

# KPU GEO-NEWS

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Geo-Tour 2019 explored the physical and human impacts of climate change at Crescent Beach in South Surrey. Join us again on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 !



Image Credit: Dola Pradhan

## GEO-TOUR MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> SIGN UP FOR GEO-TOUR

Join us on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for a guided bus tour in the South of Fraser area. The day-trip (10am-4pm) is only \$10 and includes a free BBQ. Join friends and faculty for what promises to be an interesting trip. Register for limited Geo-Tour bus seats at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kpu-geography-and-environment-geo-tour-2020-tickets-96170204671>

## GEO-FORUM MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> FREE! MOBILITIES 2020

Students and the public are invited to hear from panelists about walking, universal access, cycling and future transport issues (@KPU Civic Thurs., March 19<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm). This is the second public Geo-Forum. Register for limited seats at:

<https://forms.gle/XtGcAs95E5LhTPJ87>

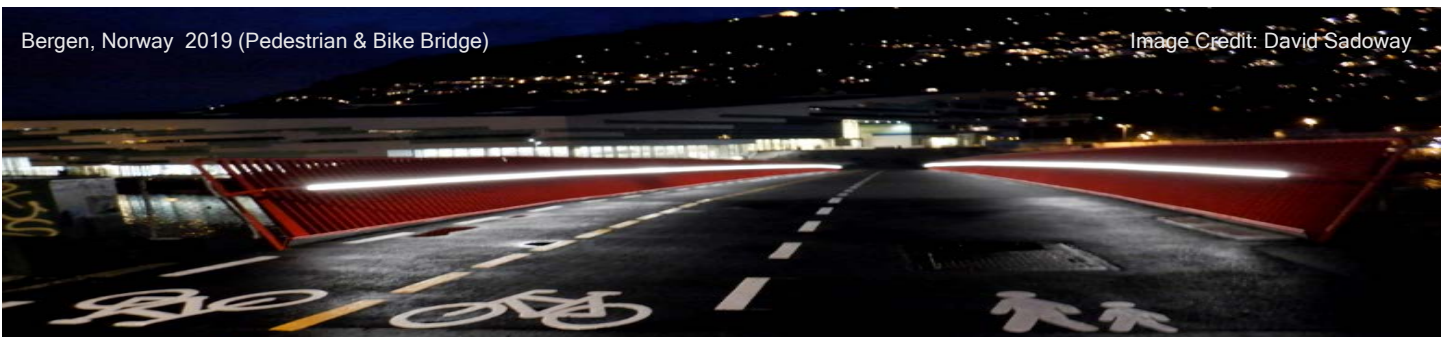
## PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE SIGN-UP FOR ARTS4800

Last year 9 Geography students (majors and minors) joined the ARTS 4800 course. This (Fall 2020) semester-long course will provide students with practical workplace experiences and skills. If you are interested, please visit:

<https://www.kpu.ca/arts/arts-courses/arts-practicum>

Bergen, Norway 2019 (Pedestrian & Bike Bridge)

Image Credit: David Sadoway



## GEO-SURVEY LAUNCHED IN 2020

Students taking all geography classes are invited to participate in an active survey. This survey will assist the Department in course planning and in getting feedback for future courses and student extra-curricular activities. Take the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/22tSECorzjU7Ve9a8>



### KPU Geography + Environment Student Survey 2020

This survey is being undertaken by KPU's Department of Geography + Environment. Your feedback will be used to improve our course offerings, content, scheduling and extra-curricular activities.

Thanks for taking the time to complete our survey !

## JOIN US FOR GEO-TOUR 2020 & BBQ – Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup>

DR. LEONORA KING EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO ALL STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY

The KPU Geography Department will be hosting its annual Geo-Tour on Saturday, March 21st! Join KPU Geography faculty on a bus tour of Surrey and Langley during which we will explore the historical and contemporary human and physical geographies of our landscapes. Enjoy visits to Crescent Beach, the Serpentine Wildlife Management Area, the Fort Langley National Historic Site, and the Fraser River. We will discuss the tectonic, river, glacial, and climatic factors that have shaped our landscapes, the Indigenous and settler-colonial human histories of the area, and issues related to Agricultural Land Reserves/Protection and mass public transit proposals in the Fraser Valley. Finally, we finish the day with a BBQ at Grassroots Café at KPU Surrey.



**What is Geo-Tour 2020?** Guided bus tour with site visits in Surrey and Langley. Educational, interesting and fun. This roundtrip tour, starting and ending @KPU Fir Building, features 4-5 bus stops.

