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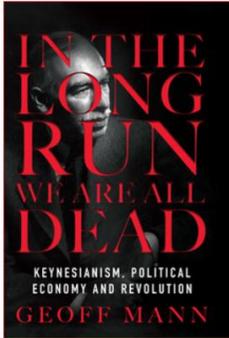
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**U Victoria's Chris Darimont working with Indigenous communities to protect BC's iconic coastal wildlife:** As a young boy, Chris Darimont spent idyllic summers exploring the shorelines of the Gulf Islands. Now, as a geographer at the University of Victoria, Darimont is still examining life on the coast, and what he's learning is having a profound impact on our attitudes about wildlife management on the coast and beyond. Darimont's primary focus is the complex relationship connecting grizzly bears, wolves, salmon and humans, working with the coastal communities whose knowledge of wildlife long preceded his own. Maintaining healthy bear populations is at the heart of what Darimont sees as the BC government's most contentious wildlife management position— supporting the grizzly bear trophy hunt. "To kill something not to feed a family, but instead to feed one's ego? That's outdated resource management policy that belongs in the '50s," he says. "Only a small proportion of hunters won't let it go." Two cornerstones of Darimont's research are to produce results that encourage management policies based on solid science and to work closely with coastal Indigenous communities. "What we learn through our partnered relationships with these communities informs their own decisions about wildlife management as their governments re-assert their authority over resource management. It's not just a 'business only' relationship. Our partnerships thrive on friendship and trust." Darimont respects the Indigenous idea that animals should be treated like relatives, deploring the "super-predator" practice of serial depletion. [UVic knowLEDGE](#)

**U Toronto MA student Jeff Allen in National Geographic article describing about how eight mapmakers got their start:** So many of cartographers seem to genuinely love their jobs. It's one of those professions with a disproportionate number of people who are really happy to be there. Jeff Allen estimates that between ages 5 and 14, he filled around a half dozen 20- to 30-foot-long rolls of paper with maps of imaginary cities like the one above. The shoreline is probably inspired by his hometown of Toronto, but Allen says he was following the urban form of a typical North American city, as well as mimicking the cartographic design of maps he had seen. "As a kid I was just always fascinated with cities and walking around the city," he says. "I guess it translated into something I could draw rather than what other kids would typically draw at the time." Today, Allen is a researcher in the [Spatial Analysis of Urban Systems Lab](#) at the University of Toronto, where he works on a variety of topics such as students' travel behavior and the accessibility of transportation, jobs, and healthy food. He really likes the variety of his job, which includes cartography, graphic design, data analysis and visualization, research, writing, coding, and programming. At the same time, he is working toward a master's degree in geography and doing freelance cartography on the side. [National Geographic](#)

## New Book

Geoff Mann. 2017. [In the Long Run We Are All Dead: Keynesianism, Political Economy, and Revolution](#). Verso. 423 p. ISBN: 9781784785994



In the ruins of the 2007–2008 financial crisis, self-proclaimed progressives the world over clamoured to resurrect the economic theory of John Maynard Keynes. The crisis seemed to expose the disaster of small-state, free-market liberalization and deregulation. Keynesian political economy, in contrast, could put the state back at the heart of the economy and arm it with the knowledge needed to rescue us. But what it was supposed to rescue us from was not so clear. Was it the end of capitalism or the end of the world? For Keynesianism, the answer is both. Keynesians are not and never have been out to save capitalism, but rather to save civilization from itself. It is political economy, they promise, for the world in which we actually live: a world in which prices are “sticky,” information is “asymmetrical,” and uncertainty inescapable. In this world, things will definitely not take care of themselves in the long run. Poverty is ineradicable, markets fail, and revolutions lead to tyranny. Keynesianism is thus modern liberalism’s most persuasive internal critique, meeting two centuries of crisis with a proposal for capital without capitalism and revolution without revolutionaries. If our current crises have renewed Keynesianism for so many, it is less because the present is worth saving, than because the future seems out of control. In that situation, Keynesianism is a perfect fit: a faith for the faithless.

