-dates-summer/>

SPPA Events / News

Toronto Star Article Written by SPPA

Professor Thomas Klassen:

Ontario pension plan good politics, but bad policy

Article by Thomas Klassen published on Monday May 26th, 2014 in the Toronto Star.

The unprecedented proposal by the province of Ontario to create its own public pension plan to supplement the Canada Pension Plan is magnificent politics. The proposal

plan is fraught with dangers and implications that extend beyond the election campaign.

Premier Kathleen Wynne is correct in concluding that having adequate retirement income is a worry for many people, especially for those of middle and low income. Canada's two public pensions — Old Age Security and the Canada Pension Plan — are modest. The age of eligibility for federal Old Age Security will gradually increase from the current 65 to 67 starting in 2023.

Employers in Canada are not required to establish their own pension plans, and most do not. Just over one-third of workers have employer pension plans, with most of these in stable and relatively well-paying jobs. Many employers are reducing the scope of their pensions or eliminating them altogether. Some are shifting from defined benefit schemes, which guarantee a specified payment upon retirement, to defined contribution schemes in which payments are a function of how well investments perform.

Even as a secure retirement becomes more precarious for Canadians, the proposal for a made-in-Ontario solution is mediocre policy because reforming the CPP would better

Strengthen retirement income. Even more alarming, a new pension plan will balkanize Canada and weaken the federation.

No province, other than Quebec, has its own public pension plan. Quebec's plan has almost identical rules as the CPP and its benefits are the same as the national plan. This means that regardless of province of residency, workers and employers are members of the same, or portable, pension schemes.

If Ontario creates its own plan to top up the CPP, other provinces will follow. There is no constitutional impediment to individual provinces establishing public pension schemes. Once this occurs, the CPP will fade in importance, as each province tweaks its supplementary plan to suit political and economic circumstances.

Workers and employers will start to consider pension schemes when deciding on whether, and where, to relocate. Complex new rules may be required for those who lived and worked in several provinces.

Behind Ontario's proposal is the [unwillingness of Prime Minister Stephen Harper to reform the CPP](#). The threat of

an Ontario plan is a bargaining chip in the ongoing battle between Ottawa and many of the provinces, including Ontario, that want to see enhancements to the CPP.

The Ontario Liberals have promised to implement their plan to require contributions of 1.9 per cent each from employer and employee (3.8 per cent combined) on earnings up to \$90,000.

These contribution limits will be in addition to the 4.95 per cent currently required by the CPP from employer and employee on earnings up to \$52,500. Therefore the Ontario plan is a significant expansion of benefits that for some workers would nearly double what they would receive from the CPP alone.

If the Liberals are re-elected, they will have the mandate to set up their plan. Ottawa will be backed into a corner: having to consent to expand the CPP along the lines of Ontario's plan or watch the slow demise of the CPP.

The best public pension arrangements are stable, predictable and provide for adequate retirement income for those most at risk of poverty in old age. Rapid shifts or uncertainty in public pensions trigger anxiety among workers and employers, and doubts among families saving for retirement.

Public pensions should be a topic of debate in electoral campaigns, especially with the large baby boom generation approaching the age of retirement. However, politicians — those who propose expanding pensions and those who oppose strengthened pensions — need to better inform voters of the rationale and implications of their stance.

The CPP has been a cornerstone of retirement income for nearly 50 years. If the time has come for it to be supplemented by provincial schemes, federal and provincial politicians must explain to Canadians the consequences of doing so.

Thomas Klassen is a professor of political science at York University. He is the author of Retirement in Canada (Oxford, 2013).

SPPA faculty to receive University Professor title at Spring Convocation

Two York professors will be awarded 2014 University Professorships for their scholarship, teaching and participation in University life or contribution to the University as a community.

Susan Dimock and Martin Lockshin, both professors in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LAPS),

were selected by York University's Senate Committee on Awards to be given the honorific title –

University Professor. Dimock and Lockshin will be honoured at York University's spring convocation ceremonies in June.

A University Professor is a long-serving, tenured faculty member who has made an extraordinary contribution to the University as a colleague, teacher and scholar, including significant long-term contribution to the development or growth of the University or its parts; significant participation in the collegium through mentorship, service and/or governance; sustained impact over time on the University's teaching mission; and recognition as a scholar.

