Mandate and Objectives

CAPI was established in 1987 as an important element of the University's plan to expand and strengthen its links with universities and other institutions in the Asia-Pacific region, especially with China, Japan, Southeast Asia, Korea and the developing island states of the Southwest Pacific. The Centre’s primary mandate is to conduct and to facilitate research on policy issues related to the Asia Pacific region. In addition, the Centre serves as a regional resource facility to the University and to the larger community. More specifically, CAPI was established to fulfil six functions:

(i) To serve as a clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding activities on campus, and in the community;

(ii) To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among interested persons at the University, and to organize and publicize visits by specialists and other visitors with Asia-Pacific expertise;

(iii) To promote publication and public information activities appropriate to the University;

(iv) To organize and conduct short and medium-term teaching, training and research projects;

(v) To organize and administer long-term, cross-disciplinary programs in collaboration with other relevant groups and institutions, on and off campus; and

(vi) To participate in networks of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests.
This has been a year of vim and vinegar as my father used to say. CAPI has been a busy and productive place, a not-unusual finding for the work of the first founded of UVic’s thirteen Research Centres.

We hosted in mid-September the first stage Research Workshop of the APEC Competition Policy and Economic Development project. The project’s purpose is to study the relationship between economic growth, national development experience and competition law regimes, with particular reference to the diverse circumstances of the APEC Member Economies. CAPI’s network was enlarged with the active involvement of scholars from eight Pacific Rim countries, including this writer and Professors Howell, Dobell and Jones from UVic.

The Workshop and its successor, which goes forward in Tokyo this July, are a joint effort of CAPI, the Chuo Institute of Comparative Law, the Asian Law Program, University of Washington and the Institute for Global Legal Studies, Washington University, St. Louis with funding by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. Selected papers will be published in a special edition of Washington University’s law review.

Rarely has the arrival of our Lam Visitor been so anticipated as this year’s lecturer, Dr. David Chandler, whose October 12th community lecture on “Cambodia 2000: Shadowed by the Past” attracted an overflow audience. And he surely did not disappoint as he held their rapt attention from beginning to end. Our Visitor’s subject co-incided with CAPI’s participation as the major partner with the Parliamentary Centre (Ottawa) in a five year $5M CIDA-Cambodia Project under which we will work with the National Assembly, the Senate and their respective Secretariats on a wide range of institutional and capacity building programs. I will direct CAPI’s inputs, ably assisted by Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne and Law colleagues Professors Ferguson and Petter, CAPI Associate Catherine Morris and others.

Part of CAPI’s mandate is to inform the wider community, including the campus and beyond, of current thinking on a diverse range of Asia-Pacific public policy questions. Hence our prolific brown bag luncheon lecture series. Frankly, I think we outdid ourselves with our rich offerings this past year—over 20 in total. With the help of our Program Professor, Dr. Robert Bedeski, we launched our Downtown Asia-Pacific Developments Roundtables, ably assisted by CAPI Associate Dr. Philip Dearden and CAPI/Law Visiting Associate Luke Nottage before a sellout audience of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. More such efforts will undoubtedly follow. Our annual Campus Forum attracted a smaller but very committed campus audience to explore the timely and often resource-poor topic of The Internet, UVic and the Asia-Pacific. Our thanks to a number of gifted colleagues like Michael Best, John McLaren, Bob Howell, Tim Craig, David Strong and Rebecca Grant for their informative contributions.

At the end of December, we said goodbye to our Japan Chair, Dr. Tim Craig, whose Asia Pop Culture conferences have attracted a near cult following over the past four years. Tim has been an excellent colleague and remains a strong CAPI supporter as an Associate. Dr. Ralph Huenemann, our first Director and China Chair, was on study leave this year. His CAPI-based work and research efforts are well summarized in his Program Report.

Our Acting Japan Chair, Dr. Joseph Kess, has brought new energy and his indomitable optimism to CAPI, as evidenced in his organizing of a series of campus Research Roundtables that have attracted record turnouts. He also delivered a rousing CAPI-‘first’ lecture on modern Japanese orthography entitled “What Does It Take to Have Four Writing Systems Rolled into One.”

Elsewhere in this report the successes of our Student Committee are recounted. Under the leadership of Shanti Reda, they brought visitors and contemporary experiences to their fellow
students on the campus. CAPI sometimes serves as a ‘home’ for what I have termed the ‘Lone Ranger’ faculty and some students whose Asia-Pacific work may be the exception in their particular campus department or discipline. Our student-oriented events, our Student Writing Prize and our Language and Research Scholarships are continuing evidence of our concern to support student investment in regional studies.

Back to Luke Nottage whose three month visit generated fresh interest in Japanese legal culture and scholarship thanks to his mainstreaming Japanese law perspectives into five ‘Western’ law courses and in his convening an outstanding group of more than 30 Japan Law specialists from three continents in a Multiple Worlds of Japanese Law Roundtable. He also attracted to UVic/CAPI the first offshore conference of the Japanese Law OnLine Association from Meijo University, headed by the renowned Professor Dr. Zentaro Kitagawa. We wish Mr. Nottage continued success in his new appointment as Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney’s Law School.

CAPI spells “Initiatives” in real terms. We bring a variety of visitors and programs to the campus and, we are constantly in the field, meaning anywhere and everywhere in the Asia-Pacific region in the person of our Chairs, Associates and staff. In the past year, you would have found us in Vietnam, Mongolia, Indonesia, China, Singapore, Taiwan, the United States, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Japan, Cambodia and South Korea. Funding support for our work and programs came from a number of sources, including the International Development Research Centre, the Japan Foundation Centre for Global Partnership, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Swedish International Development Agency, the Dorothy and David Lam Endowment Fund, the Ford Foundation, AUS Aid, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada and the Korea Institute of America.

