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# Director's Message



Richard King  
Director

This has been the first year at the Centre for three members of the CAPI team: Law Chair Andrew Harding, China Chair Wu Guoguang, and myself as Director. Drs Harding and Wu introduced themselves to the University and the community with inaugural lectures, and have taken up teaching duties in their academic units, Law for Dr. Harding and Political Science and History for Dr. Wu. Both have been active in their fields of scholarship, and have made themselves available to the media for comments on events in the region, in Dr. Harding's case the Asian tsunami crisis, and for Dr. Wu the death of former Chinese premier Zhao Ziyang and the replacement of the Chief Executive of Hong Kong. As the three newcomers settle in to the busy life of the Centre, we have relied heavily on the experience and expertise of our colleagues, Japan Chair Joseph Kess, Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne, Project Officer Heidi Tyedmers, and the Centre's founding secretary Stella Chan. Thanks to their dedication and industry, CAPI has maintained a full schedule of activities, even as we plan for the future.

In recent years, the attention of government and the press has increasingly been on the rise of China as an economic and strategic superpower; in the process, the continuing strength of the Japanese economy, by far the largest in Asia, and the strategic importance of Japan, have tended to be overshadowed. An important corrective to this tendency was provided by CAPI's largest event of the year – and the largest conference in the Centre's history – when Japan Chair Joseph Kess brought together the memberships of the Japan Studies Association of Canada and the Japanese Association for Canadian Studies for three eventful days in October 2004. The Conference recognized several significant anniversaries in the relations between Canada and Japan, including a hundred years of official Canadian representation in Japan and seventy-five years of diplomatic relations. Invited guests included Canada's ambassador to Japan, Robert Wright, the banquet speaker at the conference, and former ambassador Donald Campbell, who delivered the 2004 Dorothy and David Lam Lecture at the University that presented the theme of the conference: *Why Japan Matters*. A conference volume, edited by Dr. Kess and Helen Lansdowne, has been published by the Centre, and will be presented at the 2005 Japan Studies Association of Canada conference.

In September 2004, CAPI hosted the second of the Asian Nationalisms workshops organized by Dr. Radhika Desai, of the Department of Political Science. Drs Harding and Wu joined the speakers already assembled to discuss the new meaning of nationalism in a changing Asia. In December, the first conference organized for CAPI by Dr. Wu, on China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism, brought scholars from both sides of the Taiwan Straits, Europe and North America to the University. Dr. Wu is editing a conference volume.

Not all scholarly interaction involves having contributors in the same place: this year, Dr Harding has brought together leading legal scholars from the Asia Pacific region and around the world in an ongoing virtual forum, the Southeast Asian Legal Studies website, which allows participants to post publications, news and opinions concerning specific countries in the region.

In the face of stiff competition, Project Officer Heidi Tyedmers was successful in winning funding from Foreign Affairs Canada that allows us to expand CAPI's International Internship Program. The interns whose departure for Southeast Asia and Oceania were announced in last year's Annual Report have since returned; seven more were selected this year, and departed for the region this summer. We are proud to be able to partner with the Federal Government to provide this kind of work experience in the Asia Pacific region to a group of talented and highly motivated young graduates of Canadian universities.

This year, CAPI Director Emeritus Bill Neilson and Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne have continued their work in Vietnam and Cambodia in CIDA-funded projects aimed at developing those countries' capacities in increasing the efficiency of their legal systems, and thereby increasing public confidence in the rule of law. Both have spent time in the region managing the project and conducting in-country training, and have hosted participants from Vietnam visiting Victoria.



An important part of CAPI's mandate is promotion of knowledge and understanding of the Asia Pacific here in Victoria, and we have continued to offer a range of events at home. Three of the participants in the Asian Nationalisms workshop gave additional public lectures on campus; a group of returning interns made presentations on the work they had done on their internships; and we have continued to offer lunch-time "brown-bag" lectures, participated in campus-wide activities to encourage work and study in the Asia Pacific, and supported student initiatives on campus. In early 2005, the Centre teamed with Camosun College to offer two "information sessions" on the effects of the December 26<sup>th</sup> tsunami and the prospects for the reconstruction of the region. Andrew Harding and Helen Lansdowne joined panels that included long-time friends and associates of the Centre for these two evenings.

This has also been a year for planning the directions that CAPI will take in the coming years. A forthcoming external review obliges us to define ourselves as we now are, and to develop initiatives that the faculty and staff members of the Centre have proposed or that others have asked us to be involved with. To succeed in the goals we set ourselves, we depend on the support of the members of our executive committee, our associates, and our contacts in the University, the local community and the international networks of scholars and students of the Asia Pacific region.

*Richard King*

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

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 participate in networks of organizations and individuals sharing similar goals and interests; and

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

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# People at CAPI

## Director and Staff

Richard King ~ Director  
Helen Lansdowne ~ Assistant Director  
Heidi Tyedmers ~ Program Officer  
Stella Chan ~ Secretary



## Executive Committee

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

## Associates

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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.

