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# Director's Message



William A. W. Neilson  
Director

In the summer of 2003 CAPI celebrates its 16th anniversary as the University's first interdisciplinary research centre, marking the end of a very busy year. CAPI, if you will, was "rebranded" this year, as we adopted new colours, redesigned our website and resolved to improve and expand our communication with our readers, supporters and Associates. Perhaps your first sense of our efforts came with our Spring 2003 *Asia-Pacific News* and the confirmation with this freshly designed Annual Report. Cosmetic changes perhaps, but determinedly reflective of a new energy and commitment in the Centre's programs both on and off campus.

This year CAPI brought not one but two distinguished Lam Visitors to Victoria to provide leadoff public lectures for major conferences: Sir Hugh Kawharu from Auckland and Dwight Perkins from Harvard, dealing with the Maori Treaty Process and West China Development Strategies respectively. Our Research Roundtables brought research-in-progress to campus audiences and a good number of lunch hours were turned into learning experiences through the appreciated efforts of our Brown Bag presenters. Our Conferences on Japanese Multicultural Identities, West China Development and Vietnam's Legal Culture were well received, attracting hundreds of scholars and interested citizens from over 20 countries. Our responsibility, as always, is to publish the best papers from our seminars and conferences and the immediate results of those efforts over the past year may be seen in CAPI's latest publications, featured elsewhere in this report.

The efforts of two special visitors are happily acknowledged, beginning with Dr. Lu Ding from the National University of Singapore, a widely published economist who invested boundless energy into our China Program in many on-campus lectures and his co-direction, greatly helped by Heidi Tyedmers, of our mega conference on West China Development. Bui Thi Bich Lien, our first Vietnamese visitor, soon connected with the sizable Vietnamese law and society community on and off campus and provided marvellous support to me in organizing our Vietnam Legal Culture Symposium that was co-sponsored by the University of Washington Asian Law Centre and the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies. As you will read about in the coming pages, CAPI has also been very actively engaged in our two CIDA-funded international projects in Vietnam and Cambodia over the past year. Both projects provide excellent opportunities for CAPI's ongoing work in the region and will continue to expand the profile of CAPI and UVic in Southeast Asia over the next several years.

CAPI is a small unit by any measure but if you will check our website we are blessed with an amazingly productive and collegial staff group — Stella Chan, Helen Lansdowne and Heidi Tyedmers. It will come as no surprise to those who have worked with Stella, an original staff member of CAPI, that she was nominated this year by campus colleagues for the President's Staff Service Award.

Dr. Joe Kess runs our Japan Program, out-producing units with three times the resources. I have the honour of serving as both the Director and Law Chair. We draw insight and inspiration from the efforts of our Research Fellows, Dr. Hiroko Noro and Dr. Radhika Desai and our student volunteers. Under the initiative of Helen Lansdowne, we started our Student Internship Program this year, with three of our brightest UVic students heading off to work with NGO's in Bangkok in 2003.

In the coming year, we will be much concerned with 'renewal' realities as a new China Program Chair, a new Law Chair and a new Director will be selected, each to take up their duties in July 2004. In the interim, two China Program visitors will arrive in September and January respectively. Details of their programs were being finalized at the time of writing.

We thank our Executive Committee members for their counsel and direction, our External Advisers and Associates for their support and assistance and Vice-President Martin Taylor for his thoughtful advice throughout this very eventful year.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. Neilson".

# CAPI's Mission and Objectives



CAPI was established in 1987 as an important element of the University of Victoria'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 facilitate research on policy issues related to the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, the Centre serves as a regional research facility to the University and to the larger community.

More specifically, CAPI was established to fulfill six functions:

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

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;

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

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

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

To participate in networks of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests.



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# People at CAPI

## Director and Staff

William A. W. Neilson ~ Director  
Helen Lansdowne ~ Assistant Director  
Heidi Tyedmers ~ Program Officer  
Stella Chan ~ Secretary



## Executive Committee

William A. W. Neilson (Chair) ~ CAPI  
Gregory Blue ~ Department of History  
Leslie Butt ~ Pacific and Asian Studies  
Chris Garrett ~ Physics and Astronomy  
Joseph Kess ~ CAPI Japan Program Chair and  
Department of Linguistics  
Hua Lin ~ Department of Linguistics  
Hiroko Noro ~ Pacific and Asian Studies  
Anthony Welch ~ Office of International Affairs  
Martin Taylor (Ex-Officio) ~ Vice-President,  
Research

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

## Associates

Ercel Baker  
James Boutilier  
Christine Bradley  
Timothy Craig  
Philip Dearden  
James Dickson  
Derek Ellis  
Nicholas Etheridge  
Randall Garrison  
Geoff Hainsworth  
Ralph Huenemann  
Douglas Johnston  
Isabel Lloyd  
Gordon Longmuir  
Kenneth MacKay  
Peter Maidstone  
Ted McDorman  
Chris Morgan  
Catherine Morris  
Linda Pennells  
David Strong  
Tad Suzuki  
Chris Tollefson  
Robby Tulus  
Stephen Tyler  
Art Wright  
Francis Yee

CAPI Associates are attached to CAPI through projects and through their involvement in the activities of the Centre. They are drawn from the campus and the community.