As Director, I chaired the Council of Centre Directors for the first of a two year term. The Council represents the shared interests of the Senate-approved stand-alone Research Centres, thirteen in number. I also served on the Advisory Boards to the Office of International Affairs, the Centre for Global Studies, Camosun College’s Pacific Rim Studies Program and the Asia-Pacific Research Network organized by the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Our Report chronicles an active and, I believe, rewarding year of contributions, individually and collectively, to the University’s record in Pacific Rim studies, teaching and research projects and community outreach. Our efforts have been ably supported and facilitated by our core staff, founding secretary Stella Chan and Assistant Director, Helen Lansdowne whose faithful contributions are happily hereby acknowledged. We also thank most sincerely the members of the Centre’s Executive Committee for their direction and support, our External Advisors for their counsel and last but not least, the Vice-President for Research, Dr. Martin Taylor, for his quiet guidance and positive advice throughout the year.
An Executive Committee advises on policy directions and contributes to achieving the objectives of the Centre. The Committee also functions as the evaluation committee for the CAPI Faculty Research Development Grant Program, the Program Professorship, the Fellowship Award, appointment of Associates, and collaboration on new projects. Chaired by CAPI’s Director, the committee includes the Associate Vice-President Research as an ex-officio member, one of the Chairholders, and other UVic faculty members, who serve three-year terms on a staggered basis to provide continuity.

The 2000–2001 members were: Drs. Greg Blue, History; Leslie Butt, Pacific & Asian Studies; Tim Craig, CAPI/Business (6 months); Christopher Garrett, Physics & Astronomy; Joseph Kess, CAPI/Linguistics (6 months); Hiroko Noro, Pacific & Asian Studies; Hua Lin, Linguistics; and Anthony Welch, International Office. The Director of CAPI, Bill Neilson, chairs the Committee. Dr. Martin Taylor, Associate Vice-President, Research, is an ex-officio member, and the senior member of the Administration through whom the Director reports. For 2001-2002, Dr. Ralph Huenemann, CAPI/Business will return to the Committee after his sabbatical to succeed Dr. Joseph Kess.

External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre for feedback on our work and extending our network. Members for 2000–2001 were: Dr. Do Duc Dinh, Director of the Consultancy Department, Institute of World Economy, Hanoi, Vietnam, Vice Editor-in-Chief, Vietnam Economic Review, Chair of the Professorship in ASEAN and International Studies, University of Toronto; Dr. Jingjai Hanchanlash, First Senior Vice President, Loxley Public Company Limited, Bangkok, Thailand; Dr. Hank Lim, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Former Director, Centre for Advanced Studies, The National University of Singapore, Singapore; Dr. Kimitada Miwa, Director of the Institute of American and Canadian Studies, Sophia University (Japan); Professor Malcolm Smith, former Director, Asian Law Centre, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia; Mr. Murray G. Smith, former Director of the Centre for Trade Law and Policy in Ottawa, now residing in Geneva; and Mr. Yuen-Pau Woo, Vice President, Research and Chief Economist, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Faculty and staff at CAPI include law Professor Bill Neilson, Director and Chair of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations; Dr. Ralph Huenemann, Chair in Economic Relations with China and half-time appointment in the Faculty of Business; Dr. Joseph Kess, Acting Chair in Economic Relations with Japan, half-time appointment in the Linguistics Department; Dr. Robert Bedeski, Professor of Human Security & Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region; Ms Helen Lansdowne, Assistant Director; and Ms Stella Chan, Secretary.

Attached to CAPI through their projects and involvement in the regular activities of the Centre, such as conferences and publications, Associates strengthen and build CAPI in new areas. Associates for 2000/2001 were: Jim Boutilier, Special Advisor (Policy), Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters; Helen Chauncey, Pacific & Asian Studies; Philip Dearden, Geography; Derek Ellis, Associate Emeritus; Kate Frieson, United Nations Regional Spokesperson, UNMIBH; Randall Garrison, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; Douglas M. Johnston, Associate Emeritus; Garrett Lambert, Business; Isabel Lloyd, Southeast Asia Fund for Institutional and Legal Development, Bangkok; Gordon Longmuir former Canadian Ambassador to Cambodia; Peter Maidstone, Pacific Rim Studies, Camosun College; Ted L. McDorman, Law; Chris Morgan, Pacific & Asian Studies; Linda Pennells Consultant; Chris Tollefson, Law; Stephen Tyler, International Development Research Centre; Art Wright, Consultant; Stuart Wulff, Pacific Peoples Partnership; and Francis Yee, Dept. of Social Science, Camosun College.
Programs

Program 1: Sino-Canadian Trade and Investment in the Global Context

Program Director: Dr. Ralph Huenemann,

During the past year, while I have been on study leave, I have worked actively to develop the CAPI China program on two broad fronts, the first concerning China’s role in international business, and the second concerning China’s poverty problem.

International Business: During the fall term 2000, I was privileged to spend several weeks as a visitor at the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University, where my primary task was to prepare a detailed proposal (outline of content) for a textbook on International Business that is targeted for the MBA textbook series that the Guanghua School plans to publish. If this proposal is accepted by the editorial committee, it will mean that I will be involved, probably with a Chinese co-author, in the challenging task of explaining international business issues to a Chinese MBA audience. To do this effectively, we will need to develop a wide range of Chinese case studies, with all of the field interviewing that such cases require. As a further step in preparing for this project, I taught an intensive four-day International Business course for the Executive MBA program of the China Europe International Business School in Beijing, which gave me the chance to explore a number of key issues with some excellent students. In a related activity, I gave a paper on China and the WTO at a conference in Calgary in October, which was later published as “China Joins the WTO: Implications for Canada,” in Philip C. Chang, ed., Partnership in a New Era: Canada-China Business Relations within the WTO, Calgary: Faculty of Management, University of Calgary, 2000.

