

# Annual Report 2011-12



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Please note: This report details activities of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives between June 2011 and June 2012.



# Associate Director's Message



Helen Lansdowne  
Associate Director

This past academic year, 2011-2012, has been a year of tremendous change for the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI). In the early part of the year we continued our work of institutional reflection and development and completed the creation of a strategic plan for the Centre. Thanks to our steering committee, the plan provides a new vision and mandate for the Centre, as well as a road map for the next five years. Building upon CAPI's strengths, this new plan is ambitious and exciting, offering the Centre the opportunity to develop into a preeminent Asia-Pacific focussed research centre in this new decade.

Other changes that we faced this past year included saying goodbye to our Director and Law Chair, Andrew Harding, who has joined the National University of Singapore as Director, Centre for Asian Legal Studies. Our sincerest thanks go to Andrew for all his hard work during his eight years at CAPI. His extensive knowledge of Asian legal studies and comparative constitutional law, and his witty humour are sorely missed.

In addition to losing Andrew Harding, the Centre also experienced a change in secretaries. Douglas Thompson has moved to the School of Public Health and Social Policy and we wish him well in his new position. The new secretary and face of CAPI is Liana Kennedy. Liana comes to the Centre with many years of experience working in the private and non-governmental sectors. The Centre also welcomes the addition of Heike Edam, our new communications officer. This new position offers CAPI the opportunity to promote our programming and continued outreach to the UVic community and beyond.

We are also pleased to announce that the Centre's new Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, beginning July 2012, will be Dr. Mary-Yoko Brannen. A well-known international scholar in multinational affairs, Mary-Yoko received her M.B.A. with an emphasis in International Business and Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior with a minor in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. CAPI welcomes Mary-Yoko and is thrilled that she will be joining the Centre.

As you will see in the pages of this report, despite the changes at the Centre, programming has continued at a fast pace. There were many new initiatives undertaken in collaboration with UVic partners and our partners in the Asia-Pacific region; our international internship program expanded to include new component parts, enabling us to continue offering exciting opportunities to UVic students; and a new thematic program focussing on migration and mobility is in the process of being designed. A new journey for the Centre has begun and it is thrilling to be part of the voyage.

# CAPI's Vision and Mandate

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 focussing 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 programming and research initiatives that have brought together scholars from the region with those from UVic.

In 2012, we worked with a steering committee to identify a new 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 four primary goals are:

- 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.

Our sincere thanks go to our steering committee, which was made up of the following colleagues from across the UVic community: James Anglin, Paul Bramadat, Howard Brunt, Philip Dearden, Zoumin Dong, Peter Keller, Michael Miller, Jon Muzio, Jeremy Webber, Peter Wild and Feng Xu.



The full copy of our strategic plan is available on our website:  
[www.capi.uvic.ca/about/mandate](http://www.capi.uvic.ca/about/mandate)

# People at CAPI



## Director and Staff

Andrew Harding ~ Director (until Dec 2011. CAPI is currently recruiting a new Director)  
Helen Lansdowne ~ Associate Director  
Guoguang Wu ~ CAPI Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations  
Robyn Fila ~ Program Manager  
Heike Edam ~ Communications Officer  
Douglas Thompson ~ Secretary (until Jan 2012)  
Liana Kennedy ~ Secretary (Jan 2012 to present)



## Executive Committee

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

Helen Lansdowne (Chair) ~ Associate Director, CAPI  
Jim Anglin ~ Director, Office of International Affairs  
Howard Brunt (Ex-Officio) ~ Vice-President, Research  
Philip Dearden ~ Department of Geography  
Andrew Harding ~ CAPI Director and Law Chair  
Jon Muzio ~ Department of Computer Science  
Peter Keller ~ Dean of Social Sciences  
Jeremy Webber ~ Faculty of Law  
Feng Xu ~ Department of Political Science



## Associates

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

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James Boutilier  
Christine Bradley  
Connie Carter  
Xiaobei Chen  
Timothy Craig  
Philip Dearden  
Derek Ellis  
Nicholas Etheridge  
Stewart Goodings  
Thomas Guo Guoting  
Geoff Hainsworth  
Jingjai Hanchanlash  
Carin Holroyd  
Ralph Huenemann  
David Lai  
Stacey Lambert  
Sharon Lee  
Tim Lindsey  
Lawrence Liu  
Isabel Lloyd  
Gordon Longmuir  
Lu Ding  
Kenneth MacKay  
Peter Maidstone  
Ted McDorman  
Chris Morgan  
Catherine Morris  
Masafumi Nakahigashi  
Pip Nicholson  
Linda Pennells  
William Ross  
Anne Park Shannon  
Mark Sidel  
Ivan Somlai  
Tad Suzuki  
Robby Tulus  
Stephen Tyler  
Art Wright  
Francis Yee

## Visitors to the Centre

Madhumita (Mita) Bhattacharya, a well known international scholar in education, joined CAPI from January to March 2012, as a Japan program visitor.