## Visitors and Fellows

Lu Ding  
Department of Economics, Singapore National University  
Visiting China Associate  
December 02 to March 03

Lien Bui  
Hanoi Law School and Baker-McKenzie  
Visiting Law Associate  
January 03 to April 03

Radhika Desai  
Department of Political Science  
CAPI Faculty  
Research Fellow

Hiroko Noro  
Department of Pacific & Asian Studies  
CAPI Faculty  
Research Fellow

## Program Professors and Chairs

Robert Bedeski  
Department of Political Science  
CAPI Program  
Professor in Human Security and Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region

Joseph Kess  
Department of Linguistics  
CAPI Chair in Japan and Asia-Pacific Relations

William Neilson  
Director & CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

## External Advisors

Do Duc Dinh  
Jingjai Hanchanlash  
Timothy Lindsey  
Lawrence Liu  
Kimitada Miwa  
Masafumi Nakahigashi  
Murray Smith  
Yuen Pau Woo  
Shoichi Yokoyama

CAPI External Advisors serve as a valuable resource to the Centre, provide feedback on our work and help us to extend our networks.

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# CAPI Program Initiatives



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## Vietnam Legal Reform Assistance Project (LERAP)

In June 2002 CAPI was very pleased to learn that our bid to CIDA for a five year legal assistance project partnered with the Ministry of Justice in Vietnam was successful. CAPI is the lead contributor of specialist legal expertise in the project and is part of a four member consortium involving Bearing Point LP, trade lawyer Mark Sills of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, and trade economist Murray Smith of Ticon Holdings Inc.

For the past decade, CAPI, in the person of its Law Chair and Director, Bill Neilson, has been heavily involved in legal assistance, legal education and research projects in Vietnam. This work will now intensify as the first activities under this five million dollar CIDA-supported project are set in motion.

With activities starting in 2003, this Project will focus on strengthening the professional capacity of the Ministry of Justice to handle three significant legal change issues facing Vietnam:

- (1) the legislative compliance realities exacted by Vietnam's increasing regional and international economic integration, particularly its accession application to the WTO;
- (2) the pressing need, common to many transitional economies, to improve civil judgment execution, thereby encouraging a greater confidence in the justice system; and
- (3) the connected need for an improved capacity in comparative law analysis to ensure that foreign law models are properly analyzed for their suitability and adaptability to Vietnam's legal conditions.

Professor Neilson is directing the comparative law analysis part of the project, co-managing the civil judgment part and serves overall as the chief legal services advisor to the Project while Assistant Director, Helen Lansdowne, assumes senior management responsibilities as the Project's Technical Services Coordinator. UVic Associate Law Librarian, Caron Rollins, and UVic Distinguished Law Professor, Gerry Ferguson, are also principal contributors to the comparative law part of the project, along with colleagues from McGill and Ottawa Universities.

Through this period CAPI has been actively engaged in helping to prepare the Project Implementation Plan, which will chart the course of the project in detail through the coming years. Professor Neilson helped to carry out the Project's Inception Mission in October 2002. The WTO component started first in February 2003. Then, in June 2003, after waiting out SARS travel complications, Professor Neilson directed separate baseline studies with Caron Rollins and Don Rose, formerly of the BC Ministry of the Attorney General, of the Vietnamese Ministry's Institute of Legal Research and the Department of Judgment Management, respectively. A full slate of Project activities, in both Canada and Vietnam, will follow in the remainder of this calendar year.





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## Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project (CCLSP)

Over the past year, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, along with its partner, the Parliamentary Centre in Ottawa, has been actively involved in Cambodia delivering technical assistance for the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project. This bilateral, CIDA funded, five-year, 4.5 million dollar project is directed at building the capacity of the National Assembly and Senate of Cambodia and their respective Secretariats.

The CAPI arm of the program has particular responsibilities for enhancing the capacity of the Parliament and the Secretariats to effectively review, monitor and supervise government legislative proposals, including public consultation and education. In September 2002 and January 2003, CAPI Director Bill Neilson and Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne delivered a series of workshops in Phnom Penh resulting in the publication, inter alia, of *Rule of Law Norms Guidelines for Cambodian Legislators*, *Principles of Gender Impact Analysis of Draft Legislation*, and *Staff Legislation Briefing Note Template*. These three documents will form the first chapters of the Projects' *Parliamentary Practices Handbook*.

In the coming year, CAPI's work will focus on online legislative analysis assignments and a Canadian Study Tour prepared and organized for selected legal staff in the two Secretariats. As well, orientation sessions for the newly elected Members of Parliament will be conducted in the Fall of 2003.



William Neilson  
Director and  
CAPI Law Chair

## Governance & Economic Law Development in Southeast Asia

The CAPI Law Program concentrated on the development, management and initial delivery of two major, five year, legal reform projects in Cambodia and Vietnam, both won in CIDA competitions against other national contenders, and partnered with Cambodia's Parliament and Vietnam's Ministry of Justice, respectively.

