



December is a month of interesting contrasts. It marks the beginning of a new year while bringing a closure to the current one. And the promise of holidays and slowing down comes with a rush for finishing things up to make the most of the upcoming holidays. So, if you are looking for some support in completing those tasks, we have some online co-working sessions planned for you this month also. Let's work together and support each other to get to the finish line. We also have an end-of-year social event planned for you to relax and enjoy each other's company, and to cherish our time together – all students, staff and faculty are invited.

Finally, we hope that you had a good year, and that you are looking forward to the new year, with new hopes and excitements.

Happy December and happy holidays everyone!

- Acknowledgements -

Thank you, Shermila Salgadoe, for supporting students for 17 years!

You may have heard by now that our dear Shermila will start her new position as a Director of Administration at the School of Population and Public Health, UBC, on January 01, 2023. We are very happy for her to have made this important progress in her career. But we will certainly miss her at the department which she has been an integral part of for the last 17 years. In her capacity as an Administrative Manager, she has contributed immensely to taking the departmental agenda further. Moreover, she has added great value to our experiences as students at EDST. In planning and organizing student events and addressing student issues, we have greatly benefitted from Shermila's innovative ideas and creative problem solving. More than her administrative competence, it is her friendliness and kind and compassionate nature that we are going to miss a lot. We wish her good luck in all her endeavors!

- Announcements -

EDST Student Representatives' Lunch Gathering

This month, EDST is hosting a lunch for student representatives in our department with the aim of recognizing their work and contributions to students and our departmental community. This is the second year this event is taking place. Below is a picture of the 2021 student representatives who attended the lunch gathering, and a group of EDST faculty and staff.

We look forward to seeing this practice continue through time and become a tradition at EDST. As student representatives, we are very appreciative of the spaces and opportunities for engagement our department offers us, and we are thankful to all of our peers for their commitment and enthusiasm.



Reach out to your GAAs

[The GAA team is here for you!](#) We want to thank all the students who attended the EDST Student Town Hall last month. We received some very important feedback and had meaningful conversations on topics that are important for our students' wellbeing, scholarly engagement, educational trajectories, and overall experiences at the department. We are committed to taking these concerns and ideas to the relevant spaces and people so we may see positive change moving forward.

We hope to invite you to more Town Halls this coming term. They are a great space to speak about your experience, get support from the GAAs and your peers, ask questions, make suggestions, share your favorite series at the moment, and more. We want to emphasize that we are here to listen, advocate, and support you through your learning experience. If you want to get in touch, send us an email to edst.gaa@ubc.ca.

- Opportunities for Participation -

Our newly appointed EDST Blog Editor, **PhD Candidate Jessica Lussier**, has been hard at work redesigning the blog and creating an editorial line and strategy. She is currently seeking EDST students to join the blog's Editorial Board. If this is something you would be interesting in, please see the call for volunteers below.

***Note, deadline for application extended to December 16!**

In her [introduction to the blog](#), Jessica says:

“As the blog editor I envision the blog as a forum where EDST students and faculty can publicly share their research, provoke dialogue on topics in education, discuss student issues, and engage with others within the UBC community.”

In the coming weeks, in conjunction with EDST GAA, Itamar Manoff, the blog will host a **writing series**. It will focus on different types of blog content, translating academic writing into public facing work, and other themes.

Jessica and Itamar say: ***Keep your eyes peeled for that!***

The EDST Blog

CALL FOR EDITORIAL BOARD

Interested in getting
more involved in EDST?

Consider joining
EDST's blog Editorial
Board!



Responsibilities of Editorial Board:

- **Advises** on blog scope and content
- **Reviews** submitted manuscripts and give feedback to authors
- **Provides content** by occasionally writing blog posts or recruiting authors
- **Promotes the blog** to colleagues and peers

Why join the Editorial Board?

- **Gain insight** into the editing and publication process
- **Shape the direction of EDST's blog** and have the opportunity to discuss issues of interest
- **Work with authors**, gain experience as a reviewer, and be able to speak to these skills in future roles
- **Get connected with the EDST community** and other UBC circles



Board members hold a (min) 1 year position

Interested in volunteering?