During her time at York University, **Susan Dimock** has been an active member of the collegium and has participated in many aspects of University governance. She has been the chair of the University Senate, chair of Faculty Council, master of McLaughlin College, director of the York Centre for Practical Ethics, president of the York University Faculty Association, and a member of the hiring committees for both the President and the Provost of York.

Dimock's research interests span topics in ethical theory and practical ethics, including political and public sector ethics, political philosophy and the philosophy of law. She is currently researching criminal law and criminal justice within the framework of a broader political conception of a just society.

In addition to being an active researcher and author of numerous books and scholarly articles, Dimock

teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in moral, political and legal philosophy. She is a winner of York's most prestigious teaching award—the President's University-Wide Teaching Award—and has developed a range of pedagogical materials for teaching philosophy. Her passion for and wide mastery of topics in value theory, her wit and her extraordinary presentation skills combine to make her a sought-after speaker. Dimock participates in a variety of scholarly workshops and conferences throughout the world.

Other News

AP/HREQ 4740 6.00M: Ideology, Social Policy, and the State - Summer 2014

July-August Course

D2 Course Offering – Enrol Now!

This course is centered on a core struggle between working-class Ontarians and a corporate governing class as it is worked out in the schools of poor, racialized and immigrant communities. A major section of the course will draw on student experience of growing up and going to school in Toronto or elsewhere in the world.

Format: Three hour seminar
Monday to Friday 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**BPA Student Ajay Nandalall – Achieves
Position at the
Ministry of the Attorney General**

Student Ajay Nandalall, Specialist Honours in Public Administration (Law, Justice & Public Policy) and recent admit into the MPPAL program, has achieved a Summer Student position at the following Ministry due to his work with SPPA Professor Peter Constantinou. His position details are below:

Ministry: Ministry of the Attorney General
Branch: Innovation Office (Project Management Office)
Position: Project and Communications Assistant (Summer Student)

Moreover, the student is also in the process of interviewing for the following position:

Ministry: Ministry of the Attorney General
Branch: Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office
Position: Office Assistant (Summer Experience Program)

Our congratulations go out to student Ajay Nandalall for his recent accomplishments.

**McLaughlin College Graduation Celebration –
June 16th, 2014 at 6:30 PM**

Professor David Leyton-Brown, Master of McLaughlin College; Claire Simpson, President McLaughlin College Chapter York University Alumni Association, and Dr. Jamie Laws, Chair of McLaughlin Alumni Steering Community cordially invite you and your guest to a celebratory awards ceremony for those graduating with academic distinction: Monday June 16th, 2014; Senior Common Room, 140 McLaughlin College

Timing	Lunch/Break
6:30 PM	Refreshments
7:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
8:00 PM	Reception

RSVP (including # of guests) by June 5th, 2014 to: email bacchus@yorku.ca or Call: 416-736-5128

Parking available at Founders Road East Visitors Lot for \$10.00

<http://www.yorku.ca/yorkweb/maps/KeeleCampus2014.pdf>

Seminars / Workshops

June Activities at the Career Centre

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with a PDF of the calendar of activities for the month of June 2014. Alternatively, you may refer to our [online calendar](#).

This month we're offering two of our popular [Career Exploration](#) workshops in different formats and different locations.

On Thursday, June 5th, [Making Degree Choices: The Other People Factor](#) will be offered from 2:00-3:00 pm via webinar. This workshop will explore how family, culture and other people can influence students' career decisions.

On Wednesday, June 18th, [Getting Started: What Can I Do With My Degree?](#) Will be taking place at the Learning Commons (at Scott Library) from 10:00-11:30 am In this workshop students will learn how the skills they're developing in their degrees and the experiences they're gaining will help build a foundation for their futures.

We've also customized our [Job Search](#) workshops to students from specific Faculties and programs of study.

[Resume & Cover Letter Writing for Liberal Arts students](#) will take place on Wednesday, June 4th from 12:30-2:30pm.

[Resume & Cover Letter Writing for Business & Technology students](#) will take place on Thursday, June 19th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Students interested in using LinkedIn to support their job search efforts are invited to attend the [Creating a Professional LinkedIn Profile workshop](#) on June 23rd from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. This hands-on workshop, held in the 034 Founders College computer lab, will provide students with tips on crafting an effective profile that reflects their personal brand; compose, edit and improve their profile to stand out as a candidate; and learn how to maximize the benefits of LinkedIn to research career options and find a job! Attendees of this workshop will have the option to get their pictures taken to use as part of their profile.

