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This report covers the period July 2016 to June 2017

Director's message

Once again CAPI celebrates another year of outstanding achievements in research, knowledge mobilization and training pivoting on our network of campus-wide and global partnerships focused on understanding key issues shaping the Asia Pacific. Our team of dedicated and hardworking colleagues has leveraged collaborations to generate significant outcomes and impact far beyond our modest numbers.

With support from two SSHRC Connection Grants, and commitments from across UVic, CAPI hosted two international conferences. The *En-gendering Social Transformation in China* symposium marked the launch of a project to explore how women have taken action to foster social transformation in China. The tenth annual conference of the *Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies* (CARFMS) welcomed nearly 300 participants. This UVic Canada 150 signature event generated wide media exposure and was an opportunity to showcase publication of the fourth volume of our *Migration, Mobility and Displacement* journal titled *Forgotten Corridors*.

These conferences, along with the many other activities described in this report, comprise key components of a new CAPI Strategic Research Initiatives Plan. Developed over the past year, this plan revolves around the wider theme of Asia's engagement with globalization and directly connects CAPI's research initiatives to the UVic Strategic Research Plan. CAPI also saw the beginning of new projects focused on Asia in Africa – regulating globalization, aspects of the non-human in Japanese culture, a very active Global South Asia Forum, and an amazing array of research training programs, including a new \$500,000 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Program for Advanced Scholars on *Regulating Globalization in South and Southeast Asia*.

CAPI student internships, scholarships and awards, and mobility and leadership training programs continue from strength to strength. At a very well attended IdeaFest event, internship students dazzled the audience with moving vignettes and powerful images showcasing aspects of their life-changing experiences in Asia. We also welcomed another 600 students to UVic this past year for youth leadership training focused on building cross-cultural understanding.

The cumulative total for external funding CAPI has secured over the past two and a half years, including research grants, donations, student mobility initiatives, and revenues from training programs is well over \$2 million dollars. Embedded in this raw statistic are other more important outcomes with profound impact on our insights and understanding of the region, and on our students and young scholars.



Convocation, June 2017: (L to R) Dr Cody Poulton, who will be a CAPI visiting research fellow from September 2017 with CAPI Research Assistant Gordon Wang and Dr Andrew Marton.

If I may, in my final few days as director I wish to indulge in some personal reflections which emphasize the significant impact on individuals of CAPI's many accomplishments. I had the opportunity to meet Brian Lo at the conferral of his honorary degree in recognition of his role in helping UVic build bridges with our partners in Asia. The remarkable lasting legacy of those partnerships continue to support research, teaching and student mobility on and in Asia.

The citation for Brian Lo presented at convocation highlighted the experience and personal transformation of a CAPI intern who spent time working with refugees on the Thai-Myanmar border. Another CAPI award recipient and recent graduate profiled for convocation was inspired by her experiences to pursue a degree in Pacific and Asian Studies. These young Canadians, and the many other students and scholars with links to CAPI, wherever their paths may lead, embody the tools necessary to address the many challenges and opportunities for our understanding of and engagement with Asia.

As a young Masters student here at UVic many years ago I received what was for me at the time a handsome externally funded scholarship to support an extended research sojourn in China. That experience changed my life. As I reflect on my own experience, I can say for many of us who undertake research and teaching on Asia here at UVic, at the core of what we do – what drives us – is the desire to open the eyes of our young students to the life changing opportunities that come with the study and understanding of the Asia Pacific. It's been an honour and privilege to work with colleagues in CAPI, and our many local and global partners, to contribute to that vitally important endeavour.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Marton".



CAPI Interns Rachel Barr, Sasha Mosky, Loreen Regnander and Will Howling (photographer) admiring the view in Old Delhi. All four are Crossing Borders Interns with Society for Participatory Research in Asia in India

About the Centre

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

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

Our Vision Statement

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

Our Mandate

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

Our Goals

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

Thanks

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

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

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Steering Committee

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

Andrew Marton (Chair)

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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.



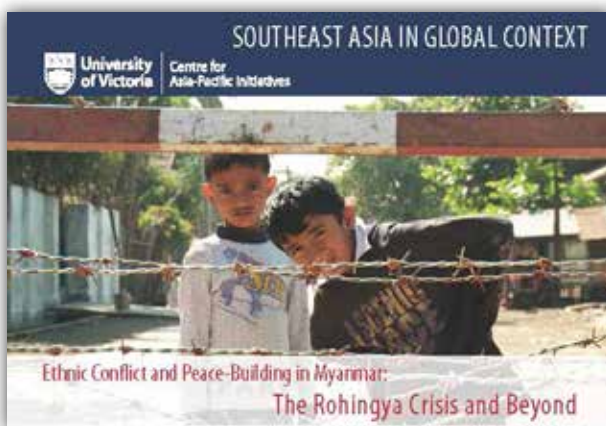
Dr Victor V. Ramraj, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

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 Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

As the Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, Professor Victor V. Ramraj had a busy year—launching a CAPI Roundtable on Southeast Asia in Global Context, traveling to conferences in Brazil, Singapore, Hong Kong, Seattle, and Ottawa, and organizing panels and events at the UVic, including a visiting delegations from Kagoshima University, Seinan Gakuin University, and the Vietnam Ministry of Justice and Institute of Legal Science. During this period, he also served as the Director of Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Law and the Chair of the Faculty's Equity and Diversity Committee, and was the chair of the Faculty's Equity and Diversity Committee. He taught two courses in the Faculty of Law—States, Companies & Legal Orders in Asia (Fall 2016) and Graduate Seminar in Applied Legal Methodology (Winter 2017)—and is supervising three PhD students: Benjamin Lawrence, Thanh Phan, and Ngozi Nwoko.

