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This report covers the period June 2012 to June 2013



Associate Director, Helen Lansdowne

This past year marked the Centre's 25th anniversary and the university's 50th, and what a year it has been! We kicked off the 2012-13 year supporting the DEMCON Conference, *De-parochializing Political Theory*, in August. This was a masterful event that was the brainchild of our UVic colleagues at the Law School, along with Leigh Jenco of the London School of Economics, and Melissa Williams of the University of Toronto. CAPI's major contribution was to host the Albert Hung Chao Hong keynote speaker, Professor Prasenjit Duara from the National University of Singapore. Dr. Duara's talk, *Histories and Competitive Societies: Temporal Foundations for Global Theory*, was a tour de force. If you were not able to attend the talk in August, you can find a video recording on the CAPI VIMEO website at VIMEO.com/capi.

The next eleven months proved to be as busy as our first. We held many events and hosted many friends old and new. For example, in November we held a memorial symposium marking the anniversary of the Nanjing Massacre, hosting a number of scholars from across Canada. CAPI and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society co-organized an amazing conference that brought together scholars from China, India and Canada to discuss religious diversity in those three countries. Thanks to funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), we were able to bring Dr. Rinku Lamba from Jawaharlal Nehru University for the Fall semester to be part of the programming. Mark Sidel, longtime CAPI Associate, joined us in January and gave the Neil Burton Memorial lecture, a wonderful journey down memory lane as he talked about the life of former UVic lecturer Neil Burton, and his experience in China in the 1970s. In the Spring semester, the Centre hosted Jeewon Min, a Korean scholar who organized a symposium focusing on relations between the two Koreas.

The Center also assisted with President Turpin's trip to India, in which I had the pleasure of participating. Our new Law Chair, Victor Ramraj from the National University of Singapore was hired, and we welcomed Leslie Butt as our Program Professor who worked to secure two SSHRC funded projects that will be part of our new Migration and Mobility program. All in all a wonderfully productive, and stimulating year.

The Centre'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 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.

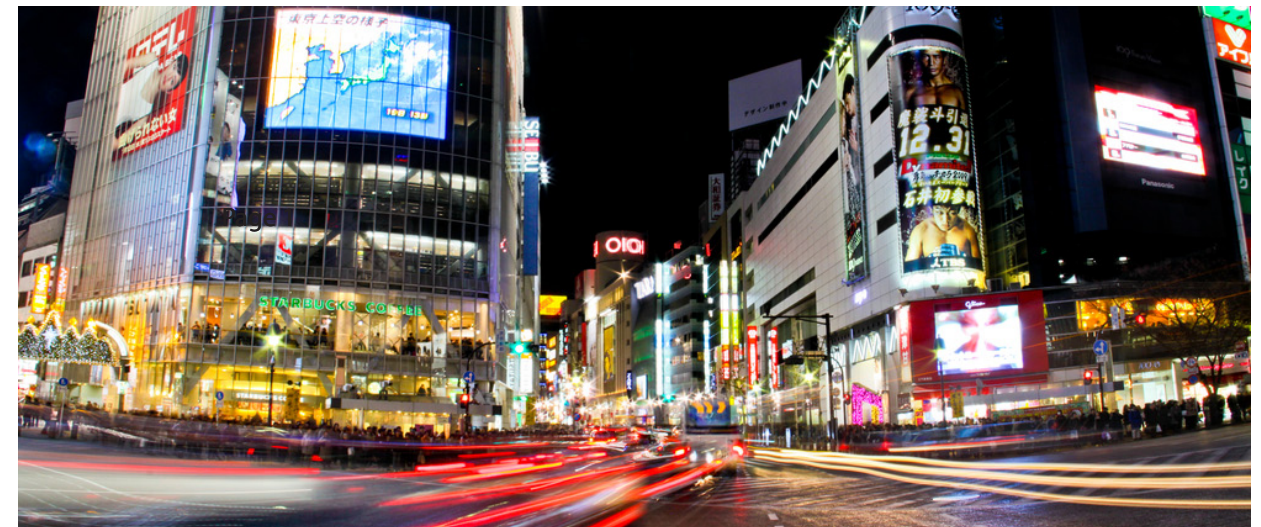
In 2012, we worked with a steering committee to identify a new vision, mandate and values for the Centre that reflect our strengths and commitment to supporting the goals of the University, particularly in the area of internationalization. The focus of our mandate is consistent with the four key areas 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.

