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This report covers the period July 2014 to June 2015

Director's message

This has been a remarkable year for CAPI. The array of outstanding research and programming activities described in this annual review are a testament to the vision, hard work and dedication of CAPI colleagues, Associates and students.

Major international conferences hosted by CAPI over the past year have significantly enhanced our academic profile along with providing opportunities for students to engage with the latest research on the Asia-Pacific region. The *Asia Desk Forum and Asian Law Academy* brought together over 50 lawyers, civil society and government participants, academics and First Nations peoples to discuss legal developments in Asia. Another international conference on *Migration and Mobility: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond* attracted more than 125 delegates from around the world, and coincided with the launch of CAPI's new e-journal – *Migration, Mobility and Displacement*. Arising from the success of this latter event, CAPI has been selected to host the prestigious annual conference of the *Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies* in 2017.

In addition to the well-established Migration and Mobility Program, CAPI now hosts another externally funded thematic research program – Landscapes of Injustice. This project is a seven-year multi-partner research program exploring the forced dispossession of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. Led by researchers at UVic with thirteen partner institutions, the project has received a \$2.5 million partnership grant from SSHRC with an additional \$3 million committed from partner institutions.

The research programs hosted by CAPI which address broad interdisciplinary themes, and others that are under consideration, complement the core research and related activities of our three Chairs and enhance CAPI's growing reputation and capacity to act as a catalyst for research and educational programming on and in the Asia-Pacific. Combined with the array of public lectures and many other sponsored events described herein, the work of the Centre has continued to play a key role in outreach within UVic and externally with our local and international stakeholder communities and partners.

CAPI provided funding to support UVic faculty, students and recent graduates in the form of fellowships, grants, scholarships and awards, and we have supported the *Harold Coward India Research Fellowship* in cooperation with the Centre for Global Studies and the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society to welcome a visiting scholar from India.

In addition to our regular internship programs which supported 19 international student placements across the Asia-Pacific region over the past year, CAPI has



CAPI Director Dr. Andrew Marton with students participating in the China Youth Leadership Program.

been awarded nearly \$900,000 in new funding from the Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Fund, the Global Affairs Canada International Youth Internship Program and the UVic President's Student Mobility Initiative for our student mobility and scholarship programming. These awards recognize CAPI's outstanding track record in providing students with life-changing experiential learning opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Centre has also been very busy developing and implementing other innovative educational programming. CAPI signed a five-year contract with our partner in China to continue with the delivery of our very successful *China Youth Leadership Program*. The first year of the program provided an international education and experiential learning opportunity for more than 500 university students from China. Meanwhile, CAPI has been undertaking a unique collaboration with the UVic School of Public Administration to develop and deliver a new *Early Career Leaders in China* program with generous funding from donors in Hong Kong. The 2015 pilot will have a special focus on Furthering Sustainability: The Environment and Clean Energy, and sixteen young professionals have been recruited to take part in the program.

While it has been another very busy year, the many accomplishments described in this review inspire a renewed sense of energy and commitment. With the arrival of our new Chair of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, Dr. Victor Ramraj, and my appointment as interim Director, CAPI now has a full complement of colleagues to celebrate and take forward these achievements.

Andrew Marton



Dr. Leslie Butt, Visiting Scholar at CAPI (second from right), at a health information session for expectant mothers in East Lombok, Indonesia as part of her Migration and Mobility program research project "Stateless Children, Parents and Undocumented Migration: An Indonesian Pilot Study".

About the Centre

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

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

Our Vision Statement

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

Our Mandate

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

Our Goals

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

Thanks

We could not do the work that we do without our funding partners. A special thank you goes to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council; Universities Canada; Global Affairs Canada; the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship program, the Jarislowsky Foundation and Albert Hung Chao Hong.

Our people

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Executive Committee

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

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Associate Director

Howard Brunt (Ex-Officio)

Vice-President, Research

Michael Miller

Associate VP, Research

Guoguang Wu

Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

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Geography

Peter Keller

Dean of Social Sciences

Jon Muzio

Computer Science

Jeremy Webber

Dean of Law

Feng Xu

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
 Hillary Chung
 Timothy Craig
 Philip Dearden
 Lu Ding
 Derek Ellis
 Nicholas Etheridge
 Stewart Goodings
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 Jingjai Hanchanlash
 Carin Holroyd
 Ralph Huenemann
 David Chuenyan Lai
 Stacey Lambert
 Sharon Lee
 Tim Lindsey
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 Isabel Lloyd
 Gordon Longmuir
 Kenneth MacKay
 Peter Maidstone
 Ted McDorman
 Terrence McGee
 Chris Morgan
 Catherine Morris
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 Pip Nicholson
 Linda Pennells
 Saikai Pahi Saikia
 Anne Park Shannon
 Mark Sidel
 Ivan Somlai
 Hugh Stephens
 Tad Suzuki
 Reeta Tremblay
 Robby Tulus
 Stephen Tyler
 Art Wright
 Francis Yee

Visitor to the Centre

Dr. Leslie Butt, Associate

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



Dr. Leslie Butt

Research is at our core

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

Research Chairs



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

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



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

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



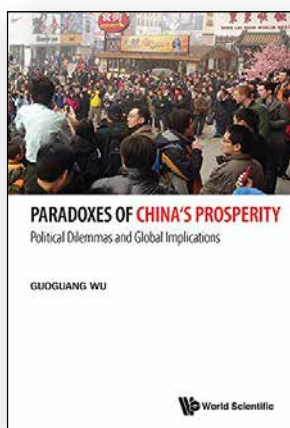
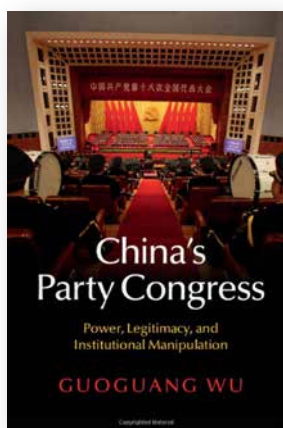
Dr. Victor V. Ramraj, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

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

Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations report

The reported academic year saw the publication of four books from CAPI Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations. Dr. Guoguang Wu, two newly published single-authored volumes and two edited volumes republished in paperback, as well as two research articles and a number of republished pieces.

Dr. Wu took a sabbatical leave July 1 – December 31, 2014, during which he finalized a research monograph manuscript, completed the concluding chapter for a CAPI conference volume, and started another book manuscript based on his 2013-awarded SSHRC Insight grant funded research project. Upon returning in January 2015, he resumed all regular responsibilities on campus, including teaching, graduate student supervision, research and outreach activity planning and organizing, participation in CAPI-sponsored and other campus events, services to both CAPI and the Political Science department, including conference participation, fieldwork travel, and outreach for promoting national and international connections.