Professor Ramraj obtained, on behalf of CAPI and the Faculty of Law, a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships Advanced Scholars (QES-AS) grant in the amount of \$499,000, for a project entitled *Regulating Globalization in South and Southeast Asia*. Scholars in this program will conduct interdisciplinary research on governance and justice strategies, involving state, but also and non-state actors, to mitigate the harsher effects of economic globalization in South and Southeast Asia. This project provides for thirteen Low-Middle Income Country scholars at the doctoral, post-doc, and early career stages to spend a total of 204 months in Canada (approx five scholars will receive a PhD from UVic) and for five Canadians at the post-doc and early career stages to spend 54 months in partner LMIC countries. The core of the program is support of doctoral students to develop valuable experience and build skills and networks in Canada, South Asia and Southeast Asia. The academic partner institutions on the project include Azim Premji University (Bangalore, India), Hanoi Law University (Hanoi, Vietnam), Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law (Thimphu, Bhutan), and the Royal University of Law and Economics (Phnom Penh, Cambodia).



Publications - Published and In Press

- 'Prospects for Judicial Review of Transnational Private Regulation: Singapore and Canada' (2016) 21 *Tilburg Law Review* 230-54.
- 'Transnational Non-State Regulation and Domestic Administrative Law' in Susan Rose-Ackerman et al., *Comparative Administrative Law*, second edition (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2017), 582-97 (in press).

Papers Presented - International Conferences

- 'Transnational Private Regulation and Constitutional Law in Thailand: The Equator Principles as Surrogate Public Law Thailand' presented at Constitutionalism in Context, University of Hong Kong (12 June 2017)



Dr Victor V. Ramraj presenting at the *Reimagining Lex Mercatoria* conference at the Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore.

- 'Sources of Legal Authority in the Pre-Modern State Era: The East India Company, 1600-1757' presented at a conference *Reimagining Lex Mercatoria*, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore (29 May 2017)
- 'Critical Review' presented at a Preview Symposium for Nicole Roughan and Andrew Halpin's edited collection, *In Pursuit of Pluralist Jurisprudence*, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (26 May 2017) (published under the title, "The Elusive Quest for Precision in a Messy Pluralist Reality")
- 'Transnational Private Regulation as Institutional Bypass: Non-State Responses to State Inaction' presented at *International Institutional Bypasses Workshop* in São Paulo, Brasil (24 August 2016) and Ottawa (5 May 2017)

Panel Discussions/Roundtables

- commented on Ozan Varol's paper, 'The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll, Mr. Hyde, and the Turkish Military' at a conference, *Constitutionalism in Context*, University of Hong Kong (11 June 2017)
- organized and chaired a CAPI Roundtable on The South China Sea and US-China-ASEAN Relations, consisting of seven expert discussants University of Victoria: Victoria, BC, Canada (2 February 2017)
- panel discussant on The Trump Presidency: One Month On, part of the World Affairs in Historical Perspective Series (with co-panelists Avigail Eisenberg, Colin Bennett, Donald Galloway, and Andrew Wender), Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada (20 February 2017)
- organized, moderated, and participated in a panel discussion at the Provost's Diversity Forum, *Globalization, Migration and the University: Challenges and Opportunities*, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada (27 January 2017)
- organized and chaired a new CAPI Roundtable series, *Southeast Asia in Global Context*, with an inaugural session on Thailand's Political and Constitutional Future, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC (8 November 2016)
- panel discussant on Comparing Development Models at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law on Comparative Law for a New World: Engaging Asia and Beyond, 27-29 October 2016, University of Washington, Seattle (28 October 2016)
- moderated panel on Richard Albert's "Renovations and New Additions: The Architecture of Constitutional Entrenchment" at the Trans-Pacific Comparative Public Law Roundtable, University of Washington, Seattle (29 October 2016)



Image: Part of the photography exhibition "40 Moments: Chinese Young Feminist in Action", Mcpherson Library, 7 - 13 April 2017

Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

During the reported period the CAPI China Chair organized an international symposium on China's gender issues, published a number of pieces including a major research monograph on globalization, and others as listed below.

Organization of Events and Research Grants

- Principal organizer, the CAPI symposium En-gendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women's Rights, and Feminist Activism, 7-8 April 2017, and a photo exhibition 40 Moments: Chinese Young Feminists in Action, 7-13 April 2017.
- Applicant, SSHRC connection grant for financing the above event, awarded in February 2017 (\$25,000).
- Principal investigator, UVic internal research/creative project grant, awarded in April 2017 (\$7,000).
- Applicant, UVic scholarly conference travel grant, awarded in July (\$1,250).
- Coordinator, the CAPI Research Seminar series, 2016-17.

Publications

- Guoguang Wu, *Globalization Against Democracy: A Political Economy of Capitalism after Its Global Triumph*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017, Xii + 339 pp., in both hardcover and paperback editions.
- Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *China's Transition from Communism – New Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2016, xii + 216 pp.
- Guoguang Wu, "Conclusion: 'Repressive Capitalism' as the Institutional Crystallization of China's Transition," in Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne eds., *China's Transition from Communism – New Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2016, pp. 188-210.
- Guoguang Wu, "Xi's Anti-Corruption Campaign and Increasing Uncertainty of Chinese Politics: A Framework of Analysis," *Modern China Studies* [Old Dominion University], Vol. 24, No. 2 (2017), pp. 95-111.
- Guoguang Wu, *China's Party Congress: Power, Legitimacy, and Institutional Manipulation*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017, xii + 368 pp.