**Where & when?** Meet at KPU Surrey in the easternmost parking lot (by Fir Building) at 9:30am on Saturday, March 21st. Bus returns to KPU Surrey at 4pm for a BBQ at Grassroots.

**How much?** The event costs \$10 (plus tax), and includes a free vegetarian BBQ.

**Who?** Everyone (students, staff, faculty) is welcome to attend! It is wheelchair accessible.

**How to register?** Space is limited. Please register at the link below as soon as possible:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kpu-geography-and-environment-geo-tour-2020-tickets-96170204671>

Come learn about your community, win prizes and socialize, while enjoying the Geo-Tour & BBQ.

– Dr. Leo King (KPU Geography)

<https://www.kpu.ca/arts/geography/news>

# MOBILITIES 2020

## Continues with second event

Our first Geo-Forum about public transit, pedestrian and mobility issues in the South of Fraser Urban Region (SOFA) was held on Thursday, Feb.27<sup>th</sup> at the new KPU Civic Plaza. This lively MOBILITIES 2020 event was attended by students, general public and four panelists (Don Buchanan, City of Surrey; Todd Litman, Victoria Transport Policy Institute; Patrick Condon, UBC; Anthony Perl, SFU).

The second Geo-Forum is planned for **March 19<sup>th</sup>** also at KPU Civic Plaza (6<sup>th</sup> Floor Collaboration Space) during the evening from 7-9pm. This second session will focus on universal access, walking, biking and a range of other mobility issues. Confirmed speakers for the upcoming MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> MOBILITIES 2020 Geo-Forum will include: Stan Leyenhorst (Universal Access); Sandy James (Walk Metro Vancouver); Doug McLeod (City of Surrey); and Andy Yan (SFU&UBC). Since space is limited please register for this free event as early as you can, at this link:

<https://forms.gle/XtGcAs95E5LhTPJ87>

– Dr. David Sadoway (KPU Geography)

### MOBILITIES 2020 In The News:

<https://www.bcclocalnews.com/news/kpu-to-host-forums-on-transit-mobility-in-surrey/>



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## GEOGRAPHERS IN PRACTICUM COURSE

PUTTING KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION IN ARTS 4800

Nine KPU Geography major and minor students signed-up for the **ARTS4800 Practicum** course in Fall 2019. This is a full semester (3-credit) course that introduces students to non-profit, business or government host organizations. Our students work with the host organization (4-6hrs/week) and a KPU supervising instructor during the semester.

Some student placements locations in 2019 included: *BC Agricultural Land Commission; Columbia Institute; City of Surrey; Fraser Basin Council; Kwantlen Students Association* and many others. To learn more join the March 5<sup>th</sup> (3:00pm) Information Session at the KPU Cedar Conference Centre.

– Dr. David Sadoway (KPU Geography)

**MORE INFORMATION:** <https://www.kpu.ca/arts-practicum-info-sessions>

*“Get great experience in non-profits, businesses and government in the ARTS 4800 Practicum”*

*“This is available for*

## Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) Conference

STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND CAG CONFERENCE MAY 25-29, UVIC (VICTORIA, B.C.)

KPU Geographers who have an interest in attending the Annual Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Conference, “Resilience on a Dynamic Planet,” are highly encouraged to contact Dr. John Rose, or their instructors. Geography will be sponsoring two students to attend.

The Department would like to sponsor two geography students who express an interest in travelling to Victoria in late May. Students will be asked to complete a short application. A selection committee will review applicants and funding for travel and conference expenses (up to \$300 each) will be provided to the two interested geography students who qualify.

- Dr. John Rose (KPU Geography)

**CAG 2020 CONFERENCE:** <http://cag2020.uvic.ca/>

## SUMMER 2020 Course Offerings Announced

**Planned Geography course offerings** (dependent upon enrolments) for **Summer 2020** includes: Human Geography (1101); Atmospheric Science (1110); Earth Science (1120); Regional Geography of B.C./Canada (1160/2140); Climatology (2310); Introduction to GIS (2400); Natural Hazards (3310); and Environment and Resources (3320). In addition, **Qualitative Methods (2380)** will now be offered this Summer 2020 (Mondays 7-10pm at Fir); as well as **Geography of South Asia (2190)** a planned offering at the Surrey Fir building. Please speak to our Program Chair or your instructor for further details.

- Dr. Dola Pradhan (Chair, KPU Geography)