



# GREAT EXPLORATIONS



A SERIES OF ACADEMIC DISCUSSIONS TO INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITY

**Time:**

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Location:**

Environmental Science & Chemistry Building, Catalyst Centre  
1065 Military Trail

**To register:**

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Refreshments will be served



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This spring, U of T Scarborough's Great Explorations public lecture series focuses on **GLOBAL ISSUES** including:

Climate Change and Water Scarcity  
Decarbonization and Politics  
Online News and the Erosion of Credibility  
The Impact of Translation on Islamophobia



# APRIL 3 **“Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink”** Are global freshwater supplies destined to run out?

**PROFESSOR KEN HOWARD - MSC, PHD, PHG, PGEOfGC, CGEOL FGS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**



“Water water everywhere...” Explores the collective threat of climate change, pollution and explosive population growth on the planet’s dwindling supply of fresh, accessible water. Are the world’s water resources sustainable? In the past 42 years, Professor Ken Howard has worked on groundwater projects around the world, authoring/ co-authoring over 175 articles including 6 books. His interests range from aquifer recharge assessment and regional groundwater modelling to contaminant migration, seawater intrusion and the impact of climate change on global water resources. He has a special interest in the management and protection of groundwater in urban areas, and the importance of good urban water governance.

# APRIL 17 **The Global Dissemination of Online News**

**PROFESSOR ALEJANDRO PAZ**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY**



How are trust and credibility created or eroded in today’s rapid digital dissemination of news? Part of a multi-year study, this project examines this question by considering how Israeli English online news disseminate through other news sites in the North Atlantic. This talk will discuss some of the limits to existing methods for understanding digital dissemination (e.g., network visualizations or quantitative measures) by looking at the practices of citation that go into current journalism and its offshoots--to discover the social life of news stories. Professor Paz will discuss some examples

of stories that originate in Israeli journalism as examples. Paz is a linguistic anthropologist broadly interested in the politics of language and citizenship as well as media and publics, and his research takes place in Israel/Palestine.

# APRIL 24 **Politics and Justice in the Quest for Decarbonization**

**PROFESSOR MATTHEW HOFFMANN**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**



Professor Matthew Hoffmann addresses how diverse communities are responding to the global challenge of climate change, and the need to put questions of justice and equity front and centre in the pursuit of decarbonization and climate policy. He is a Political Science Professor at UTSC, and Co-Director of the Munk School’s Environmental Governance Lab. Among his other works, Prof. Hoffmann is the author of the book *Climate Governance at the Crossroads: Experimenting with a Global Response after Kyoto*.

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# MAY 1 **The War on Translation: Arabic and the production of Islamophobia**

**PROFESSOR ATIQA HACHIMI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL & CULTURAL STUDIES**



Professor Atiqah Hachimi discusses the ways in which translation of Arabic material is a site of ideological distortion that feeds the global Islamophobic campaigns. She analyses the high-profile case of an Arab-Canadian graduate student who was fired from his job at Ryerson University for allegedly making Anti-Semitic statements, while leading prayers in Arabic, in a Toronto mosque where he served as a junior Imam. The global circulation of the English translation of these prayers by Islamophobic networks, and their translation back into Arabic by the Arabic media, will be discussed. She argues for critical reflection on knowledge production about Islam and its circulation in a globalized and

highly mediatized age. Prof. Hachimi is a sociolinguist and Arabic specialist whose research and teaching contributes to the programs for Women’s and Gender Studies and African Studies.