In March, the Symposium on "Mapping Vietnam's Legal Culture" attracted legal experts from around the world. Publication of the proceedings is proposed for later this year, very possibly with the University of Washington Press while comparable efforts are underway to edit and publish, in English and Chinese, the proceedings of the equally successful West China Development Policy Conference, held earlier in the same month.

Program Director publications appeared in US and Australian journals and, for the third year, the direction and delivery of the Asia-Pacific Trade Law & Policy course in Chulalongkorn University's international LLM program was maintained.

To learn more about CAPI's Program Initiatives visit our website at: [www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca)

## Thanks for your support

This year CAPI received financial support from the following organizations for our various programs and initiatives:

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

The Japan Foundation

The Ford Foundation

Canadian Race Relations Foundation

Asian Law Centre, University of Washington

South-East Asia Centre, University of Washington

Government of British Columbia

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society

National Association of Japanese Canadians

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Joseph Kess  
Department of  
Linguistics  
CAPI Japan Chair

## Japan Program

CAPI's Japan Program has focused on positioning CAPI as a leading centre for Japan-related activities in Canada, and making this reputation widely known in Japan as well as in this country. To this end, conferences, symposia, and research projects have been initiated with a number of research centres, government and non-governmental agencies, and academic institutions in the field of Japanese studies. For example, the August 2002 conference on 'Changing Japanese Identities within Multicultural Canada' was an enormous success with over 200 participants, and financial support as well as active participation from research foundations and both government and NGO agencies in both Japan and Canada. The published Proceedings of this conference will be available by summer 2003.

Another major conference is now in the planning and funding stages, namely, the Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC) annual meeting, which will hold its meetings under CAPI auspices in Victoria in October of 2004. Those meetings are particularly timely, given that they celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of a diplomatic presence for Canada in Japan, as well as the 100th anniversary of our establishing a trade commission there. Not surprisingly, there has been considerable interest in our hosting these meetings for that anniversary year, and a number of government agencies and academic institutions have already expressed their desire to be included. The Japan Program Chair has also been invited by the Nihon Kanada Gakkai (the Japanese Association of Canadian Studies) to take part in their symposium at the Tokyo Embassy marking the same anniversary early in that year, and that Association has also promised to send a representative panel to participate in the Victoria JSAC meetings. A third symposium is planned by our sister university in Kyoto, Doshisha University, and the Japan Program Chair has also been asked to participate in that setting.

A number of research projects are underway or nearing completion. A continuing collaboration arising from earlier work on psycholinguistic dimensions of the mental dictionary with the National Institute for the Japanese Language has now begun to focus on two topics to do with cognitive mechanisms which enhance quick access to information in Japanese; the first of these has to do with internet access for Japanese research and the second has to do with marketing considerations of word recognition and brand names. The Japan Program Chair has also been asked to serve as an external advisor for a newly initiated project at the Center of Excellence for Studies of the Humanities Interface at Osaka University. Lastly, Drs. Kess and Noro have just finished a grant on 'The Role of Japanese as a Heritage Language in Constructing the Japanese-Canadian Identity in British Columbia', as a federally-funded Metropolis project on Research on Immigration and Integration into the Metropolis, and attended both the Global Diversity Conference at the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii and the National Metropolis Conference in Edmonton to report on this work.

Papers and publications by the Japan Program Chair include the editing of the 54-chapter Proceedings from the conference on 'Changing Japanese Identities within Multicultural Canada', together with Hiroko Noro, Midge Ayukawa, and Helen Lansdowne, in addition to one book chapter, one proceedings contribution, and four scholarly presentations (three at learned meetings and one in a university setting).





Radhika Desai  
Department of  
Political Science  
CAPI Faculty  
Research Fellow

## Asian Nationalism Project

### From Developmental to Cultural Nationalism in Asia?

It is fashionable to suggest that globalization spells the end of the nation state and makes nationalisms more and more difficult to sustain (e.g. Anderson 1996; Hobsbawm 1996). On a certain intuitive, but ultimately wrong understanding of what globalization entails, this makes sense. However, as more discerning commentators argue (Panitch 1998, 2000), states remain central to the task of constructing the international, regional and national architecture of globalization. Asian states seem as vigorous and active in the era of globalization as ever, and nor do Asian nationalisms show any signs of decline.

These are nationalisms of a new type. Whereas through most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, nationalisms in Asia were pitted against colonialism, semi-colonialism or Communism and emphasized developmental matters, today's Asian nationalisms tend to be preoccupied with issues of identity, whether religious, ethnic or cultural. "Asian Values", "Hindutva", "Confucianism" and "Nihonjinron", and a variety of complex intermeshings of national identity mixed with Islamism, define the new resurgent nationalisms.

With the support of CAPI, and along with a major SSHRC grant (and matching funds from UVic) Dr. Desai aims through this project, to explore issues of Asian nationalism, particularly in the age of the War on Terrorism. The first segment of the project will consist of a two day workshop on October 3 and 4, 2003 featuring contributions from outstanding scholars from across Asia. This workshop will be opened by eminent historian **Dr. Romila Thapar** presenting the distinguished Lam Lecture on October 2, 2003.