## External Advisors

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

Do Duc Dinh  
Jingjai Hanchanlash  
Timothy Lindsey  
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Kimitada Miwa  
Masafumi Nakahigashi  
Murray Smith  
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Professor in Human Security and Peace in the Asia-Pacific Region

# CAPI Program Initiatives

## Japan Program



Joseph Kess  
Department of  
Linguistics  
CAPI Japan Chair

The highlight of the Japan Program Initiatives for this year is certainly the hosting of the Japan Studies Association of Canada Anniversary Year/2004 Conference at the Laurel Point Conference Centre in downtown Victoria under CAPI auspices between October 15 and 17. The three-day event drew some 300 participants, and was the largest conference ever put on by CAPI; it was also the largest gathering ever recorded by the Japan Studies Association of Canada. Three hectic days were filled with 101 papers and presentations spread over 27 panel sessions and one workshop, and that valuable resource on Japan/Canada relations has now been captured in a collection of essays which is about to appear in August of this year. The two-volume collection is entitled *Why Japan Matters!*, and contains 61 chapters and runs 738 pages. We are currently in negotiations to have it distributed by McGill-Queens Press.

The conference was called the Anniversary Year/2004 Conference because 2004 marked the 75th Anniversary of a diplomatic presence for Canada in Japan, the year when the Canadian legation was established in Tokyo in 1929. In keeping with this event, we invited the Historical Division of Foreign Affairs Canada to hold their conference on the history of the Bilateral Relationship between Japan and Canada in conjunction with our JSAC conference. Last year was also the 100th Anniversary of the first Canadian trade commission in Japan, and so we also had several key panels on issues of trade and commerce between the two countries, as well as government representatives from both Canada and Japan speaking to those issues. 2004 was also the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the *Nihon Kanada Gakkai* (the Japanese Association for Canadian Studies/JACS), and so we invited three panels from our sister association and also had a joint JACS/JSAC panel on Japan studies in Canada and Canadian studies in Japan. The year also marked the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, and we were pleased to have their presence as well. Lastly, October 15, the very first day of the conference, was also the 71st Anniversary of the death of Nitobe Inazo in Victoria, and so we had several panels on Nitobe, as well as presentations by representatives of the city and the Victoria-Morioka Friendship Society on Victoria's sister-city relationship with Morioka, Nitobe's birthplace.

The other highlights of the conference included: the Dorothy and David Lam Lecture by the former Canadian Ambassador to Japan and current Co-Chair of the Japan-Canada Forum on the theme *Why Japan Matters*; a banquet address by the current Canadian Ambassador to Japan; welcoming remarks by the Vice-President Academic of the University of Victoria, the Mayor of the City of Victoria, and the Admiral, Maritime Forces Pacific (represented by the Commodore, Maritime Forces Pacific); keynote papers by seven prominent Japanese scholars from Japan; and overview presentations by representatives from Foreign Affairs Canada and International Trade Canada, Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (both the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa and the Japanese Consulate in Vancouver), and the British Columbia Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs. All of this was possible through major funding obtained from sources as diverse as the Japan Foundation, Japan Airlines, Foreign Affairs Canada, and the Department of National Defense, as well as from more local sources such as the Asia-Pacific Foundation, the Office of the Special Advisor (Policy) to the Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific, and the UVic campus. A certain part of year was then spent clearing up the details of the October JSAC conference, and finalizing the budgetary details and submitting the final reports to our various funders.

CAPI's Japan Chair, Joseph Kess, also took part in several conferences, giving papers together with Yuko Igarashi on *Japanese Internationalization and Canadian Multiculturalism: Parallel Ironies in Linguistic Policy, Practice, and Ideology* at the Japan Studies Association of Canada Conference and on *Language Maintenance Practices vs. Internationalization Policies in Japan: Tension or Linkage?* at the Canadian Asian Studies Association of Canada. Joseph Kess has also been organizing a five-person panel on trends in Japan's food culture and its huge food industry for the next Japan Studies Association of Canada meetings in Edmonton; and offered a tasting in an April talk to the Royal Society Luncheon Series, entitled *Food Fight!: Change and choice in Japan's culinary culture*.



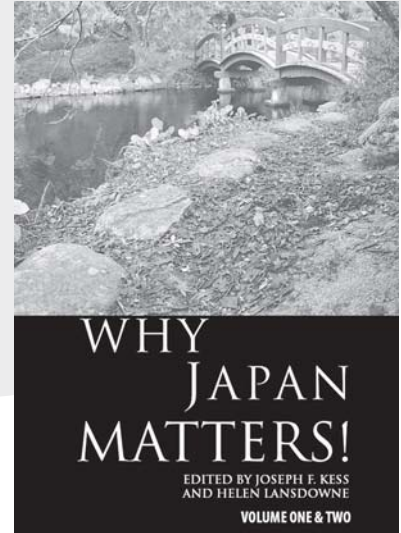


## Japan Program Report continued

During a May trip to Japan, in addition to visiting several universities such as Meiji University and Sophia University in Tokyo, CAPI's Japan Chair was invited to give several talks at Doshisha University in Kyoto (entitled *Bilingualism in Canadian Education and Higher Education in Canada*) and at Hiroshima University in Higashi-Hiroshima (entitled *The Realities of Canadian Bilingualism: History, Policies, and Practices*).

Joseph Kess has also been active with committee and consulting work on the national and international scene. Among other things, he chaired the panel session on *East Asian Security and Chinese Multilateralism* at the Conference on China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism, as well as the panel session on *Transnationalizing Japan* at the Canadian Asian Studies Association of Canada meetings. He continues as a member of the Executive Board of the Japan Studies Association of Canada, and was pleased to help Hiroko Noro as a member of the Organizing Committee for this summer's meetings for the Conference of Canadian Association of Japanese Language Educators. In addition, he evaluated a proposal for a new journal entitled *The Mental Lexicon* for John Benjamins Publishers, was an external reviewer for McGill-Queens University Press, and is a consultant on Tagalog for a University of British Columbia Speech and Hearing Sciences research project on developing language measurement protocols for Filipino children. He continues to be listed as a Research Associate at the National Institute for Japanese Language in Tokyo, as well as in the *Contemporary Who's Who of Professionals* (published by the American Biographical Institute), the *Canadian Who's Who* (published by the University of Toronto Press), and *Who's Who in the Commonwealth*.