We also 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; the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; the Canadian International Development Agency; the Jarislowky Foundation, and Albert Hung Chao Hong.



Our people

Director and staff

Associate Director: Helen Lansdowne
 CAPI Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations: Dr. Guoguang Wu
 Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair: Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen
 Assistant to Jarislowsky East Asia Chair: Natasha Fox
 Program Manager: Robyn Fila
 Communications Officer: Catherine Dooner
 Secretary: Liana Kennedy

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
 Andrew Marton: AVP International
 Howard Brunt (Ex-Officio): Vice-President, Research
 Philip Dearden: Department of Geography
 Jon Muzio: Department of Computer Science
 Peter Keller: Dean of Social Sciences
 Jeremy Webber: Faculty of Law
 Feng Xu: Department of Political Science



Some of the CAPI team. From left to right: Natasha Fox, Mary Yoko Brannen, Catherine Dooner and Helen Lansdowne.

Associates

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

Ercel Baker
 James Boutillier
 Christine Bradley
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 Philip Dearden
 Derek Ellis
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 Gordon Longmuir
 Lu Ding
 Kenneth MacKay
 Peter Maidstone
 Ted McDorman
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 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

Dr. Leslie Butt (see below), Associate Professor in Pacific and Asian Studies at the University of Victoria, joined the Centre in September 2012 as a Professor in Asia-Pacific Relations.

Dr. Rinku Lamba was a visiting fellow at CAPI and at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society in 2012. Dr. Lamba is a Political Theorist at the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Jeewon Min was a visiting scholar at CAPI from January to May 2013. A PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia, Jeewon's research interests are gender and migration, particularly in respect to North Korea. Jeewon organized the symposium, *Two Koreas: Borders and Migration*, which took place in April 2013 (See page 17)



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. 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 areas of expertise. In addition, the Centre's research is enhanced by the expertise of the Research Chairs, who are leaders in their field.

Research Chairs



China Chair, Guoguang Wu

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.



Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, Mary Yoko Brannen

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.



Law Chair, Victor V. Ramraj

CAPI is pleased to announce that the Centre's new Law Chair will be Victor V. Ramraj. Dr. Ramraj is currently based in the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore (NUS), and will be joining the University of Victoria in July 2014. The Law Chair position at CAPI is shared with the UVic Law Faculty.

Migration and Mobility program



The Migration and Mobility program is a new long-term interdisciplinary program at CAPI aimed at exploring the processes and impacts of the Asia-Pacific's place in global migration trends in the 21st century. Mobility is increasingly the norm for ever larger groups of people, and events and processes within the Asia-Pacific place it at the vanguard of global movements. This new program will support cutting-edge research activities, research briefs, an open access journal, a working paper series, and international collaboration on leading issues related to the extraordinary mobility of persons to, from, and within the Asia-Pacific region.

Two new research projects feature in the new program, both led by Dr. Leslie Butt, Associate Professor in Pacific and Asian Studies and Visiting Professor in Asia-Pacific Relations at CAPI. *Asian Women, Migration and Family in the Global Era*, with Dr. Lisa Mitchell in the Department of Anthropology, will research skilled migrant women in Southeast Asia. This project received a SSHRC Insight grant of \$357,000 over five years. *Stateless Children, Parents and Undocumented Migration: An Indonesian Pilot Study*, with Dr. Jessica Ball, Department of Child and Youth Care, will explore how migrant parents who travel without documentation understand the idea of citizenship for their children. This is part funded with a \$62,000 SSHRC Insight Development grant. CAPI and the university are also contributing funds to the project.

Our new migration and mobility program will explore the rapid and rapidly changing movements of people from the Asia-Pacific, to the Asia-Pacific, and through the Asia-Pacific. Migration and mobility are key not only to understanding the Asia-Pacific in the current era, but also to understanding globalization and global relations more broadly.

Dr. Leslie Butt



China Chair report

Besides regular teaching and services, the CAPI China Chair, Guoguang Wu, spent a lot of time this academic year writing a research monograph (funded by a SSHRC individual research grant), *The Theatre of Power: Political Legitimacy, Institutional Manipulation, and China's Party Congress*, which is nearly completed. Other activities include book/article publishing, conference organizing, conference participating, paper and lecture delivering, fund applications, manuscript and grant assessing, and media interviews.

Grant awarded

A SSHRC Insight Grant of \$153,672 was awarded in April 2013 to CAPI China Chair's research project, 2013-17, on *Unsustainable Prosperity: China, Globalization, and the New Political Economy of Development*.