A second workshop will be held in October 2004 to critically discuss and coordinate the results of the new research. One of the chief research outcomes of this project will be the development of a new comparative approach to studying Asian nationalism and assessing its implications for the future of Asia and for world politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. These research advances will be compiled into a volume of articles written by the contributors to the project. In addition to this, a set of teaching materials and methods will be developed along with a permanent interactive website to service a world-wide network of scholars focused on Asia. Finally, radio and TV news and documentary programming based on the workshops, and special interviews aimed at the general public will make a direct contribution to public awareness and understanding of the subject.

## Japanese Canadian Identity Project



Hiroko Noro  
Department of  
Pacific & Asian  
Studies  
CAPI Faculty  
Research Fellow

### **Hapa Japanese Canadian Identity: An Exploratory Study of Identity Formation for Interracial Japanese Canadian Children**

Today, Japanese Canadians, including descendents of prewar Japanese immigrants, postwar Japanese immigrants and recently arrived Japanese immigrants marry outside of their ethnic community at an unprecedented rate. This new group of "Japanese Canadian" born from interracial unions can be called *hapa*. *Hapa* comes from the Hawaiian phrase *hapa haole* which literally means "half white and half foreigner". Once considered derogatory, it is now a common and empowering self identification tool for the people of partial Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry. Many argue that a common *hapa* identity is less rooted in the physical appearance or the culture an individual most identifies with, but is more rooted in the experience, parental upbringing and where an individual grew up.

The object of this pilot research project is two-fold: To explore the *hapa* identity of interracial Japanese Canadian children attending a Japanese heritage language school in British Columbia and to chart the role of Japanese as a heritage language in consolidating *hapa* identity among these children. To date, the data collection phase of the research project is complete and analysis of the data is ongoing. Preliminary findings indicate that there are two key factors at play in language maintenance and ethnic identity development: 1) locality and 2) family dynamics. Findings from this project will be presented at the 17th Biennial Conference of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association in Banff, Alberta in October 2003.

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***"This internship will allow me to put into action what I have learned..."***

**-Kate Vallance,  
CAPI Intern**



***"I see this placement as an incredible chance to acquire knowledge and skills that will later help me to strengthen humanitarian and human rights organizations in the Asia-Pacific..."***

**- Joanna Wong,  
CAPI Intern**



***"This internship is a tremendous opportunity to bring about change..."***

**- Shane Barter,  
CAPI Intern**

## Student Internship Program

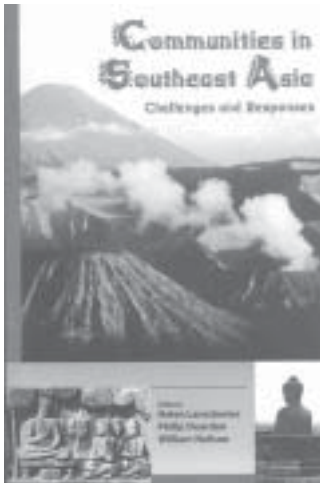
CAPI's International Internship Program for students was launched in November 2002 with the first CAPI interns arriving in their placements in Spring 2003. This exciting new program was created in recognition of the fact that students are increasingly turning to the field of international development as a potential area for future employment, a field that requires not only academic credentials but also practical experience. CAPI's internships will not only allow students to apply what they have learned and to gain some "on the job" experience, but will also give them a step up in the increasingly competitive job market.

CAPI's internship program offers students the opportunity to work with non-governmental organizations in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region for a period of four to eight months. The program looks after all of the basic expenses associated with the internship including travel costs and a basic allowance for accommodation and food. While the key focus of the program is to offer young people valuable international work experience, CAPI also recognizes that research opportunities, network building, and language training are also significant benefits that the interns will derive through participation in the program. Host organizations also benefit by having a talented and energetic young person join their team for a few months.

In this inaugural year, CAPI received a significant number of highly competitive applications from UVic students (both graduate and undergraduate) with an interest in the Asia-Pacific region. After an extensive recruitment and selection process, three exceptional interns were selected in December 2002. Joanna Wong, a fourth year student in Pacific and Asian Studies and Journalism, Shane Barter, a fourth year student in Political Science and History and Kate Vallance, a third year student in Pacific and Asian Studies make up the first group of CAPI interns.

A series of orientation sessions were held for the interns through March 2003 and included sessions on culture shock, living overseas, risk management, workplace readiness, as well as a detailed orientation to the host organization and country. CAPI's interns were also provided with an in-depth briefing session on Thailand by CAPI Associate Isabel Lloyd who has worked extensively in Thailand and Southeast Asia for well over a decade. Kate Vallance arrived in her placements with the Asian Regional Resource Centre for Human Rights Education in April 2003, and Shane Barter arrived in his placement with Forum Asia in May 2003. CAPI's third intern, Joanna Wong will be heading to her placement with the Foundation for Child Development in September 2003.