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**U British Columbia’s Navin Ramankutty** quoted in an [NPR article](#) about a study that details the environmental cost of producing a loaf of bread. Ramankutty said in order to lower the climate impact of food production, we must appreciate the role of fertilizer manufacturing and application in the process of decreasing climate impact. [UBC News](#)

**U Ottawa’s Luisa Veronis** interviewed at Radio Canada: Réflexion sur la position du Canada en matière d'immigration. Des demandeurs d'asile tentent de franchir la frontière entre le Canada et les États-Unis, un phénomène qui s'amplifie dans plusieurs provinces canadiennes, dont le Manitoba et le Québec. Des réfugiés entrent aussi en Ontario: ils arrivent clandestinement cachés dans des camions. À Ottawa, l'opposition demande au gouvernement Trudeau d'intervenir pour endiguer l'entrée au pays d'immigrants illégaux en provenance des États-Unis. Selon Luisa Véronis, professeur de géographie à l'Université d'Ottawa, spécialiste des enjeux de mobilité et d'immigration, le Canada doit faire figure de modèle international en matière d'immigration en accueillant les demandeurs tout en respectant les critères d'admissibilité [UOttawa Geography](#)

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**U Waterloo's Jennifer Clapp** discusses relationships between food production, society and the environment. How much do we really know about the food we eat? And how can some live in abundance while millions are on the brink of starving? Watch "[An Entire Planet Hungry for Answers](#)".

**Simon Fraser U's Kirsten Zickfeld** selected as one of 86 experts worldwide (one of two from Canada) to serve as Lead Author for the IPCC Special Report on the 1.5 degree climate target. [SFU Geography](#)

**U British Columbia's Simon Donner** quoted on [Phys.org](#) about a study that found the public is more accepting of advocacy by climate scientists. Donner cautioned that the findings do not mean scientists should publicly say or do anything without thinking about the repercussions. [The Atlantic](#)

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### Hot Papers by Canadian Geographers

Katherine D. Dearborn and Ryan K. Danby. 2017. [Aspect and slope influence plant community composition more than elevation across forest-tundra ecotones in subarctic Canada](#). Journal of Vegetation Science. DOI:10.1111/jvs.12521

Mark Groulx, Marie Claire Brisbois, Christopher J. Lemieux, Amanda Winegardner and LeeAnn Fishback. 2017. [A role for nature-based citizen science in promoting individual and collective climate change action? A systematic review of learning outcomes](#). Science Communications 29:45-76.

M. Hartt and J. Warkentin. 2017. [The development and revitalisation of shrinking cities: a twin city comparison](#). Town Planning Review 88. DOI:10.3828/tpv.2017.4

Ryan David Kennedy, Ornell Douglas, Lindsay Stehouwer and Jackie Dawson. 2017. [The availability of smoking-permitted accommodations from Airbnb in 12 Canadian cities](#). Tobacco Control. doi.org/10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2016-053315

Jennifer B. Korosi, Joshua R. Thienpont, Michael F. J. Pisaric, Peter deMontigny, Joelle T. Perreault, Jamylynn McDonald, Myrna J. Simpson, Terry Armstrong, Steven V. Kokelj, John P. Smol and Jules M. Blais. 2017. [Broad-scale lake expansion and flooding inundates essential wood bison habitat](#). Nature Communications. DOI:10.1038/ncomms14510

Ronald Labonté, Vivien Runnels, Valorie A. Crooks, Rory Johnston and Jeremy Snyder. 2017. [What does the development of medical tourism in Barbados hold for health equity? an exploratory qualitative case study](#). Global Health Research and Policy 2. DOI:10.1186/s41256-017-0025-z

Jolène Labbé, James D. Ford, Malcolm Araos and Melanie Flynn. 2017. [The government-led climate change adaptation landscape in Nunavut, Canada](#). Environmental Reviews 25:12-25.