Public Lectures, Conference Papers, Conferences

- Guoguang Wu, "The Rise of Big Brand Chain Stores in China: Global Capital Movements, the Communist State, and Local Responses," a paper presented at the 62nd International Conference on Education and Social Science, Copenhagen, Denmark, 25 July 2016.
- Guoguang Wu, "The Pitfalls of Prosperity: China's Changing Political Dynamics against the Cost of Development," a paper presented at the International Conference on Arts, Education and Social Science, London, UK, 28 July 2016.
- Guoguang Wu, "Some Key Issues of Chinese Reform and Their Historical Implications: The 1980s Revisited," presented at the workshop "Rewriting History of 20th-Century China, VII," Tianjin, China, 10 August 2016.
- Guoguang Wu, "Why Globalization Is Getting Trapped? An Institutional Political Economy Approach," a talk at the Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, 4 November 2016.
- Guoguang Wu, "Does Globalization Recede?" a talk at the Asia Society, New York, 12 June 2017.
- Guoguang Wu, "Democratization in Predicament: China's Political Change and Globalization," a talk at SUNY College of Optometry, New York, 16 June 2017.
- Guoguang Wu, "History and Political Economy of Globalization," a series of five lectures, Xiamen University, China, 26-30 June 2017.
- Guoguang Wu, "Consumerism in Changing Historical Scenes: WWII, the Cold war, and Post-Cold War," a talk at Xiamen University, China, 27 June 2017.
- Guoguang Wu, "The Original Sin of Sparrow? Public Health, Mass Mobilization, and Political Power in Modern China," a talk at Xiamen University, China, 29 June 2017.
- Panelist, all panels at the workshop "Rewriting History of 20th-Century China, VII," Tianjin, China, 8-11 August 2016.
- Panelist, all panels at the workshop "Rewriting History of 20th-Century China, VIII," Shanghai, China, 16-19 February 2017.

- Speaker, History Showcase, University of Victoria, 5 April 2017.
- Panel chair, Session I, the CAPI symposium “En-gendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women’s Rights, and Feminist Activism,” University of Victoria, 7 April 2017.
- Panel chair, Session V, the CAPI symposium “En-gendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women’s Rights, and Feminist Activism,” University of Victoria, 8 April 2017.
- Panelist, “Roundtable: China in My Classroom: Money, Minds and Our Educational Mission,” the Northwestern China Forum, University of British Columbia, 29 April 2017.
- Panel chair, “Session 8: Creating and Belonging,” the CARFMS conference



Image: Part of the photography exhibition “40 Moments: Chinese Young Feminist in Action”, Mcpherson Library, 7 - 13 April 2017

Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement and the Politics of Engagement, University of Victoria, 17 May 2017.

Teaching, Service and Outreach

- Teaching included undergraduate courses, directed reading course, graduate student supervisions, participation in graduate theses examinations, doctoral student qualification exams, and the like.
- Committee works with Department of Political Science, the Faculty of Social Sciences, and the University.
- Administrative services at CAPI, including membership of the CAPI Steering Committee, the CAPI Director Search Committee, and other committees.
- Participation in campus activities either sponsored by CAPI or other units of UVic, including meeting visitors, attending talks, and more.
- Memberships on editorial board of ten international academic and public-affairs journals and academic board of a number of educational or research organizations, as these being based worldwide across Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, UK, and USA.
- Continued to serve as Member of the Standing Review Board, the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel of the Research Grant Council of Hong Kong, China.
- Reviewed book proposals, book manuscripts, journal articles, research proposals, and research reports, for SSHRC, Asian Survey, the publishers of Palgrave, Shantou University of China, to name a few.
- Media interviews, such as the Japanese newspaper Asahi News (4 July 2016), Wall Street Journal (13 November 2016), the Japanese television NHK (19 May 2017), the VOA TV (13 June 2017), the New York-based website The China File (14 June 2017), TV live broadcast at the Mirror TV (15 June 2017).

Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair

This report reflects the on-going programming undertaken at the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives in the absence of Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen, who was on leave during this reporting period.

Programming Completed:

- 26 September to 1 October 2016 – Visit from Professor Tadahihiro Matsuda and five law students from Kagoshima University. These students participated in classes at the Law School and were hosted by CAPI.
- May to October 2016 – In the 2016 session CAPI placed two interns with CITYNET Yokohama for 3–4 month placements. Through community and network mobilization, Citynet Yokohama focuses on disaster risk reduction across the Asia-Pacific. Their work falls into four clusters: climate change, disaster, infrastructure, and the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Sophia Mayen completed her internship from May to August 2016 and Katt McGrath from August to October 2016.
- 10 February 2017 – the Jarislowsky Chair funds sponsored the showing of the film “After the Storm” as part of the Victoria Film Festival.
- 18 & 19 April 2017 – the Jarislowsky Chair funds supported bringing Gwen Robinson, Chief Editor of the Nikkei Asian Review, the English-language journal and website of Japanese media group Nikkei Inc., and a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Security and International Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, to UVic for a series of roundtable discussions

Japan’s Foreign Policy, Security Profile and Economic Relations with Southeast Asia and ASEAN

A look at how Shinzo Abe has strengthened Japan’s foreign and security policy, and broadened its diplomatic and economic relations, focusing on Southeast Asia, particularly Myanmar, and on forging a new relationship with the Trump administration and bolstering ties with Russia. In this context, it is also vital to examine some of the domestic challenges to Abe and his close circle within the governing LDP, particularly in his high stakes push to revise the pacifist constitution and also use Japan’s considerable economic clout to advance the country’s (and his party’s) interests through aid, trade and security assistance.

Ethnic Conflict and Peace-Building in Myanmar: The Rohingya Crisis and Beyond

Recent reports from Rakhine state in western Myanmar have triggered a debate about whether the government, or military, is pursuing a strategy of genocide. Myanmar’s de facto leader, Aung San Su Kyi, denies these charges, claiming that the government is carrying out a counterinsurgency operation. The situation of the Rohingya in Rakhine state raises difficult questions about the relationship between the NLD-led government and the military and the prospects of a broader peace deal that would encompass minorities in Myanmar’s north and northeast. This roundtable brought together a group of experts to shed light on these developments by considering the history of the ethnic conflict in Myanmar; the broader social and political context; legal issues around citizenship, dispossession, and statelessness.

