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This report covers the period July 2015 to June 2016

## Director's message

A key highlight of the past year was the very successful Five Year Review process, which culminated in May 2016 with Senate approval of Centre Status for CAPI for the five-year period 1 July 2016 through 30 June 2021. A panel of distinguished reviewers found that CAPI had "...established itself as one of Canada's leading university-based hubs for Asia-Pacific related activities both in research and teaching [and were] ...pleased to recommend enthusiastically that its status at UVic should be continued."

This assessment is confirmed with another year of significant high impact outcomes pivoting on the outstanding achievements of our core research and programming activities. The combined efforts of our faculty, students, Associates and our incredibly hardworking and dedicated administrative colleagues continue to enhance UVic's engagement with the Asia Pacific, CAPI's contributions to our understanding of key issues shaping the region and implications for Canada and the rest of the world.

CAPI's reputation for leading and delivering high quality knowledge mobilization activities was once again highlighted with two major international conferences over the past year. Linked to the 18<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Teochew International Federation hosted by the Canada Chaoshan Business Association in Vancouver, BC, CAPI hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Chaozhou Studies at the University of Victoria. CAPI also hosted a special post-conference session at the main Federation meeting in Vancouver. Also in Vancouver, the *Trans-Pacific Aviation Law and Policy Conference* brought together airport, airline, government officials and academics from Asia and the Americas to examine the many challenges and opportunities of trans-Pacific aviation. CAPI also co-sponsored the *Management and the New Demographic* research symposium.

In addition to the core research and related activities of our three Chairs described in this Review, CAPI continues to act as a catalyst for research and educational programming on and in the Asia-Pacific, both within the University and in partnership with our wider stakeholder community locally and abroad. The Centre is delighted to be hosting the newly established *UVic Global South Asia Forum* which will enhance scholarship and international linkages with the region, including ambitious plans for a regular lecture series, distinguished visiting scholars and forthcoming mini-conferences, film screenings and roundtables. This past year CAPI also signed a partnership agreement with Zhejiang University in China, where we co-hosted the first in a series of joint international conferences on *Asia and the Americas: Trans Pacific Connections and Comparisons*.



Director Andrew Marton with CAPI Research Assistant Gordon Wang Guodong doing fieldwork in China

With significant external funding already in hand, and further new funding from the Asia Pacific Foundation, CAPI supported international mobility for 29 students last year, including outgoing research internships and incoming postgraduate scholarship recipients. There are a range of exciting new internship opportunities across Asia working on migratory movements, refugee education and community based participatory social research and development. Meanwhile, four of CAPI's interns were awarded *Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Awards*. Leveraging the high profile success of this programming, the Centre gained approval last year to begin fundraising for an endowment to support these life-changing international experiences in Asia.

In addition to our regular series of events and knowledge mobilization activities described in this Review, CAPI continues to develop and deliver innovative training programs. Our *China Youth Leadership Program* experienced another year of growth providing an international education and experiential learning opportunity for more than 360 university students from China this past year. In collaboration with the School of Public Administration and the BC Ministry of International Trade, CAPI coordinated the successful pilot of a new donor funded *Early Career Leaders in China Program* around the themes of sustainability, the environment and clean energy.

CAPI is specifically mentioned in UVic's new *Strategic Research Plan* providing an opportunity for the Centre to shape and lead delivery of institutional priorities on engagement with the Asia Pacific and the University's wider internationalization agenda. CAPI is also a pro-active participant in the new *Enhanced Planning* framework where we have highlighted our many significant achievements. Indeed, this Annual Review confirms once again that the Centre continues to punch way above its weight amply fulfilling our core mandate.

Andrew Marton



CAPI Intern Michelle Maillet with her colleagues from the Migrant Centre, Kathmandu Nepal

## About the Centre

In 1988, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives became the first Senate approved research centre at the University of Victoria. Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region to Canada, the concept of a Centre focusing on Asia-Pacific issues was given financial support by the Dorothy and David Lam Foundation, the Federal Secretary of State and the Provincial Government of British Columbia. Since its inception, CAPI has acted as a vital link between the University of Victoria and the Asia-Pacific region, providing interdisciplinary programming and research initiatives that have brought together scholars from the region with those from UVic.

With our executive committee, we have identified a vision, mandate and values for the Centre that reflect our strengths and commitment to supporting the goals of the University, particularly in the area of internationalization. The focus of our mandate is consistent with the four key areas of the UVic strategic plan, *A Vision for the Future – Building on Strength: People, Quality, Community and Resources*.

## Our Vision Statement

Through the continued excellence of its research and programming, CAPI will be recognized as the pre-eminent Asia-Pacific focused academic centre in North America. The Centre will engage with institutions, civil society and leading scholars at the University of Victoria and across the world to broker and facilitate meaningful relationships that will make a difference.

## Our Mandate

By providing a supportive environment for scholarly excellence and community engagement, CAPI will deepen the connection between the University of Victoria and the Asia-Pacific region. Through the work of CAPI's Chairs and programming, CAPI will be a catalyst for the creation, recognition and dissemination of knowledge concerning issues affecting the region.

## Our Goals

- To create and maintain connections between the UVic community and the Asia-Pacific region.
- To create and provide research programs and learning opportunities of such quality as to ensure CAPI's leadership among Asia-Pacific research centres in North America.
- To recruit, retain and support talented faculty, students and staff at the Centre, supporting them to achieve their highest potential.
- To access external funding to increase our programming and thus to increase the benefit to the University and the wider community.

## Thanks

We could not do the work that we do without our funding partners. A special thank you goes to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Rideau Hall, Community Foundations of Canada, Global Affairs Canada, the Jarislowsky Foundation and Albert Hung Chao Hong.

## Our people

### Staff & Faculty

**Andrew Marton**  
Director

**Helen Lansdowne**  
Associate Director

**Guoguang Wu**  
Chair in China and Asia-Pacific  
Relations

**Mary Yoko Brannen**  
Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair

**Victor V. Ramraj**  
Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

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Conference Coordinator

**Joel Legassie**  
Migration and Mobility Program  
Assistant

**Keren Huang**  
China Youth Leadership Program  
Coordinator

**Cate Lawrence**  
Internship Program Assistant

### Associates

**CAPI Associates advise on projects and Centre activities. They are drawn from the campus and the community.**

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Jessica Ball  
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Lu Ding  
Derek Ellis  
Nicholas Etheridge  
Stewart Goodings  
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Ralph Huenemann  
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Stacey Lambert  
Sharon Lee  
Tim Lindsey  
Lawrence Liu  
Isabel Lloyd  
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Kenneth MacKay  
Peter Maidstone  
Ted McDorman  
Terence McGee  
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Art Wright  
Francis Yee

### Steering Committee

**CAPI's Steering Committee advises on policy directions and contributes to achieving the goals and objectives of the Centre.**

**Andrew Marton** (Chair)  
Director

**Helen Lansdowne**  
Associate Director

**Michael Miller**  
Associate VP, Research

**Saul Klein**  
Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of  
Business

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Dean, Graduate Studies

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**Victor V. Ramraj**  
Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

**Jeremy Webber**  
Dean, Law

**Feng Xu**  
Political Science

### Visitor to the Centre

**Dr. Leslie Butt**, Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria, has been a visiting scholar with the Centre since September 2012 as a Professor in Asia-Pacific Relations. Dr. Butt works with our Migration and Mobility Program.



*Dr. Leslie Butt*

# Research is at our core

During the past two decades, CAPI has built a strong reputation as one of the major Asia-Pacific focused research centres in Canada. CAPI continues to be a catalyst for knowledge mobilization through collaborative research in the areas of law, history, politics, society and economics, and continues to build on its strengths to expand its areas of expertise. In addition, CAPI's research is enhanced by the expertise of its Research Chairs, all leaders in their field.

