



The biggest EDST student event is already here! We hope you have marked your diaries and are planning to actively participate at the **EDST Virtual Research Day 2021** happening on April 17th. In this newsletter, you will find the programme highlights, which include a **plenary session organised in celebration of the life and academic legacy of Dr. Michael Marker**.

Let's make the most out of this excellent opportunity to expand our spaces to connect, share, learn and inspire. See you all there!

Monthly Events

EDST Student Café

Date and time: Thursday, April 29th, 10:00-11:00am PDT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Description: It can be difficult to catch up when we're not running into each other in the halls between classes, and being a virtual grad student can feel a bit isolating sometimes. If you can fit one more Zoom meeting in your schedule, we

hope you'll join us for a student café this month. Bring your own drink and join us for a virtual, non-academic chat.

Please RSVP here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJ26udZDoWVrS50

Virtual Co-working Sessions

Our regular online co-working sessions began during the pandemic as a way to meet with other EDST students, have some company while you work on academic or other tasks, and add a bit of accountability if you're struggling with focus while we're all more distanced. Sessions include a group check-in, focused working blocks, and short breaks. We encourage you to join in for the whole session or drop-in anytime during if this sounds helpful, or if you're just looking to connect with someone!

You can join the sessions on Zoom using the same **link** each time: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/608580548>.

The schedule of sessions may be subject to change, and we recommend checking the most up-to-date [schedule on Google docs](#) throughout the month. At this time, the following sessions are scheduled for April:

April 7	4pm-8pm	Yotam
April 14	4pm-8pm	Yotam
April 21	4pm-8pm	Yotam
April 28	4pm-8pm	Yotam

Annual Event

EDST Virtual Research Day 2021

Dedicated to the Academic Legacy of Dr Michael Marker

Theme: Building Resilient Communities: Reimagining the Roles of Education

Date and time: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Programme Highlights:

The full schedule for the day will be available soon, but here's a preview:

- 9:00am-10:00pm PDT:
Land Acknowledgment, Opening Remarks, and Keynote Speaker Dr. Margaret Kovach
- 10:00am-12:00pm PDT:
Plenary Session in Celebration of the Life and Academic Legacy of Dr. Michael Marker
- 12:10pm-6:40pm PDT:
Presentations, panels and performances

Dr. Margaret Kovach will deliver a **keynote presentation** titled **On the Edge of Place: Animating Indigenous Research Methodologies in Service of Cultural Sustainability**

Abstract: Re-imagining and animating methodology to serve cultural sustainability means engaging the once invisible and excluded and evoking new theoretical discourses and research practices. It is an exciting time for theorists, researchers, scholars, and students, but it is also testing every aspect of the 'tried and true' customs of institutional knowledge centres and professional practices as the field of education. This new re-imagining means pushing back against racism at large. Yet, to build resilient communities we must confront racism as it manifests in differing ways for differing groups. Of all, on this land, imagining a new way requires full recognition of the colonial wound. For country, there can be no full racial reckoning and no healing without tending to this primary colonial wound that scars the back of this turtle island. Choosing to see Indigenous people and colonial history is facing racism square on. To do otherwise is not. Racism will return. Research methodology and the power it holds in how it shapes knowledge is a necessary part of the conversation and action that is integral to building resilient communities.

If you're interested in attending part or all of the day, and you want to make sure you get the Zoom links in your inbox, [RSVP now!](#)

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