Program Planning:

- “The Non-Human in Japanese Culture” – this program is being brought to CAPI by Dr Cody Poulton (Pacific & Asian Studies Dept) and entails a two-course buyout and research funding. The idea of the non-human is a hot topic in a variety of disciplines at the moment. Surpassing earlier enquiries into the post-human, or transhumanist projects by people like Ray Kurzweil, it encompasses areas like animal studies (Donna Haraway, Peter Singer), new materialism (Jane Bennett), deep ecology, and more nuanced analyses into human interaction with technological and nonhuman systems (Sherry Turkle, Bruno Latour, et al.). In short, it asks us to approach various contemporary problems within a non-anthropocentric theoretical frame. Much of Dr Poulton’s current research is in looking at how traditional and contemporary Japanese performance allows us to engage with these ideas and enact solutions to the problems within the space of the of the imagination.
- Dr Poulton’s aim as a visiting scholar at CAPI is to prepare for a major international conference to be hosted by CAPI in the calendar year 2018. Dr Poulton will be engaged in pursuing his own specific research, as well as applying for funding from such agencies as the Japan Foundation and SSHRC to host an international cast of experts currently engaged with how non-anthropocentric approaches may be applied to an array of research. He will expand this concept to other aspects of Japanese society, including such areas as media studies, popular (particularly otaku) culture, literature,



Still image from the CAPI sponsored film “After the Storm” at the 2017 Victoria Film Festival

film and technology. He would therefore open the inquiry to a variety of disciplinary approaches, including science and technology studies, anthropology, religious studies, philosophy. D. Poulton’s aim would be to bring these people together for a focused symposium or workshop which would produce at least one collection of essays from one of the major academic publishers like Routledge or Palgrave.

Prepared by Helen Lansdowne, Associate Director, CAPI

Migration and Mobility Program

CAPI’s Migration and Mobility Program has had a very busy year. Our second issue of our online, open access journal Migration, Mobility & Displacement went live last summer offering many papers that were presented at our 2015 MLC Conference. In addition to the papers a recorded interview of Evelyn Encalada Grez, conducted by Marlea Clarke, MMP Program Committee member, is available to stream in this Summer issue.

The successful exploratory study Stateless children, parents & undocumented migration: An Indonesian pilot study wrapped up its three-year agenda with two major knowledge mobilization activities in 2016.

In June 2016 Jessica Ball and Harriot Beazley traveled to Jakarta and Lombok, Indonesia, where they met with stakeholders from government and NGO agencies. At these meetings, Drs Ball and Beazley communicated research results in small, outcome and action-oriented meetings with advocacy groups, child rights organizations, village leaders who had supported research, and relevant government agencies including civil and social welfare bureaus.

In addition, Leslie Butt and Harriot Beazley organized a conference panel at the Association for Southeast Asian Studies UK entitled ‘Children, Families and Mobility in Southeast Asia’. This double panel brought together experts in the field and several of the papers presented have gone on to be accepted for publication.



Focus Group Discussion of birth registration challenges for transnational migrant workers in Eastern Indonesia, with project collaborator Dr Harriot Beazley, Human Geography, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia

The Stateless Children study has produced three research reports, one working paper, and six academic journal articles published or in-press in leading journals such as *Citizenship Studies*, *Journal of Immigration and Refugee Studies*, *The Asia-Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, and *Children's Geographies*. The 6-year SSHRC study *Southeast Asian Women, Family and Migration in the Global Era* is publishing a flagship set of papers drawn from project results and an invited session at the American Anthropology Association's annual conference, this fall in the highly-ranked journal *Global Networks*. Entitled 'The Absent Child and Transnational Families', the papers draw on compelling ethnographic evidence from interviews with Indonesian and Filipino families living in Singapore, Melbourne and Hong Kong about the importance of absent children within their transnationally mobile families offering an important new theme within migration studies.

A workshop organized by postdoctoral fellow Monika Winarnita in Melbourne Australia in April 2017 was a second major knowledge mobilization activity run within the project. Dr Winarnita invited stakeholders, junior scholars and project researchers to a two-day workshop entitled 'Multimedia, Mobility and the Digital Southeast Asian Family'. In addition, a Master Class held at the same time, headed by project collaborator Deirdre McKay, explored research methods and approaches to digital research and transnational families. This highly successful event brought together 20 participants and 20 observers for two days, where a rich set of ideas around multimedia and mobility were explored.



Artwork from "North Korean Refugee Art: Yeomyung School in Seoul, South Korea" on display at the *Forgotten Corridors* conference 15-18 May 2017



Sheila Watt-Cloutier delivering the keynote address at the *Forgotten Corridors* conference on 15 May 2017

Dr Winarnita is preparing standout papers and multimedia materials from the event for a special issue of the journal *Migration, Mobility & Displacement* on 'Multimedia and Migrating Families'.

Much effort this year culminated in the "Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement & the Politics of Engagement" conference. This was the 10th annual conference of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and the first to be held on the west coast of Canada. The title and theme was purposefully chosen to highlight the complexities surrounding the forced movements of people in all parts of the world. Bringing together scholars, activists, civil society members and policy makers, our hope was to create opportunities for discussions concerning the hierarchies of displacement, the multiple causes of forced migration and the various ways that strategies for movement and resettlement play out. With our program of three keynote speakers, Sheila Watt-Cloutier presenting her talk, "We Must Now Speak Environment, Economy, Foreign Policy, Health and Human Rights in the Same Breath", Jyoti Sanghera addressing "Dying to Live" and Romola Sanyal speaking to "Making Lives Invisible: Managing Refugees Outside the West"; two plenary sessions, one discussing the role of civil society and forced migration, the other on recent developments in Canadian Refugee Law; more than 75 panels and workshops; and a viewing of Eva Orner's film "Chasing Asylum", we feel there were many opportunities for discussion and reflection upon the complexities of forced displacement.

Looking forward, we will produce special conference editions of MMD. The efforts that went into the conference were the contributions of many, particularly our hardworking conference committee and everyone at CAPI. Sponsorship for the conference made it possible for us to bring such a rich array of offerings and appreciation goes to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for awarding us a \$25,000 Connections Grant. As well, support was provided by York University, CARFMS, the Albert Hung Chao Hong Lecture Series, and the University of Victoria.