Two of the 2015 publications by Dr. Guoguang Wu, CAPI's Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations.

Publications

- Guoguang Wu, *China's Party Congress: Power, Legitimacy, and Institutional Manipulation*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015, xii + 368 pp.
- Guoguang Wu, *Paradoxes of China's Prosperity: Domestic Dilemmas and Global Implications*, Singapore: World Scientific, 2015, xxii + 622 pp.
- Guoguang Wu ed. *China's Challenges to Human Security: Foreign Relations and Global Implications*, London: Routledge, originally published in 2013, reissued in paperback in 2014, xiv + 334 pp.
- Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *Socialist China, Capitalist China: Social Tension and Political Adaptation under Economic Globalization*, London: Routledge, originally published in 2009, reissued in paperback in 2014, xiv + 215 pp.
- Guoguang Wu, "Protests Against Prosperity: The Recurring Chinese Dilemma of Economic Achievement Versus Political Discontent," *Modern China Studies*, 22, 2 (March 2015): 47-72.
- Guoguang Wu, "All the News, All the Politics: Sophisticated Propaganda in Capitalist-Authoritarian China," in Kate Xiao Zhou, Shelley Rigger, and Lynn T. White III eds., *Democratization in China, Korea, and Southeast Asia? Local and National Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2014, pp. 200-215.
- Guoguang Wu, "Human Security Challenges with China: Why and How the Rise of China Makes the World Vulnerable?" in Guoguang Wu ed., *China's Challenges to Human Security: Foreign Relations and Global Implications*, London: Routledge, reissued in paperback in 2014, pp. 1-27.
- Guoguang Wu, "Conclusion: Social Tension and Political Adaptation under Globalization," in Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *Socialist China, Capitalist China: Social Tension and Political Adaptation under Economic Globalization*, London: Routledge, reissued in paperback in 2014, pp. 190-208.
- Guoguang Wu, "Identity, Sovereignty, and Economic Penetration: Beijing's Responses to Offshore Chinese Democracies," originally published in *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol., No. 51 (May 2007), pp. 295-313; republished in Shaun Breslin, Carla Freeman, and Simon Shen eds., *China and the World* (SAGE Publications, 2014).
- Helen Lansdowne and Guoguang Wu, 'Introduction' to Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *Socialist China, Capitalist China: Social Tension and Political Adaptation under Economic Globalization*, London: Routledge, reissued in paperback in 2014, pp. 1-9.
- Wu Guoguang, "Three Chinese Responses to the China Model: A Political-Economy Analysis of the Taiwan 9-in-1 Elections and the Hong Kong Umbrella Revolution," the *Trend* magazine, the December issue, 2014 [in Chinese].
- Wu Guoguang, "The Myth of Deng Xiaoping's Disappearance: A Speculative Historical Study Regarding Tiananmen, 1989," the *Trend* magazine, the April issue, 2015 [in Chinese].

Public Lectures, Conference Papers, and Other Conference Participations

- Guoguang Wu, "Power, Governance, and UN Reform: China's Concept of Security and Attitudes toward UN Reform," a paper delivered at the 20th biennial conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal, July 25, 2014.
- Guoguang Wu, "A History of the 1980s: Significant Issues," a paper delivered at the workshop "Rewriting the History of Twentieth-Century China, III," the Boya Foundation, Yantai, China, August 27, 2014.
- Panelist, all panels, the workshop "Rewrite the History of Twentieth-Century China, III," Yantai, China, August 24-28, 2014.
- Guoguang Wu, "Elite Politics and Political Legacies," a paper delivered at the conference "Tiananmen: Memories and Legacies," University of Gottingen, Germany, November 27, 2014.
- Panelist, the concluding panel, the conference "Tiananmen: Memories and Legacies," University of Gottingen, Germany, November 27, 2014.
- Guoguang Wu, "A History of the 1980s: A Research Outline," a paper delivered at the workshop "Rewriting the History of Twentieth-Century China, IV," the Boya Foundation, Hong Kong, February 3, 2015.
- Panelist, all panels, the workshop "Rewrite the History of Twentieth-Century China, IV," Hong Kong, February 1-4, 2015.

- Panel chair, the panel “Understanding State-Owned Enterprises in China and Vietnam,” the Asian Desk Forum, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, April 18, 2015.
- Dinner conversation with a group of students, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, April 28, 2015.
- A class lecture, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, April 28, 2015.
- Guoguang Wu, “China’s Rise and Its Global Implications in Human Security,” a public lecture, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, April 28, 2015.
- Discussant, Panel II, the symposium “Has China Found a Unique Path of Modernization?”
- The China Model Revisited,” Center for China-US Cooperation, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Colorado, May 1, 2015.
- Guoguang Wu, “An Analytical Framework to Understand Xi Jinping’s Anti-Corruption Campaign,” a paper delivered at the conference “Diagnosing China: Constitutional Transformation and Its Obstacles,” Vancouver, May 2, 2015.
- Guoguang Wu, “Chinese Development in Human-Security Perspective,” a public lecture, the “Vancouver Xianshi International Forum, 2015,” Vancouver, British Columbia, May 3, 2015.
- Panel chair, the afternoon session, the “Vancouver Xianshi International Forum, 2015,” Vancouver, British Columbia, May 3, 2015.
- Panel chair, the panel “Migrants’ Struggles,” the conference “Migration and Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond,” Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, June 12, 2015.
- During this year he sent out a MA student, who, under Dr. Wu’s supervision, successfully defended his thesis of a comparative study of China and the United States on investment examination policies. As always, he also served as chair of some graduate oral exams.
- Dr. Wu rendered services to both Department of Political Science and CAPI in various capacities, including continuously sitting on CAPI Executive Committee, serving on a CAPI committee to review faculty research proposals, and many others.
- In first six months of 2015 he also actively participated in campus events either sponsored by CAPI or other units of UVic, including meeting visitors, attending talks, and more.
- Dr. Wu kept contributing to international scholarly communities in a variety of ways. He continuously sat on editorial board of ten international academic and public-affairs journals and academic board of a number of educational or research organizations, as these journals and organizations being based worldwide across Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, UK, and USA.
- Also continuously, he was Member of the Standing Review Board, the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel of the Research Grant Council of Hong Kong, China, taking a responsibility to regularly review research proposals on this capacity. During the reported year he also reviewed book manuscripts and research articles for a number of publishing houses and academic journals.
- During the reported period, Dr. Wu travelled extensively, which were also for promoting CAPI’s profile and for outreaches to other research/education institutions nationally and internationally. In Victoria he hosted many visitors, especially those from China.
- Since the return from sabbatical, Dr. Wu has been planning a number of CAPI activities for next a few years.

Teaching, Services, and Outreaches

- Dr. Wu taught two courses in the spring term 2015, one was a undergraduate course on East Asian politics, another, a graduate directed-reading course on China in global political economy.

Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair report

Dr. Brannen’s activities during her third year as the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair included the hosting of panels and workshops, delivering international keynote addresses and research talks, reinvigorating networks with East Asia and Japan scholars, developing new partnerships, providing cross-cultural and Japan-related insights and mentorship to the business sector and students at all levels of the University, and serving as Deputy Editor of the leading international business journal—*The Journal of International Business Studies*. Dr. Brannen continues to work toward developing Asia-Pacific programming that connects the academic community across campus, cultures and countries.

In November 2014, Dr. Brannen hosted the inaugural seminar of her new ‘Japan and the Other: Societal Change from 1945 to the Present’ series.



Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen and Stephen Jarislowsky

Conferences and Lecture Series Organized

- Organizer and keynote speaker: *"Women Crossing Borders: Gender and the Asia Pacific,"* Ideafest, March 3, 2015
- Created and launched new lecture series *"Japan and the Other: Societal Change from 1945–Present"* September, 2014
- Hosted and chaired the inaugural seminar of "Japan and the Other: Societal Change from 1945 to the Present" Series: *"Japan Breaks the Peace Clause: Article 9 and Japan's Evolving Relationship with the Asian Other"* November 5, 2014. Featuring the following panelists:
 - Dr. Victor Ramraj, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations at CAPI
 - Dr. Shigenori Matsui, Professor of Japanese Legal Studies, UBC
 - Dr. Millie Creighton, Associate Professor of Anthropology, UBC
 - Dr. Tsuyoshi Kawasaki, Associate Professor of Political Science and Humanities, SFU
- Hosted and chaired the second instalment of the "Japan and the Other" lecture series: *"Faces of Japanese Diversity: Demystifying Japan's Homogeneity,"* April 29, 2015. Featuring the following panelists:
 - Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross, History, Director of the Landscapes of Injustice Program, UVic
 - Joel Legassie, PhD Candidate, UVic
 - Dr. Simon Nantais, Political Science, SFU
 - Dr. Masako Iino, History, Tsuda College, Tokyo
 - Dr. Marvin Sterling, Anthropology, University of Indiana

Conference Papers and Public Lectures

- Presented a paper on *"Bicultural Bridging in Multicultural Teams"* at the Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration at Kobe University, Japan. January 17, 2014.
- Research seminar on qualitative methods in international business at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo Japan, January 19, 2014.
- Lecture on "Language, Culture, and Boundary-Spanning" UBC, January 30, 2014.
- Delivered keynote address and paper development seminar at the Toulouse Business School's 8th International Groupe d'Études Management et Language (GEM&L) conference "Language and Company Performance" in Toulouse, France, March 26, 2014.
- Invited Keynote Speaker for the CABS (Collaboration Across Boundaries) workshop sponsored by Stanford University, Kyoto, Japan, and August 20–22, 2014.
- Keynote on "Biculturalism and Career Development" for Victor Ramraj's Asia Desk Forum, April 15, 2015.

Selected Publications

- Edited Volume: "The Multifaceted Role of Language in International Business," Special Issue of *The Journal of International Business Studies*, Mary Yoko Brannen, Rebecca Piekkari and Susanne Tietze (Eds.), June, 2014, Vol 45, Number 5.
- Hanek, K. J., Lee, F., & Brannen, M. Y. (2014). Individual differences among global/multicultural individuals: Cultural experiences,

identity, and adaptation. *International Studies of Management and Organization*, 44(2), 75–89. Brannen, M.Y., "The Power of Richness: Revitalizing Cross-Cultural Management," Keynote Forward to *The Routledge Companion to Cross-Cultural Management*, with Holden, N., Michailova, S. and Tietze, S. eds., 2015.

- Brannen, M.Y., Piekkari, R. & Tietze, S. "From Standardization to Localization: Developing a Language-Sensitive Approach to IHRM", with Susanne Tietze, and Rebecca Piekkari, in *The Routledge Companion to International Human Resource Management*, Collings, D., Woods, P. & Caligiuri, P. (eds.), NY: Routledge, 2014.
- Brannen, M.Y. (2014). Multiculturalism in Business, encyclopedia entry in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*, NY: Blackwell, 2014.
- Brannen, M.Y. & Lee, F. (2014). How Can the Organizational Literature Inform Psychology Research on Biculturalism?, in *The Handbook of Multicultural Identity: Basic and Applied Psychological Perspectives*, Benet-Martinez, V. & Hong, Y.Y. (eds.), UK: Oxford University Press, (417–438). UK: Oxford University Press.

Teaching, Curriculum Development and Graduate Supervision

- Fulfilled her tenure as Deputy Editor of *The Journal of International Business Studies*, with a reduced teaching load of one course per year, the Business 601 Fundamentals course for entering PhD students.
- Served on the PhD Advisory Board to help build and guide the course curriculum of the Gustavson PhD program.
- Created two new internship positions for CAPI's internship program at CITYNET Yokohama, Japan. These interns are funded through Dr. Brannen's research chair account. CITYNET Yokohama Project Office is part of a network of organizations focusing on a wide range of issues related to urbanization in the Asia-Pacific Region in four thematic clusters: climate change, disaster, infrastructure and the Millennium Development Goals.
- Hosted PhD candidate, Éléonore Mandel, of the Université de Paris, Est, laboratoire IRG for the month of July in residence at CAPI. Professor Brannen was a co-supervisor of Éléonore's doctoral dissertation, *"Comment les petites entreprises maintiennent-elles des relations d'affaires résilientes à l'international? Une recherche interprétative concernant les dyades importateur-exportateur : l'articulation entre le contexte d'affaires et les relations interculturelles."* "How do small companies maintain resilient international business relationships? An interpretive research on importer-exporter dyads: the interweaving of the business context and cross-cultural interpersonal relationships." Ms. Mandel's field site was a small Normandie fishing net maker that has partnered with a Japanese baby sling maker as distributor and innovator. She successfully defended in Paris, July 2015.
- Supervised the additional PhD candidates: Sarah Easter, Gustavson School of Business and Juan Quiroga, INSEAD
- Launched and taught the Boundary Spanning thread interwoven throughout the first year of the MBA program.

Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations report

Professor Victor V. Ramraj assumed the Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations in July 2014. In his first year as Chair, he published two book chapters and delivered lectures and conference papers at Tilburg Law School, the National University of Singapore and the University of Hong Kong. He also participated in roundtable discussions at the University of Washington Law School in Seattle and at Professor Mary Yoko Brannen's *Japan and the Other* series at CAPI. Professor Ramraj launched two new courses in the Faculty of Law, *Transnational Law in Theory and Practice* and *States, Companies, and Legal Orders in Asia*, and taught two intensive courses as a Visiting Professor at the National University of Singapore. The vast majority of Professor Ramraj's time, however, was spent organizing the inaugural Asia Desk Forum and planning the Trans-Pacific Aviation Law and Policy Conference (scheduled to take place in Vancouver, BC, on October 8–9, 2015).