## Research Chairs



### **Dr. Guoguang Wu, Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations**

Guoguang Wu joined the Centre in July 2004 as the Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations. He is a Professor at the University of Victoria, teaching in both the Departments of Political Science and History. He received his BA from Peking (Beijing) University in China, an MA from the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing), and an MA and a PhD in Political Science from Princeton University. Dr. Wu's research interests include comparative politics and international relations with an emphasis on East Asia, particularly China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Thematically his research interests cover institutional transition from communism, the political economy of globalization, liberalization and democratization, the politics of authoritarian mass media, and foreign-domestic linkages in foreign policy and regional security.



### **Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen, Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair**

Mary Yoko Brannen is the Centre's Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair and joined us in July 2012. This Chair position, shared by CAPI and the Gustavson School of Business, came into existence as a result of a \$1 million gift from Canadian financier, businessman and philanthropist, Stephen Jarislowsky. Trained as an organizational anthropologist, Dr. Brannen's research interests and consulting specialty are in helping multinational firms realize their global strategic initiatives by aligning, integrating and deploying critical human resources. Born and raised in Japan, having studied and taught in France, Spain, China and the US, and having worked in the field of cross-cultural management for over 20 years, Dr. Brannen brings a multi-faceted, deep knowledge of today's complex cultural business environment to the Centre.



### **Dr. Victor V. Ramraj, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations**

Victor V. Ramraj joined the Centre in July 2014 as our Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, a position shared with the Uvic Faculty of Law. Previously, Dr. Ramraj taught in the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore where he served twice as the law faculty's Vice-Dean for Academic Affairs (2006–2010, 2011–2012). He has also served a one-year term (2010–2011) as the co-director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies in London. He holds degrees in law (LLB, Toronto; LLM, Queen's University Belfast) and philosophy (BA, McGill; MA, PhD, Toronto). His current research interests include comparative constitutional law (with a particular interest in emergency powers in Southeast Asia), the legal history of state and company (with a particular interest in the British East India Company and its comparison with modern state-owned enterprises), and the theoretical and practical implications of transnational law and legal pluralism.

## Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

The reported academic year saw many publications, lectures, conferences and outreach activities from the Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations. In addition, the Chair began preparations for a SSHRC Connections Grant proposal for the upcoming *En-gendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women's Rights and Feminist Activism* symposium set to take place in April of 2017. During the reported period, Dr. Wu travelled extensively, promoting CAPI's profile and participated in outreach to other institutions nationally and internationally. In Victoria he hosted many visitors, especially those from China.

### Organization of Events

- During the reporting period Dr. Wu was preparing for a CAPI symposium, "En-gendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women's Rights, and Feminist Activism;" he will apply for a SSHRC connection grant in November 2016 to aid in the financing of the event.
- Dr. Wu helped CAPI to organize various events, such as the lecture given by Professor Wang Yong of Beijing University.

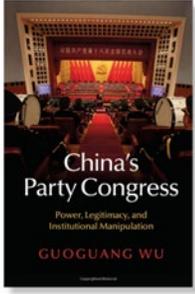
### Publications

- Guo Guang Wu, *Globalization Against Democracy: The Political Economy of Capitalism after Its Global Triumph*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in the publication process, 2017 forthcoming, approximately 310 pp.
- Guo Guang Wu, "The Role of Party Congresses," in Willy Lam ed., *The Handbook of the Chinese Communist Party*, London: Routledge, 2017 forthcoming.
- Guo Guang Wu, "Xi's Anti-Corruption Campaign and Increasing Uncertainty of Chinese Politics: A Framework of Analysis," *Modern China Studies* [Old Dominion University], 2017 forthcoming.
- Guo Guang Wu, *China's Party Congress: Power, Legitimacy, and Institutional Manipulation*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, xii + 368 pp.
- Guo Guang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *China's Transition from Communism – New Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2016, xii + 216 pp.
- Guo Guang Wu, "Conclusion: 'Repressive Capitalism' as the Institutional Crystallization of China's Transition," in Guo Guang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *China's Transition from Communism – New Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2016, pp. 188-210.
- Guo Guang Wu, "A Sunshine Morning in the Winter: Personal Matters in the End of 1977" (a memoir piece on university admission), *Linyi guangdian* [Broadcasting and Television in Linyi], 30, 3 (July 2015): 24-9 [in Chinese].

### Public Lectures, Conference Papers, and Other Conference

- Guo Guang Wu, "Post-Secondary Education in North America: Principles, Institutions, and International Comparisons," a lecture, the Dongyi Academy, Linyi, China, July 28, 2015.
- Panelist, all panels, the workshop "Rewrite the History of Twentieth-Century China, V," Beijing, China, August 17-20, 2015.
- Guo Guang Wu, "Theatre of Power: China's Party Congress and Authoritarian Legitimization," a CAPI Research Seminar, UVic, October 19, 2015.
- Panelist, all panels, the workshop "Recent Political, Economic, and Social Developments in China," Sapporo, Japan, October 25-27, 2015.

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RESEARCH SEMINAR



# Theatre of Power

CHINA'S PARTY CONGRESS & AUTHORITARIAN LEGITIMIZATION

Presentation by **Dr. Guo Guang Wu**

Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations  
Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

Monday, October 19, 2015 | 3 – 4:30 pm | UVic, Sedgewick C168

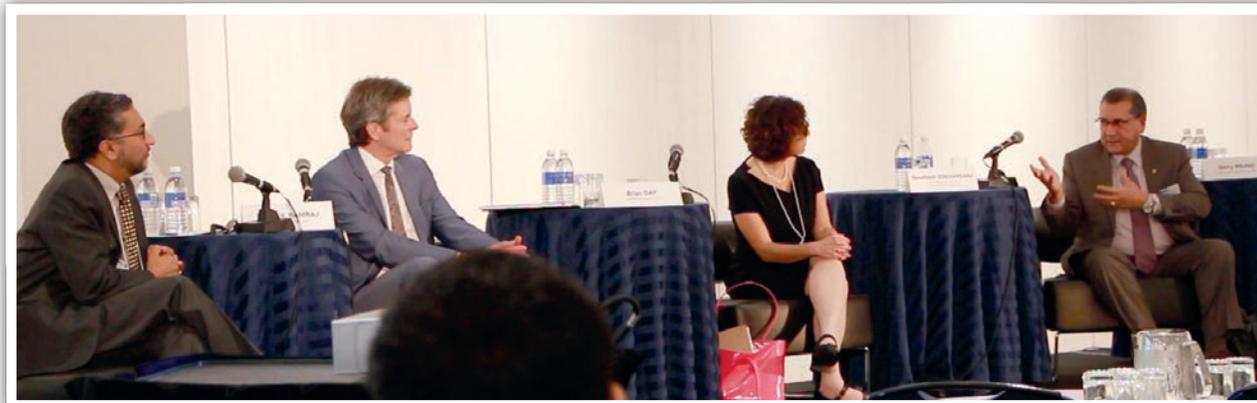
- Guo Guang Wu, "China's Party Congress: Power, Legitimacy, and Institutional Manipulation," a public lecture, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, October 29, 2015.
- Guo Guang Wu, "A History of the 1980s in the Context of Twenty-Century China," a discussion paper to the workshop "Rewriting the History of Twentieth-Century China, VI," Hangzhou, China, January 19, 2016.
- Panelist, all panels, the workshop "Rewrite the History of Twentieth-Century China, VI," Hangzhou, China, January 17-20, 2016.
- Attendance at the Association for Asian Studies annual conference, Seattle, March 31-April 2, 2016.
- Guo Guang Wu, "Elections during the Cultural Revolution: A Study based on the CCP's National Congress," a paper delivered at the conference "China and Mao's Legacy: International Conference for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cultural Revolution," University of California, Riverside, USA, June 24, 2016.
- Panel chair, the 3rd panel, the conference "China and Mao's Legacy: International Conference for the 50 Anniversary of the Cultural Revolution," University of California, Riverside, USA, June 24, 2016.