Brenda Macdougall. 2017. [Space and place within Aboriginal epistemological traditions: Recent trends in historical scholarship](#). The Canadian Historical Review 98. DOI:10.3138/chr.98.1.Macdougall

Aaron A. Mohammed, Robert A. Schincariol, William L. Quinton, Ranjeet M. Nagare and Gerald N. Flerchinger. 2017. [On the use of mulching to mitigate permafrost thaw due to linear disturbances in sub-arctic peatlands](#). Ecological Engineering 102:207–223.

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Noah Quastel. 2017. [Pashukanis at Mount Polley: Law, eco-social relations and commodity forms](#). Geoforum 81:45–54.

Christopher Scarpone, Margaret G. Schmidt, Chuck E. Bulmer and Anders Knudby. 2017. [Semi-automated classification of exposed bedrock cover in British Columbia's Southern Mountains using a Random Forest approach](#). Geomorphology. doi.org/10.1016/j.geomorph.2017.02.013

Jean-Sébastien Landry and H. Damon Matthews. 2017. [The global pyrogenic carbon cycle and its impact on the level of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> over past and future centuries](#). Global Change Biology. DOI:10.1111/gcb.13603

P.M. Outridge; H. Sane; C.J. Courtney Mustaph and K. Gajewski. 2017. [Holocene climate change influences on trace metal and organic matter geochemistry in the sediments of an Arctic lake over 7,000 years](#). Applied Geochemistry 78:35–48.

James W.N. Steenberg, Andrew A. Millward, David J. Nowak and Pamela J. Robinson. [A conceptual framework of urban forest ecosystem vulnerability](#). Environmental Reviews 25:115-126.

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## Other “Geographical” News

**Pass the dedha: Grocery stores bring indigenous languages to the aisles in Hay River:** Toddler Daxton Beck is at the end of the baking aisle of Super A Foods in Hay River, struggling with the name for salt. Not "salt," but "dedha," the Slavey word. It's written on a pink tag next to the price. Luckily for Daxton, there's a voice coming out of the phone that his mom, Ashley, is holding, which is slowly pronouncing the word over and over to help him nail it down. The tag has a special QR code on it — a box that can be scanned by smartphone apps. Scanning a code redirects the phone to a website hosting the sound. The tags are a product of the South Slave Divisional Education Council, which, according to spokesperson Sarah Pruys, is trying to bring language education out of the classroom. [CBCNews | North](#)

**How big is too big? Richmond wants feedback on farmland house size:** Last year, city staff in Richmond, B.C., cancelled a permit application for a home that was to be built on farmland. The plans called for a 41,000 square-foot floor area and 21 bedrooms. Richmond city spokesperson Ted Townsend says applications like that one sounded alarm bells for the city. City statistics show in 2010, the average house size in a building permit application was 8,557 sq. ft. By 2015, that had climbed to 12,583 sq. ft. To gauge community feeling on the issue, Richmond is hosting an open house to ask people about maximums for house size, setback from the road and non-farm accessory buildings. Townsend says at this stage, the city just wants to see what sorts of standards could be appropriate. "For this phase of the process we're not putting out any proposal and asking people to say yes or no to those proposals," he said. "We're looking more to get a sense of where people think we should be going on this issue." [CBCNews | British Columbia](#)

**I'm writing – but how much detail is enough?** Doctoral researchers may get feedback from supervisors or reviewers about writing less detail – too much here, be more concise – or conversely more, unpack this or more information needed here. Both types of comment mean you haven't got the detail and length right. So how do you know when enough detail is enough? And how long is just right? [Patter](#)

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## Some Not So “Geographical” News

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**GEOGRAPHY  
TEACHER**  
I DON'T BELIEVE  
IN MIRACLES...  
I RELY ON THEM



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