On Thursday, June 26th from 1:30-3:30 pm, we will be offering the [On-the-Job Success workshop](#) to support students looking for tips on how to transition effectively into the workplace. In this workshop, students will learn about workplace etiquette and expectations, qualities that employers value most, and how to make and maintain a positive impression in order to cultivate long-term professional relationships.

Students are encouraged to register for workshops and other activities through the [Career Centre's online system](#).

The Career Centre has over 700 non-circulating resources to help students research careers, industries and sectors, learn about opportunities for further studies, and assist them in their job search. Here are some new additions to our Career Resource Library:

[101 Careers in Counseling](#) by Shannon Hodges

[Choosing a Career in International Development: A Practical Guide to Working in the Professions of International Development](#) by Donovan Russell

[The Digital Creative's Survival Guide: Everything You Need for a Successful Career in Web, App, Multimedia and Broadcast Design](#) by Paul Wyatt

[Best Careers for Teachers: Making the Most of Your Teaching Degree](#) by Learning Express

[Careers in Criminal Justice](#) by Coy H. Johnston

Feel free to share this information broadly with students, new graduates and colleagues. If you would like to have a contact added or you would like to be removed from this distribution list, please let me know.

Learning Skills Services-June Workshop Calendar

Learning Skills Services would like to provide you with the workshop calendar for the month of June. We offer a range of workshops throughout the summer session in the areas of:

- Study Secrets,
- Time Management,
- Reading and Note-Taking and
- Exam Preparation.

Throughout the summer term, our workshops will be held in the Sound and Moving Image Library (SMIL), Screening Room 124, Scott Library.

We also encourage students to participate in our **Passport to Success** program where students will receive a certificate after attending [EIGHT](#) Learning Skills Services

workshops during their time as a York student – a valuable addition to any academic portfolio or resumé!

It would be greatly appreciated if you could distribute the attached calendar to students, fellow staff and faculty. Students can find out more information of these workshops **on-line** at: lss.info.yorku.ca , while receiving workshop reminders and study tips via **twitter** [@mysuccessyorku](https://twitter.com/mysuccessyorku).

As a reminder, Learning Skills is one of the services offered through Counselling & Disability Services. These services are offered to all York University undergraduate and graduate students. For more information, visit us on-line at: lss.info.yorku.ca

Pakistan Beyond Tremors and Terror: Critical Engagements with Political, Economic and Cultural Change

The Pakistan Conference Committee has organized an academic conference on Pakistan, titled Pakistan Beyond Tremors and Terror: Critical Engagements with Political, Economic and Cultural Change.

The goal of the conference is to move beyond the dominant narratives of Pakistan in the mainstream media and in recent academic (and policy) knowledge production, which has often reproduced crude and overly narrow analyses of the country and its people. It has been analyses which seems to be more committed to promoting United States foreign policy objectives than to stimulating any serious academic inquiry.

This conference will bring together scholars and students whose research moves beyond these prevailing views for a more complex understanding of Pakistan and its people. We seek to critically interrogate the "war on terror", religious violence and other topics scarcely covered in the mainstream.

A full conference schedule can be found on the [Pakistan Beyond Tremors and Terror](#) website.

Graduate Research Workshop on Migration and Settlement – June 11

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
York University, Kaneff Tower, Room 519, 4700 Keele Street

CERIS invites you to an interactive workshop showcasing research findings on migration and settlement by emerging scholars in Ontario. In this all-day event, recent and prospective PhDs will present on three major themes including New Forms of Precariousness; Migrant Health

and Wellbeing; and Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and Identity. Following the presentations, the audience will have an opportunity to receive hands-on training on how to write research summaries and mobilize research to the general public. For more information, see flyer or visit: http://www.ceris.metropolis.net/?tribe_events=workshop-on-recent-doctoral-research-regarding-migration-and-settlement

Session One: New Forms of Precariousness

(9:00am–10:10am)

This session explores the policy and experiences that affect migrant workers and international students at a global and local level. Topics include temporary work, live-in caregivers, access to education and student mobility.