Jackie F. Steele joined CAPI in May and June 2012, also as a Japan program visitor. Steele is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Tokyo, as well as Research Associate, Global COE on Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.



# CAPI's Research Program

During the past two decades, CAPI has built a strong reputation as one of the major Asia-Pacific focussed research centres in Canada. Its position on the West Coast, in close proximity to the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University and the University of Washington, has provided tremendous opportunities for collaboration and research sharing. 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 area of expertise. In addition, the Centre's research is enhanced by the expertise of the Research Chairs, who are leaders in their field.

## CAPI Research Chairs



### China and Asia-Pacific Relations Program

**Guoguang Wu**  
Departments of Political Science and History, and CAPI 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 B.A. from Peking (Beijing) University in China, an M.A. from the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing), and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Princeton University.

His 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. He is the author, co-author, and editor of 20 books. His research articles have appeared in journals such as Asian Survey, China Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Contemporary China, Pacific Review, and Third World Quarterly.







## Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

**Andrew Harding**  
Faculty of Law and  
CAPI Law Chair (until Dec 2011)

Andrew Harding is a leading scholar in Asian comparative law, having served as Head of Department and Professor of Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London, and Chair of SOAS' Centre of South East Asian Studies. He has previously taught at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, and has also been a visiting professor at the Harvard Law School and the Melbourne Law School.

Andrew Harding received his M.A. (Oxon) in 1974, his LL.M. (Singapore) in 1984, and his Ph.D. (Monash) in 1987. He is currently Director of the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the National University of Singapore.

Andrew Harding was with CAPI from July 2004 to December 2011.

CAPI is pleased to announce that the Centre's new Jarislowsky East Asia Chair, beginning July 2012, will be Mary-Yoko Brannen, Ph.D. The new Chair position, to be 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.

Having taught at various universities in the United States, Japan, China and France, Brannen's consulting specialty is helping multinational firms realize their global strategic initiatives by aligning, integrating and deploying critical organizational resources. Born and raised in Japan, having studied in France, Spain and the US, and having worked as a cross-cultural consultant for over 20 years to various Fortune 500 companies, Brannen will bring a multi-faceted, deep knowledge of today's complex cultural business environment to the Centre.

We look forward to welcoming Mary-Yoko to her new role at CAPI and look forward to working with her in the coming years.

## Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Program

**Mary-Yoko Brannen**  
Gustavson School  
of Business, CAPI  
Jarislowsky East Asia Chair



# CAPI China Chair Report

CAPI's China Chair, Guoguang Wu, took a study leave from July 1 to December 31, 2011, during which time he visited China, Hong Kong, and Singapore, mainly for the purposes of research and building relationships for CAPI's outreach. During this time, he delivered a number of papers and talks in Beijing and Singapore and worked on two book projects. The first project was the editing of a volume consisting of papers presented at a 2010 CAPI conference entitled *Human Security in China's Foreign Relations*. The second project was the writing of a SSHRC-funded research monograph.

In January 2012, Guoguang Wu came back to campus and reengaged in research, service, and outreach, as well as teaching and graduate supervision with both the Departments of Political Science and History. During the year of report, Wu published four books, delivered nine lectures, including a distinguished public lecture at the National University of Singapore, and provided various services to local, international, and academic communities through committee work, media interviews and panel participations.

## Publications:

Guoguang Wu ed., *China's Challenges to Human Security: Foreign Relations and Global Implications* (London: Routledge, 2013; released in summer 2012), xiv+336 pp.

Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *Zhao Ziyang and China's Political Future* (London: Routledge, 2012), xii+189 pp. [republished in paperback].

Guoguang Wu, *Hegemony Without a Moral Compass: Post-Revolutionary China* (Tokyo: Sankei Shimbun Press, 2012), 235 pp. [in Japanese; translated by Lau Kenliang].

Guoguang Wu [Collection of articles], edited by Lambert M. Surhone, Mariam T. Tennoe, and Susan F. Henssonow (New York: Betascript Publishing, 2011), 120 pp.

Guoguang Wu, *Human Security Challenges with China: Why and How the Rise of China Makes the World Vulnerable?* in Wu ed., *China's Challenges to Human Security: Foreign Relations and Global Implications*, pp.1-27.

Guoguang Wu, *Politics Against Science: Reflections on the Study of Chinese Politics in Contemporary China*, in Sujian Guo ed., *Political Science and Chinese Political Studies: The State of the Field* (New York: Springer, 2012), pp.219-240.