### Teaching, Service and Outreach

- Taught two undergraduate courses: "Government and Politics in East Asia" winter 2015 and "China and the World" spring 2016.
- In July 2015 a MA student with Political Science Department under Dr. Wu's supervision successfully defended his thesis of a comparative study of China and the United States on investment examination policies.
- In September 2015 Dr. Wu took on a new MA student with History Department, who is working on the growth of legal awareness among Chinese journalists during the 1980s.
- During the academic year Dr. Wu served as member and chair of a number of graduate examination committees.
- Dr. Wu rendered services to both the Department of Political Science and CAPI, as well as the Faculty of Social Science and the University, on various committees.
- He regularly participated in campus events either sponsored by CAPI or other units of UVic, including meeting visitors, and attending lectures.
- Dr. Wu continued to sit on the editorial boards of ten international academic and public affairs journals and academic board of a number of educational or research organizations. These journals and organizations are based across Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, UK, and USA.

- Also he continued his membership of the Standing Review Board, the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel of the Research Grant Council of Hong Kong, China, taking a responsibility to regularly review research proposals on this capacity.
- During the reporting year he also reviewed book manuscripts and research articles for a number of publishing houses and academic journals.
- The *Mingjing* magazine, a leading Chinese periodical based in New York, conducted a special interview of Dr. Wu on his new book on China's Party Congress, and the lengthy interview (more than 25,000 words) was published in the March 2016 issue of the magazine (pp. 91-116) and, split to be a series, in the media group's website.

## Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations



Victor V. Ramraj moderates a panel on "Airports and trans-Pacific Connectivity" at the Trans-Pacific Aviation Law and Policy Conference. The panel included Brian Day, Banafsheh Sokhansanj and Gerry Bruno.

During the reporting period the Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations organized and hosted the *Trans-Pacific Aviation Law & Policy Conference* in Vancouver, BC. Dr. Ramraj participated in a number of international conferences, published papers, presented at seminars and gave a Continuing Legal Education lecture. He continued an enthusiastic teaching schedule and participated in many on campus events.

### Conferences Organized

- Conference Chair of the Trans-Pacific Aviation Law & Policy Conference, Hyatt Vancouver, Vancouver, BC, October 8-9, 2015.

### Publications (2015-2016)

- Victor V. Ramraj, "Constitutional Interpretation in an Age of Globalization: Challenges and Prospects" in Jaclyn L. Neo, ed., *Constitutional Interpretation in Singapore: Theory and Practice* (London and New York: Routledge, 2016), pp. 341-62.

### Publications

#### (Forthcoming/Accepted for Publication)

- Victor V. Ramraj, "Prospects for Judicial Review of Transnational Private Regulation: Singapore and Canada" (2016) *Tilburg Law Review* (forthcoming)
- Victor V. Ramraj, "Transnational Non-State Regulation and Domestic Administrative Law" in Peter Lindseth and Susan Rose-Ackerman, eds., *Comparative Administrative Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, forthcoming)

### Papers Presented (International Conferences)

- "Transnational Regulation and State Capitalism: A Public Law Perspective", presented at the 13th ASLI Conference in Beijing, China (May 19-20, 2016)
- "Transnational Non-State Regulation and Domestic Administrative Law" presented at the Comparative Administrative Law Conference, Yale

Law School, New Haven, USA (April 29-30, 2016) [paper accepted for publication—see above]

- "The Role of Courts in Times of Crisis: Legal, Political, and Socio-Historical Perspectives" presented at Judicial Decision-Making During Conflict Conference, Seattle University, Seattle, USA (April 22-23, 2016)
- "Reimagining Constitutionalism", presented at the Trans-Pacific Comparative Public Law Roundtable, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, USA (January 14-15, 2016)
- Victor V. Ramraj, "Language, Reconciliation, and Inclusion in Canada" presented at a seminar, Thailand's Deep South Update: Language as Peacemaker, Institute of Security and International Studies Public Forum, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (November 4, 2015)

### Teaching, Curriculum Development and Graduate Supervision

- "Transnational Regulation and Public Law", presented in the summer seminar series at the Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada (June 15, 2016)
- "Regulators without Borders: A Typology of Transnational Regulation" presented to the CBA International Law Section presentation (February 11, 2016)
- "The Future of Law in the Asian Century: State Capitalism, Global Supply Chains, and Energy" presented as part of the Deans' Lunchtime Lecture Series (What's New in Law?), Central Library, Broughton Street, Victoria, BC, Canada (November 27, 2015)
- "Transnational Law and Why It Matters", CAPI Research Seminar, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada (November 18, 2015)

### Teaching

- Legal Process, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria (Fall 2015)
- Transnational Law in Theory and Practice, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria (Fall 2015)
- Transnational Law in Theory and Practice, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (intensive course, August 2015)
- States, Companies & Legal Orders in Asia, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria (Summer 2015)
- Guest lecturer on emergency powers in Asia (by videoconference) in Professor Yvonne Tew's Comparative Constitutional Law course at Georgetown University Law Centre in Washington, D.C. (6 April 2016).

### Graduate Supervision/Examination Committees

- Graduate supervisor to Benjamin Lawrence, PhD Candidate, University of Victoria (research topic: Cambodian constitutional law); Thanh Phan, PhD Candidate, University of Victoria (research topic: competition law in Vietnam, Japan, Canada, and the United States)
- Served as an external examiner for a PhD dissertation at the University of Melbourne Law School, Australia, submitted by Nurhafilah Musa, "Intergovernmental Relations in the Administration of Islamic Matters in Malaysia: A Potential Use of a Cooperative Federalist Framework" (Oct. 2015).

- Served on the final oral examination committee of a Political Science MA Candidate at UVic, Mr. Can Zhao, on his thesis "Redefining Critical Industry: A Comparative Study of Inward FDI Restrictions in the United States and China" (17 July 2015).

### Committees

- Was appointed the Director of Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria (with effect from 1 January 2016). Previously served as member of the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee (to 30 December 2015).

### Campus Events

- In March 2016, Professor Ramraj organized and hosted a visit by Dr. Jeremy Kingsley, Senior Research Fellow at the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore. Dr. Kingsley gave two lectures at the University of Victoria, one ("The Transnational Corporate Lawyers of Dubai, Jakarta and Singapore") co-hosted by CAPI and the Faculty of Law, the other ("Religious Authority and Local Governance in Eastern Indonesia – An Abode of Islam") co-hosted by CAPI and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.
- Served as judge at a Moot Court, Faculty of Law, UVic (March 2016)
- In September 2016, Professor Ramraj organized and hosted a visit by Professor Tadahiro Matsuda and six of his law students from Faculty of Law, Economics and Humanities, Kagoshima University, Japan (September 2015)

## Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair

In addition to her teaching and supervision of MBA/PhD students, writing and editing, in her fourth year as the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, Dr. Brannen organized conferences and seminars on international relations, cross-cultural management and boundary-spanning in today's complex global business arena, all of which either showcased or included the Japanese business context.

Dr. Brannen received two significant honours this year:

- Elected as an Academy of International Business (AIB) Fellow on March 3, 2016. AIB Fellows are a select group of distinguished scholars and major contributors to the AIB and to the field of international business.
- Awarded an honorary doctorate by the Copenhagen Business School for her work in the field of cross-cultural management and international business

These awards acknowledge Dr. Brannen's significant scholarly contributions to the field of international management in regards to cross-border knowledge sharing, cross-cultural integration and the role of immigrants and their bicultural children in spanning across cultural and organizational boundaries in today's global context of business. Her work suggests that contemporary organizations still have much to learn about the profound impact that cultural changes — brought about by migration, mobility and shifting boundaries — are having on the everyday life of organizations.