On the campus, one of the highlights of the year was the awarding of the Faculty of Humanities Award for Teaching Excellence to Joseph Kess at the June convocation. Congruent with this activity, he also attended the 28th International Conference on Leadership and Teaching Excellence put on by the University of Texas in Austin (where he also mastered the Texas two-step), had a look at Rice University in Houston, and acquainted himself with Trinity University and St. Mary's University in San Antonio. As for university committees, CAPI's Japan Chair has represented CAPI in consultation sessions in the search for an Associate Vice President/Research, served on the CAPI Executive Committee, the Search Committee for a CRI Chair in Indigenous Studies, and on the Shastri Committee. He also tries to do his part on Departmental committees, serving as the Departmental Library Representative in Linguistics, as a member of the Applied Linguistics Search Committee, the Humanities Research Grant Sub-Committee, the Task Force on Teaching Responsibilities, the Appointment, Re-appointment, and Tenure Committee, as a sometimes member of the Graduate Studies Committee, and offering occasional service as Acting Chair for the Department of Linguistics capable Chair, Leslie Saxon.



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## China Program



Wu Guoguang  
Department of  
Political Science  
and History and  
CAPI China Chair

The major initiative of CAPI's China Program in 2004-05 was the hosting of the two-day multidisciplinary conference *China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism* which was held on the UVic campus in December 2004. The edited proceedings of the conference will be published in the coming year. Since then, CAPI's China Chair, Wu Guoguang, has also been in discussions with potential financial sponsors and collaborators during visits to Hong Kong and Taiwan, about organizing a series of conferences on China's foreign policy in the coming years. This idea has been well-received and planning for these future events is now underway.

In February 2005, Wu Guoguang was invited to meet with the Canadian Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Paul Martin, and was asked to give a short response to the Prime Minister's dinner remarks on the Leaders-20 (L-20) Project. An initiative of the Centre for International Governance Innovation and UVic's Centre for Global Studies, the L-20 project aims to provide pragmatic ideas and strategies to enhance the effectiveness and legitimacy of the international economic and financial system. Later Wu Guoguang attended, by invitation, the project's stocktaking meeting in Ottawa.

In November 2004, the China Program Chair was a keynote speaker at a conference on China's political communication at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Other conference participation this past year included: papers at the annual conference of the Association of Asian Studies and at CAPI's *Asian Nationalisms Workshop*, a presentation at a workshop on *Hong Kong Elections* at the University of British Columbia, participating as a discussant at the Canadian Asian Studies Association annual conference, and attending a conference on *Canadian-Chinese Energy Cooperation* at the University of Alberta. In July 2004, Wu Guoguang also made several visits to academic institutions in Beijing, China.

In October 2004 Wu Guoguang delivered his inaugural lecture as CAPI's China Program Chair titled "A Test of Sovereignty: The Transition of Hong Kong and Political Change in China". Other lectures were also given in the year including one at UVic on "The Unfinished Agenda of Zhao Ziyang", and others at the University of British Columbia, the Central Washington University, and at various think-tank organizations in Taiwan.

## Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project (CCLSP)

Over the past year, the Centre continued to be involved in the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project, the CIDA-bilateral, five-year, \$5 million project that provides technical assistance to 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 Secretariats to effectively review, monitor, and supervise government legislative proposals, including consultation and education. In July, 2004, CAPI Director Emeritus Bill Neilson and Assistant Director, Helen Lansdowne conducted workshops on comparative legislation research, primarily focusing on anti-corruption legislation. As well, Bill Neilson provided a follow-up workshop for senior legal researchers in May 2005.

In the coming year, CAPI's work will be winding down as the Project enters its final year.

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## Vietnam Legal Reform Assistance Project (LERAP)

In 2002 CAPI, along with a four member consortium of legal experts including BearingPoint LP, trade lawyer Mark Sills of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, and trade economist Murray Smith of Ticon Holdings, were awarded a bilateral CIDA-funded, five-year, \$5 million project to work with the Ministry of Justice in Vietnam. This past year has seen the completion of Year Two of the Project's program, encompassing the delivery of technical assistance in three distinct areas: addressing WTO legal compliance, strengthening the system of civil judgment execution, and improving capacity in comparative law analysis.

CAPI, in the person of Director Emeritus, Bill Neilson, directs the comparative law and civil judgment parts and serves overall as the chief legal services advisor to the Project. Assistant Director, Helen Lansdowne undertakes senior management responsibilities as the Project's technical services coordinator. Also involved in the comparative law portion of the Project is UVic Associate Law Librarian, Caron Rollins, and UVic Law Professor and Canada Research Chair in Law and Society Jeremy Webber.

During the past year, in the area of civil judgment execution, Bill Neilson assisted at a Round Table with the Department of Civil Judgment Execution in Hanoi to review the current operations of civil judgment execution, the needs and challenges facing this system, and to present a proposed informatics system that would improve the Department's capacity to enforce and execute civil judgments.