Poverty in China: In May 2000, I participated as a consultant in the World Bank’s conference on Overcoming Rural Poverty in China. I followed up by writing a report on “Cost-Benefit Analysis of Rural Roads in Poverty Areas of Western China,” which I submitted to the World Bank in June 2001. On a parallel track, I have negotiated UVic’s participation in a CIDA project that is focused on transportation problems in Gansu, which is one of the poorest provinces in China. I visited Gansu twice in 2000 and will return for further work in July 2001. Although the immediate focus of this work is on resolving transportation bottlenecks to encourage economic development and improve the quality of life, my hope is to use this project to lay the foundation for a substantially larger project on infrastructure and poverty alleviation more broadly defined, targeted for funding from an agency like CIDA or the Asian Development Bank.

Other Activities: This year I was asked to join the editorial board of the Journal of Asian Business, and I continue to serve on the boards of Pacific Affairs and the Hong Kong Bank of Canada Papers on Asia. I was the external examiner for a Ph.D. defence at UBC, and I gave guest lectures for Fong Woon’s course at UVic and Pitman Potter’s course at UBC. I continue to serve as one of two Canadian representatives on the International Steering Committee of the Pacific Trade and Development Conference (PAFTAD). I served as discussant for two papers at PAFTAD 26 in Seoul in June 2000 and will play a similar role at PAFTAD 27 in Canberra in August 2001.

Program 2: Economic and Governance Law Development in Southeast Asia

Program Director: Professor Bill Neilson

The program has research, advisory, teaching and conference components that were performed over the past year in Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and, outside the region, in Mongolia and Japan.

A good part of my energies has been committed to the organization of CAPI’s substantial participation, with the Ottawa-based Parliamentary Centre, in the Canada-Cambodia Legislative Support Project, a 5 year, $5M CIDA program concerned with capacity building and institutional strengthening of Cambodia’s fledgling National Assembly and Senate and their respective Secretariats and legislative committees. As a Team Leader, wearing my CAPI hat, I have put together a first rate group of legal and parliamentary specialists to work on our part of the Project. The Inception Mission was completed in April and, as I write, the Project Implementation Plan is in
its final draft for reference to CIDA, following which we will move into two fall term conferences with our Cambodian partners. The Project will offer many opportunities for teaching, field research and mentoring activities.

This past year, I was fortunate enough to co-direct a Lawyers’ Program on Vietnam’s WTO Accession and the US–Vietnam Trade Agreement for Umeå University (Sweden), held in early December in Doson, a pleasant coastal village near Haiphong. I also taught in March, under our inter-universities’ Faculty Exchange Agreement, the intensive course in Asia-Pacific Trade & Investment Law in the LLM International Business Law program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. I have worked with Chula regularly since 1985.

My program has always benefited from its Australian linkages, a not inconsiderable advantage given their strong commitment to Pacific Rim teaching and scholarship. Thus, I have exploited the Australian supply of legal scholars to provide our last three CAPI/Law Visiting Associates, namely Dr. Tim Lindsey, Dr. Stanley Yeo and, most recently, Luke Nottage (admittedly a Kiwi but now at Sydney University). I also serve on the Editorial Advisory Board to the Australian Journal of Asian Law and regularly as an Asian Law project assessor for the Australian Research Council. I anticipate a productive, collaborative working relationship with Professor Veronica Taylor, formerly of Melbourne and the new Director of the Asian Law Program at the University of Washington, Seattle. Finally, in the Spring Term, I was pleased to serve as an external examiner of two PhD candidates in Vietnamese and Indonesian law, respectively, at Melbourne University.

I serve in several other advisory capacities involving Councils to UVic’s International Affairs Office, our Centre for Global Studies, Camosun College’s Pacific Rim Studies Program and the Asia-Pacific Research Network operated by the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada and as External assessor for senior appointments to the Faculty of Economics and Management, at the Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Several publications came out this year. They are listed elsewhere in this Report. Two more will come out early in the coming year as a result of papers that I have been asked to present at conferences in Ulaanbaatar and Tokyo in early July. My year ends, so to speak, with a valued Visiting Professorship at Nagoya University where I am to give four lectures on Legal Change and Local Legal Cultures in Developing and Transitional Economies.

**Program 3: Japanese Business Management**

**Program Director: Dr. Tim Craig**

I had a busy six months having returned from sabbatical July 1st, 2000. Together with Richard King, I completed editing the chapters for the Asia Pop Conference book entitled, Global Goes Local: Popular Culture in Asia; submitted the manuscript to UBC Press for the peer review process; responded to reviewers comments and signed the contract for the book’s publication in 2001. Both Richard and I continue to work on the book as the completed manuscript with accompanying visuals are due to be delivered to the publishers at the end of June 2001. I was also one of the speakers at the CAPI Campus Forum, October 14th, presenting a talk entitled, “On-Line Education: It Ain’t All its Cranked Up to Be.”

Two papers were published this spring, papers emanating from a research project that received CAPI support:


I was also busy writing the following eight entries for the Encyclopedia of Japanese Business & Management, to be published by Routledge. They are: Nihon-teki keiei (Japanese-style management); Post-WWII recovery; Matsushita, Konosuke; E-commerce; Kirin Brewery Co., Ltd.; Sharp Corporation; Seven-Eleven Japan; and Honda, Soichiro.