### Conferences/Workshops/Seminars organized with CAPI

- "Management and New Demographic: Unleashing the Economic and Organizational Potential of Migrants, Diaspora, and a Boundaryless Workforce", Vancouver, August 8, 2015; Professional Development Workshop (PDW) for Academy of Management. Dr. Brannen presented:
  - Cross-cultural Management: Advancing Organizations and People in a

Global Business World

- Intersectionality and Leadership: Examining Leadership, Race, Ethnicity and Culture
- Merging Cultural & Institutional Logics Perspectives to Better Understand Organizational Realities
- Unleashing the Potential of Migrants, Diaspora, and the Boundaryless Workforce
- "Japan and the Other: Learning from Japan", Victoria, October 29, 2015
- "Culture at Work" seminar series with sessions about China, India, Canada, and Japan and the World, 2015–2016
- "Management and the New Demographic: Workplace Integration and Individual Outcomes for Migrants and their Descendants," CAPI Research Seminar, Victoria, February 3, 2016

### Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

- "Recontextualization and the Not-So-Obvious Language Challenges of Crossing Organizational Boundaries." Keynote for Groupe Ecole de Management et Langues, Paris, March 2016
- Desautels Faculty of Management of McGill University, Montreal, September 2015
- "Cultural Differences as Key to Innovation, Growth and Ongoing Strategic Renewal," Keynote, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2015

### Other CAPI and University Related Services

- Japan's Friendship Ties Program (Kakehashi Project), Victoria/Vancouver, February 13-20, 2016
- Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives Executive Committee
- University of Victoria committees:
  - Steering Committee, Provost's Equity & Diversity (2016–)
  - Graduate Awards Committee (2014–)
  - Internal Research Grants Committee (2013–)
  - Professional Programs Internal Research Grant Sub-Committee (2013–)
- Gustavson School of Business committees:
  - Research Committee (2016–)
  - PhD Advisory Committee (2013–)
  - Faculty Research Mentor (2012–)
  - Faculty Craft Advisor, Grant advisor (2012–)
  - PhD Advisory Board Member (2012–)

### Media Interviews/Awards/News Coverage

- Interview with Kelly Caldwell, *Insigiam Quarterly Magazine*, Victoria, August 18, 2015
- Internet Keynote at OSCON Big Data Conference, video released on O'Reilly data website, Portland OR, August 2015
- Internet Keynote at STRATA+HADOOP Big Data Conference, YouTube, New York City NY, September 2015
- Interview with Jenn Webb, "Organizational cultural identity, HELP systems, and the end of English as the lingua franca", *The O'Reilly Radar Podcast*. New York City NY, November 2015
- Interview with Lina Törnquist, the *Volvo Group Magazine*, Victoria, December 14, 2016

### Sponsorships

- Post-Doctorate Fellow Kathrin Haneck from the University of Michigan at the Gustavson School of Business, UVic, Victoria, June-July 2016
- CAPI Japan Internship Program, in partnership with CITYNET in Yokohama, Japan, Victoria, February 15, 2016
- Victoria Film Festival Screening "Lost and Found", Sidney and Victoria, February 11 & 13, 2016

### Academic Contributions

- Honorary Doctorate from the Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen Denmark, March 18, 2016
- Visiting professor at Stanford University: Work, Technology and Organization Group, Stanford, 2016-Ongoing

### Grant proposals submitted

- Asia Pacific Foundation Grant: Innovative SME Export Assistance Programs – A comparative study of two key areas (East Asia and Europe) best practices; \$10,000; submitted February 29, 2016
- SHHRC Insight Development Grants:
  - Organizing with the New Demographic: The Bidirectional Influence of Immigrant and Bicultural Employees on Their Organizations; \$50,000; submitted February 2, 2016
  - Building Global Competencies in Canadian Organizations: The Contribution of International Students; \$52,330; submitted January 31, 2016



Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen accepting a honorary doctorate degree from the Copenhagen Business School, March 2016.

- Gustavson Executive Grant (Co-PL): Bicultural Individuals and Workplace Outcomes, Gustavson Executive Grants; submitted January 27, 2016; awarded March 16, 2015

### Publications

- Easter, S., Brannen, M. Y., & Thornton, P. (2016). "The Promise of Integrating Institutional Logics and Negotiated Culture Perspectives For Cross Sector Partnership Research". *Academy of Management Perspectives*.
- Brannen, M. Y., & Mughan, T. (2016). *International Business through a Language Lens*. Palgrave-Macmillan. (Accepted)
- Brannen, M. Y. (2015). "Guest Editor: Organization Studies and the Day-to-Day Life of Cultures and Communities". *Organization Studies: Special Issue*.
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### Service to External Communities

- Editorial Board, *Management International Review*, Fall 2010 – Ongoing
- Deputy Editor, *Journal of International Business Studies*, Summer 2010 – Fall 2016
- President, The International Organization Network, Spring 2006 – Ongoing
- Editorial Board, Senior Editor, *International Journal of Business Innovation and Research*, Spring 2006 – Ongoing
- Committee member, San Jose State University, Fall 2004 – Spring 2016
- Editorial Board, *International Journal of Cross-Cultural Management*, Fall 1999 – Ongoing
- O'Reilly Cultivate, Fall and Summer 2015

## Landscapes of Injustice

CAPI continues to collaborate productively with *Landscapes of Injustice*, the 7-year project (2014–2021) to research and tell the history of the forced sale of the property of Japanese Canadians in the 1940s.

Following an exploratory trip to Japan (funded by the CAPI Faculty Research Grant) in May 2015, the project formed a Japan Research Committee, headed by Dr. Audrey Kobayashi, Queen's University, with scholars from Canada and Japan. This committee will steer research that connects the work of *Landscapes of Injustice* with a group of researchers in Japan, examining the experiences of the almost 4,000 Japanese Canadians (20% of the prewar population on the coast) who were exiled to Japan in 1946. In Japan, this initiative is headed by Dr. Masako Iino of Tsuda College in Tokyo, who has received a grant from the Japan International Cooperative Agency who run the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum in Yokohama, Japan to facilitate research in this initiative.

The Canadian research collective has been busy digging into archives, searching land title histories, digitizing maps, and interviewing. Over a dozen writing projects are currently underway that will share our findings with scholarly and public audiences. For example, our researchers are currently explaining the importance of the 1942 government promise to protect the property of Japanese Canadians; detailing the relations between Jewish Torontonians and Japanese Canadians in the 1940s and 1950s; and tracing the life-paths of Japanese migrants to Canada, including their acquisitions of property and their subsequent dispossession and internment.

In 2015, *Landscapes of Injustice* and the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) established the Hide Hyodo-Shimizu Research Scholarship offered to a student endorsed by one of the NAJC chapters to spend the summer as a Research Assistant on the project.



*L to R: Jordan Stanger-Ross, Project Director; Hikari Rachmat, Scholarship Recipient 2015; Ken Noma, NAJC Executive Director; Michael Abe, Project Manager*



*Dr. Henry Shimizu talks to the Grade 7 class at Lansdowne Middle School about his life during internment in New Denver.*

### In the community

Community outreach activities included a presentation at the UVic's History department's lecture series, *Café Historique* and as part of the UVic Continuing Education lecture series "In Pursuit of Knowledge". We attended the Powell Street Festival in July and the Nikkei Matsuri in August 2015. *Landscapes of Injustice* was a prominent participant in the NAJC AGM in Victoria in September 2015 with presentations by the project director Jordan Stanger-Ross and Community Records co-chair Sherri Kajiwara, 2015 scholarship recipient Hikari Rachmat, and a panel of Community Council members.