CAPI is very pleased to be able to provide this valuable overseas experience to some of our most talented UVic students who are specializing in the Asia-Pacific region, and hope to be able to expand this program in the coming years. To learn more about CAPI's Student Internship Program and our interns please visit our website at [www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca).



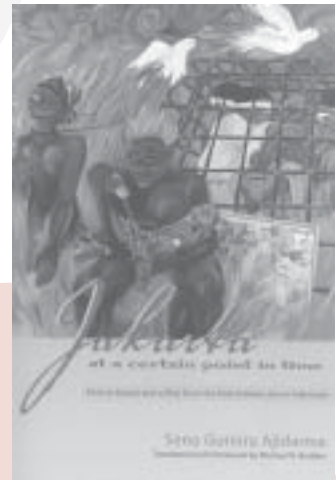
## Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses

**Edited by Helen Lansdowne, Philip Dearden  
and William Neilson**

The papers in this volume are selected contributions to the Joint Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies and the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference held at the University of Victoria from October 25 to 27, 2001. Topics range from environmental and resource management issues, to minority rights, gender and governance.

ISBN 1-55058-260-7  
Cost: \$39.95

## Jakarta at a Certain Point in Time: Fiction, Essays and a Play from the Post-Suharto Era in Indonesia



**By Seno Gumira Ajidarma  
Translated and Introduced by Michael H.  
Bodden**

This collection of stories, essays, and a play by Indonesian writer Seno Gumira Ajidarma, offers us a Dante-esque tour through the hell of the final days of the Suharto regime and the disappointing purgatory of the ensuing "Reform Era". While displaying Seno's virtuosity and diverse talents, these works also point a powerful and, at times, grim portrait of the impact of the end of the Suharto years and their immediate aftermath on many Indonesians.

ISBN 1-55058-261-5  
Cost: \$16.95



## Asia-Pacific News

**The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives' Newsletter published twice annually in the Spring and the Fall**

With the Spring 2003 Newsletter CAPI unveiled its new look. Featuring a new logo as well as a new layout and colour scheme, the Spring 2003 issue featured articles by CAPI Associates Linda Pennells and Nick Etheridge and included updates on many of CAPI's initiatives including our West China Development Conference in March 2003, and our Student Internship Program. The Fall 2002 issue featured an article by Richard King of Pacific and Asian Studies as well as an overview of the Changing Japanese Identities in Multicultural Canada Conference, hosted by CAPI in August 2002. Issues of *Asia-Pacific News* are available on CAPI's website at: [www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca) or by contacting the CAPI office.

## CAPI's Occasional Paper Series

The following papers were published by CAPI this year through our Occasional Paper Series:

**Treaty, Tribes and Governance in New Zealand**  
by I. H. Kawharu

**Canadian Labour, the Cold War and Asia, 1945-1955**  
by John Price

**Fisherman Without a Boat: Observations on the Contemporary Clans' System in Fiji**  
by R. Christopher Morgan

All of CAPI's Occasional Papers are available on our website at: [www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca) or by contacting the CAPI office.

## Nominated

For the Geoff Weller Memorial Book Prize



**Information Technology: New Dimensions of Government and Citizen Interaction, and Human Security in Mainland China, and the Taiwan Experience**

**Edited by Robert Bedeski and Helen Lansdowne**

Information Technology, published by CAPI in early 2002, was nominated for the Geoff Weller Memorial Book Prize. This collection of essays offers insights into the dynamic development and growth of information technology in Taiwan and mainland China.

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# CAPI On-Campus Activities

## CAPI Brown Bag Lecture Series

Wednesday September 25, 2002

**Dr. Sandra Fotos**

School of Economics, Senshu University, Tokyo, Japan and Visiting Scholar, Department of Linguistics, University of Victoria, 2002-2003

Title: *Heritage Language Issues in Japan: Current Perspectives on Minority Language Maintenance and Revival*

Thursday October 24, 2002

**Ms Abdi Suryaningati**

Deputy Director for Organizational Strengthening and International Relations, YAPPIKA (the Indonesian Civil Society Alliance for Democracy)

Thursday November 14, 2002

**Dr. Kenneth MacKay**

Director, International Development, LGL Limited and Field Program Coordinator, Canadian-South Pacific Ocean Development Program (C-SPOD)

Title: *Tradition and Conservation: Do they Mix? Lessons from Community Management of Marine Resources in Eastern Indonesia and the South Pacific*

**Dr. Dadi Darmadi**

Lecturer, Faculty of Islamic Theology and Philosophy and Researcher, Center for the Study of Islam and Society, State Institute for Islamic Studies

**Ms Ery Damayanti**

Network Coordinator, International Marinelife Alliance

**Mr. Lili Hasanuddin**

Executive Director, YAPPIKA

**Ms Titiek Kartika Hendrastiti**

Lecturer, Public Administration Program, University of Bengkulu, Researcher, Women's Study Centre and Regional Secretary, Indonesian Women's Coalition for Justice and Democracy

Title: *Reshaping Indonesian Democracy: The Challenges and Contributions of Civil Movements*