Conferences Organized

- Conference Chair of the inaugural Asia Desk Forum, The Fairmont Empress, Victoria, BC, 15–18 April 2015.

Book Chapters

- "Counter-Terrorism's Engagement with Transnational Legality" in David Jenkins et al., eds., *The Long Decade: How 9/11 Has Changed the Law* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014).
- "Constitutions and Emergency Regimes" in Tom Ginsburg and Rosalind Dixon, eds., *Comparative Constitutional Law in Asia* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2014).

Conference Papers and Public Lectures

- "Domestic Public Law and Horizontal Governance Norms: Challenges and Prospects in Singapore and Canada" presented at a conference at Tilburg University Law School, entitled "You need no competence to join in: Alternative sources, content, and monitoring arrangements of horizontal governance norms" (Tilburg, The Netherlands, 28 November 2014).
- "Shifting Boundaries of Public Law in Singapore" presented at a conference at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, *Judging the Constitution: The Theory and Practice of Constitutional Interpretation in Singapore* (Singapore, 16 January 2015); substantially revised and presented by video-conference at a follow-up workshop at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (Singapore, 29 May 2015)

- "Transnational Private Regulation and Domestic Public Law in Common Law Asia", invited lecture at the Faculty of Law, Hong Kong University (Hong Kong, SAR, 19 January 2015).

Panel Discussions/Roundtables

- Presented and commented on Clark Lomardi's paper, "Designing Islamic Constitutions: Past Trends and Options for a Democratic Future" at the Trans-Pacific Comparative Public Law Roundtable (University of Washington, Seattle, 5–6 December 2014).
- Served as a panelist at the inaugural CAPI speaker series "Japan and the Other: Societal Change from 1945 to the Present"; the topic for this session was "Japan Breaks the Peace Clause: Article 9 and Japan's Evolving Relationship with the Asian Other" (November 5, 2014).
- Chaired pre-seminar workshop in preparation for Peer Zumbansen's visit to the Victoria Colloquium in Political, Social and Legal Theory (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, October 2014).
- Chaired a session on *Southeast Asia: Regional Perspectives and Overviews*, Asia Desk Forum, The Fairmont Empress, Victoria, BC (April 2015)

Teaching, Curriculum Development and Graduate Supervision

- Legal Process, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria (Fall 2014)
- Transnational Law in Theory and Practice, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria (Fall 2014)
- States and Companies in Legal-Historical Perspective, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, (intensive course, January 2015)
- Guest lecture on "Legal Pluralism Across State Boundaries" for UVic-McGill comparative law seminar, co-organized by Jeremy Webber, Val Napoleon, and Hoi Kong (February 2015)
- Developed new course to be launched in the summer of 2015: States, Companies, and Legal Orders in Asia, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria
- Graduate Supervisor to: Benjamin Lawrence, PhD Candidate, University of Victoria (research topic: Constitution-Making in Cambodia); Thanh Phan, PhD Candidate, University of Victoria (research topic: Trans-Pacific Trade and Competition Law in Vietnam); Wu Di, Visiting PhD Student from the University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China (research area: international and transnational law)

Committees

- Served as a member of the Strategic Research Plan Advisory Committee chaired by Vice President (Research) David Castle, University of Victoria
- Served as member of the Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Campus Events

- Hosted five students from Faculty of Law, Economics and Humanities, Kagoshima University, Japan, (September 2014)
- Represented CAPI at Faculty of Law's 40th Anniversary Celebrations (March 2015)
- Served as judge at a Moot Court, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, (March 2015)

Landscapes of Injustice

Housed at CAPI, the Landscapes of Injustice project is a seven-year collaborative research project (2014–2021) hosted by the University of Victoria and dedicated to recovering and grappling with the forced sale of Japanese Canadian-owned property during the Second World War.

The Landscapes of Injustice project will develop education materials, publications, public events and culminate in a cross-country tour of a new interactive museum exhibit beginning in 2019.

The project — a partnership of universities, community organizations, museums, and scholarly associations — is supported by a \$2.5 million Partnership Grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada as well as by matching contributions (worth \$3 million) from participating institutions. Landscapes is run by a team of 20 academics, community members, and museum professionals, directing research and supervising students across the country.

The principal investigator, Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross is the project director and an associate history professor at the University of Victoria. The University of Victoria is the proud host of the project, reflected in a contribution of over \$800,000 in cash and in-kind support over the lifetime of the project.

CAPI is proud to be an active partner in the project. The Landscapes project is by necessity dispersed across the country (a reality that reflects a major national policy, and one that exiled Japanese Canadians from coastal British Columbia). As a result of the projects home at CAPI, UVic is able to serve as a centralizing hub to draw together and integrate the national resources and activities of the important work being done across the country by the wider Landscapes of Injustice team.

Landscapes presence in our office has been a great addition to our Centre and has facilitated a deeper connection with the local Japanese Canadian community. In addition to providing office space and resources for the project manager and local research assistants, we are pleased to collaborate with Landscapes on many events and other activities.

We were pleased to be able to support the expansion of the projects research mandate into the experiences of Japanese Canadians deported to Japan after WWII. Dr. Stanger-Ross was the recipient of the 2014–2015 CAPI Faculty Research Grant. This grant funded an exploratory trip to Japan in May 2015.




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Lunch & Learn Series



Kiri's Piano

A short film about one woman's sacrifice during the internment of Japanese-Canadians during WWII

Film presentation with filmmaker, France Benoit

Monday, February 2, 2015 @ 12:30pm
University of Victoria
Hickman Building, Room 116

CAPI and Landscapes of Injustice present the BC premiere of France Benoit's heart-wrenching short film, *Kiri's Piano*. Inspired by Canadian folk singer James Keelaghan's 1988 song of the same name, the film chronicles one woman's sacrifice in the face of rampant prejudice tearing her Japanese-Canadian family apart. Kiri's once joyful piano music turns bitter when forced relocation and internment take away her husband, her home and her family's simple fishing life along the BC coast.

Free and open to the public. For more information please call 250-721-7020 or see uvic.ca/capi

CAPI, the Landscapes of Injustice and the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society worked collectively to bring filmmaker France Benoit to UVic to present a screening of her short film, *Kiri's Piano*, about a woman's experience of internment during WWII. An interview with the filmmaker on CBC brought a wide and excited audience of UVic and Victoria community members.



During their trip to Japan, Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross (Program Director, far left) and Mike Abe (Program Manager, far right) met with Toshiro Obata, Director General for the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) which runs the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum in Yokohama, and Professor Masako Iino from Tsuda College in Tokyo.

