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FOURTH CIRCULAR ॥ चतुर्थ परिपत्रम् ॥

With one month remaining until the **17th World Sanskrit Conference** (Vancouver, Canada, July 9 - 13, 2018), we are offering this **fourth & final update** to help you prepare for your journey. We look forward to welcoming more than **600 registered delegates** from around the world to the campus of UBC in Vancouver to celebrate Sanskrit learning and culture! For latest information, please be sure to consult the WSC website (wsc.ubcsanskrit.ca), as the information provided here is subject to change.

In this circular, we would like to provide you with (a) **essential travel details**, (b) information about **pre-conference activities** and **post-conference excursions**, and (c) an **at-a-glance overview** of the conference schedule. We have prepared these portions in a printable format, and we highly encourage you to **PRINT OUT pages 3-6** and carry them with you as you travel to the conference. If you are entering Canada on a visitor's visa, we also encourage you to carry a printed copy of your **WSC 2018 Letter of Invitation** in case it is requested by Canada Border officials.

PLEASE NOTE the following important points:

- **PAPERS:** If your paper has been accepted for inclusion in the WSC Programme, and if you had registered before the May 9 deadline, you will have received a draft schedule for the conference alongside this circular. This will provide the timing of your paper, and you will have a limited opportunity to make any last-minute corrections or emendations.
- **TRAVEL:** You should now have made arrangements for travel to Vancouver, Canada, and have secured a visitor's visa, if necessary for entry to Canada. If you have not yet finalized your travel arrangements, we urge that you do so without any delay, through your own travel agent or through the assistance of our partners at clickontours.com. We regret that we are not able to provide visa assistance beyond the procedures outlined in the **THIRD CIRCULAR**.
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Please ensure that you book your rooms as soon as possible. Though our conference block is now **closed**, preferred room options are still available through UBC Accommodation (<http://suitesatubc.com>), at prices below the market rate and just a 5-10 minute walk from the conference venue on the UBC campus. Most city hotels are 20-30 minutes' drive from the campus, thus not convenient for conference-goers. Please be sure to book a room at the UBC campus in advance of your travel to Vancouver to avoid disappointment upon arrival.
- **REGISTRATION:** Online registration for the conference is now **closed**, and all unregistered papers have been dropped from the schedule. As previously announced, we are not able to provide refunds for cancellations made after May 9, aside from meal plan, IASS fees, and excursion add-ons. You will still be able to register on-site should you wish to attend the conference as a **non-presenting delegate**. Admission to the all-conference banquet or to ticketed evening cultural events will be subject to availability. To guarantee admission to ticketed events, you are encouraged to purchase tickets through our partners at **INDIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL** (<http://indiansummerfest.ca/>).