In the area of comparative law analysis, technical assistance has included a series of workshops delivered by Bill Neilson and Jeremy Webber to selected legal experts from Hanoi Law University (HLU) and the Institute of Law Research (ILR). As well, a Canadian study tour was arranged for legal researchers from the HLU and ILR to strengthen the Vietnamese legal community's expertise in comparative law methodology and analysis. In addition, two legal researchers from each institution were brought to UVic to take part in research at the Law School for a four month period. Plans are underway for the next two study placements to arrive at UVic in late summer 2005.

Finally, in the area of WTO legal compliance and comparative law analysis, Helen Lansdowne conducted interviews of potential LL.M. candidates that will be supported by the Project to complete their studies either in Canada or Singapore.

## Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Program

Andrew Harding  
Faculty of Law and  
CAPI Law Chair



CAPI's new Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, Andrew Harding, joined the Centre on July 1, 2004 and delivered his inaugural lecture to the UVic and CAPI communities on Thursday November 25, 2004 on the topic "May There be Virtue?: Human Rights in Thailand". His major research project over the last year has focused on "Law, Governance and Constitutional Reform in Thailand" and has been proceeding smoothly with one article in press, one book chapter in press, as well as one public lecture, a conference paper and two staff seminars delivered. A further article is in preparation. Negotiations with King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI) have resulted in an agreed program for the co-hosting (CAPI/KPI) of KPI's VIIIth Annual Congress, which will take place in the UN Centre in Bangkok from November 3 to 5 2006. CAPI's Law Chair spent four weeks in Bangkok from May to June 2005 carrying out further research.

Other projects currently under development in the Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Program are a workshop on Special Economic Zones in Asia in collaboration with Dr. Connie Carter of Xiamen University that would be held in Victoria or Singapore in early 2007. CAPI's Law Chair is also working on the development of an Asian Law Programme for the Faculty of Law which would potentially be launched as a summer program in 2007. The precise shape of this programme is under discussion, but it will likely involve cooperation with the University of Washington Law School and would bring Asian law specialists to UVic for periods of up to six weeks. A series of CAPI seminars will also be scheduled around this event. In conjunction with this, it is hoped that this opportunity could also be used to set up a North American Asian Law Scholarly Association and a workshop on the theme of *New Courts in Asia*.

CAPI's Law Chair has also launched the South East Asian Legal Studies (SEALS) website this year, co-hosted by the UVic Faculty of Law and CAPI. The website, which can be found at: [www.law.uvic.ca/seals/forums/](http://www.law.uvic.ca/seals/forums/) is gathering momentum rapidly, with new members joining and a number of scholars offering to take charge of postings on country-specific pages. Upcoming engagements include a seminar at Harvard Law School in September 2005, a seminar at Nagoya University in December 2005, a seminar at the University of South Carolina in February 2006, a seminar in the annual series of comparative law at the Asian Law Centre in Melbourne in May 2006, the delivery of the annual Professor Ahmad Ibrahim Memorial Lecture at the International Islamic University in Malaysia in July 2006, and the annual Tun Suffian Memorial Lecture at the University of Malaya in April 2007.

## CAPI International Internship Program

*"My placement has allowed me to follow my dream of working within my field of study. Without this experience, I am not sure that I would have applied for a position like the Deputy Director of an environmental NGO. My placement has increased my confidence in putting my administrative abilities and environmental knowledge into practical use. For the first time I feel as though my work is making a positive difference in the world."*

**Carla Schuk**  
CAPI Intern 2004-05

*"This internship program not only allows Canadians an opportunity to contribute to a worthwhile cause, but also gives us so much in return. In terms of my own life experience, it was a true privilege to be accepted for this program... The skills, lessons and experiences I've had in the past six months are irreplaceable."*

**Rebecca Plucer**  
CAPI Intern 2004-05

*"I have been extremely fortunate to be given this opportunity by the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives. It is inspiring to be surrounded by such enthusiasm and to be given the opportunity to connect and learn from people who work tirelessly to achieve their goals. It can be challenging to work in an environment where the language and cultural norms are unlike my own. It is through these challenges, however, that I am recognizing this internship to be as much an opportunity for personal growth as it is for educational advancement."*

**Gwyn Robinson**  
CAPI Intern 2004-05

CAPI's International Internship Program has continued to thrive and grow through 2004-05. In November 2004 we were offered two additional six month placements by Foreign Affairs Canada. Two new interns, Rebecca Plucer and Lisa Okada, were recruited for these placements and arrived in the Cook Islands and Thailand respectively in January 2005. Our original group of five Foreign Affairs funded interns - Allison Eades (Federated States of Micronesia), Nathan Elliot (Thailand), Meghann Gregg (Cook Islands), Zahra Ismail (Thailand) and Carla Schuk (Federated States of Micronesia) - completed their placements in February 2005. Our UVic funded intern, Gwyn Robinson (Thailand) completed her eight month placement in April. All of these talented young people have gone on to new jobs or graduate studies. One of this group, Carla Schuk, competed successfully for the position of Deputy Director at her host organization, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, and returned to the Federated States of Micronesia in February 2005. The program, both from the perspective of our interns and from their host organizations, was a great success.