Guoguang Wu, *Cycles of Political Crisis in Contemporary China*, in Wang Yuan ed., *Macro Politics of China* (Tokyo: Baidi Press, 2011), pp.127-139 [in Japanese; translated by Takahiro Nomura].

Guoguang Wu, *China's Leadership Transition: Certainties and Uncertainties*, EAI (East Asian Institute) Background Brief (National University of Singapore), no.640, July 8, 2011, ii + 10 pp.

Guoguang Wu, *China's Recent Discussions of Political Reform and Leadership Responses*, EAI Background Brief, no.671, November 4, 2011, ii + 13 pp.

Guoguang Wu, *High-Speed Rail in China: A Hotbed for Corruption*, EAI Bulletin (National University of Singapore), vol.13, no.2 (October 2011).

Guoguang Wu, *Interview on Wen Jiabao's Speech about Political Reform*, Trend magazine, October issue, 2011, pp.16-19 [in Chinese].

Guoguang Wu, *On Paths of China's Political Change*, Trend, February issue, 2012, pp.51-55 [in Chinese].

## Conference Papers and Academic Talks:

*From the Democracy Wall of Xidan to the Tiananmen, "Goddess of Democracy": Social Movements and State Responses in China, 1978-1989*, a guest lecture at the Department of Chinese, National University of Singapore, September 5, 2011.

*Understanding China's Foreign Relations*, an invited lecture at the Diplomatic Academy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, September 16, 2011.

*The Leadership System in China and Power Transition*, an invited lecture at the Ministry of National Defense of Singapore, September 19, 2011.

*Intra-Party Democracy in China: From the Perspective of Electoral Reforms of the CCP National Congress*, a distinguished public lecture, the National University of Singapore, October 14, 2011.

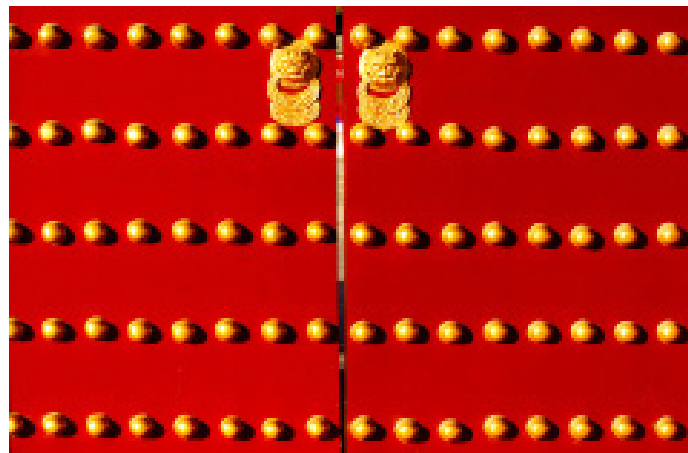
*Making Deliberation Possible: Public Discussions and Social Harmony*, an invited speech at the Beijing Forum (Forum VII: *Deliberative Democracy and Harmonious Society*), Beijing University, November 4, 2011.

*From Prosperity to Revolution: The Political Economy of China in a Macro-Historical Perspective, 1911-2011*, an invited paper delivered at the conference, *Reform and Revolution: In commemoration of the 1911 Revolution and 100 years of state building*, University of Vienna, Austria, January 9-12, 2012.

*All the News, All the Politics: The Birth of Sophisticated Propaganda in Capitalist Authoritarian China*, a paper delivered at the conference, *Democracy in China and South East Asia? Local and National Perspectives*, Princeton University, New Jersey, March 15, 2012.

*China's Rise and Its Global Implications in Human Security*, an invited paper delivered at the conference *China's Global Impact*, Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah, March 24, 2012.

Specially invited commentator to discuss Professor Minxin Pei's new book manuscript, *Democratization: Theory and Practice*, the Boyuan Foundation, Beijing, April 11, 2012.



### Committee work and other professional services:

CAP Student Essay Prize Committee, co-chair, Spring 2012.  
Assessor of a SSHRC research grant application, January 2012.  
Assessor of a research grant application for the Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO, the Dutch research council), October 2011.  
Reviewer of a book proposal, Routledge, March 2012.  
Referee of two journal articles for *Comparative Politics*, *Frontiers of History in China*, July-December 2011.  
Referee of two journal articles for *China: An International Journal*, *China Perspectives*, January-June 2012.  
Commentator, lecture given by Li He, *The Third Way: Chinese Intellectual Discourse on Social Democracy*, East Asian Institute, the National University of Singapore, July 7, 2011.  
Panel chair, Session IV, *China's Regional Industrial Development*, at the conference, *Industrial Policy and Development in China*, National University of Singapore, Singapore, July 29, 2011.  
Chair, public lecture given by Ma Licheng, *Eight Main Thoughts in Contemporary China*, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, September 21, 2011.  
Chair, EAI distinguished public lecture given by Zhao Suisheng, *US Leadership in East Asia: The Obama Administration's Policy Adjustment to Shape the Regional Context of China's Rise*, National University of Singapore, October 10, 2011.  
In addition, Dr. Wu sits on the editorial board of several international academic journals on Asia and China studies, including *China Perspectives/Perspectives Chinoises* (Hong Kong and Paris), *China: An International Journal* (Singapore), *East Asia: An International Quarterly* (Durham, UK), *East Asian Policy* (Singapore), *International Journal of Politics and Good Governance* (Agra, India), and *Pacific Affairs* (Executive Committee of Editorial Board; UBC, Vancouver). He is also on the editorial board of a Chinese public affairs website, *China in Perspective*.