On a personal note, I attended the Brickyard 400 NASCAR race in Indianapolis, and karaokeed (correct pronunciation: carry-okied) in several Japanese cities.
Since joining CAPI on January 1 of this year, I have been busy with framing an international conference on the theme of “Changing Japanese Identities within Multicultural Canada” scheduled for August of 2002. Close collaboration with Drs. Hiroko Noro and Michiko Midge Ayukawa has resulted in generating considerable enthusiasm for this project from a wide range of supportive participants, including the Japanese Consulate, the Japanese Canadian National Museum, the BC Heritage Language Association, various Nikkei associations and Japanese heritage language schools across both the province and country. The three of us have put our heads together, and a flurry of grant applications have gone out to the National Association of Japanese Canadians, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, the Community Liaison Office of the BC Ministry for Multiculturalism and Immigration, and the Canadian Heritage Division of the Federal Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration. Results of these various applications are being eagerly awaited as this Annual Report goes to press!

Two of my longstanding interests have been language legislation as realized in national language policies and the factors which influence language shift and language loss in minority language populations. These two themes have been put together in an $8500 grant recently awarded to Hiroko Noro and myself entitled, "The Role of Japanese as a Heritage Language in Constructing the Japanese-Canadian Identity in British Columbia". Our work is associated with the RIIM Centre for Excellence based at SFU and UBC under the Federally-funded METROPOlis research initiative. Work has already begun on assessing the framework of heritage language schools in this province, and Dr. Noro and I have also been funded to present our results at one of the next national METROPOlis conferences.

Another initiative centers around an invitation for the Japan Studies Association of Canada to hold its annual meetings here at the University of Victoria in the near future. To this end, Tadao Miyamoto and I attended the last meetings of JSAC in Vancouver to both deliver a paper and to make the formal invitation to JSAC, and we will follow this up with another paper and a confirmation of the invitation in Saskatoon in October.

In May and June, I spent three weeks in Japan and China making research contacts and establishing new relations. In Japan, I met with members of the Office of International Programs at Meiji University, the Departments of English and/or Linguistics at Sophia University, Meiji University, and Meikai University. I also met several times with the President of Seibido Publishing in Tokyo to discuss plans for a new textbook, as well as editorial staff to put the finishing touches on a new ESL textbook co-authored with Anita Kess of Camosun College and scheduled to come out the new academic year. My visit to China was sponsored by a BC Scholars to China Award, and in China, I met with the Director and members of the International Exchange Division of East China Normal University in Shanghai to discuss future collaborative efforts, and was invited to return for the Fiftieth ECNU Anniversary Celebration in the fall. I also met with the Chair and members of the English Department and English for Special Purposes Department, gave three lectures to faculty and graduate students at ECNU, and was invited to be an Honorary Professor in the English Department at ECNU.

On the local CAPI front, I organized a continuing series of Roundtable Seminars to do with UVic scholars informally reporting on their research in Asia and the Pacific. This series, called the CAPI Research Roundtable, has as its goal a venue for those with Asia-Pacific interests to talk about what they are currently doing or thinking of doing, without the formal setting of a paper or full-blown talk.

And on the local UVic front, I have also given several talks on the campus this last semester. For example, I showed how “Language: The Imperfect Instrument of Communication, or What you see/hear is not what you get!” is precisely why language allows us to frame new ideas at the CSRS Campus Forum, held by the Centre for the Study of Religion in Society at Dunsmuir Lodge on Feb. 3, 2001. I also offered a frothy presentation called “What Does It Take to Have Four Writing Systems Rolled into One? Some Psycholinguistic Issues in Japanese Orthography”, for the CAPI Brown Bag Luncheon Series on Asia-Pacific Affairs, on Feb. 7, 2001. Besides giving the occasional talk on the campus, I have tried to stay active in terms of committee work, and was just elected to the Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee in the Faculty of Humanities. I am actively involved in Graduate Studies, and this semester have been a supervisor, committee member, or external examiner.
for 17 graduate students in my own Department of Linguistics, and the Departments of Psychology, Education, Educational Psychology, English, and Pacific and Asian Studies.

In terms of publications, the period also saw the final page proofs for joint-authored collaborative efforts by Drs. Tadao Miyamoto of UVic, Tomoyoshi Inoue of Doshisha, and myself with titles like "Cross-Linguistic Mental Representations of Katakana Loan Words in Japanese" in a conference proceeding from the European-based LAUD 2000 Symposium in Essen, Germany, and "Second Language Learners' Acquisition of Katakana Borrowings in Japanese: Help or Hindrance?" in a festschrift coming out of Fukushima University Press in Japan. Lastly, time was spent this semester reviewing H. M. Lefcourt's recent article on "Humor: The Psychology of Living Buoyantly" for the journal "Canadian Psychology" has convinced me there is a wisdom to this injunction and that CAPI is the place to do it!

PROGRAM 5: Human Security and the Asia-Pacific

Program Director: Dr. Robert Bedeski

The beginnings of human security as a concept in security studies are recent – from the mid-1990s and the UNDP Draft Report. The notion approaches security from the perspective of protecting individuals, as opposed to the state-centred approaches that dominated security studies in the past. It has been adopted by the Government of Canada as a major component of a wide range of foreign policy, and offers new intellectual and policy perspectives to the study and implementation of security in the post-Cold War era. Under CAPI, at University of Victoria, the program has broadened teaching and research opportunities both in the new area of human security and in more traditional security studies. Under this mandate, the program has engaged in networking and outreach to DND, DFAIT, the Canadian and international academic communities, as well as NGOs, foreign scholars and governments, and the local community, including Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAC).