To apply: forms.gle/zYpWgo5eF9M96hzy7

Applications Due: Friday, December 9th

- Events -

EDST Movie Night



Date and Time: Thursday, December 8. From 5 – 8 pm

Location: Multipurpose room 2012

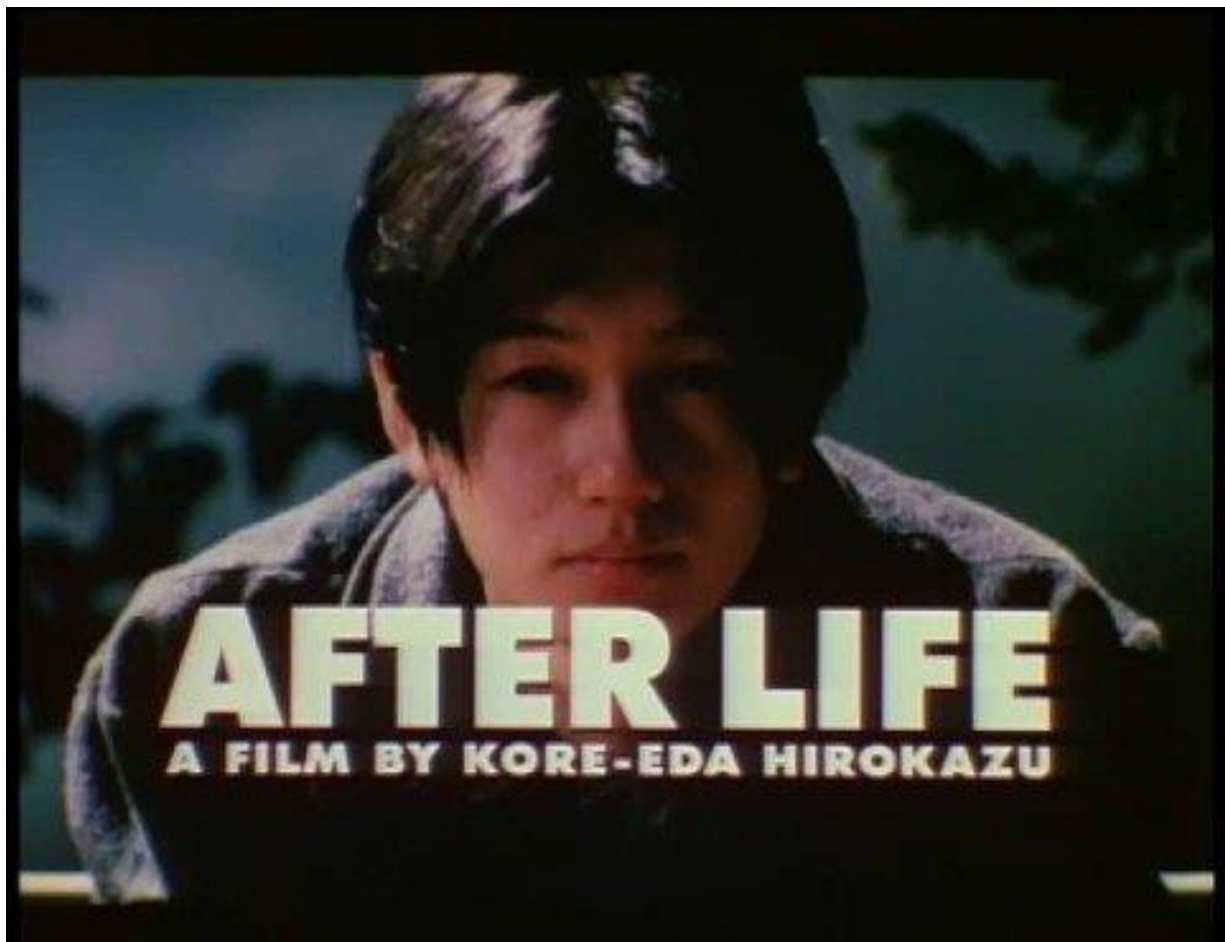
Description: Join us for a fun evening where students, faculty and staff can enjoy the movie “After Life” (1998). It’s a Japanese film edited, written and directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda. It has received several awards and recognitions around the world.

Check out the trailer! And sign up so we can purchase food accordingly.

See you there!

RSVP here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2a906KZ4O2YRfHU

Link to movie trailer: [After Life \(1998\) trailer](#)



Co-working sessions this month

What are co-working sessions?

Co-working sessions are casual drop-in work sessions hosted on Zoom where you can remotely work alongside your peers and meet your goals. Sessions begin with a check-in to share our goals for the day, followed by focused working blocks and short breaks to check-in with each other. Whether you need a bit of motivation to get some work done, or just want to say hello to EDST classmates, co-working is for you!

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Join here: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/8140149944?pwd=eHlwFdQZUJUViNjM1pSOWFCcFFGUT09>

Day	Time (PST)	Host
Tuesday, December 6	9:00 – 12:00	Catalina
Friday, December 16	2:00 – 6:00	Roshni
Tuesday, December 20	2:00 – 6:00	Itamar

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