- **MEAL PLANS:** For a limited time, you may still purchase optional meal plans for lunch and dinner during the conference (as well as excursion packages) through the online registration portal. To do so, simply login using your registration credentials at https://services.ubcconferences.com/iebms/reg/reg_p1_form.aspx?oc=01&ct=STD&eventid=13486. You will then be able to purchase all add-ons and pay by credit card. We are pleased to offer vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. A limited number of special meals are being arranged for delegates with restricted diets (Jain, Swaminarayan, etc.). Please contact the WSC2018 Secretariat at wsc2018@ubcsanskrit.ca to make these arrangements. Meal plans **must** be booked in advance, and will not be available for on-site purchase. However, you will find a number of excellent restaurants and cafés conveniently located on the UBC campus, at various price points, and many of the UBC guest house rooms also have kitchenettes, where you may prepare your own meals to further save costs.
- **EXCURSIONS:** We encourage you to take our featured WSC excursion, a 3-hour boat cruise and luncheon on Saturday, July 14. We are also offering a “Highway to Heaven” tour of local Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh temples, as well as a City Bus Tour and an excursion to Stanley Park through our partners at clickontours.com. Only a few seats are left on these tours, and we highly encourage you to make your bookings in advance before they sell out!
- **EVENING PROGRAMMES:** Each evening of the conference, there will be social and cultural programmes and public lectures, with free admission to all registered presenters at the WSC. However, seating for these events is limited, especially for our two public events for which we have partnered with a local multi-arts festival, **INDIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL** (“Living Legends” Gala Kūṭiyāṭṭam Performance by Nepathya - July 9 & the public lecture on Yoga by James Mallinson - July 12) and admission will be on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
- **CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION:** Certificates will be prepared and made available at the WSC Information Desk after you successfully present your paper at the conference, and at the General Assembly on Friday, July 13.
- **WSC2018 PROCEEDINGS:** We are pleased to announce that to save time, money, and resources, we are adopting a fully **online** model for the publication of papers presented at the 17th World Sanskrit Conference, through **clRcle**, a digital scholarly repository at the University of British Columbia. The Convenors of each Section will solicit papers from presenters. Upon approval, these will be typeset and uploaded into the clRcle repository, where they will be archived and available for free download, with proper metadata that will make them searchable through all major scholarly bibliographical databases. More information and guidelines will be distributed after the conference.
- **FUNDING:** You will be responsible for securing and financing your travel, accommodation, and other expenses while in Vancouver, Canada, and the Organizing Committee regrets that it does not have resources to provide financial assistance to delegates.

SPONSORS/PARTNERS:



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COMING TO VANCOUVER:

ABOUT VANCOUVER & UBC

Nestled between the Coast Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, **Vancouver, Canada** offers a spectacular and serene natural backdrop for the 17th World Sanskrit Conference. It's an active, energetic city that embraces outdoor adventure and the natural landscape. Vancouver is also home to world-class gastronomic delights, especially Asian and Asian-inspired cuisines of the Pacific Northwest. The 17th WSC will be held at the Point Grey campus of the **University of British Columbia**, located on the traditional and unceded territories of the **Musqueam Nation**. UBC is on a peninsula overlooking the ocean, separated from the rest of the city by a forest (Pacific Spirit Regional Park). The campus is approximately a 30-minute drive from downtown Vancouver. There are numerous safe and reliable bus routes that start from UBC, which will allow you to easily explore the city during your stay.

ARRIVING AT VANCOUVER AIRPORT

Your arrival at YVR will involve the following steps:

(1) **DEPLANING**. There can often be a fairly long walk from the airplane to the Arrivals Hall. If you have mobility problems, or need special assistance, please make arrangements with your airline prior to travel.

(2) **PASSPORT CLEARANCE**. Proceed to the lanes marked for VISITORS. You will be asked to fill out a digital customs declaration at a kiosk, and then cleared by a Border Services officer. You may be asked to verify that you are coming for attending the WSC, so please be sure to carry a printed version of your Letter of Invitation.

(3) **BAGGAGE CLAIM & CUSTOMS**. After Immigration clearance please follow the signs to the proper baggage carousel, pick up your checked luggage, and then proceed to the exit, handing your Customs declaration card to an officer.

(4) **CURRENCY EXCHANGE/TOURIST INFO**. We strongly recommend you exchange your own currency for **Canadian dollars** at the airport, or in your home country. You will notice a currency exchange booth after exiting Customs but **before** you leave the secure area. This is **the only location** where you may exchange money at the airport. You may also pick up Tourist Info brochures here. If you wish to withdraw money using an **ATM machine**, you will find one in the Reception Lounge, after you exit the secure area.

(5) **WSC VOLUNTEER GREETERS**. If you arrive at select times on the evening of Saturday, July 7, or between 9AM-9PM on Sunday, July 8, WSC volunteers should be present to greet you at the International Reception Lounge at the Vancouver Airport (YVR). They can help you with the various options for getting to campus: taxi, public transportation, etc., and offer assistance with other questions you might have about data/sim cards, food, schedule, etc.