Landscapes of Injustice

2017 marks the approximate half-way mark for the project, as well as the 75th anniversary of the uprooting and internment of Japanese Canadians. The Research Collective has worked hard to preserve and tell this history: we have digitized thousands of archival files, catalogued hundreds of legal enactments, interviewed over 100 people, and created complex multi-layered digital maps, all of which will soon be available to researchers and a wider public in an enduring digital archive. We are commencing work on the first of several exhibits, this one funded by the Virtual Museum of Canada and conveying the protests of Japanese Canadians in the 1940s. We are testing innovative teaching tools in British Columbia primary, secondary, and university classrooms. We've given over 75 presentations, been interviewed or appeared 34 times in popular media outlets, and have 40 publications published or planned.

Forthcoming Publications

We are very excited that the project has two books forthcoming, one of which explores the complex story of Kishizo Kimura, a Japanese Canadian who served on committees that oversaw the dispossession of his own community. This volume includes a remarkable archival document: Kimura's previously unknown Japanese-language memoir—written in the 1960s and 1970s, in the last years of his life—translated, edited, and published for the first time. In it, Kimura describes the activities of the committees on which he served, chronicles a history of racism in British Columbia, and seeks to defend his own actions. Contextualizing the memoir with the diverse reflections of leading historians, sociologists, and a community activist and educator who lived through this history, the book invites readers to grapple with a rich and contentious past.

The second publication, *The Tree Trunk Can Be My Pillow*, is a manuscript by Jack Kagetsu, late son of Eikichi Kagetsu, perhaps the wealthiest and one of the most esteemed Japanese Canadians pre-war. He was a successful entrepreneur who ran several logging camps

and hired hundreds of Japanese Canadians including his biggest and best known, Deep Bay Logging Company in Fanny Bay on Vancouver Island. The book was completed by the Nikkei National Museum using research documents, original photographs and family artefacts donated by Eikichi's family.



Research Assistants Rebecca Salas and Samantha Romano at the Powell Street Festival

In the Community

Landscapes of Injustice held several outreach events this past year, conveying aspects of the dispossession to a variety of audiences. Some highlights during the last year included interactive booths at the 40th annual Powell Street Festival, with research clusters engaging festival-goers with posters and displays of their research.

Hide Hyodo-Shimizu Research Scholarship recipient Nicole Yakashiro challenged festival-goers to ask what different values property might have. Research assistant Alissa Cartwright presented her work developing an online database of the 1,200 Japanese-Canadian-owned fishing vessels confiscated and sold by the Canadian government in 1942 and Mikayla Tinsley talked about the timeline of the forced sale of the Tamura Building on the corner of Oppenheimer Park.

We also attend the Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre's annual Nikkei Matsuri in September. We developed 'teaser' material to communicate our activity in small bites that sparked interest, memories and further questions from the thousands of visitors.

Landscapes of Injustice continued with an on-going panel series, Memories of Dispossession and Internment, which began at the 2016 Spring Institute. The second in this series was held to an overflow audience at the Vancouver Public Library and gave voice to the stories of three panelists from their parents' journey to immigrate to Canada, to their wartime memories of dispossession and internment and to the present day and the way their experiences have shaped their lives. This powerful series continued at the 2017 Spring Institute during our first full public day at this project conference in April.



L to R: Guest Panelists Sam Yamamoto, Keiko Mary Kitagawa and Jean Kamimura at the Vancouver Public Library in January 2017.

So much of this experience has just been a lesson in power and privilege. Migration and the problems surrounding migration are so deeply tied to these things. [...] These kinds of perspective changes can only really be made through real-world experience, which is exactly what this has been. This experience has also made me value culture - and also it has helped me understand better what that word really means. It means so many things and so many of those things are hard to identify until they're gone or done differently.

Joel Toorenburgh, Crossing Borders Intern, Bangladesh



Crossing Borders Intern, Hannah Shin taking notes, Network Activities Group, Myanmar

The Program

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

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

From April to December 2016, twelve UVic students completed internships with our dedicated partner organizations in Bangladesh, India and Malaysia with funding from the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship (QES) Program, a collaborative initiative by Rideau Hall Foundation, Community Foundations of Canada, and Universities Canada, to work with the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) in India, the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in Bangladesh, and the Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI) in Malaysia. We also continued to work with our partner organizations doing important work in the area of migrants' rights through the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) funded by Global Affairs Canada.

From August 2016 to February 2017, ten recent graduates from across Canada completed internships with our partner organizations, Migrant Forum in Asia and the Center for Migrant Advocacy in the Philippines and Asian Forum, Pourakhi, NIDS and the Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee in Nepal.

With funding from CAPI and the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, two interns completed placements with CITYNET Yokohama in Japan. We also received funding from the Asia Pacific Foundation which supported two interns in Japan and Myanmar, and funding from the President's Beyond Borders Funds to support one intern in Thailand.

During this period, the QES program also awarded scholarships to four Canadian, outgoing scholars with organizations in Malaysia, Singapore and South Africa and three incoming scholars from Australia, Jamaica and Nigeria.

Over the coming year, we are looking forward to continuing our relationships with our dedicated partner organizations with the generous support of our funders.