In February 2005 we were very pleased to learn that we had received funding for seven placements for our 2005-06 program from Foreign Affairs Canada. Recruitment started immediately, and after another very competitive selection process in April 2005 - over 150 applications were received from across Canada - seven new interns were selected for our program. In late June this diverse group of talented young people joined us at UVic for an intensive four-day orientation. Sessions focused on a variety of topics including culture shock, safety and security, and regional issues, as well as a session on living and working overseas with CAPI Associate Art Wright and one on HIV/AIDS with CAPI Executive member Leslie Butt. Following the orientation, five of our interns headed straight to their placements in the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and Thailand. Our final two interns will be heading off to their placements in Vanuatu and Malaysia in early August 2005.



CAPI 2005-06 interns from left to right: Zoë Bake-Paterson, Katie Bisaro, Rachel Rouhana, Devon Peavoy, Michelle Rogers, Carla Taylor and Larry van der Est.



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**Zoë Bake-Paterson**

Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

Zoë Bake-Paterson, 24, of Vancouver, British Columbia, is a graduate of the University of Victoria with a BA (2004) in Professional and Creative Writing, and a Women's Studies Minor. Zoë will be working from July 2005 to February 2006 with the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (PIAF), in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, as their Research and Communications Officer. In this position Zoë will be involved in researching and producing reports and media releases on a variety of issues including access to drug therapy, human rights issues facing people living with AIDS, poverty and access to credit and employment, and gender and HIV/AIDS.

**Devon Peavoy**

Legal and Human Rights Task Force - Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Devon Peavoy, 28, of Peterborough, Ontario, is a graduate of Trent University, with a BA (2000) in English Literature focusing on Canadian/ Native Studies, and also has an LLB (2004) from Dalhousie University. Devon will be called to the Bar in July 2005 and then will be going to work from August 2005 to March 2006 as the Legal and Human Rights Task Force Researcher with the Legal and Human Rights Task Force of the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (LHRTF-PIAF) in Port Vila, Vanuatu. In this position Devon will be directly involved in research on human rights and HIV/AIDS, will play a leadership role in legal literacy and rights based training for people living with HIV/AIDS, and will coordinate and contribute to the development of a resource book on the complex legal and human rights issues associated with HIV/AIDS, specifically targeting policy makers and legislators in the region.

**Rachel Rouhana**

Asian Forum on Women, Law and Development, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Rachel Rouhana, 23, of Windsor, Nova Scotia, has just completed a BA in Sociology, with a Minor in Women's Studies, at the University of Pennsylvania. Rachel is going to work from July 2005 to February 2006 as the Women Human Rights Defenders Program Officer with the International Campaign on Women Human Rights Defenders based at the Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (APWLD) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This campaign was launched in July 2004 to address the critical situation of women human rights defenders who face heightened risks and vulnerabilities because of their work in support of women's rights. In this position, Rachel will conduct research, assist in policy analysis and advocacy, and will support the ongoing work of the Campaign to address the unique issues facing women human rights defenders throughout the region.

**Larry van der Est**

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Bangkok, Thailand

Larry van der Est, 26, of Heriot Bay, Quadra Island, British Columbia, has just completed a BA in Anthropology and Political Science at the University of Victoria. Larry will be working from July 2005 to February 2006 as the Human Rights Project Officer with the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (ForumAsia) in Bangkok, Thailand. In this position Larry will be involved in regional human rights program development, assisting ForumAsia staff in organizing advocacy campaigns, conducting research, analysis and report writing, and liaising and networking with UN bodies as well as local, regional and international human rights organizations.

**Katie Bisaro**

Child Workers in Asia, Bangkok, Thailand

Katie Bisaro, 23, of Vancouver, British Columbia graduated this year from McGill University in Montreal with an Honours BA in Political Science. Katie is going to work from July 2005 to February 2006 as the Research and Information Officer with Child Workers in Asia (CWA) based in Bangkok, Thailand. In this position Katie will primarily be involved in conducting research into the complex issues surrounding child labour in Asia, including the protection of child workers, the prevention of exploitative child labour and child trafficking, and providing support to CWA's network of more than 50 organizations working on child labour issues in 14 countries throughout Asia.

**Michelle Rogers**

Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Michelle Rogers, 27, of Vancouver, British Columbia, is a graduate of the University of British Columbia, with a BA (2000) in Psychology and a Minor in Anthropology, and has just completed an MA in Anthropology at the University of Victoria. Michelle will be working from August 2005 to March 2006 as the Research and Documentation Officer with the Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility (CARAMAsia) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In this position Michelle will be directly engaged in research into issues of migration and health in Asia, including data collection, analysis, report writing and policy development. Focusing on international law and public health, Michelle will assist CARAMAsia in producing information and reports, and in strengthening their advocacy capacity, particularly with respect to policy development.

**Carla Taylor**

Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

Carla Taylor, 29, of Grand Bend, Ontario, has just completed an Honours BA in International Development, with a Specialization in the Biophysical Environment and a Minor in Rural Development, at the University of Guelph. Prior to this Carla had also completed a Fine Arts Diploma at BealArt in London, Ontario with a Painting and Printmaking Specialization. Carla will be working from July 2005 to February 2006 as the Environmental Awareness and Media Specialist with the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. In this position Carla will be involved in all aspects of CSP's expanding Environmental Education and Community Outreach Programs and will play a leadership role in the development of publications, public presentations, and radio and television programming.