WEATHER

Vancouver is noted for its **mild summers**: the average high temperature for July is **22°C**, and the average low is **14°C**. You are therefore advised to pack a warm sweater or a jacket, especially for the evenings. Though the Pacific Northwest is famous for its rain, July is Vancouver's driest month, with an average rainfall of only 42.7mm. We don't anticipate significant rainfall or inclement weather during the conference—but of course anything is possible!

NOTE: Conference-goers will experience nearly 16 hours of sunlight, with sun rise at (approximately) 5.15AM and sunset at 9.15PM.

WHAT TO BRING

As mentioned, please be sure to pack a sweater, shawl, or light jacket, and warm socks and a hat for the cool evenings and mornings. We also encourage you to carry a **personal travel mug**/drink cup, to save paper at the chai/coffee breaks.

You may wish to bring comfortable **shoes** for hiking or other outdoor activities, as well as more **dressy attire** for attending our cultural events, such as the gala Kuṭiyāṭṭam performance or the Conference Banquet.

It is important that you have purchased adequate **health & travel insurance** for your trip to Canada.

Be sure to bring **electrical adapters** if you are travelling from India, Europe, UK, or other locations outside of North America or Japan, and also **chargers** and **adapters/dongles** for your laptop, smartphone, tablet, and other devices. Canada's electrical supply and outlets are identical to the USA — 120 Volts/60Hz, with primarily three-prong "type B" outlets.

If you are planning on giving out handouts, we encourage you to print these out in advance and bring them with you in order to save costs.

And before you travel, please remember to install the **WSC2018 'GUIDEBOOK' MOBILE APP** on your smartphone, so that you can have all relevant information for the conference at your fingertips!

SPECIAL AIRPORT SHUTTLE

We are in consultation with our travel partners, **CLICKONTOURS.COM**, to provide limited shuttle bus service from the airport to the Conference Accommodations at UBC (Gage Apartments, Ponderosa, Place Vanier, West Coast Suites) during normal working hours on **SUNDAY, JULY 8**, priced at a cheaper rate than the standard taxi fare.

Payment should be made on the bus, and seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and subject to availability. WSC Volunteers will help to guide you toward the shuttle location upon your arrival in the Reception Lounge, or, if the bus is not available, to help you find other alternatives.

CONFIRMATION and DETAILS are FORTHCOMING!

* INSTALL THE WSC2018 'GUIDEBOOK' APP!! *

Go to <https://guidebook.com/g/wsc2018/>, download & install the WSC2018 GUIDEBOOK for your Android or iOS mobile phone or tablet, and keep up with all the panels, papers and special events at the WSC, and much more!!

GETTING TO UBC:

TRANSPORTATION TO UBC

We recommend three options to reach the UBC Campus. If you arrive between 9AM-7PM on Sunday, July 8, please ask one of the WSC Volunteers for assistance in choosing the right one for you.

1// **By Special WSC Airport Shuttles:** Our travel partners **CLICKONTOURS.COM** will offer several scheduled shuttle buses on Sunday, July 8 to take you from YVR Airport to UBC at a reasonable cost. **(Details are forthcoming).**

2// **By Taxi:** Taxis in Vancouver are safe, reliable, and many of the drivers speak Punjabi or Hindi! Please exit to the taxi stand, where you may take any cab to the UBC Campus. Tell the driver that you are going to UBC, provide them the address and name of the guest house, and they will take you there. It will take approximately 40 minutes and costs a fixed rate of **\$35 CAD**. All taxis accept Canadian dollars and Visa/Mastercard credit cards. It is customary to give a **10-15% gratuity** (tip) for drivers, and it may be included in the credit card payment. If convenient, you may share a taxicab between 2-3 WSC conference-goers to reduce costs.