Presenters:

Geraldina Polanco, York University; Oluwabukola Oladunni Salami, University of Toronto; Francisco Javier Villegas, University of Toronto; Gunjan Sondhi, York University; Wambui Gichuru, Western University.

Session Two: Migrant Health and Wellbeing

(10:20am–11:30am)

This session focuses on the physical and mental health of immigrants and refugees, especially women. Topics include utilization of and access to health services, memory and trauma, employment and its effects on health.

Presenters:

Janette J. Brual, Queen's University; S.M. Tariqul Islam, Laurentian University; Bharati Sethi, Wilfrid Laurier University; Sajedah Zahraei, University of Toronto; Christine Nabukeera, York University.

Session Three: Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and Identity

(11:40am–12:50pm)

This session looks at the factors that shape migrants' identity formation and expression. Topics include immigrant diversity, dimensions of citizenship, identity re-negotiation, and belonging.

Presenters:

Laura Reidel, Wilfrid Laurier University; Rhiannon Mosher, York University; Snežana Ratkovic, Brock University; Evadne Kelly, York University; Janine Rose, York University.

To attend, please RSVP at <http://cerisgraduateresearch.eventbrite.ca>. We look forward to seeing you on June 11!

Public Sector Change Leadership – New Zealand Experience

This is advance notice of a world-class happening in Wellington, New Zealand in November 2015. Wellington, called 'the coolest little capital on the planet', is celebrating 150 years as New Zealand's capital city. And New Zealand is 30 years on from the origins of groundbreaking New Public Management reforms, with a wealth of experience and learning to share.

The program planned is innovative, relevant, and engaging and is presented in three-part harmony:

1. Action learning leadership development built around a practical project with organizational outcomes (22 November to 2 December)
2. Change leadership conference reinforced by international experts and site visits (24-26 November)
3. Biennial writers and readers festival featuring public debate of challenging issues (27-28 November).

Political and public service change leaders attending the program will discover the value proposition of acquiring new thinking, practices, and connections.

To register, express your interest, or get more information, please contact profdev@vuw.ac.nz.

Summer Workshops on Research Methods

A special series of non-credit, no-fee, workshops for graduate students, 4th year students planning to begin graduate studies and others interested in brushing up on their basic research skills. You may attend any workshop or all of the workshops depending on your interest.

Please Note: During the workshop sessions dealing with statistics participants who wish, will have the opportunity to learn not only the mathematical theory but also how to calculate the statistics presented and how to use them in research (if they choose). All of this "technical work" will be presented and taught using EXCEL. Those who wish can purchase an inexpensive and very good guidebook to using Excel for statistical work. Pace, Larry (2013) *The Excel Data and Statistics Cookbook*, Third Ed. Available for \$14.83 (US) at <http://www.lulu.com> as an e-book (downloads as a PDF which is yours forever). MPPAL student can apply to have the cost of the book rebated as a program expense. If you do wish to learn the "technical work" it is advisable to bring a laptop to the relevant workshops.

Call for Papers / Proposals

CFA: 2015-2016 EURIAS Fellowship

Programme

Apr 15, 2014 to Jun 5, 2014

The European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS) Fellowship Programme is an international researcher mobility programme offering 10-month residencies in one of the 16 participating Institutes: Berlin, Bologna, Budapest, Cambridge, Delmenhorst, Edinburgh, Freiburg, Helsinki, Jerusalem, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Uppsala, Vienna, Wassenaar, Zürich. The Institutes for Advanced Study support the focused, self-directed work of outstanding researchers. The fellows benefit from the finest intellectual and research conditions and from the stimulating environment of a multi-disciplinary and international community of first-rate scholars.

EURIAS Fellowships are mainly offered in the fields of the humanities and social sciences but may also be granted to scholars in life and exact sciences, provided that their proposed research project does not require laboratory facilities and that it interfaces with humanities and social sciences. The diversity of the 16 participating IAS offers a wide range of possible research contexts in Europe for worldwide scholars. Applicants may select up to three IAS outside their country of nationality or residence as possible host institutions.

The Programme welcomes applications worldwide from promising young scholars as well as from leading senior researchers. The EURIAS selection process has proven to be highly competitive. To match the Programme standards, applicants have to submit a solid and innovative research proposal, to demonstrate the ability to forge beyond disciplinary specialisation, to show an international commitment as well as quality publications in high-impact venues.