2016 – 2017 interns and scholars

International Youth Internship Program Interns

Zahura Ahmed

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Bangladeshi Ovhibashi Mohila
Sramik Association (BOMSA)

Tasneem Bhaidu

Bangladesh
Bangladeshi Ovhibashi Mohila
Sramik Association (BOMSA)

Bethlehem Daniel

Philippines
Centre for Migrant Advocacy

David Fox

Philippines
Migrant Forum Asia

Katherine Gust

Nepal
Pourakhi

Nate Jost

Nepal
Migrant Centre

Danielle LeBlanc-Cyr

Philippines
Centre for Migrant Advocacy

Aracy Selvakumar

Nepal
Nepal Institute of Development
Studies (NIDS)

Kieran Stevens

Bangladesh
Refugee and Migratory
Movements Research Unit
(RMMRU)

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Nepal
Pravasi Nepali Coordination
Centre

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Crossing Borders Interns 2016

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Refugee and Migratory
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Crossing Borders Incoming Scholars

Taiwo Afolabi

Nigeria
PhD candidate in Applied Theatre

Bhiamie Eckford-Williamson

Australia
Masters of Indigenous
Governance program

Jeanique Tucker

Jamaica
Master's candidate in Political
Science

Crossing Borders Outgoing Scholars

Jesse Baltutis

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

Janice Dowson

South Africa
PhD candidate in the
Department of Political Science

Alex Lloyd

Australia
Master's candidate in the
Department of Anthropology

Elena Lopez

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Master's candidate in Political
Science

Charlene Mohammed

Singapore
Master's candidate in
Anthropology

"Learning about the struggles of Bangladeshi migrant women/families and hearing first-hand from the women at training centres about their experiences and what pushed them to migrate for work really opened my eyes. I witnessed a different kind of resilience that I have never seen before. Over the course of this placement, my world-view has definitely shifted. It's quite amazing to see how these women and families went through such difficult situations but are still thriving."

Tasneem Bhaidu, International Youth Internship Program,
Bangladeshi Ovhibashi Mohila Sramik Association (BOMSA)



*A First Nation student including CYLP students in a drumming session during a visit to **SNIDŁŁEL**, a First Nations site in Saanich for an environmental education program*

China Youth Leadership Program

With three successful years under its belt, CAPI continues to deliver the China Youth Leadership Program, welcoming over 300 students to Victoria and the University of Victoria annually.

The China Youth Leadership Program (CYLP) at CAPI provides international learning and travel experience to undergraduate students from several partner Universities in China.

In its third year, this eight-day educational leadership program, delivers a global and experiential learning experience to the Chinese students through a combination of on-campus academic lectures and off-campus field trips covering topics such as local history; gender, sexuality and identity studies; art history and comparative sociology.

Between September 2016 and May 2017, CAPI hosted over 300 participants from China. With a focus on optimizing learning outcomes, students were taught by faculty, CAPI associates, and PhD candidates from Pacific and Asian Studies, Fine Arts, History, Geography, and Political Science, as well as participated in field trips with various CAPI's community partners.

The CYLP is a collaboration between CAPI and the Union Northern International Universities, a union of 17 universities in China, 11 of which send students to participate in the CYLP on a regular basis.

With the dedicated effort of CAPI staff, the community stakeholders and the Chinese partners, the CYLP has received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback. The number of students has risen steadily from under 30 to over 50 in each CYLP group.

After another productive year, the CYLP enhances strong ties with CAPI's partners at home and abroad and clearly illustrates our dedication to its vision and objectives.



*Students visiting **SNIDŁŁEL** (Tod Inlet), a First Nations territory.*

Hosting the world – international conferences

CAPL hosted two major conferences in the 2016-2017 academic year and is slated to host two more in 2018.



En-gendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women's Rights and Feminist Activism

7 & 8 April 2017 | University of Victoria

An international symposium and photography exhibition

CAPL was pleased to welcome leading scholars and activists to present their research on gender issues of China. This symposium explored how gender relations in China are profoundly involved in globalization; how

the struggle for women's rights has changed; and how increasing feminist activism engenders wider social transformation in China. A photography exhibition of images prepared by Young Feminist Activism, an NGO from China was presented along side the symposium. This symposium was supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement and the Politics of Engagement

15 - 18 May 2017 | University of Victoria

the 10th annual Canadian Association of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies conference

Supported by our Migration and Mobility Program, CAPL and the University of Victoria hosted the 10th annual Canadian Association for Forced Migration and Refugee Studies conference, entitled "Forgotten Corridors: Global displacement and the Politics of Engagement". With three keynote presentations from leaders in the field, film and photography exhibitions that gained local media attention, and engaging plenary discussions highlighted civil society response and developments in Canadian refugee law, the conference was a resounding success. CAPL Associate Director Helen Lansdowne co-authored an op-ed with Dr. Scott Watson of UVic's Political Science department which was published by the Vancouver Sun online on 15 May 2017 ahead of the conference detailing the importance of continued discussion on refugee and

forced migration concerns outside the Mediterranean. The 11th annual conference will be held at Laval University in Ottawa in May of 2018 and we hope the impactful discussion will continue there.



Loly Rico, Co-Director of FCJ Refugee Centre Canada, speaking as a part of the Civil Society plenary at the Forgotten Corridors conference

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 past events.

SPECIAL EVENTS & LECTURES



Southeast Asia in Global Context Roundtable Series

Ongoing series

Thailand's Political and Constitutional Future
8 November 2016

The South China Sea and US-China-ASEAN Relations
2 February 2017

Ethnic Conflict and Peace-Building in Myanmar:
The Rohingya Crisis and Beyond
19 April 2017

Situated between India and China, along the busiest maritime sea routes in the world, Southeast Asia remains today at the crossroads of ideas, commerce, migration, language, religion, and law, as it has for centuries. With a total population greater than that of the European Union, the countries of Southeast Asia have been working through the ASEAN—the Association of Southeast Asian Nations—to integrate their economies and cooperate politically and economically on matters of common concern, increasing the region's influence on global affairs. This roundtable series situates contemporary Southeast Asia in Asia and the wider world, examining the many ways the pressing issues in the region affect us all.

The 2016-2017 year saw three installments of this ongoing roundtable series with the inaugural Roundtable on 8 November. It brought together experts and CAPI associates Phil Calvert and Catherine Morris to consider Thailand's Political and Constitutional Future following the death of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) after his remarkable 70-year reign. Most recently, Gwen Robinson from the Nikkei

Review and Dina Siddiqi from BRAC University in Dhaka joined UVic colleagues to discuss the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar.

Careers in Asia Series

27 February 2017 | Siddharth Akali

UVic law graduate Siddharth Akali (JD 2014) discussed strategies employed by local communities around the world who find themselves negatively affected by internationally financed development projects. He focused on one particular strategy that communities can access: filling a complaint with non-judicial (i.e. not court) complaint offices (also called accountability mechanisms, or grievance mechanisms).