### In the news

Project findings have also been in the news this year, an important part of keeping this topic alive in public conversation. Newly unearthed archival documents showed that the City of Vancouver had a greater role than previously known in the forced sale of property, findings that prompted a presentation to City of Vancouver planners in November 2015 and a vigorous media response in newspapers, radio, television, and social sites.

In the spring of 2016, a significant donation of documents and artefacts by the family of Eikichi Kagetsu, the lumber baron who owned the Deep Bay Logging Company in Fanny Bay on Vancouver Island before the war, provided an invaluable resource to help researchers better understand the story of Kagetsu and the ramifications of the government policies of dispossession.

### In the schools

As a part of their Social Studies and Language Arts curriculum, Catherine Beaulac and Kerry Quinn, grade seven teachers at Lansdowne Middle School in Victoria, teamed up with *Landscapes of Injustice* for a new and exciting project. "Whose "His"tory is this?" concentrated on learning about the histories of Canada's marginalized communities.

Weekly mini-lessons focussed on different communities, including Women's Rights, Acadian displacement, Japanese-Canadian Internment during WWII, LBGQT history and rights, Chinese Labourers during railroad construction, and Residential Schools. Students organized

their research into exhibits and displays that were showcased in a collaborative museum in December 2015 to the rest of the school and to parents.

Dr. Henry Shimizu and Jordan Stanger-Ross spoke to the classes. The students were very engaged, listening to Dr. Shimizu's stories of life in the camp at New Denver through his beautiful art work. Jordan's discussion with the students provoked them to think about why it's important to study history and about social justice implications and consequences of government policy decisions.

Landscapes of Injustice highlights university student participation and training—every year two-dozen students work directly with leading researchers and museum professionals. They do archival research, conduct interviews, design and manage complex databases, translate documents, create maps, communicate across disciplinary boundaries, connect with communities, and speak to the media; our students do everything that our project does. These students learn important facets of this history and acquire skills that will serve them throughout their careers. They engage questions of social justice, democracy, and activism and find their place within a diverse team of researchers.

Students who are not Japanese Canadian learn how to engage historical injustice as active allies—contributing to investigating the harms perpetrated against a



*Part of a significant donation of documents and artefacts by the family of Eikichi Kagetsu, the lumber baron who owned the Deep Bay Logging Company in Fanny Bay on Vancouver Island before the war.*

particular community while also communicating respectfully with and learning from members of that community. Students of Japanese-Canadian origin describe the project as an opportunity to find new ways of understanding the history of their own families and work with people with whom they can explore and interrogate this past. In all, students acquire important skills while also becoming better citizens of a multicultural society.

## Migration and Mobility Program

During the latter six months of this reporting period, CAPI's Migration and Mobility Program (MMP) was invited to host the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies annual conference, *Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement & the Politics of Engagement*, in Victoria in May 2017. The MMP has been busy working towards this undertaking by applying for a SSHRC Connections Grant to support this initiative and sending out the Call for Papers. Two hundred researchers, policy makers and activists from diverse disciplines and regions are to be hosted at the University of Victoria to discuss the parameters of global displacement, especially the experiences of those taking routes less traveled.

Building upon the successful launch of its inaugural issue at the Migration and Late Capitalism 2015 Conference (MLC), the MMP's online, open access journal *Migration, Mobility, and Displacement* (MM&D), has continued to develop a network of established and emerging scholars, activists

and civil society groups to enhance its diverse international advisory board and offer essays and commentary for the journal, while accepting submissions from around the world.

MM&D's second issue, published in February 2015, drew on the momentum of the MLC Conference with transcriptions of the keynote talks given, as well as contributions from other conference participants. The third issue, slated for publication in the summer of 2016 will feature more contributions from MLC conference participants, as well as others. In the meantime, the editorial board has begun to plan a special fourth issue, (Summer 2017) entitled "*Forgotten Corridors*," guest edited by Dr. Heather Johnson of Queen's University Belfast, to be published in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Conference.



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### **FORGOTTEN CORRIDORS**

**Global Displacement & the  
Politics of Engagement**

**MAY 15-18, 2017  
VICTORIA, BC**

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 University of Victoria | Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

*As an intern I have grown in many ways personally, professionally, and academically. I have learned extensively about the challenges and issues many people in India and globally have to deal with as well as the happiness and joys that have also been generously shared with me.*

*My curiosity and understanding about the world has deepened, particularly about how I can move forward in this complex, globalized world I am a part of and how I can use my skills to contribute towards a more equal, healthy, just, and sustainable future for all.*

*This experience has opened up many new questions for me in terms of the systems of the world around me as well as my own role.*



*Crossing Borders Intern, Kenda on a school visit with Society for Participatory Research in Asia, India*

*Because of this internship I am now interested in pursuing post-graduate studies in International Development and continue on with this learning process the internship has provided me with!*

**Kenda Chang-Swanson, Crossing Borders Intern, India**

## The Program

Since 2003, CAPI has been sending Canadian interns to work with civil society organizations in the Asia-Pacific region. This year was another exciting period for CAPI's International Internship Program.

Thanks to the generous support of Global Affairs Canada, Rideau Hall, Community Foundations of Canada, the President's Beyond Borders Fund, the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, CAPI and the Asia Pacific Foundation (APF), CAPI's International Internship and Scholarship Program selected ten young Canadian graduates and nineteen UVic students to complete internships and graduate studies research with our incredible partner organizations across Asia and Africa.

From April to December 2015, twelve UVic students completed internships with our dedicated partner organizations in Bangladesh, India, Japan, Malaysia, and Nepal. CAPI supported nine interns through the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship (QES) Program, a collaborative initiative by Rideau Hall Foundation, Community Foundations of Canada, and Universities Canada, to work with the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) in India, the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) and BRAC in Bangladesh, and the Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI) and the Asia-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women in Malaysia. With support from CAPI and the Japan Chair, three interns also completed placements with Migrants' Centre, Asian Forum in Nepal and CITYNET Yokohama in Japan.

During this period, the QES program also supported the research of five Canadian, outgoing scholars with organizations in India, Botswana, Malawi and Singapore and two incoming scholars, from Britain and Nigeria. In April 2016, three additional incoming scholars from Australia, Jamaica and Nigeria were selected and will receive scholarships to support their studies at UVic for the 2016-2017 academic year.

With CAPI's increasing interest in migration-related issues, we also continued to work with our partner organizations doing important work in the area of migrants' rights through the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) with Global Affairs Canada. From October 2015 to March 2016, ten young Canadians completed internships with our partner organizations, Migrant Forum in Asia and the Center for Migrant Advocacy in the Philippines and Asian Forum, Pourakhi and the Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee in Nepal. In June 2016, ten more interns were selected to work with our partners in Bangladesh, Philippines and Nepal.

We look forward to continuing our relationships with these organizations in the upcoming year with the support of the QES, IYIP, President's Fund and APF programs.