# CAPI On-Campus Activities

## CAPI's On-Campus Lectures

Thursday September 30, 2004  
Asian Nationalisms Project  
Featured Lecture Series

**Thongchai Winichakul**

Department of History, University  
of Wisconsin-Madison

Title: *The Past Outside History:  
Historical Ideology in Thailand and  
the Stories that Don't Fit*

Thursday September 30, 2004  
Asian Nationalisms Project  
Featured Lecture Series

**Ann Anagnost**

Department of Anthropology,  
University of Washington

Title: *Scenes from an Emerging  
Middle Class in China 2000*

Thursday October 21, 2004  
CAPI China Chair Inaugural  
Lecture

**Wu Guoguang**

Departments of Political Science  
and History, UVic and CAPI China  
Chair

Title: *A Test of Sovereignty: The  
Transition of Hong Kong and Political  
Change in China*

Thursday November 25, 2004  
CAPI Law Chair Inaugural Lecture

**Andrew Harding**

Faculty of Law and CAPI Law Chair

Title: *'May There be Virtue?': Human  
Rights in Thailand*

Monday October 4, 2004  
Asian Nationalisms Project  
Featured Lecture Series

**Georgi Derlugian**

Department of Sociology,  
Northwestern University

Title: *Chechnya: A Field Study in  
De-Modernization*

Friday October 15, 2004  
Dorothy and David Lam Lecture

**Donald Campbell**

Canadian Co-Chair of the Canada-  
Japan Forum, former Deputy  
Minister Foreign Affairs and  
International Trade, and Canada's  
Ambassador to Japan from 1993-  
1997

Title: *Why Japan Matters*

Friday February 11, 2005  
Special Panel Presentation

**Allison Eades**

CAPI Intern, Federated States of  
Micronesia

**Nathan Elliot**

CAPI Intern, Thailand

**Meghann Gregg**

CAPI Intern, Cook Islands

**Zahra Ismail**

CAPI Intern, Thailand

and

**Todd Bidderman**

Former CUSO Cooperant,  
Indonesia

Title: *Work and Life in the Asia-  
Pacific: CAPI Interns and CUSO  
Cooperants Share their Experiences*





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## CAPI's Brown Bag Lecture Series

Monday October 18, 2004  
Co-hosted with the Centre for  
Global Studies, the Department of  
Political Science and the Canadian  
Institute of International Affairs

**Honourable Joseph Caron**  
Canadian Ambassador to China

Title: *Dealing with China and Getting  
it Right*

Thursday November 4, 2004

**Richard King**  
Department of Pacific and Asian  
Studies and CAPI Director

Title: *Chinese Authors of the Mao  
Era: Writing Outside a Very Small  
Box*

Wednesday November 17, 2004

**Pornrat Damrhung**  
Department of Dramatic Arts,  
Chulalongkorn University,  
Bangkok, Thailand

Title: *Contemporary Theatre in  
Thailand*

Friday February 25, 2005

**John Curtis**  
Chief Economist, International  
Trade Canada

Title: *Asia and the Global Economy*

Wednesday January 26, 2005  
Co-hosted with the UVic World  
History Caucus and the Department  
of History

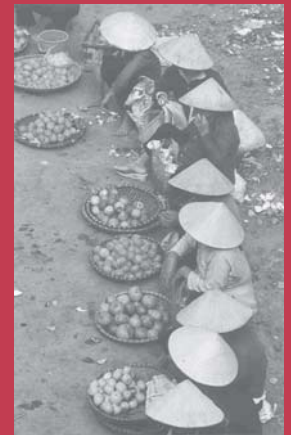
**Wu Guoguang**  
Departments of Political Science  
and History and CAPI China Chair

Title: *Zhao Ziyang's Unfinished  
Agenda: Political Reform in China*

Thursday April 7, 2005  
Co-hosted with the Faculty of Law

**Christoph Antons**  
Director, Centre for Law and  
Sustainable Development in Asia,  
Faculty of Law, University of  
Wollongong, Australia

Title: *Recent Developments in  
Intellectual Property Law in ASEAN  
Countries*



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Activities visit our website at: [www.capi.uvic.ca](http://www.capi.uvic.ca)

# CAPI Student Events



## CAPI Student Coordinator

Danielle Edwards  
4th Year Student in Psychology  
and Women's Studies

## CAPI's Work & Study in the Asia-Pacific Region Fair

Tuesday November 23, 2004

CAPI's second annual Work & Study in the Asia-Pacific Region Fair was held on Tuesday November 23 in the Student Union Building, and drew in many interested visitors from both on-and off campus. Organizations hosting exhibits this year included CUSO, UVic Career Services, UVic Co-op, SWAP Japan, the Pacific and Asian Studies Students Society, the International Institute for Child Rights and Development, UVic's International Exchange and Student Services, the Japan Co-op Program, and SFU International, who along with CUSO travelled from Vancouver to attend the event. Of course, CAPI was also there, featuring a variety of student opportunities including our popular International Internship Program. This year's Fair generated some media interest as well, and resulted in a feature on Shaw Television's *Daily Show*. Danielle Edwards, CAPI's Student Coordinator for 2004-05 should be congratulated for all of her hard work. CAPI hopes to cooperate with other on-campus groups next year, and potentially expand the Fair to include an even greater range of international opportunities.



# Keep in Touch

## Asia-Pacific News



CAPI's newsletter *Asia-Pacific News* is published twice a year in the Spring and in the Fall and contains interesting articles on the Asia-Pacific region as well as updates on CAPI's initiatives and events. 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.