Research & Conferences

The Program Professor, R.E. Bedeski, has participated in a number of international Conferences in the past year, usually presenting a paper on some aspect of human security research. These include

"Prospects for Disarmament on the Korean Peninsula: From KEDO to the Two Kims' Summit and Beyond Presentation", Biennial ISODARCO Conference on Arms Control, held in Xian, China, October 2000:


"Information Technology (IT) and Human Security in China" UNDP Workshop on Human Security: Development toward Human Economic, Social and Environmental Security, 30 October to 1 November, 2000 Beijing


"North Korea in the regional/global context and future scenarios: The DPRK in the North-East Pacific region" North-South Institute Workshop on the DPRK April 9, 2001, Ottawa, Lord Elgin Hotel.

Presentation on Chinese information technology (IT). Northeast Asia Regional Cooperation Conference, 30 November - 1 December 2000, University of Toronto


Organizer & presenter: CAPI Seminar: “National Unity in Three Modern Societies: Canada, Korea, and China,” Senate Chamber, University of Victoria, October 2, 2000

Recipient: John Holmes Fund, DFAIT, $20,000 for Workshop on Chinese information technology and democratic society. To be held October 19, 2001.

Teaching

During the past year, a new course, Political Science 448 (Human Security in Asia) has been added to the University of Victoria calendar. This course had been taught for the past five years, and attracted numerous outside lecturers, including the US Consul-General, various local experts in security matters, and naval intelligence specialists. I also gave a lecture on
Chinese information technology at Beijing University, October 31, 2000.

Other security activities


MARPAC briefings on Asia: as consultant on Australia and Korea to naval officers.

Participant: Canadian Defence Policy Consultation, Centre for Defence and Security Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 11-12, 2001

Submission of proposal to DND Canada for establishment of Centre of Expertise on program: “Human Security and Peace in Asia Pacific Region”. Unfortunately, not approved.

Visit to Taiwan, August 2000, member of six-person Canadian academic delegation. Meetings at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, various cross-straits agencies, and political parties research institutions. High point was meeting with Taiwan Vice President, Annette Lu.

Elected Chair, Maritime Security Working Group (MSWG) of Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security (CANCAPS), at Ottawa meeting, December 2000. Currently engaged in editing and organizing a research guide on Canadian maritime security, assisted by Commander (retired) James Dickson.


Member of Royal Roads University Advisory Board, Conflict Analysis and Management Program

Prospects & plans

During academic year 2001-2002, the Program Chair will be on sabbatical leave. Nevertheless, he will remain active in ongoing commitments, including organization of the Chinese IT Workshop for October 19, 2001, and participation as speaker in several conferences, including the Japan Studies Association of Canada meeting in Saskatoon (October 2001) and the University of Manitoba Political Studies Student’s Conference, January 31-February 2, 2001. There are also several invitations from DND Canada for field visits. He will visit Beijing, Harbin, and Seoul in the summer 2001 for research on China and the Korean Peninsula security developments. He will pursue other opportunities for expanding the human security program as they open.

PROGRAM 6: CAPI Administration

Helen Lansdowne, Assistant Director

As Assistant Director, I undertook the primary responsibilities for administration within the Centre. The organizations of CAPI activities this year, included a full program of Brown Bag Luncheon talks, monitoring the Faculty Research Development Grant program, overseeing the CAPI Student Committee activities, and coordinating the Student Fellowships and Essay Competitions. My responsibilities also included organizing the Dorothy and David Lam Lecture, which brought Dr. David Chandler to the University campus and organizing the annual CAPI Campus Forum. In addition, I coordinated the APEC Competition Policy and Economic Development Project that involved managing a large international conference at Dunsmuir this past September. My duties also involved assisting our CAPI Law Visitor, Luke Nottage, bring to campus a large contingent of international lawyers who participated at two on-campus events, the “Japanese Law Colloquium” and the “Japanese On-Line Conference (JALO4).”

Publishing duties involved the editing and publishing of Occasional Paper Series #25 by Dr. Kate Frieson entitled, “In the Shadows: Women, Power and Politics in Cambodia”. Other editorial duties included the January CAPI Newsletter as well as putting the finishing touches on the conference proceedings from CAPI’s 1999 Conference entitled, “Women’s Lives, Women’s Work, Culture and Development in the Pacific.”

Project development duties have included assisting with the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project, our five-year bilateral CIDA funded project, in the role of CAPI team research assistant and administrator. Duties have included assisting with the preparation of the initial Project Proposal, aiding with the organization of the Inception Mission plans, and helping to write the Project Implementation Plan. Other project development work has included assisting Dr. Huenemann with respect to his CIDA Gansu Project, assisting Dr. Bedeski with his China IT-DFAIT Project, and helping Dr. Kess with his various applications to funding agencies with respect to next year’s conference entitled, “Changing Japanese Identities in Multicultural Canada.”

Preparatory work with respect to upcoming conferences has include participating on the organizing committee for the upcoming the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies
Conference to be held October 25-27, entitled, “Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses.” As CAPI’s Assistant Director, I attended various CIDA workshops and information sessions over the past year, including the June International Cooperation Days events. Also, as a CAPI representative, I attended the Welcoming Ceremonies for the Ainu visitors at UVic and at Royal Roads University.

