



Annual Report  
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Richard King  
Director

## Director's Message

Academic research can be slow-moving, and projects and activities planned months or years in advance do not always deal with events in the news headlines. This year, however, two conferences involving all three of CAPI's Research Chairs were on topics, and in one case in a place, that commanded world-wide attention. In early November 2006, Law Chair Andrew Harding led a number of University of Victoria colleagues, including China Chair Wu Guoguang, to Bangkok for a conference co-hosted by CAPI and King Prajadhipok's Institute on "Constitutional Reform: Comparative Perspectives". This came shortly after the bloodless coup in which the Thai military (assumed to be acting with royal consent) ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, and placed additional attention on the governance and constitution of that country.

The political and economic rivalry between China and Japan for domination in East Asia, fuelled by resentments over unresolved issues dating back to the Japanese invasion and occupation of China in the Second World War, continued to simmer, with sharp exchanges over the sensitive issues of school text-books and the honouring of the Japanese war-dead. This made the conference on relations between the two East Asian powers, held in Victoria in March 2007, a very timely one. For the "Japan-China Relations Conference" Japan Chair Joe Kess and China Chair Wu Guoguang invited scholars from Japan and China, who aired views with a frankness that could probably not have been achieved in a forum held in either of their home countries. Canadian scholars presented their reflections on the relationship from our side of the Pacific, and its implications for Canada. One of the Canadian contributors to the conference, Wenran Jiang of the University of Alberta, quoted a Chinese proverb to the effect that it is hard for two tigers to coexist on the same mountain. We will continue to watch the mountain, where the relationship of the two tigers will be key to the economic, political, and military future of the Asia-Pacific region.



The March conference was the last to be organized by Joe Kess as CAPI's Japan Chair before his retirement in June 2007, but not quite the last to include him: a colloquium held the week after the Japan-China conference, this time on the study and teaching of the Japanese language, Professor Kess' principal research field, brought together Japanese and Canadian scholars to celebrate the achievements of Professor Kess' outstanding career, all of it at the University of Victoria.

In addition to bringing research and scholarship on the Asia-Pacific to Victoria, CAPI continues to send young Canadians to the region. Following her return from maternity leave, CAPI's Program Director, Heidi Tyedmers, was successful in finding funding for our International Youth Internship Program to replace Foreign Affairs Canada's now discontinued Young Professionals International Program. As the final group of Foreign Affairs interns returned, we were preparing to select a new group, this time with funding from CIDA and two additional placements partially funded by CAPI. For all the participants, the opportunity to live and work in the Pacific and Southeast Asia is a thrilling and challenging experience; for some, it is the foundation of a career.

It has been an exciting year to be at CAPI, which the paragraphs above can only begin to describe; more information is contained in this report. There is much to look forward to in the coming year, as we prepare to mount a number of conferences and workshops, to involve ourselves in the Asia-Pacific in a number of other ways, and to make a further attempt in our search for a Japan scholar to fill the Chair vacated by the inimitable Joe Kess.

*Richard King*

## CAPI's Mission and Objectives

CAPI was established in 1987 as an important element of the University of Victoria's plan to expand and strengthen its links with universities and other institutions in the Asia-Pacific region, especially with China, Japan, Southeast Asia, Korea, and the developing island states of the Southwest Pacific.

The Centre's primary mandate is to conduct and facilitate research on policy issues related to the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, the Centre serves as a regional research facility to the University and to the larger community.

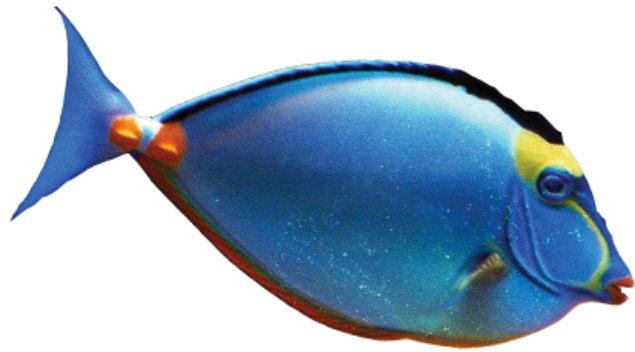
More specifically, CAPI was established to fulfill six functions:

- To organize and administer long-term, cross-disciplinary programs in collaboration with other relevant groups and institutions, on and off campus;
- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among interested persons at the University, and to organize and publicize visits by specialists and other visitors with Asia-Pacific expertise;
- To promote publication and public information activities appropriate to the University;
- To organize and conduct short and medium-term teaching, training and research projects;
- To participate in networks of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests; and
- To serve as a clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding activities on campus, and in the community.