Migration and Mobility Program



Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith, Tings Chak and Dr. Sandro Mezzadra presented dynamic keynote lectures at the *Migration & Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond* conference in June 2015.

The Migration and Mobility Program (MMP), established in 2012, has had a successful second year. The program is a long-term interdisciplinary initiative at CAPI aimed at exploring the patterns and consequences of global migration within and through the Asia-Pacific region. The program supports cutting-edge research and knowledge mobilization around critical new approaches to migration and mobility.

well as a video interview with migration activist Harsha Walia, and a photo essay by Jakarta-based documentary photographer Andri Tanbunam.

The MMP continues to house two major SSHRC-funded research projects on Southeast Asia. The first project, led by Dr. Leslie Butt (CAPI Visiting Scholar) and Dr. Lisa Mitchell, is entitled *Southeast Asian Women: Migration and Family in the Global Era*. The second study, led by Dr. Leslie Butt and Dr. Jessica Ball, is called *Stateless Children, Parents and Undocumented Migration: An Indonesian Pilot Study*, and explores how migrant parents who travel without documentation understand the idea of citizenship for their children. In addition, the MMP has released new numbers in its working paper and research report series (available online), with more papers in progress. All these activities help place CAPI at the forefront of research on leading issues related to the extraordinary mobility of persons to, from, and within the Asia-Pacific region.



In the past year, several successful projects have come to fruition. First, in June 2015 the Program's interdisciplinary steering committee hosted a conference entitled *Migration and Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond*. At this conference the MMP launched *Migration, Mobility*

& Displacement (MM&D) the first-ever open-access scholarly journal on migration and mobility in the Asia-Pacific region. Under the editorial leadership of Dr. Feng Xu (UVic, Political Science) and an international advisory board, the inaugural issue of the journal presented boundary-pushing articles by five leading scholars, as





Jordan Konyk, Intern at the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit in Dhaka, Bangladesh

"My time as a CAPI intern has challenged me to grow and learn in many ways. Far from the classroom yet close to my studies, the experiences I've had working with a small NGO have opened my eyes to new ways of learning, living and working."

"My internship has enabled me to engage in interesting and relevant projects and work with wonderful people. Living in Bangladesh has brought to life many of the pressing issues of our time – from migration to climate change and urbanization – in a way that will have a deep and lasting impact on my life."

"I'd recommend this internship to anyone ready to learn about, and be challenged by, the world and themselves."

The Program

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

In the summer of 2014, Global Affairs Canada (formerly the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) put out a call for proposals for a two-year program (2015–2017) under the banner of their International Youth Internship Program (IYIP). CAPI submitted a successful application and received two years of funding (\$360,000) to support 20 internship positions with migrants' rights organizations in Bangladesh, Nepal and the Philippines.

At the same time, Universities Canada (formerly the Association of Universities and Colleges Canada) put out a call for proposals for a new four-year (2014–2018) Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship (QES) program. CAPI was successful in this call and secured an additional \$500,000 allowing us to offer 60 placements for UVic students including 32 internships with organizations in India, Bangladesh, and Malaysia, 20 scholarships for Canadian graduate students to do research in Commonwealth countries and eight international graduate students attending UVic.

From June to December 2014, six CAPI-supported interns completed placements with our incredible partner organizations including Migrant Forum Asia and the Center for Migrant Advocacy in the Philippines, the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in Bangladesh, National Domestic Workers

Movement in India, and CITYNET Yokohama in Japan. (Profiles of these interns were included in the 2013–2014 Annual Review.)

In 2015, 12 interns were selected to participate in CAPI's International Internship Program. Through the QES program, nine interns were chosen to work with the Society for Participatory Research in Asia in India, RMMRU and BRAC in Bangladesh, and the Malaysian Social Research Institute and the Asia-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women in Malaysia. With support from CAPI, three interns were additionally selected for placements with Migrants' Centre, Asian Forum in Nepal and CITYNET Yokohama in Japan.

In this period, the QES program also funded seven UVic graduate students. The QES supported the research of five Canadian, outgoing scholars with organizations in Botswana, India, Malawi, and Singapore and two incoming scholars from Britain and Nigeria.

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. We look forward to continuing our relationships with these organizations in the upcoming year through the QES, IYIP, President's Fund, and CAPI's Japan Chair.

2014 – 2015 interns

Intern and scholar participants in CAPI's 2014–2015 International Internship Program:

Crossing Borders Interns



Tabitha Black-Lock
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Refugee and
Migratory Movements
Research Unit



Siobhan Davis
*Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia*
Malaysian Social
Research Institute



Yasmine El-Hamamsy
*Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia*
Malaysian Social
Research Institute



Cam Giannotti
Dhaka, Bangladesh
BRAC Migration
Program



Kip Jorgensen
Dhaka, Bangladesh
BRAC Migration
Program



Jordan Konyk
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Refugee and
Migratory Movements
Research Unit



Roxanne Power
New Delhi, India
Society for
Participatory
Research in Asia



Perry Watson
New Delhi, India
Society for
Participatory
Research in Asia



Bridget Woods
*Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia*
Asia-Pacific Resource
and Research Centre
for Women

Crossing Borders Scholars



Taiwo Afolabi
University of Victoria
Master's candidate in
Applied Theatre



Emily Ashton
Malawi
PhD candidate in the
School of Child and
Youth Care



Alex Berry
Goa, India
Master's candidate in
the School of Child
and Youth Care



Sara Bourquin
Botswana
Master's candidate
in the School of
Public Administration,
Dispute Resolution



Ben Lawrence
University of Victoria
PhD candidate in the
Faculty of Law



Raviv Litman
Singapore
Master's candidate in
the Department of
Anthropology



Jennifer Mateer
Chandigarh, India
PhD candidate in
the Department of
Geography

CAPI Funded Interns



Nicola Craig Hora
Yokohama, Japan
CITYNET



Michelle Maillet
Kathmandu, Nepal
Migrant Centre



Kylie Pettifer
Yokohama, Japan
CITYNET

"...Taking part in the Society for Participatory Research in India's organization-wide Learning Week allowed me to better understand the intersection between participatory methods and central subjects such as gender, education, planning, research, training and capacity building."

Roxanne Power, Intern at the Society for Participatory Research in India in New Delhi, India

China Youth Leadership Program

After a successful pilot in June 2014, CAPI conducted its first full year of the China Youth Leadership Program and welcomed over 500 participants to Victoria and the University of Victoria.



Students in the China Youth Leadership Program participate in a photo scavenger hunt to familiarize themselves with the UVic campus.

The China Youth Leadership Program (CYLP) is an educational leadership program providing an international and experiential learning experience to Chinese undergraduate students through a balance of on-campus lectures and off-campus field trips covering global leadership; environmental stewardship; local history; arts and culture; and gender, sexuality and identity studies.