### Media interviews:

Aug 19, 2011, by Lianhe Zaobao (Singapore), on China's recent discussions of political reform.  
Nov 4, 2011, by Student TV of Beijing University (China), on the Beijing Forum.  
May 3, 2012, by RFA, on the Chen Guangcheng event.  
May 27, 2012, by South China Morning Post, on Chen Xitong's book and Tiananmen of 1989.  
May 29, 2012, by New Tang Dynasty TV, on Chen Xitong's book and Tiananmen of 1989.  
May 30, 2012, by CBC, on Chen Xitong's book and Tiananmen of 1989.  
May 30, 2012, by Globe & Mail, on Chen Xitong's book and Tiananmen of 1989.  
June 19, 2012, by Sankei Shimbun (Japan), on Chinese politics.

### Recognition:

At the end of 2011, Guoguang Wu was listed by the Boxun website as one of the *100 Chinese Public Intellectuals of the Year*, <http://www.boxun.com/news/gb/china/2011/12/201112272351.shtml>.



# CAPI Law Chair Report

In the summer of 2007, CAPI and the Law Faculty cooperated in running UVic's first ever Asian law summer teaching program. This program also involved an academic conference co-hosted by CAPI and the Asian Law Centre at Melbourne University. The conference was on *New Courts in Asia*, held at UVic from July 13-15, 2007.

Following in the path of the 2007 program, CAPI and the Law Faculty worked together again to run the Asian law teaching program at UVic in the summer of 2011. The program provided an opportunity for students to focus on developments in Asian law, society and business in four accredited courses. As part of the program, CAPI and the Law Faculty co-hosted a workshop entitled, *Law and Society in Malaysia: Pluralism, Islam and Development*. This took place from July 14-17, 2011, at UVic.

The purpose of this workshop was to bring together noted scholars who examine Malaysian legal issues from historical, social and political perspectives to explore and compare understandings, ideas and frameworks, with the intention of producing a book on the subject. This workshop was the first ever international workshop on the topic of law and society in Malaysia, and brought together leaders in the field of Malaysian socio-legal studies, as well as emerging scholars in this field, especially from Malaysia itself and Singapore. The resulting book, to be edited by Harding and Whiting, will be the first book to take a broad and deep look at socio-legal issues in Malaysia. Its purpose will be to examine the role of law, a greatly contested concept and field of activity, in relation to Malaysian multiculturalism, religion, politics and development.

This event was sponsored by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria, the Asian Law Centre at the Melbourne Law School (University of Melbourne) and the Universiti Sains, Malaysia.



For more details on the conference see [capiconf.uvic.ca](http://capiconf.uvic.ca)



# CAPI's Internship Program in Asia

Since 2003, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives has been sending Canadian interns to work with civil society organizations in the Asia-Pacific region. To date more than 80 interns have been successfully placed in over 25 organizations in 13 countries.

The year of report, June 2011 to June 2012, was an exciting time for CAPI's International Internship program, with the launch of two new projects to the program, funded through the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada's Students for Development (SFD) program.

The new project format expanded beyond the placement of Canadian students with our partner organizations in Asia (component one), and now contains two additional components. Component two includes funding to support graduate students from our partner countries to spend a term at UVic. Component three supports the development of a new communications portal to facilitate collaboration among program participants and partners (university and civil society) in Asia and Canada.

To build on CAPI's increasing interest in migration and migration-related issues, the Centre has taken a thematic approach to the current internship program. We are focussing on migration and development by building on long-standing relationships with migrants' rights organizations in the region and with researchers and students with an interest in migration.

Partner countries for the project are the Philippines, Bangladesh and India.

## The interns

Our first round of interns left in January 2012 for their six month placements as follows:

**Mikaela Robertson**, Law student at UVic, worked as a Program Assistant with the Centre for Migrant Advocacy, Quezon City, Philippines.