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our website at: [www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca)

# People at CAPI



## Director and Staff

Richard King ~ Director  
Helen Lansdowne ~ Assistant Director  
Heidi Tyedmers ~ Program Director  
Stella Chan ~ Secretary

## Executive Committee

Richard King (Chair) ~ CAPI and Department of Pacific and Asian Studies  
Jim Anglin ~ Director, Office of International Affairs  
Philip Dearden ~ Department of Geography  
Chris Garrett ~ Department of Physics and Astronomy  
Andrew Harding, CAPI and Faculty of Law  
Peter Keller ~ Dean of Social Sciences  
Jeremy Webber ~ Faculty of Law  
Martin Taylor (Ex-Officio) ~ Vice-President, Research  
Feng Xu ~ Department of Political Science

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



## Associates

Ercel Baker  
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Randall Garrison  
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Catherine Morris  
Linda Pennells  
Randall Sach  
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David Strong  
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Chris Tollefson  
Robby Tulus  
Stephen Tyler  
Art Wright  
Francis Yee

CAPI Associates are attached to CAPI through projects and through their involvement in the activities of the Centre. They are drawn from the campus and the community.

## External Advisors

Do Duc Dinh  
Jingjai Hanchanlash  
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Lawrence Liu  
Kimitada Miwa  
Masafumi Nakahigashi  
Murray Smith  
Yuen Pau Woo  
Shoichi Yokoyama

CAPI External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre, provide feedback on our work and help us to extend our networks.

## Chairs and Program Professors

Andrew Harding  
Faculty of Law  
CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific  
Legal Relations

Joseph Kess  
Department of Linguistics  
CAPI Chair in Japan and  
Asia-Pacific Relations

Wu Guoguang  
Department of Political Science  
and History  
CAPI Chair in China and  
Asia-Pacific Relations

Robert Bedeski  
Professor Emeritus  
CAPI Program Professor in  
Human Security and Peace in  
the Asia-Pacific Region



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# CAPI Program Initiatives

## Japan Program



Joseph Kess  
Department of Linguistics  
CAPI Japan Chair

The highlight of the Japan Program this last year was the hosting of a major international conference on Japan/China relations on March 2 and 3, 2007. Collaboration with the China Institute at the University of Alberta allowed CAPI to invite a dozen outstanding scholars to a joint international symposium on Japan-China relations, where the focus was on the immediate past history, current state, and future directions in the evolving relationship between these two great powers. One of the panel sessions, funded by the Asia-Pacific Foundation, specifically commented on how that relationship affects Canada and its international role on the world stage, as well as its impact on domestic affairs such as defence and security, economic placement, and trade policy in general. That panel of North American experts dealt with topics and themes as diverse as energy (Wenran Jiang of the University of Alberta), human security (Robert Bedeski of the University of Victoria), international trade (Carin Holroyd of the Asia-Pacific Foundation), media and the press (Jonathan Manthorpe of CanWest and the *Vancouver Sun*, as well as a member of the Japan-Canada Forum), and society and cultural stereotypes (Satoshi Ikeda of the University of Alberta).

The conference's two keynote speakers were Dr. Michael Donnelly, holder of the Dr. David Chu Professorship in Asian Studies at the University of Toronto, and Dr. Joshua Fogel, Canada Research Chair in the History of Modern China at York University. Dr. Donnelly spoke on "Apology as Politics: Japan and East Asia", while Dr. Fogel, an expert in Sino-Japanese cultural interactions, provided a historical perspective by reviewing 1500 years of Sino-Japanese Cultural Relations. The panel of distinguished Japanese scholars included Ambassador Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, the former Japanese Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, as well as Dr. Akiko Fukushima, a human security expert who is the Senior Fellow at the Japan Foundation in Tokyo, and Dr. Heita Kawakatsu, Research Professor of Comparative Economic History at the International Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto and Executive Vice President of the National Institute for Research Advancement. The distinguished banquet speaker was the Canadian Ambassador to Japan, his Excellency Joseph Caron, who both attended and actively participated in the conference, as well as giving the banquet address on the final evening of the event.

Returning to the Japan Program, one of the other highlights of this last year was the completion of the Final Report of the Japan Market Advisory Group for the Asia Pacific Trade Council of the Province of British Columbia. Over the year, CAPI's Japan Chair, Joseph Kess, gave several invited conference presentations, including presentations at the Japan Studies Association of Canada annual meetings in Kamloops. During a three-week visit to Japan in November and December of 2006, Dr. Kess also gave presentations at Morioka University in Victoria's sister city of Morioka, as well as in Sapporo in Hokkaido in northern Japan. During the year the Japan Chair also gave several presentations here on the university campus as well. The last tasks that remain for Joseph Kess in his "soon to evaporate" tenure at the University of Victoria are completing the Ph.D. dissertations for his graduate student Yuko Igarashi in Linguistics and Melanie Houston in Education and Psychological Foundations, and a Master's thesis for Marion Little in the Institute for Dispute Resolution.