Between June 2014 and June 2015 CAPI hosted 455 participants from China. Drawing on the expertise found at the Centre and in other departments on campus, participants were taught by CAPI staff and associates including faculty and PhD candidates from Pacific and Asian Studies, Political Science, History, Geography, and Fine Arts; as well as engaging in field trips with many of CAPI's community affiliates.

The CYLP is run in partnership with the Union of Northern International Universities, a union of 16 universities in China, seven of which regularly send students to participate in the CYLP.

The preliminary week-long program schedule received such overwhelmingly positive reviews in its first term of 2014 that a semester-long program was proposed for the second term of 2015. The first semester-long CYLP ran from April to June 2015

with 68 students and seven instructors attending from five of the participating universities.

After an incredibly busy and successful year establishing new partnerships overseas as well as continuing to create stronger ties with CAPI's partners both on and off campus, this exciting new educational program clearly demonstrates CAPI's commitment to its mandate and objectives.



Students visiting the statue of Emily Carr before a visit to the Royal BC Museum during a class on local arts and culture.

Hosting the world – international conferences

Touching on wide ranging topics, including the history of Chinese maritime exploration in the 15th century, recent legal developments in Asia and their relevance to the Americas and critical dialogues on migration and mobility in the context of late capitalism, CAPI hosted three major conferences during the 2014–2015 academic year.



The dynamic keynote panel from the Asia Desk Forum (l-to-r), Carrie Menkel-Meadows (moderator), I. Bobby Mujumder, Eduardo Ramos-Gomez, Annabel Short and Yuen Pau Woo presented their views on Asia in 2030: Legal Developments, Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific.

Zheng He's Maritime Voyages (1405-1433) and China's Relations with the Indian Ocean World from Antiquity

August 22–24, 2014 | University of Victoria

Eighty-seven years before Christopher Columbus' first transatlantic voyage, another of the world's great navigators, the Chinese admiral Zheng He (Cheng Ho), launched the first of the seven voyages he would lead across the Indian Ocean between 1405 and 1433. This international conference focused both on Zheng He's epic voyages in the early fifteenth century, and on China's millennia of relations with the Indian Ocean world (extending from East Africa and the Middle East through South and Southeast Asia to the Far East).

Asia Desk Forum & the Asian Law Academy

April 15–18, 2015 | Empress Hotel, Victoria, BC

Leading lawyers, academics and policy-makers from 11 countries on four continents—Chile, Columbia, the US, Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, India and Australia—came together for an in-depth look at recent legal developments in Asia and their relevance to the Americas. Hosted by CAPI and the Faculty of Law, the inaugural Asia Desk Forum provided a unique opportunity for private and public sector lawyers with an Asian dimension to the practice to extend and deepen their knowledge of cutting-edge legal issues through a series of workshops, panels, and lectures, led by those who know Asia best. The Asian Law Academy, aimed at early-career lawyers, and the main Conference

Program, organized around issues of acute relevance to Asian legal practice, such as international arbitration in Asia, doing business in India, recent developments in China and ASEAN, energy law, corporate social responsibility, and Latin America-Asia legal relations. Plans are underway for the second conference in 2017.

Migration & Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond

June 11–13, 2015 | University of Victoria

The conference brought together nearly 125 researchers, policymakers, and activists from diverse disciplinary and regional locations, including East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and North America. Together, we explored new theoretical directions, interdisciplinary approaches, and critical dialogues on migration and mobility in the context of late capitalism with a particular, but not exclusive focus, on the geopolitics of the Asia-Pacific region.

The inaugural issue of our new open-source e-Journal *Migration, Mobility, & Displacement* was launched at this conference and received a great reception from all the participants.

This conference was such a success that CAPI has been asked to host the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies conference in 2016.



CAPI events reach the community

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

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES



Language and Transposition in Film Representations of the Dis/located Chinese Migrant

Dr. Hilary Chung,
University of Auckland
October 29, 2014

Dr. Hilary Chung explored the representation of the Chinese migrant in film in *Un cuento chino* / *Chinese Takeaway* (2011) directed by Sebastián Borensztein (Argentina) and *Io sono Li* / *Shun Li and the Poet* (2011) directed by Andrea Segre (Italy.) Both films featured dislocated Chinese immigrants who speak in their native language and require their primary audiences to engage with significant quantities of spoken Chinese. She argued that the multi-lingual nature of these films has the potential to challenge conventional ways of understanding how we inhabit the world.



Anatomy of an Election Observation Mission: Mongolia, 2013

Ivan G. Somlai,
Director of Global
Collaboration and
CAPI Associate
November 19, 2014

CAPI Associate Ivan Somlai gave us a first hand overview of election observation in his presentation. He was the Canadian representative to the Organization for Security & Cooperation in Europe Mission to observe the 2013 Mongolian Presidential election.

During his presentation, Somlai explored the following questions:

- What exactly does an "Election Observation Mission" do and how is it organized?
- How effective was the process during the lead-up to and voting day of the Presidential Elections in Mongolia?
- What unique challenges presented the 200 international staff?



Kiri's Piano: One Woman's Sacrifice during WWII Internment of Japanese-Canadians

France Benoit, filmmaker
February 2, 2015

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Inspired by Canadian folk singer James Keelaghan's 1988 song of the same name, the film chronicles one woman's sacrifice in the face of rampant prejudice tearing her Japanese-Canadian family apart. Kiri's once joyful piano music turns bitter when forced relocation and internment take away her husband, her home, and her family's simple fishing life along the BC coast.

Director France Benoit was in attendance and shared her insights on the film and her motivations to find the family that inspired her.



Making a Career of People-Smuggling in Indonesia

Dr. Antje Missbach,
Monash University
June 8, 2015

Dr. Antje Missbach's talk shed light on people-smuggling recruiters in Indonesia who help supply new clients to transnational people-smuggling networks. Two cases studies offered a look at what happens to rejected asylum seekers who are stuck in transit in Indonesia without any legal rights to employment; unable to return to their home countries and having no opportunity to successfully gain refuge in a new country, these migrants find themselves faced with entering criminal business networks as a last resort to making a living.

LECTURE SERIES

HUNG LECTURE

Disappeared, Banished, Murdered and Displaced

June 12, 2015

Climate change or neoliberal capitalism? What is happening to indigenous communities in the 21st Century?

Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith presented the major keynote address at the Migration & Late Capitalism Conference – an event that did double-duty as the 2014–15 Albert Hung Lecture.

Dr. Smith spoke to a full audience of conference participants and members of the public about the difficulty in the indigenous world to ignore the scale and pervasiveness of ongoing colonialism, continuing displacement, the physical, social and cultural death of indigenous peoples, communities, languages. From disappeared and murdered women, to high suicide rates, to forced closures of communities and environmental exile, many indigenous communities are struggling to stay alive while governments never seem to learn the lessons of past mistakes.