**Haydn Shook**, Law student, worked as a Program Assistant with Migrant Forum in Asia, Quezon City, Philippines.

**Kelly Lindsay**, Religious Studies student, worked as a Program Assistant with WARBE Development Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Our next interns left in June 2012. They were:

**Adam Tran**, Political Science student, worked with Migrant Forum in India, Trivandrum, India.

**George Benson**, Political Science student, worked with WARBE Development Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**Cate Lawrence**, who is completing her MA in Dispute Resolution, worked with Migrant Forum in Asia, Quezon City, Philippines.

**Chandra Merry**, who has just completed her degree in Literature, worked with the Centre for Migrant Advocacy, Quezon City, Philippines.





## What did the CAPI internship experience mean to you?

*"The most successful element of my internship was the extent to which I felt integrated at the office and in Manila. I became fast friends with my work colleagues and with my housemates. This was successful because it provided such rich learning opportunities. Through these friends and colleagues I was able to better acquaint myself with the history and culture of the Philippines, discover local food and music, travel to rural areas, and become more intimately acquainted with the issues I was writing about in relation to migration. Friends and co-workers made my experience here very rich."*

**Mikaela Robertson**

Centre for Migrant Advocacy - Quezon City, Philippines



*"The most successful aspect of this internship was the part that submerged me in a completely foreign work environment. The success here lies in the fact that I was challenged to constantly assess and re-assess my role in the organization, as well as my position with my co-workers. This was a great experiment in self-reflection and collaboration through cultural barriers, that allowed me to learn much about how I work individually, and how I am capable of working with others."*

**Kelly Lindsay**

WARBE Development Foundation - Dhaka, Bangladesh

*"My contributions were used in an MFA paper sent to the UN Special Rapporteur on Detention. Likewise, my work with the MFA program, "Lawyers Beyond Borders," exposed me to labour laws in multiple "host" nations. I will take this comparative analysis of law back with me to my studies in Canada. In short, my work at MFA exposed me to new materials that expanded my ability to critically research and analyze legal and cultural issues."*

**Haydn Shook (Pictured far right)**

Migrant Forum in Asia - Quezon City, Philippines



To read blog posts from our interns go to:  
[www.capi.uvic.ca/student-blogs](http://www.capi.uvic.ca/student-blogs)

# CAPI Lectures and Events

## Lunch and Learn series

*Modern China's Network Revolution, Chambers of Commerce and Sociopolitical Change in the Early Twentieth Century*  
**Zhongping Chen,**  
Department of History, UVic  
September 15, 2011

*Resources, Capabilities and the Contemporary Global Enterprise*  
**Gary Knight,**  
College of Business,  
Florida State University  
October 7, 2011

*Merging without Alienating: A Mixed Method of Cross-Border Integration*  
**Mary-Yoko Brannen,**  
CAPI Jarislowsky East Asia Chair  
and Professor at the Gustavson  
School of Business, UVic  
October 12, 2011

*Known Inhabited Worlds: Exploring "Ecumenes" as a Concept and Method for the Study of Regional and Global Processes*  
**Christopher Morgan and  
Jason Wolf (graduate student),**  
Department of Pacific and Asian  
Studies, UVic  
October 26, 2011

*Fateful Complexity: Genesis of Unplanned Interconnectedness of Pakistan's Tribal Areas to Talibanisation and Other Conflicts*  
**Ivan G. Somlai,**  
Director of Global Collaboration  
and CAPI Associate  
November 1, 2011

*Malling over Japan: Perspectives on Shopping Centre Development and Management*  
**Hendrik Meyer-Ohle,**  
Department of Japanese  
Studies, National University of  
Singapore  
November 3, 2011

*The Empress and Mrs. Conger: The Uncommon Friendship of Two Women and Two Worlds*  
**Grant Hayter-Menzies,**  
Author of *Imperial Masquerade: The Legend of Princess Der Ling*  
February 8, 2012

*Freedom in Entangled Worlds*  
**Eben Kirksey,**  
Expert on West Papua, Indonesia  
February 20, 2012

*Looking for Work in Post-Socialist China*  
**Feng Xu,**  
Department of Political Science,  
UVic  
March 6, 2012

*Revolution in Post-Red Bengal*  
**Supriya Roth,**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty of Law,  
UVic  
March 19, 2012



## Lecture and Event series

### The 2012 Neil Burton Memorial Lecture: "Living with Hiroshima: My Memories of 66 Years." Koko Tanimoto Kondo - writer, speaker and educator from Hiroshima

January 31, 2012

In 2012, CAPI helped to organize the Neil Burton Memorial Lecture, delivered by writer, speaker and educator from Hiroshima, Koko Tanimoto Kondo. During the lecture, Koko talked about the effect the Hiroshima bomb has had on her life, and her ongoing work for peace.