For the 2015–2016 academic year EURIAS offers 44 fellowships (22 junior and 22 senior positions).

All IAS have agreed on common standards, including the provision of a living allowance (in the range of € 26,000 for a junior fellow and € 38,000 for a senior fellow), accommodation (or a mobility allowance), a research budget, plus coverage of travel expenses.

Application:

- Applications are submitted online via www.eurias-fp.eu, where, you will find detailed information regarding the content of the application, eligibility criteria, and selection procedure.

For more information, please contact the workshop leader: Prof. Daniel Cohn, dcohn@yorku.ca or 416-736-2100 ext. 77276

A more complete syllabus with additional suggested electronic readings will be posted shortly on Prof. Cohn's website on Monday May 5th at: <http://www.yorku.ca/dcohn/courses.html>

All sessions are in MC140 (The McLaughlin College Senior Common Room) and will start at 7pm. Light refreshments will be available.

- Thurs. May 29th Research as a Social Science and as a Public Policy Pursuit / Getting Started with Excel
- Thurs. June 5th From Question to Execution -- Research Design Ensuring Validity and Reliability: Dilemmas of Qualitative and Quantitative Research
- Thurs. June 19th Qualitative Research, Documentary Evidence and 'Qualitative Data Sets'
- Thurs. June 26th Qualitative Research: Key Informant Interviewing and Participant Observer Methods
- Thurs. July 17th Describing Data with Graphs and Numbers
- Thurs. July 24th Describing Relationships between Data with Graphs and Crosstabs
- Thurs. July 31st Margin of Error, Confidence and Significance (Z and one sample "t")
- Thurs. Aug 7th Are the relationships meaningful? Part I: Return of the Crosstab
- Thurs. Aug 14th Are the relationships meaningful? Part II: Two Sample "t" tests and ANOVA
- Thurs Aug 21st Regression Analysis

2014 Causal Inference Workshops: Main and Advanced

Northwestern University and Duke University are holding two workshops on Research Design for Causal Inference this year.

Main workshop: Monday – Friday, July 7-11, 2014 [at Northwestern]

Advanced workshop: Wednesday - Friday, August 13-15, 2014 [at Duke]

Both workshops will be taught by world-class causal inference researchers. Registration for each is limited to 100 participants. For information and to register: law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/

- Applications period April 15th—June 5th, 2014, 12 pm (noon) GMT.
- Late applications will not be considered.

Selection Procedure

- Scientific assessment by two international reviewers
- Pre-selection by the international EURIAS Scientific Committee
- Final selection by the IAS Academic Boards
- Publication of results: January 2015

For further information on the Programme, please consult our website: www.eurias-fp.eu
For further information on the IAS and their specific working conditions: www.eurias-fp.eu/ias.

Dupont Summit on Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy

The purpose of the **Dupont Summit** is to promote interdisciplinary dialogue about pressing issues related to science, technology and the environment. The conference mirrors the interest of the PSO and its partners in promoting conversation about current policy concern.

Prominent scholars, government officials, and other experts will be on hand, and we hope you will join in the discussion. Some of our past speakers include former Director of Central Intelligence James Woolsey, the Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan George Heartwell, Congressman Robert C. Scott, and Associate Director of Arizona State University's DC Office of the Consortium for Science, Policy, & Outcomes Mahmud Farooque, plus others from various organizations such as the National Science Foundation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of Engineering, as well as numerous prestigious colleges and universities. Visit our [website](#) for more details on the Dupont Summit or view last year's [program](#).

How to Submit a Proposal

In order to submit a paper for consideration, please send a 1-2 page abstract to **PSO Executive Director Daniel Gutierrez-Sandoval** at dgutierrez@ipsonet.org. Topics of interest include, but are by no means limited to, health, energy, national security, information technology and telecommunications, environment science and climate change, biotechnology, HIV/AIDS, space, and the ethical, legal, and social implications of existing and emerging technologies. The early consideration deadline is **October 5th, 2014**. Due to space constraints, this year we will be

accepting fewer proposals for presentation. **Proposals submitted by the early deadline will be given priority.**

About the PSO

The Policy Studies Organization disseminates policy scholarship through its numerous academic journals, book series, conferences, and programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matthew Brewer (Director of Outreach and Open Source Materials) either by email or by phone: 202-349-9288, brewer@ipsonet.org