# 2015 – 2016 interns and scholars

## International Youth Internship Program Interns

### Shanzeh Ameen

Kathmandu, Nepal  
Pourakhi

### Chih Chen

Quezon City, Philippines  
Center for Migrant Advocacy

### Harshada Deshpande

Kathmandu, Nepal  
Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee

### Shannon Doyle

Quezon City, Philippines  
Center for Migrant Advocacy

### Brian Hutchinson

Quezon City, Philippines  
Center for Migrant Advocacy

### Nadya Jamal

Kathmandu, Nepal  
Pourakhi

### Dugal Monk

Quezon City, Philippines  
Migrant Forum in Asia

### Valérie Paradiso

Quezon City, Philippines  
Migrant Forum in Asia

### Leanne Perera

Quezon City, Philippines  
Migrant Forum in Asia

### Elizabeth Thippawong

Kathmandu, Nepal  
Migrant Centre

## CAPI Funded Interns

### Nicola Craig Hora

Yokohama, Japan  
CITYNET

### Sophia Mayen

Yokohama, Japan  
CITYNET

### Katt McGrath

Yokohama, Japan  
CITYNET

## Crossing Borders Interns

### Zachary Brabazon

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research  
Unit, Bangladesh  
History Undergraduate

### Kenda Chang-Swanson

Society for Participatory Research in Asia, India  
Sociology/Social Justice Undergraduate

### Kimberly Copeland

Malaysian Social Research Institute, Malaysia  
Political Science/Commerce Undergraduate

### Emma De Vynck

Karenni Social Development Centre, Thailand  
Social Work Undergraduate

### Claire Horwood

Malaysian Social Research Institute, Malaysia  
Gender Studies Undergraduate

### Sidney Moss

Society for Participatory Research in Asia, India  
History/Political Science Undergraduate

### Hannah Shin

Network Activities Group, Myanmar  
Anthropology Undergraduate

### Joel Toorenburgh

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research  
Unit, Bangladesh  
Political Science Undergraduate

### Danae Zachari

Malaysian Social Research Institute, Malaysia  
Sociology/Global Development Studies  
Undergraduate

## Crossing Borders Incoming Scholars

### Taiwo Afolabi

Nigeria  
PhD candidate in Applied Theatre

### Bhiamie Eckford-Williamson

Australia  
Masters of Indigenous Governance program

### Jeanique Tucker

Jamaica  
Master's candidate in Political Science

## Crossing Borders Outgoing Scholars

### Jesse Baltutis

South Africa  
PhD Candidate at the Water, Innovation, and  
Global Governance lab

### Janice Dowson

South Africa  
PhD candidate in the Department of Political  
Science

### Elena Lopez

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Master's candidate in Political Science

### Charlene Mohammed

Singapore  
Master's candidate in Anthropology

*"I recently went to an IOM working group on ethical recruitment. The woman that facilitated the working group used to work on the temporary foreign worker program within the government in Canada. I found this to be a very good and interesting example of how transferable our skills will be in the future. I also found the working group a fantastic example of consensus building and interface between sectors.*

*In addition, the positive energy in the room and the capacity of the group to listen to different actors was really quite inspiring and demonstrated what working together as different actors can achieve while satisfying the interests of multiple players."*

Shannon Doyle, International Youth Internship Program, Centre for Migrant Advocacy



Students studying a decorative hat while visiting *SNIDƆƐƐ*, a First Nations site in Saanich for an environmental education program.

## China Youth Leadership Program

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The China Youth Leadership Program (CYLP) is an educational leadership program delivering a global and experiential learning experience to Chinese undergraduate students through a hybrid of interactive lectures and practical field trips involving local history; gender, sexuality and identity studies; global leadership; art history and comparative sociology.

Between September 2015 and June 2016 CAPI hosted 362 participants from China. For the purpose of optimizing participants' learning outcomes, students were taught by faculty, CAPI Associates, and PhD candidates from Pacific and Asian Studies, Fine Arts, History, Geography, and Political Science, as well as participated in field trips with various CAPI's community affiliates.

The CYLP is in partnership with the Union of Northern International Universities, a union of 16 universities in China, eight of which send students to take part in the CYLP on a regular basis.

With the dedicated effort of CAPI staff, the community stakeholders and the Chinese partners, the CYLP has drawn overwhelming attention and positive testimonials. The number of students has risen steadily from under 30 to 50+ in each CYLP group as well as an increasing number of partner universities. After another fruitful year, reinforcing strong ties with CAPI's partners at home and abroad, the CYLP clearly illustrates CAPI's dedication to its vision and objectives.



Students visiting *SNIDƆƐƐ*.

# Hosting the world – international conferences

CAPI hosted two major conferences in the 2015-2016 academic year and is slated to host two more in 2017.



## 11th International Conference on Chaozhou Studies

August 17-19, 2015 | University of Victoria

CAPI was pleased to host the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Chaozhou Studies at the University of Victoria, August 17-19, 2015. Scholars from across China, Southeast Asia and the US came together to

present research on many aspects of Chaozhou studies. Panels looked at the Economic History of the Chaozhou people and the region, the Chaoshan Dialect, Religion, important people in Chaozhou history and vital Social Organizations.

## Trans-Pacific Aviation Law and Policy Conference

October 8 and 9, 2015 | Hyatt Regency, Vancouver BC

The two-day program consisted of eight diverse Davos-style discussions covering a range of topics including the liberalization of air services agreements, airports and trans-Pacific connectivity, aircraft finance, transnational business models, environmental externalities and emissions, security, safety, liability and insurance, and the future of trans-Pacific aviation. The Law Society of British Columbia and the Washington State Bar Association accredited the conference with 12.5 continuing legal education (CLE/CPD) credits, including two ethics credits.

The conference began with a warm welcome from the Conference Chair, Victor V Ramraj, the CAPI Law Chair and Professor of Law at UVic, and Gerry Bruno, Vice President of Federal Government Affairs for YVR, the conference's leading sponsor. A dynamic keynote panel, featuring aviation law professors Brian Havel (DePaul University College of Law, Chicago) Alan K.J. Tan (NUS Law School, Singapore), and moderated by David Timothy Duval (University of Winnipeg/Manitoba), followed, which provided perspectives on the implications of anticipated air services agreements,

mobility and changing legal and regulatory contexts within the Asia-Pacific region.

The morning sessions were followed by an insightful keynote address from Jeffrey Goh, the Chief Operating Officer of Star Alliance, exploring the future of the aviation industry in the Asia-Pacific region given emerging economies and the proliferation of air services agreements.

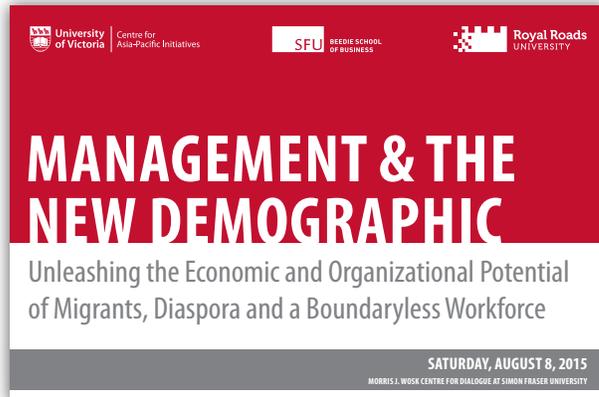
Panelists debated emerging issues such as the implications of transit zones and transit visa policies; technology and information sharing related to aircraft insurance; safety and security; mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures relationships with alliances and global networks; anticipated open skies and bi-lateral air services agreements; the future role of low-cost carriers on trans-Pacific routes; and emerging technologies, changing our current understandings of air and space law.



## CAPI events reach the community

Throughout the academic year CAPI holds events addressing the issues affecting the Asia-Pacific region. Our conferences, workshops, symposia and on-campus lunch and learn series inform the hundreds of people who come to explore the history, religion, science, politics and civil society of the Asia-Pacific. Most of our events are free and open to the public. Check out the CAPI website for links to videos of past events.

### SPECIAL EVENTS & LECTURES



#### Management and the New Demographic Unleashing the Economic and Organizational Potential of Migrants, Diaspora, and a Boundaryless Workforce 2015

August 8, 2015 | Mary Yoko Brannen | Vancouver, BC

A full-day Professional Development Workshop at the Academy of Management conference in Vancouver, this event brought together policy makers and integration specialists from British Columbia—the Canadian province with the highest and fastest growing immigrant population—with expert scholars representing the Academy of Management to a full-day open forum/thinktank with the intention of identifying the challenges and obstacles facing policy-makers, employers and society in integrating immigrant talent and sketch out an agenda for research and policy around best practices in unleashing the economic and organizational potential of migrants, diaspora and multiculturals as the new workforce demographic.