In closing this report and Joseph's career with CAPI, he wishes to say that these have been the best years of his 40 year tenure here at the University of Victoria. This is due to the innovative, industrious, and yet collegial outreach of colleagues at the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives. He encourages the Executive Board, and the University in general, to recognize what a stellar institute they have on their campus.



## Vietnam Legal Reform Assistance Project

In 2002 CAPI, along with a four member consortium of legal experts including BearingPoint LP, trade lawyer Mark Sills of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, and trade economist Murray Smith of Ticon Holdings, were awarded a bilateral CIDA-funded, five-year, \$5 million project to work with the Ministry of Justice in Vietnam. CAPI, in the person of Bill Neilson, Director Emeritus, has, until his recent retirement from the Project, directed the comparative law and civil judgment parts and served as the chief legal services advisor to the Project. Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne continues to undertake senior management responsibilities as the Project's technical services coordinator. Also involved in the comparative law portion of the Project is UVic Associate Law Librarian Caron Rollins and UVic Law Professor and Canada Research Chair in Law and Society Jeremy Webber.

During the past year, CAPI was involved in hosting two legal researchers from the Institute of Law Research in Hanoi, Vietnam. These two researchers attended classes at the University of Victoria's Law School and worked under the guidance of Bill Neilson and Jeremy Webber to complete individual research projects over a four month stay in Victoria. Plans are underway for the next and final study placement to arrive at the University of Victoria in late summer 2007. The Project is now in its final phase. It was given a twelve month extension in April 2007 which will extend programming into the Spring of 2008.



## Thank-you!

This year CAPI received financial support from the following organizations for our various programs and initiatives:

Foreign Affairs Canada

Canadian International  
Development Agency

Asia Pacific  
Foundation of Canada

Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Foundation on International  
and Cross-Strait Studies

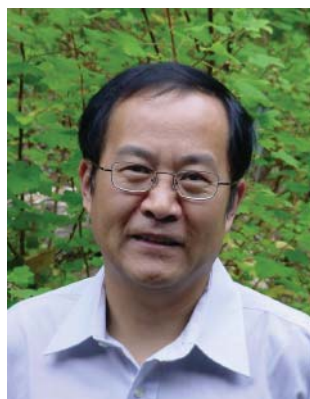
Taipei Economic and  
Cultural Office, Vancouver

National Defence Canada

As well as generous support  
from many of our partners at  
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## China Program

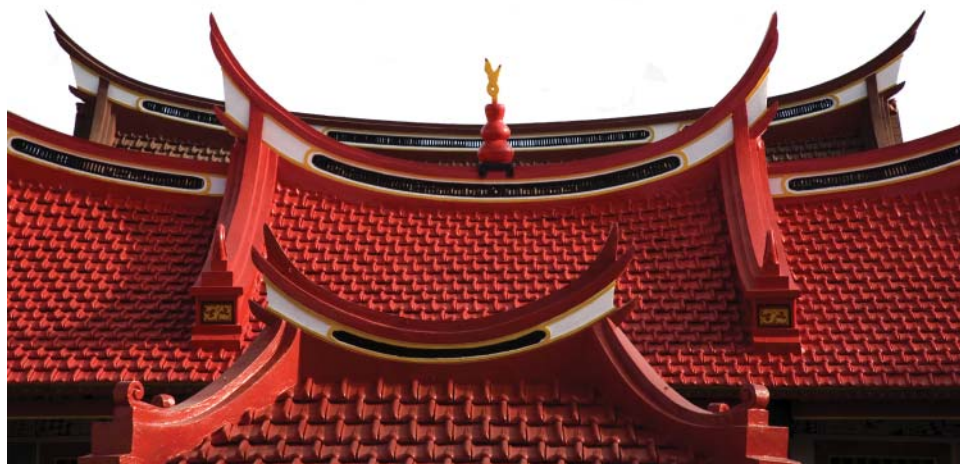


Wu Guoguang  
Department of Political  
Science and History and  
CAPI China Chair

The China program began the year by bringing an international conference, “Socialist China, Capitalist China: Social-Political Conflicts Under Globalization”, to the University campus in October 2006. The conference featured 13 papers presented by scholars from Asia and North America. In March 2007, the China program joined CAPI's Japan program to mount a major conference on Japan-China relations, with speakers from China, Japan, and Canada offering papers on a number of topics. China Chair, Dr. Wu Guoguang chaired a session that heard from Dr. Shi Yinhong from Renmin University, Beijing, Dr. Zhu Feng from Peking University, and Dr. Jin Xide, of the Japan Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The China program was grateful for the generous support from external sources for these events. Plans are already underway for another China program symposium in April 2008 focusing on “Foreign-Domestic Linkages in China's International Behaviour,” which will be the fifth symposium the current China Chair has organized with CAPI since joining the Centre in 2004.