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Jarislowsky East Asia Chair report

Dr. Brannen's goal as CAPI's Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair is to provide a deeper understanding of the opportunities and challenges for today's global organizations resulting from workforce mobility, cultural diversity and integration. Her activities in this first year of her post included the hosting of conferences, delivering international keynotes and research talks, as well as serving as Deputy Editor of the leading international business journal, *The Journal of International Business Studies*. By actively connecting scholars, experts and students and by doing cutting-edge research in cross-cultural management particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, Dr. Brannen aims to make the University of Victoria and CAPI a global centre of excellence in this field.

Conference

Dr. Brannen organized and convened the annual meeting of the International Organization Network (ION). ION is a group of prominent cross-cultural management educators and scholars from around the world interested in extending theory and practice perspectives related to individuals in global organizations around issues of cultural complexity, identity, integration and knowledge-sharing across multiple contexts. This year's ION meeting linked CAPI's theme of migration and mobility with cutting-edge ION research. We were proud to host over 40 participants from around the globe, as well as CAPI associates, UVic interdisciplinary graduate students (from the Gustavson School of Business, as well as the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies and other Social Sciences departments) and other members of the UVic community. The public portion of the program included three research panels: *Migration, Mobility and Integration, Knowledge-Sharing and Networks, and Asia-Pacific Contexts*.

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Media Interviews and Distinguished Lectures

Keynote address for the Association of Japanese Business Studies (AJBS), Washington, DC, June 28, 2012.

BBC World Service Broadcast, Business Daily Series, *How 'hybrid' workers, who have more than one nationality and language have special skills useful in global business*, July 9, 2012.

Globe and Mail Interview with Karl Moore, *Tapping the Potential of Bi-Cultural Employees*, July 11, 2012.

Globe and Mail Interview with Karl Moore, *How to Invigorate Your Company with an Outsider's View*, December 4, 2012.

David Lam Lecture at the Pacific Region Forum, Simon Fraser University, *Biculturals and other Cultural Hybrids: Leveraging the Hidden Strengths of Today's Multicultural Workforce*, March 6, 2013

“The growing proportion of people of mixed cultural identities in the global workforce provide companies operating globally with an unacknowledged opportunity to better bridge across cultural contexts and integrate and meld knowledge from around the world.”

Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen

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“The most successful element of my internship was the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation that I took part in, in Bangkok. With so many different cultural differences, assumptions, and perspectives, it was at times difficult to form a consensus on the recommendations. However, the tenacity and commitment of civil society made the process possible, and we finalized the recommendations and successfully submitted them.”

Harrison Ellis

The Program

Since 2003, CAPI has been sending Canadian interns to work with civil society organizations in the Asia-Pacific region.

The year, June 2012 to June 2013, was another exciting period for CAPI's International Internship Program, as we celebrated our 10 year anniversary! During the 2012-2013 reporting period we continued to run our two Students for Development projects awarded through the Association of Universities and Colleges, and funded by the Canadian International Development Agency.

As part of these projects, we were not only able to send 10 extraordinary UVic students to work with our partners in India, Bangladesh and the Philippines, we were also able to support Mahmudul Haque, a PhD student from Rajshahi University in Bangladesh, to join the Centre from September to December 2012. Mr. Haque spent the fall term pursuing his research in Environmental Governance and benefitted greatly from the experience of living on our beautiful West Coast. He said of his experience:

“This is the first exchange program between the University of Victoria and my university. I hope this beginning step will help to go a long way and create a platform to learn from each other through different exchange programs. I believe that this program has provided a rare opportunity for students from developing countries like Bangladesh.”

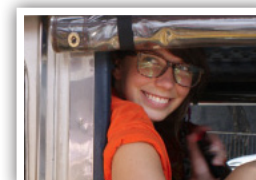


Mahmudul Haque was a visiting graduate student and lecturer from Rajshahi University in Bangladesh.

To support CAPI's increasing interest in migration and migration-related issues, we have continued to work with our incredible partner organizations doing important work in the area of Migrants' Rights. Our partners in 2012-2013 were Migrant Forum Asia (MFA) and the Center for Migrant Advocacy (CMA) in the Philippines, WARBE Development Foundation and the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in Bangladesh, and Migrant Forum India (MFI) and the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) in India.

The Interns

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



Catherine Lawrence, Dispute Resolution student, worked as a Program Assistant with Migrant Forum in Asia, Quezon City, Philippines.