Koko, daughter of Reverend Kiyoshi Tanimoto and Chisa Tanimoto, was just eight months old on August 6, 1945. When the first atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima, she was just 1.1 km away from the hypocentre.

Koko miraculously survived the bombing, and grew up with victims who came to her father's church on a daily basis. Seeing the terrible scars on the faces of young women, little Koko hoped some day to meet the "bad guys" who did this to them and take revenge. Then one day, on the then popular TV Show, *This is Your Life*, she had the opportunity to meet the co-pilot of the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the Hiroshima bomb.

The Neil Burton lecture was sponsored by CAPI and the Neil Burton Commemorative fund. It was presented with the cooperation of Satoko Norimatsu and the Peace Philosophy Centre.

Neil Burton (1941-2010) was a long-time advocate for closer Asia-Canada relations. He went to China as part of the first Canada-China student exchange in 1973 and lived in China for many years before returning to Canada in 1990. Burton taught at Sophia University, the University of Toronto and at UVic. A commemorative fund has been established in his honour.



To find out about CAPI's upcoming events and conferences visit our website at:  
[www.capi.uvic.ca/events](http://www.capi.uvic.ca/events)

## 2012 CAPI Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific

February 24, 2012

In February 2012, UVic's up-and-coming researchers shone at the *CAPI Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific*. Six graduate and senior undergraduate students presented their work on a diverse range of subjects from the Beijing Olympics to indigenous writing in Indonesia and Australia.

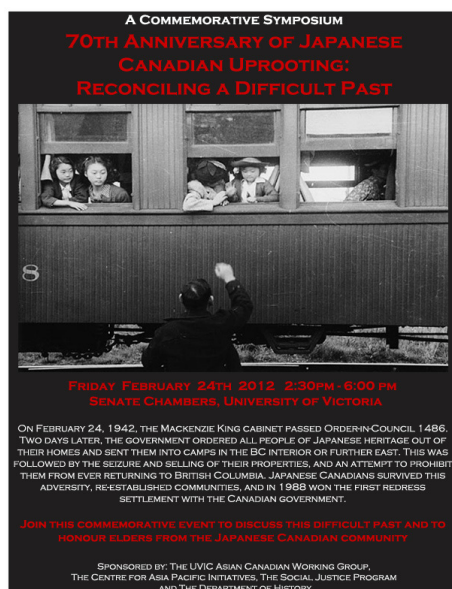
The symposium not only gave students valuable presentation experience and provided an excellent opportunity for students to meet each other and to network, but also showcased the top-notch student research on the Asia-Pacific being carried out at UVic.

**Presenters:** John Yehambaram, Galen Poor, Erin Lofting, Alicia Lawrence, Ruji Auethavornpipat and Yuanfang Zhang.



## CAPI Sponsored Event: 70th Anniversary of Japanese Canadian Uprooting

February 24, 2012



On February 24, 1942, the Mackenzie King Cabinet passed Order-In-Council 1486. Two days later, the government ordered all people of Japanese heritage out of their homes and sent them to internment camps in the BC Interior or further east. This was followed by the seizure and selling of their properties. In 1988, Japanese Canadians won the first redress settlement with the Canadian government.

This commemorative anniversary event discussed the difficult past of Japanese Canadians and honoured elders from the Japanese community.

The event was sponsored by the UVic Asian Canadian Working Group, the Social Justice Program, the Department of History and the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives.



## You Say Goodbye, We Say Hello! Robots, Theatre and the Future of Humanity

February 28, 2012



In this lecture, Brazil-based electronics artist and robotics researcher, Zaven Paré, (pictured left) and Uvic Japanese theatre specialist, Cody Poulton, discussed recent collaborations between playwright, Oriza Hirata, and roboticist, Hiroshi Ishiguro, in theatrical productions using robots and androids.

Paré and Poulton's presentation of Hirata and Ishiguro's work included a screening of Hirata's short play, *Goodbye (Sayonara)*, featuring American actor, Bryerly Long, acting opposite Ishiguro's creation, Geminoid F.

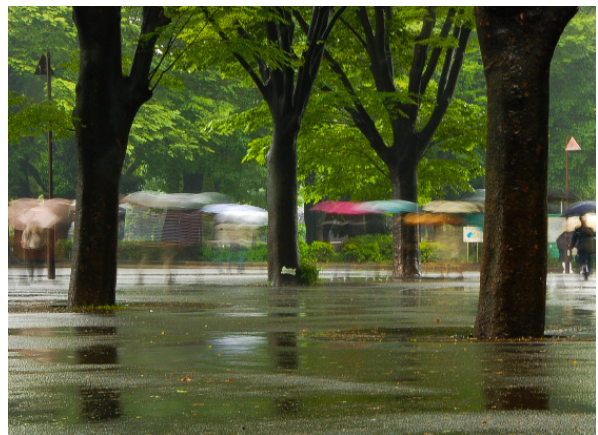
## IdeaFest 2012: CAPI Open House and Photo Exhibit

March 7, 2012

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the photographs Uvic students bring back from their international CAPI programs speak volumes about their life-changing experiences.