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## CAPI's Distribution List

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# CAPI Sponsored Events



Radhika Desai  
Department of  
Political Science  
CAPI Research  
Fellow 2002-03

## Asian Nationalisms Project - Workshop Two

**October 1 to 3, 2004**

The second workshop of the Asian Nationalisms Project took place in Victoria from October 1 to 3, 2004. This workshop again drew in more than 20 leading scholars of Asia who presented and discussed papers on themes that emerged at last year's workshop and over the past year, including: History and National Consciousness, Re-Mapping Nations: Territoriality, Regionalism and Globalization, Cultural Nationalism: State and Political Economy, Nationalisms and the Management of Cultural Difference, and Intellectuals, Public Discourse and Nationalisms. Contributors at this year's workshop included:

Ann Anagnost, University of Washington  
Mohammed Bamyeh, Georgetown University  
Joshua Barker, University of Toronto  
Martin Bunton, University of Victoria  
Timothy Cheek, University of British Columbia  
Georgi Derlugian, Northwestern University  
Andrew Harding, University of Victoria  
Laura Hein, Northwestern University  
Pramod Kumar, Institute for Development and Communication  
Diana Lary, University of British Columbia  
Mary Layoun, University of Wisconsin  
Jayant Lele, Queen's University  
Hy Van Luong, University of Toronto  
Haideh Moghissi, York University  
Saeed Rahnema, York University  
Sumit Sarkar, Delhi University  
Mark Selden, SUNY, Binghamton  
Farzana Shaikh, University of Cambridge  
Jonathan Spencer, University of Edinburgh  
Thongchai Winichakul, University of Wisconsin  
Wu Guoguang, University of Victoria

This project is led by CAPI Fellow Radhika Desai, with support from co-investigators Michael Bodden, Greg Blue and Joe Moore.



Sumit Sarkar of Delhi University - one of the participants in the Asian Nationalisms Workshop Two

# Japanese Studies Association of Canada Conference

**October 15 to 17, 2004**

CAPI hosted the Japan Studies Association of Canada 18th Annual Conference from October 15 to 17, 2004, with the theme *The Anniversary Year 2004: Why Japan Matters More than Ever Before!*. This three-day conference brought together Japanese and Canadian scholars, governmental and non-governmental spokespersons, and representatives from the trade, business, and private sectors to discuss key issues in modern Japan and the relevance of these issues for Canada and Japan-Canada relations. The scope and breadth of the conference was exemplified by the fact that participants from a wide variety of government and research institutions participated, as well as representatives from many of the major universities in both Canada and Japan.

We were especially privileged to have, as our Special Plenary Speaker in the Lam Distinguished Lecture Series, Mr. Donald W. Campbell, former Deputy Trade Minister for Canada, former Canadian Ambassador to Japan, and currently the Canadian Co-Chair for the Japan-Canada Forum. Victoria's Mayor, Alan Lowe, provided welcoming remarks to conference participants, along with UVic's VP Academic, Dr. Jamie Cassels. Canada's current Ambassador to Japan, H.E. Robert G. Wright, also attended the Conference and gave the banquet lecture on the current state and future directions of Canada-Japan relations.



Participants at CAPI's  
China's Diplomacy of  
Multilateralism  
Conference

## China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism Conference

**December 7 and 8, 2004**

On December 7 and 8, 2004 CAPI hosted the multidisciplinary Conference, *China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism*, in the Senate Chambers at UVic. Organized by CAPI China Chair Wu Guoguang, and with generous support from the Foundation on International and Cross-Strait Studies, this international conference drew in leading scholars from across Asia and North America. The edited proceedings of the Conference will be published in the coming year.

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Anita Jowitt, Richard Eves, Nicole Haley and Holly Wardlow with the Trobriand Islands Prevention Display



Leslie Butt  
Department of  
Pacific & Asian  
Studies  
CAPI Faculty  
Research Fellow  
2003-04

## AIDS, Culture and Politics in Oceania Conference

February 2 to 5, 2005

In February 2005 thirteen participants from across the globe attended the *AIDS, Culture and Politics in Oceania* conference in Lihu'e Hawai'i. The conference, delivered as part of the Association of Social Anthropologists in Oceania meeting sought to bring AIDS issues to the forefront in Oceania, both in terms of promoting future academic research activities, and in galvanizing political decision-making.

Among leading academics, we were delighted to host the French researcher Christine Salomon, who has conducted a major research project on New Caledonia's indigenous Kanaky population and AIDS risks. We also welcomed anthropologist Lawrence Hammar, who is conducting a nation-wide HIV and STD sero-prevalence survey in Papua New Guinea, and Anita Jowitt, who evaluates HIV responses in Fiji from a legal and international human rights perspective. Australian researcher Nicole Haley queried how to implement HIV prevention efforts in the absence of effective health services in vast tracts of Papua New Guinea. Other researchers are tackling the impact of Christian thought on HIV responses. Holly Wardlow described communities in Papua New Guinea who are opposed to HIV prevention efforts, because HIV infection is taken as a sign of moral failing, thus validating church teachings. We were especially pleased to bring to Hawai'i Herick Aeno, from Papua New Guinea's Institute of Medical Research. Herick discussed statistics from Papua New Guinea which show 28 percent of those infected in the country are considered "housewives," while 12 percent are officially dubbed "sex workers." Litiana Kuridrani from the Fiji School of Medicine provided a paper focusing on the special risks Fijian women face as HIV prevention efforts continue to adhere to international norms, targeting sex workers and high-risk clients, instead of looking to cultural factors which ironically find conformist, conservative housewives at highest risk for contagion. This international gathering produced a set of cutting edge papers, currently being prepared for publication, which will increase awareness of the culturally-specific concerns that need to be considered when coming to grips with HIV/AIDS in Oceania.