In the summer of 2007, the conference volume for the China program's December 2004 conference “China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism” was released by Routledge, a leading UK-based academic publisher, under the title of *China Turns to Multilateralism: Foreign Policy and Regional Security*, with the China Chair and CAPI Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne as co-editors. The manuscript of their co-edited volume *Zhao Ziyang and China's Political Future* is also under consideration for publication by Routledge. In addition to this the China Chair published three journal articles, two book chapters as well as several book reviews, and has also secured a SSHRC grant to support a three-year project on China's National Party Congress.

During this year the China Chair traveled extensively to deliver papers and speeches, to participate in conferences, to undertake research fieldwork, to carry out fundraising, and to engage in other outreach activities. The destinations of these trips ranged from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, and Cambodia to Vancouver, Boston, Stanford and Los Angeles, as well as a trip to England. Through this period CAPI's China Chair continued to sit on the editorial board of four international academic journals of Asian studies based in Asia, Europe and North America, and also served as an anonymous reviewer for journals including *Asian Survey*, *Current Politics and Economics of Asia*, *Modern China*, and *East Asia: An International Quarterly*. In addition, he served as the external or committee examiner of doctoral and master theses submitted to Canadian and Australian universities.





## Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Program

Andrew Harding  
Faculty of Law and  
CAPI Law Chair

The past year has seen a number of initiatives coming to fruition or advanced. The Law Chair wishes to thank CAPI staff and colleagues very much for their undivided support and professionalism over the last year. Research continues on the Law, Governance and Constitutional Reform in Thailand project and several publications and presentations were made during the year, including a Dean's Lecture in the Downtown UVic Centre in February 2007, and an article in the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*.

CAPI jointly hosted Congress VIII of King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI) on the topic of "Thailand's Constitutional Reforms in Comparative Perspective" in Bangkok, from November 3 to 5, 2006. The Congress was opened by the King's granddaughter, and keynote addresses were given by former Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy and former Prime Minister of Thailand Mr. Chuan Leekpai. The Congress was extensively covered by the media and involved paper presentations by the Law Chair and CAPI China Chair Dr Wu Guoguang. Following the Congress the Law Chair was pleased to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with KPI on behalf of CAPI under which further cooperation is being pursued. In light of the military coup in Thailand on September 19, 2006 (on which the Law Chair gave a CAPI brown bag in October 2006) it was necessary to arrange for final adjustments to the papers given by a number of the contributors (there were 13 in all). Several meetings were held with academics and politicians on these matters and three weeks were spent in Thailand on this occasion, arranging the Congress, visiting CAPI interns in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, and visiting Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai Universities. Subsequently CAPI has assisted KPI with the publication of the English version of the congress proceedings. Following Thailand, CAPI's Law Chair proceeded to China where he visited Yunnan University in Kunming and East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai.



Much of the year, especially through Fall 2006, was taken up with planning the Asian Law Summer Program and the accompanying conference on "New Courts in the Asia-Pacific Region". The summer program started on June 25, 2007 and offered four courses to students from across British Columbia and Canada, as well as from overseas (see [http://www.law.uvic.ca/Admissions/summer\\_info.php](http://www.law.uvic.ca/Admissions/summer_info.php)). The Summer Program was enhanced by teaching contributions from several professors presenting papers at the "New Courts in the Asia-Pacific Region" conference which was held in mid-July 2007, as well as other visiting speakers.

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# CAPI International Internship Program



CAPI 2007-08 interns from left to right: Simmi Dixit, Adam Ross, Sally McBride, Peter Rosenbluth and Stacey Lambert

The year 2006-07 saw many changes and new developments in CAPI's International Internship Program. In July 2006 ten Foreign Affairs Canada-funded interns arrived in Victoria to participate in an intensive four day pre-departure briefing, and then headed off to their placements in Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Fiji, the Cook Islands, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia. It was an exciting year, with our highest number of interns in the field, and the great pleasure of working with many dynamic host organizations whose work focused on issues from conservation, community development and migration, to HIV/AIDS and human rights.

In September 2006 CAPI received the sad news that Foreign Affairs Canada's Young Professionals International Program would no longer be offered in 2007-08. While our final group of Foreign Affairs-funded interns completed their placements with great success (five of them remained in positions in the region following their placements), CAPI worked hard to find alternate sources of funding for the program.