George Benson, Political Science student, worked as a Program Assistant with WARBE Development Foundation in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Adam Tran, Political Science student, worked as a Program Assistant with Migrant Forum in India in Kerala, India.



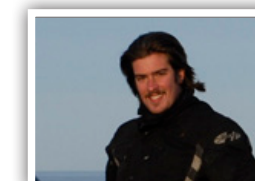
Chandra Merry, Literature student, worked as a Program Assistant at the Center for Migrant Advocacy in Quezon City, Philippines.



Our next interns left in January 2013 for their six month placements. They were:



Jamie Myrah, Law student, worked as a Program Assistant with the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) in New Delhi, India.



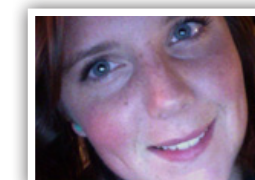
Beaudin Bennett, Political Science student, worked as a Program Assistant with WARBE Development Foundation in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



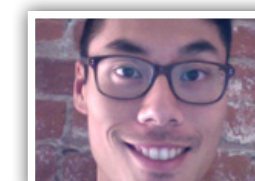
Harrison Ellis, Political Science student, worked as a Program Assistant with Migrant Forum in Asia in Quezon City, Philippines.



Cassana Kelly, Political Science student, worked as a Program Assistant with the Center for Migrant Advocacy in Quezon City, Philippines.



Marguerite Heyns, Biology student, worked as a Program Assistant with RMMRU in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Victor Huynh, Social Work student, worked as a Program Assistant with Migrant Forum in India in Kerala, India.

CAPI events cover the issues

CAPI holds events throughout the academic year, from major international conferences, to workshops, symposia and lunch and learns. During that time, hundreds of people come to hear about the issues of the day affecting the Asia-Pacific. From history to religion and politics, to civil society and the sciences, the Centre holds a variety of events, many of which are free and open to the public.

Lunch and Learn series

Mongolia, Mining and Unavoidable Issues

Ivan G. Somlai,
CAPI Associate and Director of Global Collaboration
October 17, 2012

Reflections on an Indian Variant of Liberalism

Rinku Lamba,
Visiting Fellow at CAPI and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society
November 1, 2012

Work Culture and Business Manners in East Asia

Organized and hosted by UVic students. Featured a talk by Mary Yoko Brannen,
CAPI Jarislowsky East Asia Chair and Professor at the Gustavson School of
Business, UVic
November 5, 2012

Sharks on Pacific Coral Reefs

Julia Baum,
Associate Professor, Department of Biology, UVic
February 6, 2013

HUNG LECTURE 2012

Histories and Competitive Societies: Temporal Foundations for Global Theory

August 2, 2012

Harry Hickman Building, Room 105
University of Victoria



Speaker: Dr. Prasenjit Duara

Our identities are shaped by our nation's history, but how much of that national narrative is unique and how much is borrowed, constructed, or put together in relation to how other nations see us and themselves? This was a topic broached by Dr. Prasenjit Duara on August 2, as he delivered the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives' annual Albert Hung Chao Hong lecture.

Dr. Duara, Raffles Professor of Humanities, Director of the Asia Research Institute, and Director of Research in Humanities and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore, discussed his theories on national histories and storytelling to a packed house in his lecture, *Histories and Competitive Societies: Temporal Foundations for Global Theory*.

One of the main themes Dr. Duara discussed was how stories, as narratives of our past, are necessary in all collectives, including nation-states, that seek to constitute and maintain themselves. He argued that before modern nation-states, these narratives not only entrenched differences, they also bore a relationship to universal or cosmological time. In modern times, both of these characteristics have come under challenge and competitive states have sought to mobilize resources by adopting singular, linear histories of state, nation and civilization. However, ironically, just as these singular

stories are becoming dominant, the world is globalizing more actively than ever. While the historical enterprise of collective formation - in which distinctive stories are developed within the framework of single states - remains important for the building of local, national or regional communities, these nation-states can no longer deny the significant influence that the rest of the world has on them. "This is especially relevant now that planetary sustainability is at stake," argued Duara. In modern times, it could be claimed that our shared stories and cultures are becoming ever more homogenous, as ideas and cultures interact and ideas are shared at an increasing pace.

This lecture was the keynote of the 2012 Demcon conference, *De-parochializing Political Theory*. This conference was the culmination of a three-year project, *East Asian Perspectives on Politics*, the purpose of which was to advance research in the emerging field of comparative political theory.