3// **By Public Transit:** To get to the UBC Campus from YVR Airport using public transit, more adventurous conference-goers may wish to take a combination of a commuter train and bus (Canada Line train + 99 B-Line bus). It can be tiring, especially with heavy luggage, but the trip is very safe, will take one hour, and will cost **\$7.85 (CAD)** per traveller. Please follow these steps:

- Upon arrival at the Reception Lounge, follow posted signs to the "Canada Line" Station, and purchase a fare at one of the vending machines. Please ask any attendant for assistance if needed—they can be quite helpful. Note: If you arrive on Saturday or Sunday, you need only a 1-zone fare (\$2.85 + \$5 Airport surcharge).
- Take the **Canada line** train (destination: Waterfront) to the Broadway-City Hall Station. (20 minutes) **Note:** First train leaves at 5.07AM; last train leaves at 12.56AM.
- Exit the station, walk to the **opposite corner** of Broadway and Cambie (near the "London Drugs"—you can get a sim card here if you need one!), and take the **WESTBOUND 99 B-Line** bus (to UBC), until its final stop (UBC Exchange). (30 minutes)
- Locate & walk to your guest house. (10-15 minutes)

Note: The Public Transit option is NOT RECOMMENDED for senior delegates or novice travellers!

INTERNET ACCESS/SIM CARDS

Most UBC buildings (including all WSC venues & guest rooms) feature **free wifi access** through the "ubcvisitor" network. To activate it, point your Wifi-ready laptop or mobile device to "ubcvisitor" and open a web browser. You will be directed to a login page where you may create an account and begin using the service. If you are at an institution that subscribes to the "eduroam" network, you will also be able to access this high-speed service throughout the UBC campus. If you need a **prepaid sim/data card** for your mobile while in Vancouver, at the AIRPORT please visit the **7-eleven** store located in the Domestic Terminal, or at UBC, please visit Wirelesswave, Staples, or most convenient stores. Please ask WSC volunteers for further assistance.

CHECKING IN

If you are staying at one of the **UBC Guest Houses**, (Gage Apartments, Ponderosa, Place Vanier, or West Coast Suite), you will receive separate instructions on how to check into your guest room from UBC Conferences & Accommodations. You should get a **CONFIRMATION CODE** and instructions on how to check in to your guest room if you arrive after-hours. **IMPORTANT:** Please save or print out these instructions and keep them securely with you, in case you need to verify your booking or contact them via phone or email.

REGISTRATION & INFO DESK

Please visit the WSC Information Desk after you arrive so that you may register and be cleared to attend all sessions and events. After you register and pay any outstanding fees (credit card or cash in Canadian Dollars), you will receive your name badge, conference bag, printed programme, and other gift materials. You will also receive **MEAL CARDS** if you purchased an add-on meal plan, as well as a receipt for your excursion (if applicable). Please feel free to ask any logistical questions at the WSC Information Desk.

REGISTRATION HOURS/LOCATION:

- **Sunday, July 8, 6-9PM**, Gather Cafeteria (at Dinner)
- **Monday, July 9, 8AM-12PM**, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts (at Inaugural Ceremony)
- **Tuesday, July 10, 8AM-12PM**, Buchanan A Upper-level Lobby
- **All other times**, prepaid conference-goers may visit the Information Desk, Buchanan A Upper-level Lobby, to register and get their conference packs.

FOOD & DRINK

If you have purchased a full meal plan, your first dinner will be on Sunday July 8, from 6-8PM. Please make your way to **GATHER CAFE** in the **PLACE VANIER** Residential Complex, 1935 Lower Mall. Here, you will also be able to register/check-in for the WSC between 6-9PM on Sunday, July 8.

If you don't have a meal plan, see our entertainment guide, **कालक्षेप**, for nearby options. If you are coming late at night, we can recommend **Mercante Pizza** (open till 9PM, 6488 University Blvd), **Mahoney's Pub** (open till 11PM, 5990 University Blvd), **Point Grill** (Western food & bar, open till 8PM, 2205 Lower Mall), or various Asian restaurants and fast food establishments in the **University Village** complex (University Blvd at Western Pkwy) which are open very late at night.