#### Thailand A Worthy Partner in Asia and the Pacific

September 15, 2015  
Dr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi,  
Thai Ambassador to  
Canada



This past September CAPI had the honour of welcoming Thai Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Vijavat Isarabhakdi to Victoria. As the second largest economy in Southeast Asia and one of the top tourist destinations

in the world, Thailand is a rapidly industrializing economy and a regional and international hub for international business. Dr. Isarabhakdi's presentation discussed Thailand–Canada relations, shared values and priorities, and made an argument for strengthened relations in the context of the current political situation.



#### Early Career Leaders in China Program

October 23 - November 10, 2015

In the Fall of 2015, CAPI co-hosted a professional development opportunity entitled *Early Career Leaders in China: Governance, Engagement & Innovation*. This intensive development program for professionals working in the public and private sectors in China and Hong Kong had a special focus on "Furthering Sustainability: the Environment & Clean Energy". The program was delivered in both Victoria and Vancouver.

The program provided early career leaders with the opportunity to map, assess and address critical challenges bigger than any one actor or sector. The program provided opportunities for learners to meet and engage with diverse actors in BC to further develop their understanding and skills for approaching complex challenges.

This was a collaborative program between CAPI, the School of Public Administration, the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, and the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems.

The 2015 program is made possible by the generous support of:

- Mr. Chan King Wai, Chairman, King Wai Group
- Mrs. Jessica Hung & Dr. Albert Hung, President, Goldpoly Asia Ltd.

## NEIL BURTON COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE

# Children of Denial

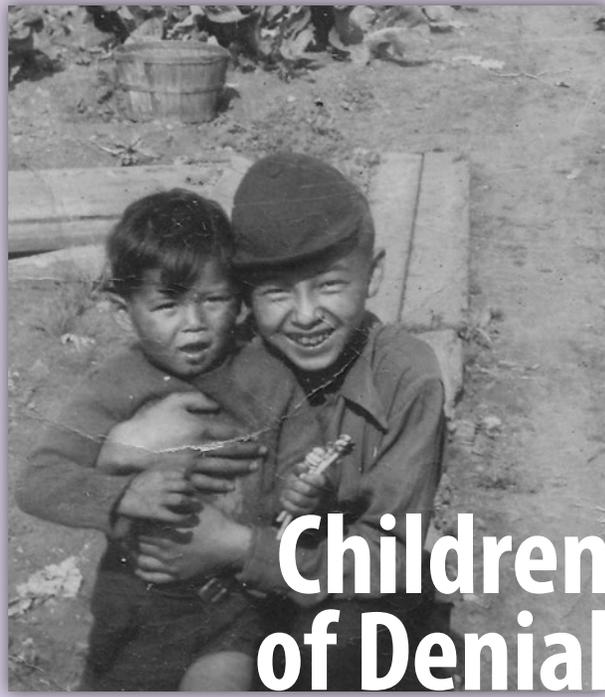
March 21, 2016 | Presented by Elder Larry Grant



Elder Larry Grant was born and raised in Musqueam traditional territory by a traditional hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ speaking Musqueam family. Larry's father came from the Guangdong province of China, and worked on one of the Chinese market gardens formerly at Musqueam Indian Reserve 2. After four decades as a tradesman, Larry

enrolled in the First Nations and Endangered Languages Program at UBC, which awoke his memory of the embedded value that the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ language has to self-identity, kinship, culture, territory and history prior to European contact. He is presently assisting in revitalizing hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ in the Musqueam Language and Culture Department, and co-teaching the introductory hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ course as an Adjunct Professor in the First Nations and Endangered Languages Program.

During his talk, Elder Larry Grant reflected on his challenges growing up of Musqueam and Chinese ancestry. His lecture discussed how self-respect, identity, and human rights have been denied to Indigenous children through government legislation, and how social issues such as these continue to exist today.



### Presented in Memory of Neil Burton (1941-2010)

A long-time advocate for closer Asia-Canada relations, Neil went to China as part of the first Canada-China student exchange in 1973. He lived in China for eight years and then in Japan for eighteen years before returning to Canada in 1990. Neil taught at Sophia University, the University of Toronto and at UVic. A commemorative fund has been established in honour of Neil's many contributions. This is the sixth Neil Burton Commemorative lecture held at the University of Victoria.

JAPAN & THE OTHER SEMINAR SERIES

## Learning from Japan

PRESENTATION & PANEL DISCUSSION  
Thursday, Oct 29, 2015 | 4:30 – 6 pm

Presentation by  
**Dr. Eleanor Westney**

Panellists:

- Mary Yoko Brannen
- Gary Knight
- Masao Nakamura
- Tom Rhoel

### Learning from Japan

Eleanor Westney with panel Mary Yoko Brannen, Gary Knight, Masao Nakamura, and Tom Roehl

October 29, 2015

Since the mid-1990's, Japan's lack of economic growth, apparent public policy ineffectiveness, and the slow response of many of its leading companies to a rapidly changing global business and technological context have made the era of learning from Japan a distant memory. However, as many of the world's most developed economies, including Canada, are facing the challenges of economic slowdown and political paralysis, the Japanese experience may have more to teach us than we have realized.

### MOVIE NIGHT *Fandry*

November 26, 2015  
Bindu Menon Manil

CAPI welcomed Dr. Bindu Menon in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, for a viewing of the award winning Indian film *Fandry*!



*Fandry*, a 2013 Indian Marathi-language film (presented with English subtitles) about romance amidst caste-based discrimination, won the Grand Jury Prize at the Mumbai International Film Festival and has been screened all over the world. The film is about a teenager from a Dalit (lower caste) family, who lives at the village fringe, and falls in love with an upper caste girl.



Students from UVic's Applied Theatre program led an interactive workshop during IdeaFest—participants were encouraged to actively engage as individuals with the complex issues of global refugee and migrant movements.

## IDEAFEST

### **Breaking Down the Fence**

Exploring Refugee Advocacy Through Applied Theatre

March 8, 2016

Understanding the complexities of global refugee and migrant movements can be overwhelming—especially when we don't have a way to actively engage with the issues and individual experiences. Following a short performance, this student-led workshop used interactive applied theatre and Theatre for Development techniques to support meaningful dialogue. The workshop was led by UVic graduate student Taiwo Afolabi and his classmates from the Applied Theatre program.

### **Nowhere People Photography Project**

April 11, 2016 | Greg Constantine

CAPI welcomed Greg Constantine for a presentation and discussion about his new book *Nowhere People*. The *Nowhere People* project documents individuals and ethnic communities around the world who have had their citizenship stripped or denied from them by governments (mostly because of discrimination, racism and intolerance) and as a result, are denied almost all fundamental rights, do not have citizenship to any country and are stateless. The third and capstone book of the project, *Nowhere People*, was published in November 2015.

## LECTURE SERIES

### RESEARCH SEMINARS

CAPI Research Chairs and Associates present on their ongoing research projects

### **Theatre of Power: China's Party Congress and Authoritarian Legitimation**

October 19, 2015 | Dr. Guoguang Wu

In his latest book, *China's Party Congress*, Dr. Wu explored a new theory of 'mutual contextualization' to reveal how informal politics and formal institutions interact. Despite the prevalence of informal politics behind the scenes, authoritarian politics in China seeks legitimization through a combination of political manipulation and the ritual mobilization of formal institutions.