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NEIL BURTON LECTURE 2013

Neil Burton and the Historic Debate on China's Future: Echoes from the Past to the Present

January 24, 2013

Fraser Building, Room 159
University of Victoria



Speaker: Dr. Mark Sidel

CAPI, having been an Associate of the Centre for many years. The talk gave a unique insight into Neil Burton's life and the political environment in China in the 1970s.

Neil Burton (1941-2010) was a long-time advocate for closer Asia-Canada relations and 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 18 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 his honour.

Thirty-five years ago, the young Canadian teacher, editor and activist Neil Burton played an important role in the key international dispute about the future of China in the immediate post-Cultural Revolution years. That debate - about economic reform, inequality, and China's road to modernization - echoes down to the present in current disputes in China about social equality, corruption, and the regulation of China's powerful market economy. It pitted Burton, a young Canadian teacher living in Beijing, who was directly familiar with Chinese people's desires to reduce the emphasis on politics in their lives and move toward economic reforms and greater economic freedoms, against Charles Bettelheim, the famous French Marxist philosopher and political economist and a lion of the post-World War II pro-Mao European left, who argued against Deng Xiaoping's liberalizing moves and in favor of continued Maoist policies.

Now, thirty-five years later, Neil Burton and Charles Bettelheim's historic battle is significant once again as China struggles with rising inequality, social unrest, the rise of civil society, and adapting this now-powerful Chinese market economy to a new era.

This talk was the third annual Neil Burton Memorial Lecture and was given by Mark Sidel, Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mark Sidel is a long time friend of

SYMPOSIUM

The Governance of Religious Diversity in China, India and Canada: An International Symposium

November 22 - 24, 2012

Cadboro Commons
University of Victoria



The historical development of the Chinese, Indian and Canadian states and their respective approaches to religion have followed markedly different paths. In the People's Republic of China, state policy toward religion has been guided by a two-pronged approach of prohibition on the one hand, and the privileging of a few "sanctioned" religions on the other. India has its own contradictions in this regard, as a place where significant openness toward religion has coexisted with an entrenched caste system and episodes of extreme inter-religious conflict. In Canada, our view of ourselves as a tolerant, secular society has been weakened in recent years through challenges raised by non-Christian minorities against the implicitly Christian bias that underlies many of our norms and institutions.

This symposium represented an exciting opportunity for legal, political and religious studies experts from each of these countries to engage in an in-depth discussion and comparison of state-religion dynamics in three radically different contexts. The overall objective was to advance new scholarly frameworks for assisting governments to better understand and respond to the complexities of religious diversity in our increasingly globalized world.

The keynote address for the symposia, held on Friday November 22, was entitled, *Religious Communities as Legal and Political Orders*, and was presented by UVic Law

Professor and Canada Research Chair, Jeremy Webber.

The Governance of Religious Diversity symposium was a joint project of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society and the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives. We gratefully acknowledge financial support provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada and the University of Victoria Offices of the Vice-President Research, Vice-President Academic and Provost, Faculty of Law, and the Centre for Global Studies.

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SYMPOSIUM The Nanjing Massacre: 75 Years On

November 16 -17, 2012
Harry Hickman Building, Room 105
University of Victoria



On December 13, 1937, the Japanese Imperial Army entered Nanjing, the former capital of the Republic of China. In the six weeks that followed, thousands of civilians and soldiers died, their bodies found later in mass graves around the city. 2012 marked the 75th anniversary of the Nanjing atrocity.

On November 16 and 17, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies held a symposium on the Nanjing massacre. The symposium looked at the events of 75 years ago, and examined what they mean today for China, Japan, Canada, and the Asia-Pacific region.

Speakers included: Guoguang Wu, CAPI; Katsuhiko Endo, Pacific and Asian Studies; Hugh Stephens, Time Warner; Richard King, Pacific and Asian Studies; Tim Isles, Pacific and Asian Studies; Bob Wakabayashi, York University; Timothy Brook, UBC; Greg Blue, Department of History; John Price, Department of History; Joy Kogawa, Author, and Joseph Wong, doctor and social activist.

SYMPOSIUM Two Koreas: Borders and Migration

April 5 - 6, 2013
Senate Chambers
University of Victoria



Economic, social and political conditions have prompted large numbers of people from North Korea to migrate to South Korea, China and other parts of the world.

This symposium, organized by CAPI Visiting Scholar, Jeewon Min, brought together experts to discuss issues relating to migration to and from the Korean Peninsula with an emphasis on gender, race and language.