Thursday January 30, 2003

**Ms Linda Pennells**

Consultant, The Pennells Partnership and CAPI Associate

Title: *Engaging People in the Gender Agenda*

Wednesday February 5, 2003

**Dr. Lu Ding**

Department of Economics, National University of Singapore and 2003 CAPI China Program Visitor

Title: *China's Industrial Policy: Features and Trends*

Wednesday February 12, 2003

**Dr. Gaik Cheng Khoo**

Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria

Title: *Contesting Diasporic Subjectivity: Malaysian Independent Filmmaker James Lee*

Thursday February 27, 2003

**Dr. Radhika Desai**

Department of Political Science, University of Victoria and 2003 CAPI Faculty Research Fellowship Recipient

Title: *Hindutva's Victory in Gujarat and its Future in India*

Wednesday March 12, 2003

**Ms Bui Lien**

Lecturer - Hanoi Law School, Lawyer - Baker McKenzie Law Firm and 2003 CAPI Law Program Visitor

Title: *Impacts of Doi Moi (Renovation) on Women's Lives in Vietnam*



## CAPI Student Brown Bag Lecture Series

Friday November 1, 2002

**Mr. Tweedy Malagian**

Development Worker, CUSO, Papua  
New Guinea

Title: *Life in Papua New Guinea:  
Rural Community Development Work  
and the Melanesian Village*

Friday November 15, 2002

**Dr. Robert Bedeski**

Department of Political Science  
and CAPI Program Professor in  
Human Security & Peace in the  
Asia-Pacific Region

Title: *The North Korea Crisis*

**Dr. Andrew Anderson**

Department of Political Science,  
University of Victoria

Title: *Terrorism in the Asia-Pacific  
Region*

Tuesday December 3, 2002

**Mr. Mutang Urud**

Environmentalist, Borneo

Title: *Tropical Rainforest  
Destruction*

Wednesday January 22, 2003

**Ms Catherine Sparks**

MA Student in Dispute Resolution,  
University of Victoria and CAPI  
Student Research Fellowship  
Recipient for 2001-02

Title: *Rural Women and Corporate  
Globalization in Melanesia: Notes  
from a Research Project in North  
Ambrym, Vanuatu*

Wednesday March 5, 2003

**Mr. Jordan Anderson**

BCom Student, University of  
Victoria and CAPI Student  
Language Fellowship for 2002-03

Title: *University in Malaysia: A  
Canadian Student's Perspective*

Monday February 17, 2003

**An Afternoon of Documentary  
Films: Vanuatu, Cambodia and  
Canada**

**Kilim Taem**

A riveting videographic foray into  
the lives of urban youth in Vanuatu

**Wandering Souls**

A sad and thought-provoking look  
at modern life in Cambodia

**Who is Albert Woo?**

A humorous, postmodern look at  
how Asian males are defined and  
stereotyped in the global  
mediascape



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## CAPI Research Roundtables

Thursday February 6, 2003

**Mr. Nick Etheridge**

Former Canadian High  
Commissioner in Bangladesh and  
CAPI Associate

**Mr. Yuen Pau Woo**

Vice President, Research and  
Chief Economist, Asia-Pacific  
Foundation of Canada and CAPI  
External Advisor

Title: *Canada-Asia Relations – What  
are the Prospects?*

Tuesday February 4, 2003

**Dr. David Lai**

Department of Geography,  
University of Victoria

Title: *Impacts of Chinese  
Immigrants on the Suburbanization  
of Metropolitan Cities in Canada*



Monday February 24, 2003

**Dr. Hiroko Noro**

Department of Pacific and Asian  
Studies and 2003 CAPI Faculty  
Research Fellowship Recipient

Title: *Whose Heritage and Which  
Heritage? Changes and Challenges  
that Ethnic Heritage Language  
Schools Face in British Columbia*

# Students at CAPI

## Summer Students & Research Assistants

Robert Mackie  
4th Year Student in  
Pacific & Asian  
Studies  
Summer Student 2002

Barbara Zeller  
2nd Year Law Student  
Research Assistant  
2002-03

Jeanie Lanine  
3rd Year Law Student  
Research Assistant  
2002-03



## CAPI Student Committee

Ben Johnson, Coordinator  
4th Year Student in  
Political Science

## CAPI Student Interns

Shane Barter  
4th Year Student in  
Political Science &  
History  
Placed with Forum Asia in  
Bangkok, Thailand

Kate Vallance  
3rd Year Student in  
Pacific & Asian Studies  
Placed with the Asian  
Regional Resource Centre  
for Human Rights  
Education in Bangkok,  
Thailand

Joanna Wong  
3rd Year Student in  
Pacific & Asian Studies  
and Journalism  
Placed with the  
Foundation for Child  
Development in Bangkok,  
Thailand