In conjunction with my CAPI duties, I undertook teaching responsibilities for the Department of Pacific & Asian Studies. During the Fall term, I taught a third-year level course entitled, “Southeast Asia From 1800 to 1945” and in the Winter semester taught the second half, “Post-War Southeast Asia” along with a fourth-year seminar course looking at current issues in Southeast Asia.
API Activities On-campus

**Brown Bag Seminars:**

Dr. Eva K. Neumaier, Dept. of East Asian Studies, University of Alberta – “The Land of Snow and the Chinese Dragon: The Tibet Question in Historical Perspective”, March 27, 2001


Dr. Joseph F. Kess, Acting Japan Chair and Professor of Linguistics, University of Victoria – “What Does It Take to Have Four Writing Systems Rolled into One? – Some Psycholinguistic Issues in Modern Japanese Orthography”, February 7, 2001

Professor David Linnan, Faculty of Law, University of South Carolina, USA – “Indonesian Developments”, January 24, 2001

Dr. Lisa Drummond, Centre for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore – “Socializing the Modern Vietnamese Family”, January 18, 2001

Mr. Art Wright, CAPI Associate and former Diplomat & Vice President, Asia and Multilateral Programs, CIDA – “Nepal: Development Aspirations in South Asia’s Orphan State”, January 9, 2001

Mr. Yuichi Kusumoto, Consul-General of Japan – “Japan and the Asia-Pacific”, November 16, 2000


Dr. Do Duc Dinh, Visiting Professor in ASEAN & International Studies, University of Toronto 2000, and Lam Visitor, CAPI/UVic 1994 – “Can Vietnam Cope with ASEAN Free Trade Competition?”, October 23, 2000

Dr. Timothy Lindsey, Associate Director, Asian Law Centre, and Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne, Australia – “Why Corruption is Necessary – Rethinking the Good Governance Paradigm in Indonesia”, September 21, 2000

Dr. David Chuenyan Lai, Professor of Geography, University of Victoria – “The Development of Asia-Themed Malls in Metro-Vancouver and Toronto”, September 19, 2000

Dr. Jonathan Rigg, Reader, Dept. of Geography, Durham University, UK – “Local Struggle, Local Opportunity: Tambon Thung Sadok and the Global Economy’s Effect on Rural Thailand”, September 18, 2000

**Student Brown Bag Seminars:**

“Human Rights Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region” Symposium, March 7-8, 2001

Ms. Catherine Sparks-Ngenge, UVic MA student and a Canadian who lived in Papua New Guinea for a number of years – “West Papua: The Struggle for Self-Determination and 30 Years of Human Rights Abuses”, February 26, 2001

Mr. Peter Golden, a local immigration lawyer and Mr. Eric Sama, a settlement worker with the Victoria Immigration and Refugee Society – “Immigrating to Canada: The Trials and Tribulations”, February 28, 2001

ROUND TABLES

“Software Secrets: Software Secrets for Asian Languages” – March 27, 2001

Research Roundtable on Chinese, Thai and Japanese languages. Presenters included: Drs. Richard King (Pacific & Asian Studies), Lin Hua (Linguistics), and Ms Laura Proctor (Computing User Services) on Chinese language; Drs. Tim Craig (Business), Hiroko Noro and Cody Poulton (both from Pacific & Asian Studies) on Japanese; Ms Jittiya Dearden (Pacific & Asian Studies) on Thai; and Mr. Martin Gerrity, Ms Kat Tancock, and Mr. Martin Holmes (all from the Humanities Computing and Media Centre) to talk about what is now on campus and what are the recent developments.

“Asia and the Internet” – February 19, 2001

Research Roundtable by Dr. Eric Manning, Nortel Networks Professor of Network Performance, Dept. of Computer Science and of Electrical & Computer Engineering, UVic to describe how computers, computer ‘chips’, the telephone network and the web have evolved, and how they are likely to evolve in the next few years.


Research Roundtable by Dr. Robert Bedeski, Dept. of Political Science and Ms Zhang Rong, MA Student, Dept. of Political Science, University of Victoria to discuss human security and information technology, as well as some of the current legal aspects of the internet in China.

VISITORS:

Professor Luke Nottage, Law Faculty, University of Sydney, Australia was the CAPI-Law Visiting Associate from February 1 to April 30, 2001. During Luke’s stay, he organized a CAPI Workshop on Japanese Law and gave several guest lectures at the Law School as well as presenting a CAPI Brown Bag seminar.

Dr. Li Ming-huan, Anthropology Institute of Xiamen University, China visited UVic and gave a guest lecture in the Immigration and Refugee law class on June 19, 2001.

FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS

Grants were awarded in an annual campus-wide competition as seed money for new research projects or for the development of courses. The awards are tied to visible outputs, such as the preparation of a larger grant proposal submission or a working paper completed within one year of receiving the grant.

Two grants were awarded in 2000/01: Dr. Richard King, Pacific & Asian Studies, “The Golden Road to Nowhere: Milestones in Chinese Socialist Realism” and Dr. Christopher Morgan, Pacific & Asian Studies, “Indigenous Economies in the Pacific-World System.”

STUDENT LANGUAGE AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

CAPI awards an annual research travel grant and a language study grant, each valued at $2000 to provide opportunities for students to further their study in the Asia Pacific region. This year the Research Fellowship was shared by four recipients namely: Hussein Keshani, History, “The Bara Imambara of Lucknow (architectural history)”; Eve Paterson, History in Art, “The Spiritual Resonance of Cows in the Art of Contemporary South Asian Women Artists”; Catherine Sparks-Ngenge, Institute for Dispute Resolution, “Indigenous Resistance to Land Resistance to Land Reform in Papua New Guinea: Evaluating the Impacts of the Movement and the Role of the Belief System”; and Sarah Turner, Anthropology, “Japanese Macaque Behaviour.”