The keynote address, *Korean Picture Brides and the Formation of a Korean Community in the United States, 1909-1924*, was delivered by Dr. Wayne Patterson of Norbert College, Wisconsin.

This talk looked at the process by which young women from Korea were matched with Korean bachelors in the United States, through the exchange of photographs and several hundreds of dollars. It looked at the background of the women, why they came, and their often difficult life after arrival in America. Their arrival also made it possible for the creation of a second generation of Koreans, with all the attendant conflicts that ensued between the children and their elders.

Jeewon Min and Helen Lansdowne also took part in a 30 minute radio interview about the symposium on CFAX Radio in Victoria.

Open House for UVic's 50th Anniversary

September 29, 2012
Sedgewick Building, Room C168
University of Victoria



CAPI held an Open House to celebrate UVic's 50th birthday. Former interns gave presentations about their experiences abroad. Pictured above is Mikaela Robertson who talked about her experience working for six months as a CAPI intern in the Philippines.

IdeaFest 2013: Work and Study Opportunities in Asia

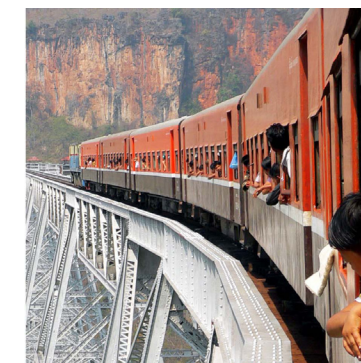
March 6, 2013
Harry Hickman Building, Room 116
University of Victoria



To celebrate UVic's IdeaFest 2013, CAPI held an interactive event for students interested in working or studying in Asia. Thanks to former interns, George Benson (pictured above in Dhaka) and Adam Tran for participating.

International Organizational Network (ION) Annual Forum

February 21 -22, 2013
University Club
University of Victoria



The International Organizations Network (ION), a group of prominent cross-cultural management educators and scholars from around globe, held its annual meeting and public forum at UVic. This forum explored migration and mobility with respect to individuals, organizations, and country contexts.

Congress 2013: Asian Canadian Studies Conference

June 1-2, 2013
Various venues across campus
University of Victoria



With the support of the University of Victoria, scholars, graduate students and community activists from across Canada gathered on June 1-2, 2013 to discuss the future of Asian Canadian studies. CAPI sponsored this event.

CAPI Faculty Research Development Grants

CAPI offers up to three Faculty Research Grants every year to support research activities focused on the Asia-Pacific region. In 2013, CAPI awarded grants to the following faculty:

Dr. Feng Xu (Department of Political Science) received this award to support her research project, *Governing Migrants, Developing Regional Economies and Building Harmonious Society in China*.

Our second award went to **Dr. Julia Baum** (Department of Biology) for her work on, *Fisheries and Climate Change Impacts on the World's Largest Atoll*. Dr. Baum used the funding to help pay for a trip for her and research assistant, Maryann Wilson, to do further research on the atoll in Kiribati in July 2013.

"The CAPI Faculty Research Grant has enabled me to conduct interviews and archival research in Hong Kong and mainland China for my ongoing research on gender, migration and precarious labour in China. I have published a few articles and book chapters based on this CAPI-funded research."

Dr. Feng Xu



Dr. Feng Xu, Department of Political Science



Dr. Julia Baum (left), Department of Biology
Credit: Danielle Claar

2013 CAPI Student Research Fellowship

The winner of CAPI's Student Research Fellowship is **Catherine Lawrence**. Catherine was a former intern with us, and we were very impressed with her ongoing research entitled, *The Nepal National Diplomacy Training Program Master's Project*. Catherine is currently in Kathmandu working with Migrant Forum in Asia and the Diplomacy Training Program, working on an initiative around migrants' rights. She is enrolled in the Masters in Dispute Resolution program at UVic.



Catherine Lawrence

2013 CAPI Student Essay Prize

Congratulations to **James Billingsley**, J.D. Candidate at the Faculty of Law, who came first in our CAPI Student Essay Prize for an impressive entry entitled, *Claiming Poor Rights: Narratives of Shelter, Space and Freedom in India and Canada*. Congratulations also to **Connor Bildfell**, Bachelor of Commerce Student, who came second with his essay, *Language Strategies in China: An Analysis and Framework Development for Multinational Companies*.



James Billingsley

"I am honoured to be this year's recipient of the CAPI Essay Prize. It is a privilege to study at an institution which encourages student scholarship of the Asia-Pacific region."

James Billingsley

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