In the early Spring of 2007 we were very pleased to learn that we would be offered funding for three placements through the Canadian International Development Agency's *International Youth Internship Program* for positions in the Philippines, Cambodia and Vietnam. In addition to these placements CAPI offered two placements to UVic graduates in the Cook Islands and Thailand. Recruitment began in earnest in April 2007 and five new CAPI interns were selected for the 2007-08 program. These interns are:

- Simmi Dixit, a graduate of Carleton University in Human Rights and Philosophy who will be working with Migrant Forum in Asia in Quezon City, Philippines as their Program Officer - Migrant's Rights;
- Adam Ross, a UVic graduate in International Business who will be working with the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development in Bangkok, Thailand as their Program Assistant - Ethnic Minorities Program;
- Sally McBride, a UVic graduate in Anthropology who will be working with the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation in Rarotonga, Cook Islands as their Project Officer;
- Peter Rosenbluth, a graduate of York University in Environmental Studies who will be working with the Centre for Marinelife Conservation and Community Development in Hanoi, Vietnam as their Program Officer - Community-Based Conservation; and
- Stacey Lambert, a graduate of the University of Ottawa's Law School who will be working with the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association in Phnom Penh, Cambodia as their Legal Officer.

Congratulations to this dynamic group of 2007-08 CAPI interns!

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## Life Altering Experiences...

*"This internship and experience as a whole has been, without doubt, the most important thing I have even done with my life. In completing the internship and being hired on as staff, I am fulfilling a life dream that I generally thought would only ever be a dream. I have had experiences and encounters here that I never would have imagined. This experience has built my confidence and self-reliance ...I really feel now that in terms of where I want my life to go, I am limited only by my imagination."*

- Laura McLennan, Intern with the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Bangkok, Thailand

*"This placement has allowed me to develop quality and far reaching professional and personal networks, which I am sure I will call upon and enjoy in the future. I have been able to meet people I never would have had access to back in Canada - people who work in the fields that I am interested in."*

- Chantal Beaubien, Intern with the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

*"There are a lot of possibilities and options that now seem within reach (working with the UN, working and living in Asia, transnational work) that seemed so daunting from Canada. This opportunity provided the space and support for me to gain experience and exposure but also to think and reflect on where I see myself in the future and how I would work and function in international contexts."*

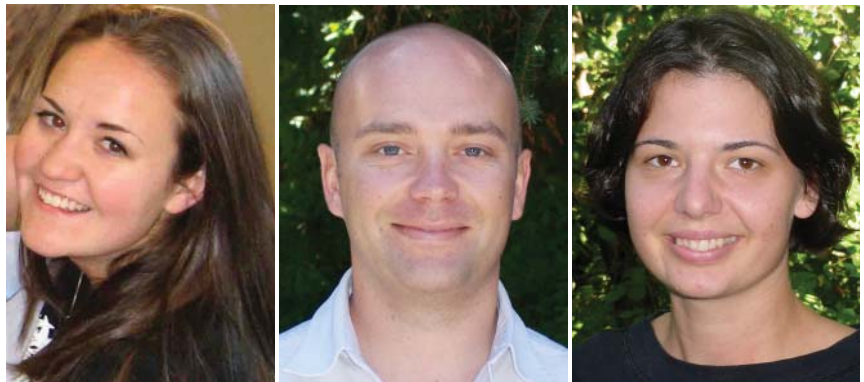
- Julie Ham, Intern with the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Bangkok, Thailand

*"I would say that the internship was fantastic! I was able to work with inspiring and dedicated people in an office where my ideas and opinions were valued."*

- Martin Laycock, Intern with Micronesian Conservation Trust in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

CAPI 2007-08 Students for Development participants from left to right: Emily Kydd, Len Statz, and Kathleen Armstrong

## CAPI Students for Development Placements



In late June 2007, CAPI received the happy news that three new placements had been approved for the 2007-08 year through the Canadian International Development Agency's *Students for Development Program*. This program, managed by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, offers full funding for students to spend a minimum of three months working on governance projects in developing countries. The three UVic students who were selected for the program were: Emily Kydd, in her third year of a BA in Pacific and Asian Studies, who will be going to work with the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation in Rarotonga, Cook Islands in late August 2007, and Len Statz, a second year Law Co-op student, and Kathleen Armstrong, in her third year of a BA in Pacific and Asian Studies, who will both be going to work with the National Centre Against Violence in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in early September 2007. We wish these students the best of luck in their placements and look forward to continuing to offer placements through the *Students for Development Program* in the future.