### **Transnational Law and Why it Matters for Asia**

November 18, 2015 | Dr. Victor V. Ramraj

This presentation—drawing on Professor Ramraj's works-in-progress—explained how transnational legal norms are understood by a growing body of legal thinkers and why this emerging understanding of law offers both a new and an old way of thinking about many of the most pressing regulatory and policy challenges in contemporary Asia.

## Management and the New Demographic Workplace Integration and Individual Outcomes for Migrants and their Descendants

February 3, 2016 | Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen

In this seminar, Professor Mary Yoko Brannen offered an overview of how migrants and their descendants are or are not well-integrated into the Canadian workforce and discuss recent research findings on how multicultural individuals such as these experience and, in some cases, influence bottom-line, real-world work outcomes.



### Liminal Life on the Myanmar-Thailand Border

Forced Migrant Children's Identity Development  
and Agency in Resettlement Decision-Making

## Forced Migration Children's Identity Development and Agency in Resettlement Decision-Making

Liminal Life on the Myanmar-Thailand Border

March 2, 2016 | Dr. Jessica Ball

Decades of armed conflict and economic collapse in Myanmar resulted in millions of forced migrants living in neighbouring Thailand, China, and Malaysia. While migration and refugee studies have elaborated upon themes of voice, subjectivity, and agency of mobile adults, the voice and subjectivity of forced migrant children have been comparatively neglected. Dr. Jessica Ball outlined her research on forced migrant youths from Myanmar who have grown up as temporary residents or refugees along the northwest border of Thailand.

### LUNCH & LEARN

## China, Global Governance and the G20 Presidency

December 1, 2015 | Professor Yong Wang

This talk took a look into China's G20 preparations and agenda setting process and the ideas surrounding the G20 presidency specifically and the concepts of global governance in general.

Dr. Wang argued that China will promote cooperation on the G20 objectives of growth, stability and development and supported reforms that will improve the existing international economic system.

## Dancing the Feminine

Gender and Identity Performances by Indonesian  
Migrant Women

January 21, 2016 | Dr. Monika Swasti Winarnita

Monika Winarnita's new book, *Dancing the Feminine*, is a compelling vision of expressions of gender and identity at the heart of the Asian migrant women's experience as expressed through the performance of cultural dance. Dr. Winarnita explored the particular experiences of Indonesian migrant women in Australia and provides an analysis of these cultural performances as 'rituals of belonging'. Through narrative and video, this presentation described how cultural dance performance offers profound insight into migrants' life experience as well as into how human beings tell their stories and interact with one another.



### Many Nations of the Russian Federation

Exploring the lives of Indigenous peoples on Russia's Pacific Coast

## Many Nations of the Russian Federation

March 24, 2016 | Tatiana Degai

This talk took the audience on a short trip into the Russian North with its diverse and unique indigenous cultures. There are 41 Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East federally recognized in Russia. They share similar traditional activities, sustainable lifestyles, holistic world views, and problems that have arrived after the contact with Russian culture.

Traditionally indigenous peoples of the North lived and continue to live on the 60% of Russia's territory and comprise less than 1% of the total population of Russia.

The discussion focused around the term indigenous in the Russian context, what it implies and how is it understood by the government.

### Culture at Work

A new series of lunch time seminars exploring cultural understanding in the workplace, hosted by Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen for students in the Gustavson School of Business. Seminars explored China, India, Canada and Japan throughout the academic year.

## CAPI SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENTS

### The Global Refugee Crisis: Local International and International Responses

Donald Galloway, Dr. Scott Watson, Dr. Amy Verdun, Dr. Sabine Lehr, Mr. Almontaser Aidhy, Mr. Maher Boidany and moderator Dr. Feng Xu, September 23, 2015

### Global Talk with Bindu Menon

Centre for Global Studies, November 18, 2015

### Japanese Canadian Book Launch of *Sakura in Stone: Victoria's Japanese Legacy and Toshiko*

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society and the Landscapes of Injustice, November 23, 2015

### "Officials' Heartache" Depressions, Bureaucracy, and Psychologization in China

Dr. Jie Yang, February 1, 2016

### "Lost and Found"

Victoria Film Festival Screening

Sidney and Victoria, February 11 & 13, 2016

### Post Climate Deal and Global Goals: Where do we go from here?

BC Council for International Cooperation Unconference, February 13, 2016

### First Feminisms: reclaiming geographies of Indigenous resistance

Lansdowne Lecturer Dr. Sarah Hunt, March 3, 2016

### Thinking Women: The Life and Work of Michiko "Midge" Ayukawa (1930-2013)

Ayukawa Commemorative Fund and the departments of History and Gender Studies, March 8, 2016



Midge Ayukawa graduating from the Lemon Creek School on June 30, 1944. Dr. Ayukawa's life was celebrated in an International Women's Day panel discussion called "Thinking Women: The Life and Work of Michiko 'Midge' Ayuwaka (1930-2013).

### Asian Canadians and First Nations on the Islands: New Conversations about Land, Redress and Reconciliation

Workshop on Salt Spring Island, March 19, 2016

### Buddhism, Caste, and Art in an Egalitarian India

Melia Belli Bose as a part of The John Albert Hall Lecture Series presented by Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, March 24, 2016

### The Transnational Corporate Lawyers of Dubai, Jakarta and Singapore

Dr. Jeremy Kingsley, Faculty of Law, March 29, 2016

### Religious Authority and Local Governance in Eastern Indonesia – An Abode of Islam

Dr. Jeremy Kingsley, co-sponsored with the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, March 30, 2016

### Memories of the Internment

Landscapes of Injustice Spring Institute, April 29, 2016

## NEW IN 2016-17

### Global South Asia Forum

The newly established forum, housed at CAPI, will combine the efforts of several UVic departments to promote academic research, teaching and public engagement with South Asia. We look forward to a regular lecture series, mini conference and visiting scholars in 2017.

# Congratulations to our 2015–2016 award recipients

CAPI supports a wide-range of Asia-Pacific related initiatives at UVic through the many awards and scholarships we offer to faculty and students, both graduate and undergraduate.



Dr. Jutta Gutberlet (Geography) will be researching the health risks and livelihoods of waste pickers in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

## Faculty Research Grants

CAPI is committed to supporting study and understanding of the Asia-Pacific region at UVic. CAPI offers up to three Faculty Research Development Grants (up to \$5,000) every year to support research activities focused on the Asia-Pacific region.

Congratulations to Dr. Jutta Gutberlet of the Department of Geography for winning the 2016 CAPI Research Grant for her proposal "Rapid assessment of health and livelihood situations of waste pickers in Dhaka City, Bangladesh".

Dr. Gutberlet plans to use her grant to support travel to Bangladesh in order to assess the health risks and livelihood status of waste pickers in Dhaka city with the aim to provide policy recommendations towards sustainable and inclusive solid waste management.



## Student Fellowships

Four Student Fellowships valued at \$2,500 each are available on an annual basis to support student research and language study in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Charlene Mohammed**  
MA Student, Department of Anthropology

### RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations to Charlene Mohammed for winning a 2016 CAPI Student Fellowship to aid in her travel for research entitled "To share or not to share: Food security and social inequality among migrant domestic workers in Singapore." Charli traveled to Singapore in the spring and participated in food-related activities with domestic workers in order to understand their lives from their perspectives. Over the next year, she plans to mobilize her findings and thesis as a way to showcase the success stories of the Indonesian domestic workers in her study, as well as advocate for the food security rights for all foreign domestic workers in Singapore.

## Student Essay Prizes

CAPI offers prizes for the best essays focusing on the Asia-Pacific region completed for a UVic course during the current academic year.

**Victoria Philibert (winner, 2015 runner up)**  
BA student in the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

*"Persons or Things? Fetal Liminality in Japan's History"*

For more information and application details, including information about the Crossing Borders Scholarships, please see the CAPI website.



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