GROCERIES & ESSENTIALS: Nearby - **Harvest** (2075 West Mall, open till 11PM); **Granville Island Produce @ University Village** (5767 Dalhousie, open till 9PM); **Shoppers Drug Mart** (5940 University, open till 10PM). Larger supermarkets (10 min. by bus): **Save-on Foods** (5945 Berton Ave.); **Safeway** (4575 West 10th Ave.)

Note: Vancouver tap water is very clean & safe to drink directly without a filter!

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

LENGTH OF PRESENTATIONS

To ensure that the 17th WSC maintains high scholarly standards, we urge that all presenters, moderators, and audience members maintain professional decorum during presentations and discussions. Please be respectful of time limits and be respectful of one another. Please note that every presenter is given **20 minutes** for their presentation, and an **additional 10 minutes** are allotted for discussion and changeover between papers. Please be aware of these time restrictions, and obey the instructions of your session **MODERATOR**. Additionally, since regular UBC Summer courses will be in session, we will be sharing the classroom building with undergraduate students and their professors & instructors. Please respect their need to have a peaceful place to study and attend classes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: To avoid going beyond your allotted time, we recommend (a) limiting your paper to approximately 9 double-spaced pages (max. **2500 words**), and/or (b) **rehearsing** your presentation in advance to fit within the 20-minute time limit. This is especially emphasized if you are planning to use powerpoint or other digital tools, as technical difficulties might disrupt or delay your talk.

PRESENTATION FORMAT

We strongly urge you to deliver an **oral presentation**, with multiple copies of a 1-page paper handout, and avoid technology unless absolutely necessary. But if you do choose to use an overhead **"powerpoint"** presentation, we are happy to say that all of our rooms are outfitted with built-in projectors with both **VGA & HDMI inputs**. Cables to connect your laptop to the projector will be provided, but you will need to bring your own **laptop computer** (or tablet or other device), as well as any extra **dongle/adaptor** needed to connect your device to the VGA or HDMI cable going to the projector. Bringing only a USB drive or "memory stick" with your presentation won't work.

There will be a WSC Volunteer present in each room to assist with simple tasks like connecting your computer, starting the projector, handling lights and sound, distributing handouts, etc. We are not able to provide full IT support or to lend computers for your use.

CHAI/COFFEE BREAKS

Between the AM sessions (**10-10.30AM**) and again between the PM sessions (**4-4.30PM**), chai, coffee, and snacks will be served at multiple stations in the main conference venue. For security purposes, please be sure to wear your conference badge when visiting the chai stations, and please be sure to dispose of any garbage within the proper bins in the Buchanan Building. Please note that food and drink are not permitted in the classrooms, as per official UBC policy. To save our precious natural resources, we strongly urge you to bring a personal travel mug or spill-proof cup for your tea/coffee or water. Let's help the WSC "go green"!

PRINTING SERVICES

If you need to print your paper or to make handouts, there are a few different options nearby. **"Pay to Print"** facilities (\$.07 per page) are available at the UBC Library (1961 East Mall, 2nd Floor), a 2-3 minute walk, after first buying a **UBC Guest Card** (\$5 CAD). There are also two copy stores (15-20 min. walk) in the University Village complex: **Copiesmart** (5728 University Blvd, 8.30AM-5PM, 604.222.3189) & **Staples** (2135 Allison Rd, 9AM-7PM, 604.221.4780). Please ask at the WSC Info Desk for guidance—we will be happy to help you find the best option.

REGULAR PAPER SESSIONS

Due to the large volume of papers (500+), high costs, and an evening schedule packed with cultural events, we are, unfortunately, compelled to start our paper sessions early, at 8AM, so that we can accommodate all presenters within five days. There will be four daily sessions of papers, with the exception of Monday (only one PM session) and Friday (only two AM sessions):

- AM1: **8-10AM** (four papers)
- AM2: **10.30AM-12.30PM** (four papers)
- PM1: **2-4PM** (four papers)
- PM2: **4.30-6PM** (three papers)

Moderators are asked that each session **STRICTLY** follows the published Schedule of Papers. Sessions should start and end exactly at the times stipulated, and papers should follow the exact sequence given in the schedule.