The Legacy of Japanese Canadian Redress

27 March 2017 | Dr Roy Miki

On 22 September 1988, Japanese Canadians finally achieved their goal of "justice in our time" for their wrongful internment during the 1940s. On that day, the National Association of Japanese Canadians signed a redress agreement with the federal government.

In his talk, Dr Miki returned to the dynamics of redress in the 1980s, reflecting on the major elements of the NAJC's position and the social contexts that shaped the formation of its redress movement. From this perspective, he offered an assessment of the legacy of redress through an examination of redress agreements offered to other groups. He included a comparative look at Japanese Canadian redress and the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, the most substantial redress agreement to date, signed on 8 May 2006, by representatives of residential school survivors and the federal government.

This was an Ayukawa Commemorative Event.

Making Lives Invisible: Managing Refugees outside the West

17 May 2017 | Dr Romola Sanyal



Dr Sanyal delivered the 2017 Hung Lecture as a keynote presentation in the Forgotten Corridors conference. During her talk she examined the politics of refugee control and management particularly around the borders of Western countries. She argued that less attention has been given to the ways in which refugee

lives are regulated within non-Western contexts, even though the majority of refugees continue to reside in them. Sanyal questioned how non-western countries, often financially strapped themselves, host thousands of guests for protracted periods of time? How do different levels of the state, from the local to the national, mediate the relationships between hosts and guests?

Dr Sanyal is Assistant Professor in Urban Geography at the London School of Economics. She is interested in forced migration, urbanization and urban politics in the Global South.



Presented in honour of Dr Albert Chao Hung

Dr Hung serves as Vice Chairman for FameG, a microelectronic company that designs and manufactures computer chips. Dr Hung received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Victoria in May 2005 at a special ceremony in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. He believes in the importance of education and has funded the Hung lecture series at CAPI 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.



The Right to Remain

Film screening and Q&A with filmmaker Greg Masuda

27 April 2017

As a part of their annual Spring Institute, Landscapes of Injustice screened Greg Masuda's film "The Right to Remain," followed by a Q & A session with the director.

The Right To Remain, a CBC documentary, looks at Vancouver's Downtown Eastside residents and the fight to save the community from development. Started as an idea five years ago, Greg Masuda accumulated over 300 hours of footage. He says "The Right to Remain is a culmination of my entire career as a filmmaker. As a Japanese Canadian, I could not resist participating in the advocacy for the Downtown Eastside community as it looked down the barrel of the real estate industry."



SOE Reform in China

28 June 2017 | Dr Bo Chen, Huazhong University of Science and Technology

Macroeconomic performance is apparently below the expectations of both investors and the government itself. Market oriented reforms are now called up again. Facing both internal and external challenges, reform on SOEs is once again a focus. Thus even though facing strong opposition, China's top leadership is still firmly pushing forward SOE reforms. During his lecture, Dr Chen introduced the key proposals on SOE reform and analyzed the major challenges in the reform.



CAPI Intern, Emma De Vynck (Karenni Social Development Centre in Thailand 2016), presents her capstone project to a full house at Ideafest 2017.

Ideafest

Living Research: Stories from the field

8 March 2017

At the 2017 Ideafest CAPI Interns offered a look into how UVic is connected to the world through student-led research with migrant and refugee rights organizations in India, Bangladesh, Singapore, South Africa and Malaysia. Students shared diverse capstone projects including: a phone app to learn Bangla, a cookbook-storybook from India, a digital resource library, a curriculum development project for refugee youth and a digital collage showcasing the lives of rickshaw wallahs.

Academic Freedom and its Discontents in India

28 February 2017 | Dr Niraja Gopal Jayal, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Contesting the assumption that academic freedom is simply a function of the contingent predispositions of state power, Dr Jayal argued that the prospects for academic freedom depend substantially on the idea of the university in a given society. The present imperilsments of academic freedom in India emanate not only from conspicuous political ideological tendencies, but also from a creeping techno-managerial orientation and audit culture that reflects global practices. Documenting historical shifts in conceptions of academic freedom, Dr Jayal explored how both these strands converge to jeopardise academic freedom in contemporary India.

LECTURE SERIES

RESEARCH SEMINARS

CAPI Research Chairs and Associates present on their ongoing research projects

Made In China:

Legacies of the Unequal Treaties in International Law

13 October 2016 | Dr Andrew Marton

CAPI Director Dr Andrew Marton, explored the Doctrine of Unequal Treaties discourse in China by focusing on the legal arguments against the validity of treaties deemed to be of unequal character, highlighting the extent to which the Doctrine is recognised in contemporary international law.

Workers in the Aging City:

Eldercare Labor Markets in Vancouver and Shanghai

1 December 2016 | Dr Feng Xu

Dr Xu presented her project investigating urban labor markets for paid eldercare workers in Vancouver, Canada and Shanghai, China. Urbanization and population aging are among the most significant processes affecting the global North and South, and these 'global cities', with their important commercial and cultural linkages, are both experiencing demographic transitions.

More Than Waste

Participatory Action Research With Waste Pickers In The Global South

13 March 2017 | Dr Jutta Gutberlet

Dr Gutberlet gave us a look into community engaged research on waste and with waste pickers in different parts of the world, has generated rich material on the vast array of socio-material practices that shape contemporary culture and society.



LUNCH & LEARN

Ainu Language Policies

Past and Present

22 November 2016 | Uwe Makino, Chuo University, Tokyo

Dr Makino began his lecture with a short introduction to Japanese assimilation policies targeting the indigenous people of Japan, the Ainu, from ~ 1800 to the present. Then he discussed loanwords between Japanese and Ainu-itak (especially place-names), followed by a summary of the process of colonization of Ainu homelands in the course of mass immigration of Japanese settlers after 1868 (inauguration of the modern Japanese state).