This talk identified a series of major displacements of indigenous populations across the Asia-Pacific region, as well as discussed the policies of neoliberal indigeneity



Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith, Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori, University of Waikato, New Zealand, was the 2015 Hung lecturer.

and how these policies and alliances across jurisdictions are leading to a new wave of displacement and exile of indigenous peoples.

Dr. Albert Hung Chao Hong has funded the Hung lecture series since 2007. The lecture series provides an opportunity for a distinguished visitor to address a community audience on a topic of current public interest in the Asia-Pacific region.

NEIL BURTON LECTURE

Mapping from the Water: The Chinese Enlargement of the World in the 17th Century

February 23, 2015

Dr. Timothy Brook, Republic of China Chair at the Institute for Asian Research and a professor in the department of history at the University of British Columbia presented the 2014–15 Neil Burton Lecture.

Brook presented a Chinese map found in the basement of the Bodleian Library in Oxford in 2008, four centuries after it was drawn. Ingenious in its method, what is now known as the Selden map defies the myth that China in the past was closed off to the outside world. It reveals a far more complicated history of Ming China's engagement with global maritime trade.

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 UVic. A commemorative fund has been established in his honour.



ABOVE: Dr. Timothy Brook, Republic of China Chair at the Institute for Asian Research and a professor in the department of history at the University of British Columbia

BACKGROUND: Detail of the Selden Map

SEMINAR SERIES

Japan & the Other: Societal Change from 1945 – Present

Presented by Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen, CAPI's Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, the inaugural year of this seminar series aims to demystify Japan's seeming homogeneity, uncovering the diversity of 'Others' within Japan. In today's globalized world with unprecedented migration and mobility, Japan's attitude and approach to managing diverse identities, changing norms, and various forms of opposition, offers a critical view into the contemporary changes that continue to shape the sociocultural landscape of the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Japan Breaks the Peace Code: Article 9 and Japan's Evolving Relationship with the Asian Other

November 5, 2014

In July of 2014, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe undertook one of the most controversial actions in modern Japanese history. Bypassing parliament, Abe and his cabinet gutted the so-called "peace clause" that has historically prohibited Japan from ever going to war. Drawing heavy criticisms from China and Korea, the decision was also met with resistance in Japan. The panel included Mary Yoko Brannen, Victor Ramraj (CAPI's Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations), Shigenori Matsui (University of British Columbia), Millie Creighton (University of British Columbia) and Tsuyoshi Kawasaki (Simon Fraser University).


**Faces of Japanese Diversity:
Demystifying Japan's Homogeneity**

April 29, 2015

This event featured a panel of researchers exploring various aspects of Japanese society that destabilize the national myth of homogeneity, including various Japanese societal demographics, cultural practices and policy issues. The panel presentations highlighted the diversity that is often concealed by discourses of sameness, revealing the complex and changing relationship with and approach to "Others" within Japanese society.

The panel included Mary Yoko Brannen, Joel Legassie (UVic, PhD candidate in the department of History and the CAPI Migration and Mobility Program Assistant), Simon Nantais (Simon Fraser University), Masako Iino (Tsuda College, Tokyo) and Marvin Sterling (Indiana University, Bloomington).

SPECIAL EVENTS AND LECTURES

Discovering the Past: Storytelling to Reveal Japanese Canadian History, Traditions and Culture

Ayukawa Commemorative Lecture

Terry Watada | December 3, 2014

Poet, novelist and social activist, Terry Watada was the inaugural Michiko 'Midge' Ayukawa Commemorative Lecturer. His lecture addressed the role of storytelling in overcoming a legacy of silence in Japanese and Asian Canadian literature.

As a young person, Terry Watada never knew about the internment and dispersal his family suffered during and after WWII, nor did he know his family's stories. His ignorance persisted until 1972, when he helped organize the Asian Canadian Experience Conference in Toronto. His subsequent searching has propelled him to write songs, poems, histories and fiction centred on Japanese Canadian history, culture and traditions.



Poet Terry Watada delivered the inaugural Michiko 'Midge' Ayukawa Commemorative Lecture in December 2014.

Terry Watada is the author of *Ten Thousand Views of Rain* (2001), *Obon: the Festival of the Dead* (2006), *Kuroshio: The Blood of Foxes* (2007) and *The Game of 100 Ghosts* (2014).

A longtime colleague and friend of Midge Ayukawa, Terry received the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Humanitarian Award in 2014.



The Land of Many Palaces

Film Presentation and Q & A with filmmaker

Adam Smith | January 29, 2015

In Ordos, China, thousands of farmers are being relocated into a new city under a government plan to modernize the region. *The Land of Many Palaces* follows a government official whose job it is to convince these farmers that their lives will be better off in the city, and to help them adapt to urban life, and a farmer in one of the last remaining villages in the region who is pressured to move.

Adam Smith's film explores a process that will take shape on an enormous scale across China, with the central government planning to relocate 250 million farmers to cities across the nation over the next 20 years.



Kip Jorgensen working with colleagues in Bangladesh during his second placement in Dhaka.

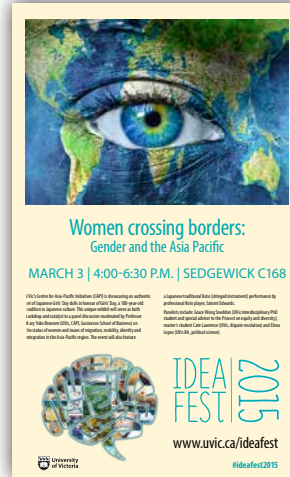
Stories from the Field – Internship Experiences in Bangladesh and the Philippines

Student Panel | February 3, 2015

As part of International Development Week, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives hosted a student-led event that provided an opportunity to engage with returnee interns and to learn about the incredible experiences they had during their recent international placements.