# CAPI Sponsored Events

## Changing Japanese Identities in Multicultural Canada

**An International Conference hosted by CAPI from August 22 to 24, 2002**

In August of 2002, leading Japanese-Canadians, international scholars, governmental and non-governmental officials and others gathered at the University of Victoria for a conference on 'Changing Japanese Identities in Multicultural Canada.' This international, interdisciplinary conference explored the experiences and contributions of Japanese-Canadians and the construction and evolution of Japanese identities in changing national and international contexts. Nearly 100 speakers participated in 27 panels dealing with a vast range of topics including: Japanese immigration to Canada and the Japanese experience in Canada; Japanese-Canadian oral histories; Multiculturalism, ethnicity, and identity; Women's issues and images of Japanese women; Cultural retention and heritage language maintenance; Images of Japan and the Japanese in artistic expression; Cultural, economic and political relations between Canada and Japan; The impact of Japan's changing identity on Canada. **Dr. Roy Miki**, prominent Japanese-Canadian author and scholar, delivered the keynote address, 'Inside History: The Shifting Boundaries of "Japanese Canadian" as an Identity Formation'. The conference, organized by Midge Ayukawa, Hiroko Noro, and Joseph F. Kess and hosted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives received support from a wide variety of sources, among them the Japan Foundation, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, and the Aboriginal, Immigration and Multicultural Programs Division of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services in the Province of British Columbia, the National Association of Japanese Canadians, and the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society. A volume of Conference Proceedings, entitled 'Changing Japanese Identities and Multicultural Canada' is currently being published and will be available through CAPI.



## West China Development Conference

**An International Conference hosted by CAPI from March 6 to 8, 2003**

This international, multidisciplinary Conference attracted over 60 scholars, policy-makers and development practitioners from universities and institutions in China, Australia, Canada, France, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the United States. The Conference was opened with the distinguished Lam Lecture on the evening of March 6, featuring **Dwight Perkins**, the Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy at Harvard University. Professor Perkins' speech entitled, "Designing a Regional Development Strategy for China" provided intellectual inspiration for the remainder of the Conference.

Over the following two days more than 30 papers were presented in seven sessions focusing on: the Dynamics of Regional Development, Economic Geography, Human Security and Regional Impact, Human Capital and Poverty Alleviation, the Environment, Urban Rural Development and Regional Disparity. Some of the presenters and keynote speakers included: Wing Thye Woo, Department of Economics, University of California, Davis and Special Advisor, East Asian Economies, United Nations Millennium Project, Hou Yongzhi, Department of Development Strategy and Regional Economy, Development Research Centre of the State Council, PRC, Gregory Chin, China Program, Canadian International Development Agency, and Zheng Yuxin, Centre for Environment and Development, Chinese Academy of Social Science, PRC.

A CD Rom containing all of the Conference papers was distributed to participants along with their Conference Programs, and the edited Conference Proceedings published by World Scientific Publishing will be available in 2004. Generous support for this event came from the Canadian International Development Agency, the International Development Research Centre and the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada.

## Vietnam Legal Culture Symposium



**An Invitational Symposium hosted by CAPI from March 27 to 29, 2003**

This Symposium provided a unique opportunity for a small group of Vietnam law specialists from Canada, the United States, Australia, Sweden, Vietnam and elsewhere in Southeast Asia to present papers and engage in roundtable discussions on the present state and future directions of Vietnam's fast-evolving legal system. The Symposium aimed to answer some of the following questions: Are there legal answers to combating corruption, a priority concern identified in Article 8 of the 2002 amendments to the 1992 Constitution? How can we best judge the record of foreign legal assistance programs in Vietnam? What is the meaning of 'socialist legality' in post-*doi moi* Vietnam? Some of the participants in the program included: **Hy Van Luong**, Asian Institute, University of Toronto, John Gillespie, Deakin University, Australia, Pip Nicholson, University of Melbourne, Australia, Per Bergling, University of Umea, Sweden, Thaveeporn Vasavakul, Visiting Scholar, Yale University, Pham Duy Nghia, Hanoi National University, Vietnam and Bui Thi Bich Lien, Hanoi Law University and Visiting CAPI Law Associate 2002-03. Selected papers from the Symposium are currently being edited for publication. The Vietnam Legal Culture Symposium was co-sponsored by the Asian Law Center and the Southeast Asia Studies Center both at the University of Washington.

*"Thank you for the invitation to your stimulating conference [on Vietnam Legal Culture]...I was much taken by UVic and beautiful Victoria..."*

**-John Gillespie,  
School of Law  
Deakin  
University,  
Australia**



## CAPI Student Symposium

**Gender, Sexuality, and Identity: Women in the Asia-Pacific Region**

This Symposium was organized and hosted by CAPI's Student Committee on March 25, 2003 and drew in over 20 students, faculty members and members of the public. The evening event started with Dr. Lisa Mitchell, of the Department of Anthropology, presenting some of the findings of her current research in the Central Philippines in a talk entitled: "Body Image and Desire Among Filipina Girls in Negros Occidental". Following this, Ms Helen Lansdowne gave a presentation entitled "Reflections on the World of Women in Cambodia" based on her observations on Cambodian women as a member of the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project. The evening was ended with a presentation by Jo-Anne Lee and Eugenie Lam from the Women's Studies Department at UVic. This talk entitled: "Bubble Tea, Lotteria and Me: Sometimes I Don't Feel Asian/Chinese Enough" centred on the findings of a recent research study on racialized girls and social cohesion in Victoria.