Offshore Extractions

and the Everyday Life of a Refugee Economy in the Republic of Nauru

7 February 2017 | Julia Morris, Oxford University

The Republic of Nauru occupies a prominent place in the international news. In August 2016, the small nation state found itself at the center of a global media frenzy with the Guardian Australia's "exclusive Nauru Files leaks." With a catalogue of over 2000 filed incident reports, Nauru's offshore refugee operations were characterized worldwide as an exceptionality, "a dark, wretched Truman Show without the cameras."



Drawing on fifteen months of ethnographic fieldwork conducted between Geneva, Australia, Fiji, and Nauru, Morris detailed the everyday life of Nauru's offshore refugee manufacturing operations. Morris considered how Nauru plays an important role in recirculating value to mainland refugee economies, thus reinforcing the global validity of "the refugee" as a bodily commodity, and the same hazardous industry practices, just onshore not offshore.

Forest Fire in Nepal

14 March 2017 | Ivan Somlai

"Forest fire is emerging as one of the major challenges threatening biodiversity in general and forest ecosystems in particular in Nepal"

Sindhu Prasad Dhungana, PhD., Under Secretary, Department of Forests



Motivated by that pronouncement, Somlai gave a glimpse into the increasing frequency and devastation by forest and wildfires as well as Canada's extensive experience in fire prevention and response, a focused 2-year project was developed by Thompson Rivers University with the support of the International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) in partnership with Nepal Department of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management.

CAPI SPONSORED EVENTS

Global South Colloquium

During this past year CAPI supported a series of public lectures and seminars called “the Global South Colloquium”. This series was created to provide a forum for regular interdisciplinary exchange and intellectual exploration among faculty, graduate students, and all members of the Uvic community on the history and politics of globalization. The colloquium focuses its attention on the “Global South,” traditionally referring to parts of the world whose states emerged out of the embers of European empires in South Asia, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Islam, Religious Economy, and Globalization
Public Lecture & Seminar
27 & 28 October | Dr Nile Green, UCLA

Cities, Utopias and Theosophy Public Lecture & Seminar
17 & 18 November | Dr Smriti Srinivas, UC Davis

Human Rights, Religion, Globalization
Public Lecture & Seminar
26 & 27 January | Dr Sam Moyn, Harvard Law School

Islam, France, and Secularism Public Lecture & Seminar
9 & 10 February | Dr Mayanthi Fernando, UC Santa Cruz

Islam, Judaism, and Orientalism Public Lecture & Seminar
23 & 24 March | Dr Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth

One Wave Festival

10 & 11 September 2016 | Pacific Peoples Partnership

A New Moon Over Tohoku
screening with filmmaker Linda Ohama

6 October 2016 | *Landscapes of Injustice*

Serve the People: Intellectuals in China's Long Twentieth Century
Presented by Dr Tim Cheek

27 October 2016 | *Pacific and Asian Studies, Uvic*



Old Stone screened at Victoria Film Festival. Director Johnny Ma creates a gripping thriller from a Chinese legal issue – if you hit a pedestrian you become responsible for their medical rehabilitation. Cab driver Lao Shi (Chen Gang) finds himself caught in the system after a traffic accident downtown. Rather than taking flight, he stays, calls for help that doesn't come, and then takes the victim to the hospital. As the bills mount, Shi loses his cab, his job and soon his family as everyone turns their back on him. Ma creates a film whose heightening tension will leave viewers on the edge of their seat.

Memories of Internment and Dispossession Vancouver Public Library

14 January 2017 | *Landscapes of Injustice*

Old Stone (China) Silvercity Tillicum

7 February 2017 | Victoria Film Festival

After the Storm (Japan) Old Vic Theatre

10 February 2017 | Victoria Film Festival

Re-Classing Women's Bodies: Workers' Lives Beyond the Religion/ Secularism Duality

Presented by Dr Dina Siddiqi, BRAC University, Dhaka

18 April 2017 | Faculty of Law, Uvic

Victoria Asian Heritage Month

28 May 2017 | World Heritage Walk & Cultural Show

ANAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Anand-UVic Fund was established in 1996 in honour of H.E. Anand Panyarachun, LL.D. (UVic. 1993), one of Thailand's most respected public figures and UVic's Honorary Patron in Thailand. All donations to the Fund have been made by Thai business leaders and companies in honour of Khun Anand. The purpose of the Fund is to establish Anand Patron Scholarships for deserving Thai students to undertake graduate and professional studies at the University of Victoria.

Congratulations to our 2016–2017 award recipients



Adivasi women walking in Manvi, Karnataka

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 Pooja Parmar, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, UVic for winning the 2017 CAPI Research Grant for her proposal "Indigenous Peoples, Access to Justice and the Legal Profession in India"

Dr Parmar plans to use the grant to conduct research in New Delhi that includes interviews with lawyers representing Adivasis (Indigenous peoples). This research will examine the relationship between legal education and access to justice for marginalized communities, and will be used to develop professional and ethical training materials for law students and lawyers.



Student Awards

Student Fellowships and Essay Prizes are available on an annual basis to support student research and language study in the Asia-Pacific region.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Dennis Gupa, MA Student in Applied Theatre

Congratulations to Dennis for winning a 2017 Student Fellowship to support his project entitled "Sea Rituals, Climate Change and Applied Theatre: Indigenous Elders Perspectives on Traditional and Sustainable Ecology". Dennis will travel to the Philippines in September.

Alexandra Lloyd, MA Student in the Department of Anthropology

Congratulations to Alexandra for winning a 2017 Student Fellowship to support travel to Australia for continued research on her project entitled "How do transnational Indonesian women studying abroad in Australia navigate sexuality in shifting sociopolitical contexts? How are women's everyday lived experiences impacted by hegemonic cultural expectations in a transnational context?"

STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

Carly Aasen, MA Student in the Department of Human and Social Development

"Filling the Gap: the Social Worker in Schools (SWiS) Program from a Student Perspective"

ANAND SCHOLARSHIP

Thiptawan Uchai, MA student in Applied Theatre

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



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