Tanya Lloyd, Faculty of Business, is the recipient of the Language Fellowship. Tanya intends to study Indonesian language at Gadjah Mada University Indonesia. However, due to the unstable political situation, she has had to postpone her acceptance of the award.

STUDY ESSAY PRIZE

The Student Essay Prize competition encourages excellence in student research focussed on the Asia-Pacific. Meaghan Sunderland, a Law student, is recipient of the award this year for her paper prepared for Prof. Bill Neilson, entitled “Recent Amendments to the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law in the People’s Republic of China: Any Hope for Those Facing the Death Penalty?”

APEC Competition Policy and Economic Development Project Workshop

(September 22nd and 23rd, 2000)

In mid-September, CAPI held the first stage Research Workshop of the APEC Competition Policy and Economic Development project at Dunsmuir Lodge. The project’s purpose is to study the relationship between economic growth, national development policy and competition regimes, with particular reference to the diverse circumstances of the APEC Member Economies. Co-sponsored by CAPI, the Comparative Law Institute of Chuo University (Tokyo), the Global Law Institute, Washington University (St. Louis) and the Asian Law Program, University of Washington (Seattle), the Workshop brought together economists and competition policy specialists from Japan, the People’s Republic of China, South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, Taiwan, Australia, Canada and the United States. Funding for the CAPI Conference was provided by the Japan Foundation (US-Japan Center).

Dorothy and David Lam Lecture (October 12, 2000)

On the evening of October 12, 2000 CAPI had the pleasure of hosting the Dorothy and David Lam Lecture entitled, “Cambodia 2000: Shadowed By the Past”, presented by Dr. David Chandler, Professor Emeritus, Monash University. Dr. Chandler is the author of many works about Cambodia, the most recent being, Voices from S-21: Terror and History in Pol Pot’s Secret Prison. With an audience of over 100, Dr. Chandler’s lecture provided a challenging synopsis of Cambodian history, offering insights into the troubling governance of present day Cambodia.

 Asia-Pacific Youth Initiative Workshop

(September 20th, 2000)

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and CAPI co-sponsored a workshop that offered a platform for students from UVic and Camosun College to discuss the human dimensions of Canada’s involvement in the Asia-Pacific region. The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada sponsored five satellite workshops at universities across the country to integrate youth perspectives into their Asia Pacific Summit. Funding for the Youth Initiative was provided by CIDA as an extension of its Canada-Southeast Asia Youth Academic Program.

Campus Forum

“The Internet, the University and the Asia-Pacific.” (October 13th and 14th, 2000)

Held at the UVic campus, the CAPI Campus Forum brought together faculty and staff to discuss how the internet fits into post-secondary education. Three sessions of speakers were held covering a wide-range of topics. Panel One entitled, “What’s Happening on Campus/What’s Happening Around the Asia-Pacific” included presentations from Michael Best, English, on “Shakespeare On-Line” and John McLaren, Law, on “The Triangular Schools Colonial Legal History Experiment.” Panel Two offered presentations addressing, “The World of Libraries and Electronic Sources and the Relevance of the Electronic Library to Asia-Pacific Research” and included Marnie Swanson, University Librarian, presenting on “Cyber-Hype or Cyber-Hope: University Libraries Will Never Be the Same Again” and...
Renald Lafond from IDRC-PAN giving an instructional presentation entitled, “Welcome to PAN: The Pan Asia Network”. The final Panel discussed issues relating to “Electronic Teaching, Research and Intellectual Property: Constraints and Freedoms” and included Rebecca Grant, Business, discussing, “Electronic Teaching of E-Commerce: The Prisoner’s Dilemma.” Tim Craig, CAPI/ Business, offered the alternative voice with a presentation on “On-Line Education: It Ain’t All Its Cranked Up to Be” and Bob Howell, Law, gave a talk about “Intellectual Property Rights – Who Owns What?”. President Turpin opened the program and keynote addresses were given by Peter Liddell, Director, Humanities Computing and Media Centre entitled, “The Internet: Challenge and Opportunity for UVic in the Asia-Pacific” and David Strong, Centre for Earth & Ocean Research entitled, “The Future Is Here: Virtual Education Faces UVic in the Asia-Pacific.”

National Unity in Three Modern Societies: Canada, Korea and China Workshop – October 2, 2000

Conference co-sponsored by Korea Economic Institute of America.

This past fall, CAPI organized a conference entitled, “National Unity in Three Modern Societies: Canada, Korea and China. This day long conference addressed the question of national unity in three modern societies given the trends toward globalization. Panel One turned its attention to “National Unity: Canada and China” with Peter Meekison, Dept. of Political Science, speaking to “Canada’s National Unity” and Harry Hsiao from Pacific & Asian Studies, offering insights into the relationship between “Taiwan and China”. The second panel entitled, “Reunification of Korea - Challenges and Prospects” included Eric Altbach, an Analyst from the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. State Department, discussing “New Developments on the Korean Peninsula”, Kathy Oh, Institute for Defence Analyses, Washington, D.C. analyzing “The View from Washington” and Amy Verdun, Dept. of Political Science, addressing “Sovereignty, and the Modern Nation State - A View from Europe.” Panel Three, “Economic Prospects in East Asia and Korea” included Carl Mosk, Dept. of Economics, presenting “East Asia’s Economic Crisis” and Peter Beck, Korea Economic Institute of America, discussing, “Korea’s Foreign Trade and Investment.”