# CAPI On-Campus Activities

## CAPI's On-Campus Lectures and Events



Tuesday October 3, 2006  
The Distinguished Speakers Series  
on Asia-Pacific Affairs

**The Honourable Colin Hansen,**  
Minister of Economic Development  
and Minister Responsible for the  
Asia-Pacific Initiative and the  
Olympics

Title: *British Columbia's Role in the  
Pacific Century*

Thursday October 5, 2006

**Dr. Mimi Harvey,** Departments  
of Communication, East Asia,  
and International Studies at  
Denison University, Granville,  
Ohio

Title: *Strangers in A Dangerous  
Time: A Migrant Worker Labour  
Union in South Korea*

Tuesday October 10, 2006

**Dr. Andrew Harding,**  
University of Victoria

Title: *Coup d'etat Thai-style:  
Lessons of the 19 September Coup*

Wednesday October 11, 2007

**Dr. Ben Arps**, Professor of Javanese Linguistics and Literature at Leiden University

Title: *Christian Truth in a Javanese Classic*

Tuesday November 7, 2006

**Dr. Sharon Lee**, Professor of Sociology, Portland State University, and Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Victoria

Title: *Trans-Pacific Migrations and Transformation*

Tuesday November 21, 2006

**Dr. Kashane Chalermwat**, Department of Aquatic Science, Burapha University, Thailand

Title: *Thailand Aquaculture Management Project: A Thai University's Experience with Canadian Networking*

Tuesday January 30, 2007  
CAPI Student Event

*J-Horror and Noodle Night*  
Sponsored by: Little Thai Place, Sampan Restaurant, Siam Thai Restaurant and The Noodle Box

Film Title: *Premonition*

Tuesday February 27, 2007  
CAPI Student Event

**CAPI Interns:** Florine Lawrance, Yiching Chua, Kierin Mackenzie and Martin Laycock and

**Taiwan, China and Japan Exchange Students:** Duncan Penfold-Brown, Mike Bolton, Yuumi Noto, Lindsay Miller and Keenan Cooper

Title: *Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific*

Monday March 5, 2007

**Dr. Stephen Tyler**, CAPI Associate and President, Adaptive Resource Management Limited

Title: *Rural Poverty and Vulnerability in Asia: Innovations in Research and Practice*

Friday March 23, 2007  
Special Lecture

**Dr. Andrew Harding**  
CAPI Law Chair

Title: *Heritage Buildings of Southeast Asia*

Monday April 2, 2007

**Dr. Ming Chan**, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Title: *US-China Links with A Twist: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on American Relations with Hong Kong and Macao*



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# CAPI Student Events



CAPI Student Coordinator  
2006-07

Courtney Robinson  
Environmental Studies

CAPI's Student Events in 2006-07 included participation in a campus-wide International Opportunities Fair in the Fall of 2006, with a CAPI table featuring opportunities for students and graduates to work and study in the Asia-Pacific region. CAPI's Student Coordinator also organized a very popular "J-Horror and Noodle Night" on January 30, 2007 where students were able to both watch a movie and enjoy a noodle dinner, thanks to the generous contributions of Siam Thai Restaurant, the Little Thai Place, Sampan Chinese Seafood Restaurant and The Noodle Box. The year ended with a session co-hosted by the Pacific and Asian Studies Student Society on February 28, 2007 featuring presentations by 2006-07 CAPI Interns Yiching Chua, Florine Lawrance, Kierin Mackenzie, and Marty Laycock, participants in CAPI's Taiwan Summer Program Duncan Penfold-Brown and Mike Bolton and recent participants in UVic's Japan and China Exchange Programs Lindsay Miller, Keenan Cooper and Yuumi Noto.

## Keep in Touch

### Asia-Pacific News

CAPI's newsletter *Asia-Pacific News* is produced twice a year in the Spring and in the Fall and contains interesting articles on the Asia-Pacific region as well as updates on CAPI's initiatives and events. Issues of *Asia-Pacific News* are available on CAPI's website at: [www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca) or by contacting the CAPI office.

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# CAPI Sponsored Events

## **Socialist China, Capitalist China: Social- Political Conflicts Under Globalization**

October 16 to 17, 2007

As China is experiencing economic prosperity resulting from its embrace of market reforms and globalization, social and political conflicts are also emerging and intensifying. This international conference considered the questions: How much have market reforms and, particularly, globalization changed China both politically and socially? What advantages and challenges have these reforms resulted in China's social and political spheres? And what does "socialism" really mean for China under capitalist globalization? Presenters included: Pierre Landry, Yale University, Ellen Judd, University of Manitoba, Xiaogang Wu, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Feng Xu, University of Victoria, Yanzhong Huang, Seton Hall University, Carol Lee Hamrin, Institute for Global Engagement, Keyuan Zou, National University of Singapore, Chih-jou Jay Chen, Academia Sinica, Zhimin Liu, Valparaiso University, Barrett McCormick, Marquette University, Rowena He, University of Toronto, Yan Sun, City University of New York, and Joseph Fewsmith, Boston University.