If a paper has been cancelled, a gap of 30 minutes must be maintained so that the the next paper begins exactly at the time given in the WSC2018 Schedule of Papers.

Also note that **room assignments** are different from day to day for many sections, and that one room in particular, the Allard Forum, is located in another building. You should download the **CONFERENCE APP** on your mobile phone, and use it to keep track of the sessions that you want to attend, learn of cancellations, view paper abstracts, consult maps, and enhance your WSC experience.

Don't hesitate also to ask one of our friendly WSC 2018 Volunteers if you are looking for a particular room or session—we are happy to help!

EXHIBITORS' TABLES

You will be able to visit a number of reputed publishers, booksellers, and other vendors of Sanskrit and Indology-related materials in the lobby area at the Inaugural ceremonies on Monday, and near the chai/coffee tables during the regular sessions thereafter, until Friday at 12.30PM. Please see the Conference Programme and the **Mobile App** for exclusive deals and offers!

MEALS, EXCURSIONS, CULTURAL EVENTS:

MEALS

BREAKFAST (6.30-8AM): If you have secured your lodgings on campus through the WSC group block, breakfast is included with your stay. If you are staying at Gage Apartments or West Coast Suites, your breakfast will be served in Gage Tower. If you are staying at Ponderosa Cedar House or Place Vanier Residence, please go to **GATHER CAFE** located in the Place Vanier Residence, 1935 Lower Mall.

LUNCH (12.30-2PM) & DINNER (6-8PM) [MONDAY - 4.30-7PM] If you bought an add-on meal plan, please take your **meal card** to GATHER cafe, where we will have buffets for Vegetarian & Vegan or Non-vegetarian meals. If you have been approved for a restricted diet meal plan (such as Jain or Swaminarayan), your meals will be served at the **Asian Centre** (1871 West Mall) with catering by BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha.

MEALS SERVED:

Lunches (12.30-2PM) - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Dinners (6-8PM) - Sun, Mon (5-7), Tue, Wed, Thu, Sat

RESTAURANTS & BARS: Please consult our entertainment guide, **कालक्षेप**, for recommendations of excellent on-campus and off-campus restaurants and bars to satisfy any tastes and any budget. Do enjoy exploring our foodie city!

EVENING CULTURAL EVENTS

We have a number of exciting cultural events and public lectures planned for every evening, all at venues within walking distance of your on-campus guest houses and the dining hall. All events are **free** to registered participants of the WSC, but capacity is limited, and so admission will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please see the conference programme for exact details, locations, and timing of each event. Or download the **WSC APP**, and have this information at your fingertips. Be sure to arrive early so that you can get a seat, and please bring your WSC conference badge with you to get your complimentary ticket.

INDIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL

We are excited to be partnering the **Indian Summer Festival**, Vancouver's vibrant and eclectic multi-arts festival, which will be going on from July 6-15, at the same time as the WSC! Please visit their website for a complete schedule and ticketing information (www.indiansummerfest.ca). The featured performance at the Indian Summer festival is a concert by **Hariprasad Chaurasia** on July 14, 8PM, at the Orpheum Theatre. WSC delegates will receive an **EXCLUSIVE 25% discount** on tickets with the code **ISFWSC2018** which you can enter when purchasing your tickets through the ISF website.

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Even if you arrive in Vancouver early, there are lots of activities for you to do! You can attend the many festivities, talks, and events happening around town as part of the **Indian Summer Festival** (July 6-15) (www.indiansummerfest.ca). We are offering a special **workshop on Kūṭiyāṭṭam** by the Nepathya troupe, on the afternoon of **Sunday, July 8 (2-5PM)** sponsored by Simon Fraser University and facilitated by Mandala Arts Academy. Held at SFU's downtown location, **"Behind the Curtain: A Workshop and Demonstration of Kūṭiyāṭṭam"** will feature a lecture demo by Margi Madhu Chakyar and the Nepathya troupe on Kūṭiyāṭṭam. They will lead participants through a hands-on session of practicing together different aspects of eye movements, hand gestures, body postures, movements, and rhythms. Facilitating the event will be the international scholars Heike Oberlin (Univ. of Tübingen) and Elena Mucciarelli (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), along with Jai Govinda (Mandala Arts). For more information (and to register), see:

<https://www.indiansummerfest.ca/event/behind-the-curtain/>

POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSIONS

There is still a bit of time left to sign up for post-conference **excursions**, which will take place at various time on Saturday, July 14! Visit the registration portal at the WSC website (wsc.ubcsanskrit.ca) and login to your account to book your excursion. Because of time limitations, each person can take only one excursion.

DEPARTURE PROCEDURES:

Our partners at **CLICKONTOURS.COM** will be arranging several low-cost transfer buses to take you to the airport at the end of the conference. More info & shuttle bookings will be available at the **WSC Information Desk**. Besides this option, we recommend sharing taxis to go to the airport—please book in advance using one of the numbers given below.

ESSENTIAL CONTACT INFO

Please keep the following numbers and contact info handy as you travel, in case you need to reach us or in case of emergency.

- **WSC2018 WEBSITE:** wsc.ubcsanskrit.ca (for up-to-date information—will be updated daily)
- **WSC2018 SECRETARIAT:** wsc2018@ubcsanskrit.ca (for general inquiries—will be answered within 3-4 hours)
- **WSC2018 PHONE:** +1.604.822.5188 (only for urgent issues)
- **UBC HOUSING RESERVATION OFFICE:** +1.888.822.1030, reservations@housing.ubc.ca
- **PUBLIC TRANSIT (TRANSLINK):** +1.604.953.3333
- **TAXI:** +1.604.681.1111 (Yellow); +1.604.681.3201 (Black Top/Checker); +1.604.831.1111 (McClure's)
- **POLICE/FIRE/EMERGENCY: 911**

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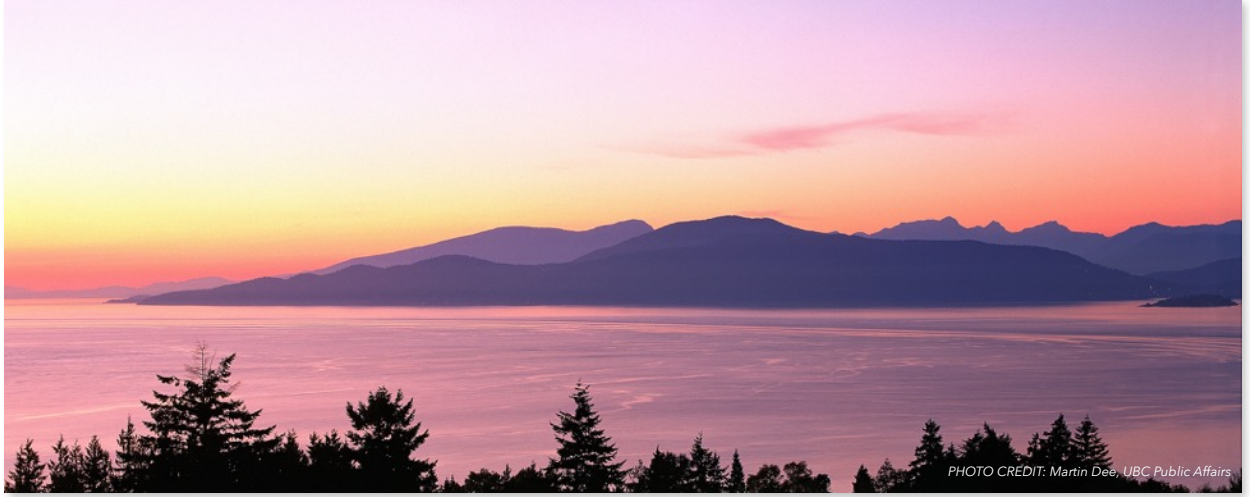


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