*"CAPI did a first rate job on the "China Western Development" conference. The organizers created a wonderful atmosphere for relevant and strategic thinking on China's western development..."*

**-Gregory Chin,  
Senior  
Development  
Officer, China  
Programme, CIDA**

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# CAPI Awards and fellowships



## Faculty Research Development Grant 2003-04

Dr. Lily Dyson  
Faculty of Education

Project: *Enhancing Teacher  
Competence in Early  
Intervention for Children  
with Disabilities in Rural  
China through Canadian-  
Chinese Collaboration*



## Faculty Research Fellowship 2003-04

Dr. Leslie Butt  
Department of Pacific  
and Asian Studies

Project: *AIDS, Culture,  
and Politics in Oceania*

## Anand-Uvic Fund Graduate Scholarship

Ms Nijjaporn Potikanon,  
MBA Candidate  
Faculty of Business



David Turpin, Uvic President, Ms Nijjaporn  
Potikanon and William Neilson, CAPI  
Director

## Student Language Fellowship

Ms Kimberlee Hart  
2nd Year Student  
Department of Pacific  
and Asian Studies

Project: *To study  
Japanese at Doshisha  
University, Kyoto*

## Student Research Fellowship

Ms Jenny Munro  
MA Student  
Department of Pacific  
and Asian Studies



Project: *Decolonizing the  
Moral High Ground: HIV/  
AIDS and Youth in Papua*

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## CAPI Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award

Dr. David Lai  
Department of Geography



David Lai receives the Asia-Pacific Service Award from Helen Lansdowne, CAPI Assistant Director

## CAPI Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award

This Award is made in recognition of exemplary service in fostering knowledge of, and experience with, the Asia-Pacific region, including teaching, research, scholarship, collaborative programs, international education, student support and service to the University community.

## Student Essay Prize



*Honourable Mention*  
Mr. Leif Pownall  
Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

Title: *Bounded Communities and Flexible Exchange: 'Ohana in the 21st Century*

*Student Essay Prize Winner*

Ms Annamarie Ruelle  
Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

Title: *Starving Consumers: Culture, Gender, and Consumerism in the Aetiology of Anorexia in Japan*

## Dorothy and David Lam Lecture Series



Thursday September 19, 2002

**Sir Hugh Kawharu**  
Former Head of Anthropology & Maori Studies, University of Auckland, Ngati Whatua elder and recent Order of New Zealand recipient

Title: *Treaty, Tribes & Governance in New Zealand*

Thursday March 6, 2003

**Dr. Dwight H. Perkins**  
Harold Hinchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy, Harvard University and Director of the Harvard University Asia Centre

Title: *Designing a Regional Development Strategy for China*



## Dorothy and David Lam Lecture Series

The Dorothy and David Lam Lecture Series is named in honour of Mr. David Lam, former Lieutenant Governor of the Province of British Columbia and Mrs. Dorothy Lam, his late wife. The Lam 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.

# CAPI Chairs ~ Publication Update

## William Neilson

Director &  
CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal  
Relations

Neilson, Howell & Souichirou,  
"Intellectual Property Rights in  
Competition Law and Policy: Attempts in  
Canada and Japan to Achieve a  
Reconciliation", Washington University  
Global Studies Law Review 323-412  
(2002)

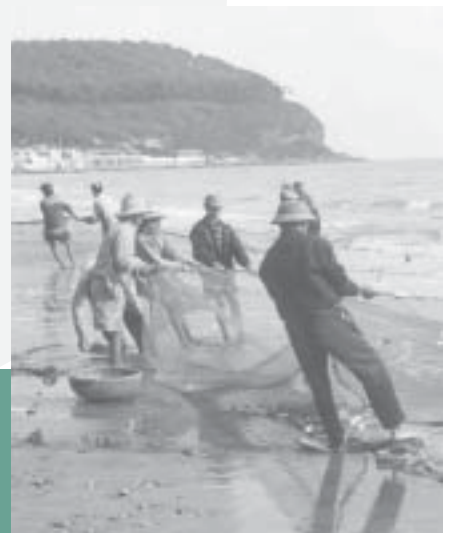
Neilson "Competition Laws for Asian  
Transitional Economies: Adaptation to  
Local Legal Cultures", forthcoming in  
'Legal Change in Developing Asian States',  
ed. T. Lindsey (Sydney : Federation Press,  
2003)

## Joseph Kess

Department of Linguistics  
CAPI Chair in Japan and Asia-Pacific  
Relations

S. Yokoyama, E. Long, Y. Kumagai, J. Yonda,  
and J. F. Kess. *Nihongo Toshō Johō o Kaigai ni  
Nihongo de Teikyōo Sisutemu no Kaihatsu* ('Developing  
a System for Presenting Japanese Library Information  
in Japanese Overseas').

Kess, J. F., Ayukawa, M., Noro, H., and Lansdowne,  
H., Eds. *Proceedings of the International Conference  
on Changing Japanese Identities and Multicultural  
Canada*, in press. Pp. 583.



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