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# Taiwan's Democracy and the Modern Chinese State

October 24, 2006

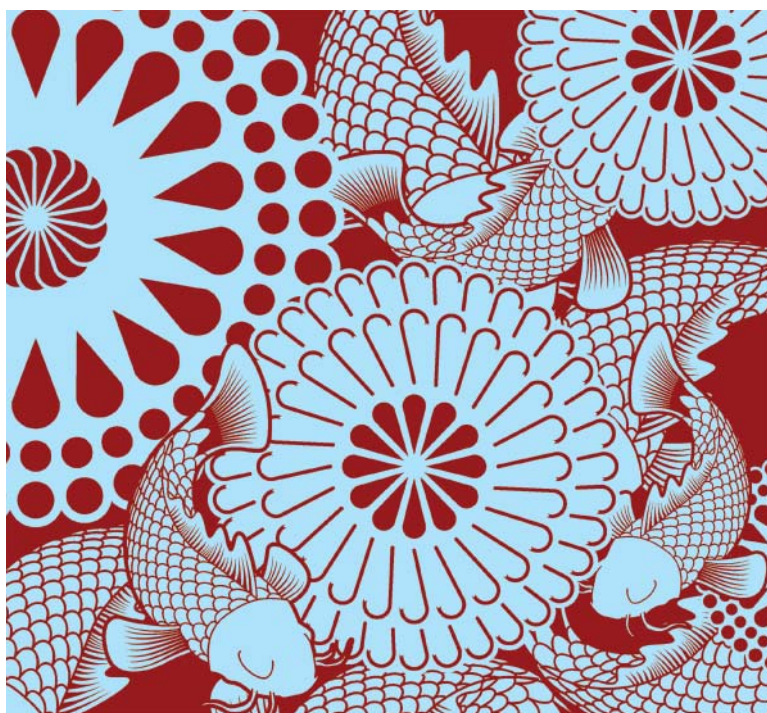
The issue of Taiwan independence has become prominent both in cross-strait relations and in island politics. Taiwan has been autonomous from mainland China for nearly six decades, has become prosperous and democratic, and increasingly resembles a sovereign state. This workshop, organized by CAPI's Program Chair Emeritus, Robert Bedeski, considered the following questions: Have democracy and prosperity reinforced a separate Taiwanese identity? Is Taiwan becoming a modern state? What have been Beijing's responses to these developments? Speakers included: Michael Hsiao, Center for Asia-Pacific Area Studies, Taiwan, Dr. Bedeski, Jonathan Manthorpe, Vancouver Sun, and CAPI China Chair Wu Guoguang.

## Japan Linguistics Forum: Bridging Theories and Practices A Symposium in Honour of Dr. Joseph F. Kess

March 8 to 9, 2007

This one-day symposium, co-organized with the Department of Linguistics and the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, was held in honour of CAPI's retiring Japan Chair, Dr. Joseph Kess, and to recognize his many contributions to the field of Linguistics. The symposium featured ten of Dr. Kess' colleagues, many of whom travelled from Japan to attend the symposium, including: Aoi Tsuda, Osaka University, Katso Tamaoka, Hiroshima University, Tadao Miyamoto, Tohoku University, Yuko Igarashi, University of Victoria, Yukio Takahashi, Morioka University, Hua Lin, University of Victoria, Tomoyoshi Inoue, Doshisha University, Hiroko Noro, University of Victoria, Katsunosuke Namita, Hokkaido Information University and Takashi Yoshida, Fukushima University. This event was followed by a retirement banquet in honour of Dr. Kess where colleagues from across Japan and North America joined to pay tribute to a great scholar and friend.





## Japan -China Relations: Past History and Future Directions

March 2 to 3, 2007

This conference, organized by Japan and China Chairs Joseph Kess and Guoguang Wu, with Wenran Jiang of the University of Alberta, brought leading Chinese, Japanese and Canadian participants together for two days in March 2007. The serious and forthright tone of the conference was established by contrasting reactions to a keynote lecture the first morning of the conference on the controversial role of apologies in East Asian affairs by Michael Donnelly, the Dr. David Chu Professor Emeritus of Asia Pacific Studies at the University of Toronto. These exchanges provided a salutary reminder of the role that recrimination and apology over events dating from the conflicts of the first half of the last century still play in the internal politics of both nations, as well as in bilateral relations. To this intensive conversation about relations between Japan and China was added a further dimension, as the conference examined Canada's dealings with the economic and political powerhouses of East Asia, a topic taken up in the final banquet speech by Joseph Caron, recently Canadian Ambassador to China and now serving in the same capacity in Japan, who reminded his audience of the great cultural differences between Japan and China, and the need that foreigners have to be sensitive to these in dealing with both countries. The Conference was preceded with a Lansdowne Lecture on March 2 on the topic of: "Sino-Japanese Cultural Relations: The Long View", delivered by Joshua Fogel, the Canada Research Chair in the History of Modern China at York University. Other presenters at this international conference included:

- Robert Bedeski, Professor Emeritus, University of Victoria
- Akiko Fukushima, Japan Foundation
- Carin Holroyd, Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada
- Satoshi Ikeda, University of Alberta
- Wenran Jiang, China Institute, University of Alberta
- Jin Xide, Institute of Japanese Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Heita Kawakatsu, National Institute of Research Advancement
- Jonathan Manthorpe, *Vancouver Sun* and a member of the Japan-Canada Forum
- Ambassador Peter Yoshihasu Sato, former Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and Co-Chair of the Japan-Canada Forum
- Shi Yinhong, Renmin University -Beijing
- Zhu Feng, Peking University

# CAPI Awards and Fellowships



## Anand-UVic Fund Scholarship

Ms Araya Chaowalit  
M.Eng Candidate  
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering



## Student Research Fellowship

Ms Genevieve Gamache  
MA Student  
Department of History in Art

Project: *Between Nationalism and Globalization: Wat Rong Khun and Neo-traditional Art in Thailand*



## Student Language Fellowship

Ms Hilary Gorman  
MA Student  
Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

Project: To study the Indonesian Language at the University of Surabaya in Surabaya, Indonesia

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Dr. Lin is pictured in the centre, holding the red package

## CAPI Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award

Dr. Hua Lin, Department of Linguistics  
Recipient of the 2006-07 Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award



## Student Essay Prize

Student Essay Prize Winner  
Meleisa Ono-George  
Department of History

Title: *Coolies, Containment, and Resistance: Asian Migration and the Indentured System in British Guiana*

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## Asia-Pacific Service Award

This Award is made in recognition of exemplary service in fostering knowledge of, and experience with, the Asia-Pacific region, including teaching, research, scholarship, collaborative programs, international education, student support and service to the University community.

## Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship

The Anand-UVic Fund was established in 1996 in honour of H.E. Anand Panyarachun, LL.D. (UVic 1993), one of Thailand's most respected public figures and UVic's Honorary Patron in Thailand. All donations to the Fund have been made by Thai business leaders and companies in honour of Khun Anand.

# CAPI Chairs - Publication Update



## Publication Update Andrew Harding, CAPI Law Chair

- *Access to Environmental Justice: A Comparative Survey* - This book is now published by Martinus Nijhoff in Leiden, and includes eight chapters on Asia-Pacific jurisdictions.
- *Constitutional Landmarks in Malaysia: The First 50 Years* - This book will be published by the *Malayan Law Journal*/ LexisNexis in Kuala Lumpur in July 2007 in time for the 50th anniversary independence celebrations on August 31, 2007. CAPI's Law Chair has been invited by Malaysia's Minister for National Heritage to participate in these celebrations as a distinguished friend of Malaysia, and the book will be launched by the Deputy Prime Minister on August 17, 2007.
- *Hart Series: Constitutional Systems of the World* - This series, co-edited by CAPI Law Chair Andrew Harding along with Professor Peter Leyland has, in the words of the publisher Richard Hart, 'gone into orbit'. About 16 books are presently planned for 2007 to 2009, and the first book is already published. The series promises to be a great success, and present plans include books on several Asia-Pacific jurisdictions.
- *Constitutional Courts: Journal of Comparative Law Special Issue 2008* - This project was greatly assisted by law student Joana Thackeray during summer 2006 as the Fraser Milner Casgrain Summer Fellowship holder, and by the addition of Dr Tania Groppi of the University of Siena, to CAPI Law Chair Andrew Harding and Professor Peter Leyland as an editor of the special issue which will be published by the *Journal of Comparative Law* in 2008. It involves 16 country-studies, including several Asian jurisdictions.
- *Special Economic Zones in Asia* - This project, with CAPI Associate Connie Carter of Royal Roads University, has been under intensive and ongoing planning and is supported by numerous eminent colleagues internationally.

## Publication Update Wu Guoguang, CAPI China Chair

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- Guoguang Wu, 'The Limits of Reform Without Democracy,' in Larry Diamond and Bruce Gilley eds., *Political Change in China and the Taiwan Experience*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner (accepted and forthcoming).



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