Downtown Asia-Pacific Developments Roundtable (March 14th, 2001)

Recently, CAPI has undertaken the organization of a new series of talks aimed at connecting University Asianists with the wider Victoria community. Under the supervision of CAPI Program Professor Bob Bedeski, the premiere to our new series took place at the Canadian Institute for International Affairs lunch hour monthly meeting March 14th at the Freemason’s Conference Centre on Fisgard Street. This first roundtable session included Bob Bedeski speaking about Human Security and the Korean peninsula, CAPI/Law Visiting Professor, Luke Nottage, addressing the changes in the Japanese economy as it pertains to law, and CAPI Associate Philip Dearden, speaking to the issues of environmental degradation in mainland Southeast Asia. With attendance of nearly 100 members, including several graduate students from the University of Victoria, the event was an overwhelming success.

Japanese Law Colloquium – April 3, 2001

CAPI/Law Visiting Professor, Luke Nottage organized a one-day colloquium entitled, “The Multiple Worlds of Japanese Law: Disjunctions and Conjunctions” bringing together scholars from Germany, Belgium, Australia, Japan, Korea, the United States, and Canada. As the title suggests, the Colloquium participants explored the challenges and opportunities arising from multiple worlds and discourses in Japanese law scholarship, such as the world embedded in the English law tradition, that in the United States and Canada, in Germany and Europe, and of course in Japan. Much of the discussion directed at the papers prepared for the Colloquium was done online ahead of the event. Colloquium proceedings are to be published by CAPI with the support of the Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney.
JALO4 – April 4, 2001

Following on the heels of the Japanese Law Colloquium, CAPI helped organize the Copymart Meijo Institute’s Fourth Japanese Law Online International Symposium (JALO 4) entitled, “Legal Education in the 21st Century” at UVic. Many of the participants at the CAPI Japanese Law Colloquium also participated in the JALO 4 Symposium as well as many experts from Japan. The Program offered much information with respect to education of legal professionals in universities, technical and applied education in the legal profession, legal education in other professional fields, and how to teach law to professionals in these other fields. This fourth Symposium was the first to be held outside of Japan.

Communications Program

The CAPI Newsletter, Asia-Pacific News, is published each September and January with the objective of chronicling UVic Asia-Pacific-related projects and research outputs. Contributions to the Newsletter are sought from across campus. In addition to circulation on campus, over 600 copies are delivered around the world.

The Occasional Paper Series facilitates the dissemination of research on the Asia Pacific which may not be published elsewhere or reflects work in progress.

The CAPI homepage at http://www.capi.uvic.ca is continually updated with information about the Centre, including a calendar of campus events related to Asia Pacific. CAPI also sponsors a homepage on UVic programs and expertise on Asia Pacific as a resource for students, faculty and others’ internationally and can be found at http://asiapacific.uvic.ca. In addition, the homepage presents information for potential students from Asia Pacific seeking information about studying at UVic.
Activities Sponsored by CAPI

Supported UVic students to travel to China with the “Chinese Culture and History Educational Foundation for Youth”. Students included: Michelle Lee, Hajime Miyoshi, Chantal Nowak, Mary Pomeroy, and Si-heng Tang in June 2000.

Art Exhibition by Mr. Semsar Siahaan, an Indonesian activist artist, entitled “Daylight Alienation” held at the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria in October 2000.

Visiting artists from Java, Ms Nia Fliam and Mr. Agus Ismovo, at the Department of History in October 2000.


Supported the Canadian debut of award-winning contemporary Japanese play, “Tokyo Notes”, written and directed by Oriza Hirata. The production was mounted by the Seinendan Theatre Company at the Alix Goolden Hall, the Victoria Conservatory of Music and included a cast of nineteen.

Exhibition entitled, “The Japanese Fishing Industry in B.C. Before World War II and Internment”, designed and installed at the Maritime Museum by students, Troy Hunter and Chisato Sawada of the Cultural Resource Management Program with the Faculty of Education.

CAPI Student Committee Symposium
(March 7th and 8th, 2001)

The CAPI Student Committee, under the leadership of law student Shanti Redi, organized a two-evening symposium that addressed “Human Rights Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region.” The first evening offered presentations from various faculty members such as Dr. Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Faculty of Law, speaking on the “International Protection of Human Rights” and Dr. Patricia Roy, History, offering insights into “Canada’s History: Civil Liberty Abuses of Asian Migrants coming to Canada in the Late 1800s to mid-1900s.” Dr. Michael Bodden, Pacific & Asian Studies, gave a presentation on “Human Rights & Minority Rights in Indonesia” and Dr. Jo-Anne Lee, Women’s Studies, spoke about the “Feminist Perspective to the Human Rights Discourse in the Asia-Pacific Region”. The second evening was organized in conjunction with WESPAN, a local NGO that was instrumental in bringing to Victoria Mr. John Rumbiak, program coordinator for ELS-Ham, the Institute for Human Rights Study and Advocacy, in Jayapura (Port Numbay). Mr. Rumbiak was the keynote speaker for the second evening of the Symposium and spoke about the political situation in Irian Jaya. An introduction was given by Ms Catherine Sparks-Ngenge, a representative of WESPAN and a graduate student in the Institute for Dispute Resolution.
Publications and Papers

Robert Bedeski


“Chinese and Canadian Views on Transparency: Cultural and Historical Constraints on the Open International Society.” University of Calgary, Centre for International Strategic Studies, Website publication.


“Arms Control And Disarmament in East Asia: the Korean Peninsula and the Taiwan Straits,” in Prospects for Development in the Asia Pacific Area. Edited by Robert E. Bedeski & John A. Schofield. Canadian Western Geographical Series 37


Ralph Huenemann


Bill Neilson


“Competition Laws for Asian Transitional Economies: Adaptation to Local Legal Cultures”, presented to the Conference on Law Reform in Developing and Transitional Economies, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, July 2, 2001