Summer Opportunities

International Summer School on the Geopolitics of Natural Resources

June 16-21, Université Laval

Information: <http://www.hei.ulaval.ca/en/summer-school-natural-resources-registration>

Co-organised by Hautes études internationales (HEI) of the Université Laval and The School of Public Policy (University of Calgary), this summer school will focus on some **major issues of the natural resources' geopolitics** in a multidisciplinary scope (political science, economics, law, geography, etc). PROGRAM: http://www.cms.fss.ulaval.ca/recherche/upload/hei/fichiers/ee_ressources_naturelles_2014_13_mai_2014.pdf

Please note that all the conferences will be simultaneously translated.

Contact our assistants :
ressourcesnaturelles@hei.ulaval.ca

Call for Applications Summer School on Parliaments 2014 in Brussels

There are still places available for the 3rd Summer School on Parliaments 2014 in Brussels (September 8-19)! This is a great opportunity for graduate students and junior researchers to learn from and meet established scholars from the field of legislative studies.

The summer school is aimed at doctoral students and junior scholars with research interests in the areas of parliamentary and legislative studies. In addition, the Summer School may be of interest to junior professional researchers attached to the research and administrative services of national and regional parliaments.

More details on the schedule, accommodations and application procedure are at the following link:

http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/parliaments/?page_id=53

Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies: Summer Short Courses

June 1-26, 2014

The Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at The American University in Cairo (AUC) is offering the following four short courses during the month of June 2014:

- International Refugee Law (June 1 - 5, 2014)
- Protection Challenges among Vulnerable Migrants and Refugees in Transition Times: Egypt as a Case Study (June 8 - 12, 2014)
- Addressing Global Trends: Psychosocial and Mental Health Interventions for Refugees Living the Urban Context (June 15 – 19, 2014)
- Immigration Detention: Challenges of a Growing Trend (June 22 -26, 2014)

The courses are offered for graduate level students, researchers and practitioners in the field of migration and refugees. The maximum number of participants in each course is between 10 - 30. All courses are conducted in English and no translation facilities are provided. Participants should have a sufficient command of the English language.

Interested applicants can apply for one course or for all the four courses. The fee for each course is \$ 500. Tuition waiver options are offered only to qualified candidates from the developing countries. However, participants who get tuition waiver are responsible for the cost of their flight to and accommodation in Egypt.

NB: Non- Egyptian applicants are strongly encouraged to apply three weeks before the course start, in order to have enough time to obtain their visa. All courses will take place in the Tahrir Campus in Downtown Cairo. The exact location and room numbers will be forwarded to accepted participants before the start of the courses.

Deadlines for submitting applications for this course:

- For participants who are self-sponsored, sponsored by other organization or their employers: 5th of May
- For Participants requesting tuition waiver: 12th of May
- Deadline for paying course deposit (30% of the total course's fee) is 12th of May

To apply for the courses:

1. Fill out the application form on CMRS website: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/cmrs/outreach/Pages/ShortCourses.aspx>
2. Send the application to cmrscourses@aucegypt.edu with your most recent C.V

Applicants may apply and be accepted to more than one course. Please do not hesitate to contact cmrscourses@aucegypt.edu if you have any difficulty with the application process. Applicants accepted for the course will be notified by email within a week after the deadline for submitting the application.

Tom Recocevic: York West NDP Candidate Volunteers Needed

My name is Annie Truong-Le and I have just finished up my first year at York, and am currently volunteering full-time in the upcoming provincial elections.

As a youth, I was never really engaged in politics let alone volunteering. I became interested in politics after volunteering with Tom Rakocevic, the NDP candidate in the Yorkwest riding. He is a York University graduate and through volunteering in his campaign I was able to learn so many things - not only about politics but about people in general.

Yorkwest has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in all of Ontario, and it is especially hard to get the youth in the community engaged in politics. Another issue that stands out is that many York University students living on campus actually don't know that they can vote in the elections as well!

We have just under a week and a half left until Election Day (June 12th), so I encourage anyone who is interested in politics or even learning more about the people in the community to come out and help us out in the last stretch of the elections!

Meet new people, build your resume, and become engaged in the community in which you go to school. Join our team today: <http://www.tomrakocevic.ca/volunteer>

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<https://www.facebook.com/TomRakocevic>