Women Crossing Borders – Gender and the Asia-Pacific

IdeaFest | March 3, 2015



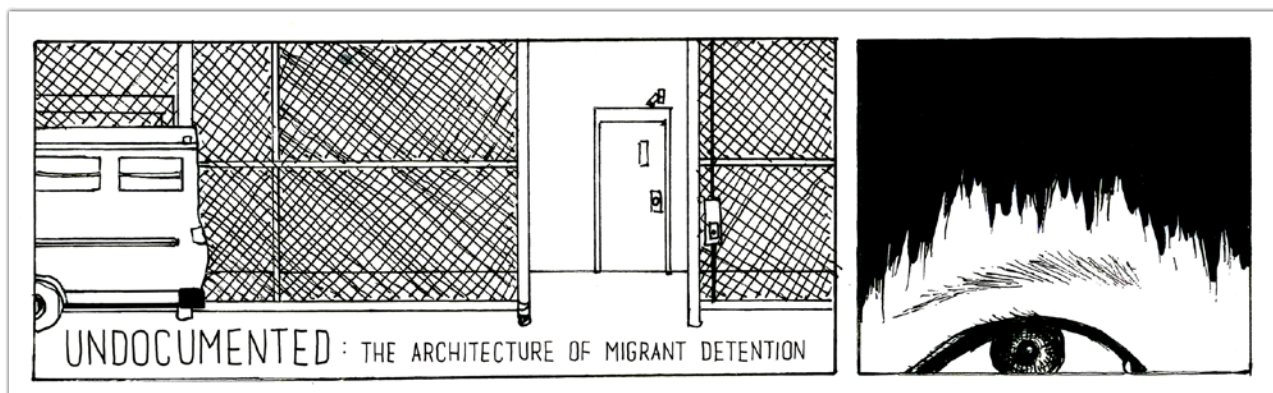
This event featured a dynamic panel of researchers discussing a range of issues and included a live koto concert by Satomi Edwards. The Centre's Jarislowsky CAPI East Asia (Japan) Chair Professor Mary Yoko Brannen displayed her family's collection of authentic Japanese Girls' Day dolls, a 100-year old tradition in Japan.

Presentations included:

- Japan's post-3.11 triple disaster anniversary and LGBT communities – Natasha Fox (CAPI)
- Chinese-Canadian women's experiences – Grace Wong Sneddon (UVic interdisciplinary PhD student and special adviser to the Provost on equity and diversity)
- Nepalese women working in the Malaysian public sector – Cate Lawrence (UVic, dispute resolution master's student)
- Female caregivers from the Philippines living in Victoria – Elena Lopez (UVic BA, political science)



Local koto master Satomi Edwards presented modern and classical music as part of our 2015 IdeaFest event



Graphic novelist, architect and activist, Tings Chak presented her award-winning work on the architecture of migrant detention centres as one of the Migration & Late Capitalism conference keynotes in June 2015.

Undocumented: the Architecture of Migrant Detention

Keynote lecture at the *Migration & Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond* conference

Tings Chak | June 11, 2015

Over the last six years, 80,000 people have been jailed indefinitely in Canada, without charge or trial, because they are undocumented migrants. This is the (mostly invisible) reality of immigration detention in Canada. The detention centres, too, are undocumented – drawings and photos are classified and access is extremely limited. This presentation highlighted Chak's recent graphic novel, *Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention*, which details the banality and violence of these centres and contrasted them with stories of daily resistance among immigration detainees.

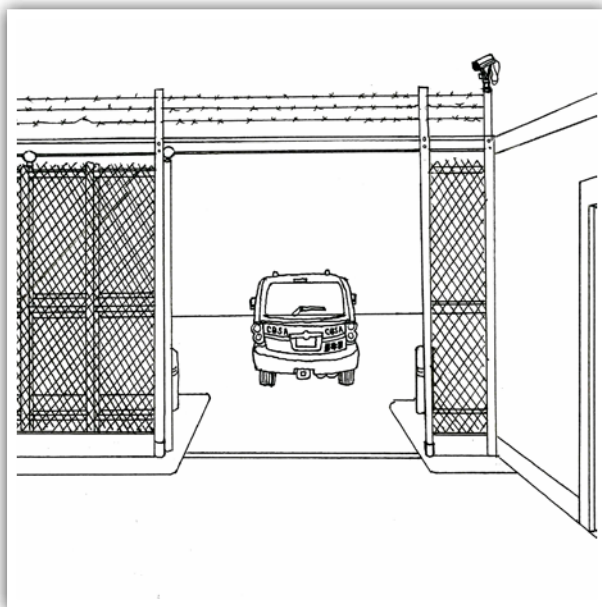


Image from *Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention* by Tings Chak



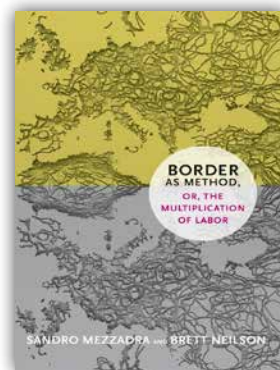
Dr. Sandro Mezzadra (University of Bologna, Italy) presented an energetic exploration of the mobility of labour on the second day of the Migration & Late Capitalism conference.

What's at Stake in the Mobility of Labour? Borders, Migration & Capitalism

Keynote lecture at the *Migration & Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond* conference

Dr. Sandro Mezzadra | June 12, 2015

Dr. Mezzadra's talk started with a short discussion of some influential works on the mobility of labour in historical and contemporary capitalism. Drawing from his recent book, *Border as Method, or, the Multiplication of Labor*, he discussed the proliferation of borders in the global age from the point of view of 'late' capitalism and the subjective stakes of the politics of migration, providing instances from many parts of the world, including the Asia-Pacific region.



Congratulations to our 2015 award recipients

CAPI supports a wide-range of Asia-Pacific related initiatives at UVic through the many awards and scholarships we offer to faculty and students, both graduate and undergraduate. This year, we awarded over \$10,000 to support ongoing research and language learning.

Faculty Research Grants

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

Congratulations to **Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross** of the department of history and the Landscapes of Injustice project. Dr. Stanger-Ross won the 2015 CAPI Faculty Research Development Grant for his proposal *"Deportees and Dispossession: Laying the foundation for a transnational research project"*.



Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross, project director of the Landscapes of Injustice

This fellowship award funded travel to Japan to investigate and communicate the experiences of almost 4,000 Japanese Canadians who were deported from Canada in 1946. This research will emphasize the dispossession of property that accompanied the uprooting and deportation of these Canadian citizens during WWII.

Dr. Stanger-Ross and project manager Mike Abe travelled to Japan in May 2015 and had a number of very successful meetings with students, scholars and post-war Japanese Canadian deportees. They were able to visit the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum in Yokohama.



British Columbia display at the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum run by the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Dr. Stanger-Ross visited the museum during his grant funded trip to Japan.

Student Fellowships

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

Alessio Kockel

PhD candidate in the Department of Geography

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

"Evaluating the trade-offs of systemic conservation planning approaches for designing networks of marine protected areas in the Philippines"



Benjamin Lawrence

PhD candidate in the Faculty of Law

LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIP

Khmer lessons at the Language Institute of Natural Khmer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia to support fieldwork regarding the Cambodian constitution

Student Essay Prizes

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

Paul Castrodale (winner)

Masters student in the Department of Political Science and the Cultural, Social and Political Thought program

"Migration, Innovation, and Chinese Knowledge Economy: 'Immaterial Labour' and Consumer Electronics Manufacturing"

Victoria Philibert (runner up)

BA student in the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

"Pronatalism in Hosoda Mamoro's Wolf Children"

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



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