In March 2012, CAPI held a photo contest for current and former interns and program participants to submit their best photos from their experiences abroad. We had some amazing entries! Here is the overall winner: *Tokyo Umbrellas*, by Peter Rosenbluth.

The photos were displayed at the CAPI Open House during IdeaFest (March 5-9, 2012)



To see all the entries visit our flickr site at:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/capicamera](http://www.flickr.com/photos/capicamera)

# Symposium: Progress in Technology - Educational and Social Changes

March 28, 2012

This symposium was organized by Japan program visitor, Madhumita (Mita) Bhattacharya, and was a precursor to the larger conference, *Innovations in Learning and Technology, Asia-Pacific Perspectives*, detailed on the next page. The symposium consisted of three presentations looking at traditional teaching methods, new media technology in learning environments, and associated socio-cultural changes in Japan. Presenters looked at how natural disasters and technological progress are shaping our educational paradigm. They also reflected and evaluated the functions of social media in building more enduring communities by connecting with others who share their common concerns.

Presentations were:

**Madhumita Bhattacharya:** With crisis comes opportunity: Unveiling knowledge using constructivist approaches to learning.

**Satoru Fujitani:** Emerging changes in educational and social scenario in Japan.

**Kanji Akahori:** Characteristics comparison of paper, PCs and iPads as learning devices.





# Conference: Innovations in Learning and Technology: Asia-Pacific Perspectives

April 10 - 11, 2012

This conference, also organized by Japan program visitor, Madhumita Bhattacharya, brought together researchers from across the globe to UVic, to discuss innovations in learning and to share their experiences of incorporating technology into education.

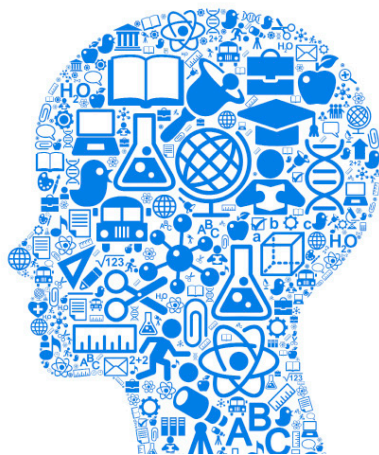
The conference looked at the complex interaction of people and technology, and how its impact on society is becoming increasingly visible in today's world, especially in the Asia-Pacific region. Conference topics included: e-learning and policy development; open and distance learning; cross-border education with ICT; social networking tools and the use of mobile technologies for teaching and learning.

Participants included:

**Keynote speaker:** Hiroshi Kato, The Open University of Japan.

**Distinguished guest speakers:** Shelley Young, National Tsing Hua University (NTHU), Taiwan; Susan Kelly, University of the South Pacific Suva, Fiji; Madhulika Kaushik, Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, BC, Canada; Alan Pence, University of Victoria, BC, Canada; Mahnaz Moallem, University of North Carolina Wilmington, NC, USA; Valerie Irvine, University of Victoria, BC, Canada.

**Paper presentations:** Kalyanamalini Sahoo, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India; Robert Aucoin, University of British Columbia and Royal Roads University, BC, Canada; Haim Michael, Tel Aviv Jaffa Academic College, Israel; Beatriz Pacheco and Eliani Kfoury, Computing School - Mackenzie and Design School - SENAC, Brazil; Thamarai Selvi Somasundaram, Anna University, India; Siew Mee Barton, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia; Suhaimi Abd Latif, International Islamic University, Malaysia; Mahnaz Moallem, University of North Carolina Wilmington, NC, USA; Nada Mach, California State University, Dominguez Hills, California, USA; Madhumita Bhattacharya, University of Victoria, BC, Canada; Virginia Vandall-Walker, Athabasca University, AB, Canada; Rita Santillan, University of BC and Simon Fraser University, BC, Canada; Hengameh Kermani, University of North Carolina Wilmington, NC, USA; Yayoi Anzai, Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan.



For more details on the conference and all attendees see [capiconf.uvic.ca](http://capiconf.uvic.ca)

## **CAPI sponsored public lecture: Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo: Traditional Japanese Puppet Theatre by the Koryu Nishikawa Troupe**

May 2, 2012

CAPI was delighted to host a rare cultural performance from Japan at UVic. The troupe, Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo, has been classified as having 'Intangible Folk Cultural Properties,' by the Government of Japan.

Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo is a form of puppet theatre created by the first Koryu Nishikawa around the end of the Edo period (1603 to 1868). It is called Kuruma Ningyo because the puppeteer sits on a small seat with roller wheels, 'the rokuro-kuruma,' and operates the puppet, 'the ningyo'. This small seat, and the fact that only one person is needed to operate one puppet, distinguishes Kuruma Ningyo from Bunraku, in which three people are needed to operate a number of puppets. This one-on-one relationship allows great flexibility and realism as the puppet and the puppeteer move in unison.

The Koryu Nishikawa Troupe, while continuing to perform traditional works of the Edo Period, is forever seeking new directions and fresh innovation in order to keep the spirit of the troupe, and hence the performances, vibrant and creative.

This lecture-performance was presented by the Consulate General of Japan and The Japan Foundation, in cooperation with the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies at UVic, and the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society.

The sketches below of the troupe were provided by Wayne Thom. Our thanks go to him for letting us reproduce his images here.



# Workshop on Post-311 Challenges and Opportunities: Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming in the Priorities and Planning of Tohoku Reconstruction, 2012-2015

June 10 - 11, 2012

This workshop provided a forum for leading interdisciplinary Canadian scholars in Japanese Studies, Women's Studies and Diversity Studies, as well as renowned guest speakers from Japan, who are supporting Tohoku Reconstruction, to share their research results and discuss new developments and challenges in the region.

The workshop focussed on the triple disaster of the Tohoku earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown, which has been the cause of tragic destruction, loss and trauma for the affected communities, surrounding areas, and indeed, for the country as a whole.

At the same time, the workshop viewed this historical moment in Japan's history as a unique window of opportunity for the democratic reconstruction of a vibrant, gender-equal, and multiculturally inclusive Tohoku Region that can pave the way forward for Japan's nation-building goals for diverse citizenship in the 21st century. As such, the aim of the workshop was to initiate an interdisciplinary conversation among academics and other interested parties as to the challenges for Japan to forge a gender-inclusive and multiculturally-sensitive strategy of socio-economic, cultural, and political reconstruction for the Tohoku Region and affected areas.

The workshop was organized by Jackie F. Steele, Japan program visitor at CAPI. Steele is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Tokyo, as well as Research Associate, Global COE on Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.

CAPI is grateful for the generous collaboration of workshop co-host, Mari Osawa, Professor at the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, and Tokyo Branch Leader of the Global COE on Gender Equality and Multicultural Conviviality in the Age of Globalization.

CAPI would also wish to acknowledge the financial support of the Tohoku University Global COE.

**Participants in the workshop were:** Hiroko Hara, Kumiko Hagiwara, Sonhee Lee, Yoshi Kawasaki, Millie Creighton, David Edgington, Shigenori Matsui, Caroline Andrew, Sikata Banerjee and Natasha Fox.

# CAPI Awards and Fellowships

## 2012 CAPI Student Research Fellowship

The winners of CAPI's Student Research Fellowship are **Caitlin Wake (2011)**, **Ruji Auethavornpipat** and **Jing Qian (2012)**.

**Caitlin Wake**, a Doctoral student, Social Dimensions of Health, will be using her award to fund part of her research project, *Exploring the Social Determinants of Health Among Urban Refugees in Malaysia*, which emerged from her internship with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Malaysia.

**Ruji Auethavornpipat**, an M.A. student in Pacific and Asian Studies, whose research looks at, *The Teaching and Learning of Mandarin Chinese in Thailand*, is conducting his research in Thailand.

**Jing Qian**, a Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Law, will use the award towards a trip to China to support research on, *People vs. Peoples: A Socio-legal Study on Gap Problems within Administrative Litigation in China*.

## Student Essay Prize Winners

**Winner: Brittney O'Neill**  
Department of Linguistics  
Title: *The Alienation of Migrant Workers in China and the Complicit Chinese State*.



**Runner Up: Ellen Chen**  
Department of Pacific and Asian Studies  
Title: *Beyond the Historic Gates of Chinatown: Exploring the Development and role of Canadian Chinatowns in Shaping Chinese-Canadian Identity*.



## 2011 CAPI Student Language Fellowship

### Connor Bildfell

A third year Bachelor of Commerce student, Connor was awarded CAPI's student language fellowship to support him in his international student exchange at Peking University.



## CAPI Faculty Research Development Grant

**John Price** (Department of History) received this award to support his research project *Asian Canadian Studies and the Pacific World*.

This project (in partnership with the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia) will help universities, such as UVic, determine the best way to develop the Asian Canadian studies program.

CAPI offers up to three Faculty Research Grants every year to support research activities focussed on the Asia-Pacific region.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

To find out more about CAPI's awards and opportunities please visit our website at:  
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## Asia-Pacific News

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