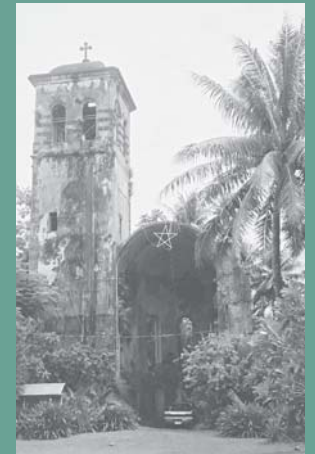


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## British Columbia China Scholars Symposium

Saturday February 26, 2005

The British Columbia China Scholars Symposium is a day-long event that brings together scholars of China from The University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, and The University of British Columbia, as well as Camosun College, Malaspina University College and other colleges in the Lower Mainland, to introduce and discuss their research. The symposium is held most years, alternates between the three universities, and is open to the public. This year's symposium was hosted by CAPI for the University of Victoria on February 26, and attracted a good audience of students, members of the public, and faculty members from the various universities and colleges.

Three panels of speakers focussed on areas of research well represented in BC's community of China scholars: the study of the Chinese in Canada and their relations with the communities of the mainland; studies of historical and contemporary Chinese film; and studies of the history, society and art of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). The local speakers were joined by Andrew Jones, from the University of California, Berkeley, a specialist on literature, film and popular music of the Republican and contemporary periods, who was visiting the University as a Lansdowne lecturer in the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies. The colloquium allows colleagues to share research, and present work in a relatively informal gathering of experts and non-specialists. In 2006, the BC China Scholars will reconvene at Simon Fraser University.

# CAPI Awards and fellowships

## Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship

Mr Roongrojana  
Songprakorp, PhD  
Candidate  
Department of Mechanical  
Engineering



Richard King and Roongrojana Songprakorp,  
Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship  
Winner for 2004-05



## Student Research Fellowship

Mr Thane Bonar  
MA Student  
Department Political  
Science

Project: *Hanuman's Army:  
Hindutva and Tribal  
Conversion in the Dangs*



## Student Language Fellowship

Ms Genevieve Gamache  
MA Student  
Department of History in  
Art

Project: To study the Thai  
language at AAA Thai  
Language College in  
Bangkok, Thailand

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## CAPI Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award



Ms Stella Chan  
CAPI's Secretary since 1988 and the recipient of the 2004-05 Annual Asia-Pacific Service Award

## 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



*Student Essay Prize Winner*

Ms Arbinder (Angie)  
Mallhi  
Department of History  
in Art

Title: *The Illusion of Secularism: Mani Ratnam's "Bombay" and the Consolidation of Hindu Hegemony*

*Student Essay Prize Honourable Mention*

Ms Nicole Simes  
Department of Pacific  
and Asian Studies

Title: *Missions, Medicine and Maisin - The Epiphenomenon of Christianity's Medical Influence Among the Maisin of Papua New Guinea*

## Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship

The Anand-UVic Fund was established in 1996 in honour of H.E. Anand Panyarachun, LL.D. (UVic 1993), one of Thailand's most respected public figures and UVic's Honorary Patron in Thailand. All donations to the Fund have been made by Thai business leaders and companies in honour of Khun Anand.

## Dorothy and David Lam Lecture Series

The Dorothy and David Lam Lecture Series is named in honour of Dr. 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.

## Dorothy and David Lam Lecture Series

Friday October 15, 2004

**Dr Donald Campbell**  
Canadian Co-Chair of the Canada-Japan Forum, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Canada's Ambassador to Japan from 1993-1997

Title: *Why Japan Matters*



# CAPI Chairs ~ Publication Update

## Andrew Harding

Faculty of Law  
CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

Harding, Andrew. "The Westminster Model Consitution Overseas: Transplantation, Adaptation and Development in Commonwealth States", *Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal*, Winter 2005, Pp. 137-162.

Harding, Andrew. "Thailand's Reforms: Human Rights and the National Commission", *Journal of Comparative Law* 1 (2005).

## Joseph Kess

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

Kess, J.F. and Helen Lansdowne, Eds. *Why Japan Matters! Volumes 1 and 2*, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria. Pp 738.

Kess, J.F. and Helen Lansdowne. Introductory Chapter. In *Why Japan Matters!* edited by J.F. Kess and Helen Lansdowne. Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria. Pp. 5-19.

Igarashi, Y., and Kess, J.F. *Japanese Internationalization and Canadian Multiculturalism: Parallel Ironies in Linguistic Policy, Practice, and Ideology*. In *Why Japan Matters!* edited by J.F. Kess and Helen Lansdowne. Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria. Pp. 505-516.

Kess, J.F. "On the History, Use, and Structure of Japanese Kanji", *Glossometrics*, 2005, in press. Pp. 16.

Kess, J.F. Review of Patricia J. Wetzel. *Keigo in Modern Japan: Polite Language from Meiji to the Present*. *Pacific Affairs*, 2004, 77, Issue 3, Pp. 589-590.

## Wu Guoguang

Departments of Political Science and History  
CAPI Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

Yongnian Zhaeng and Guoguang Wu, "Information Technologies, Public Space, and Collective Action in China", *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol 38, No 5 (June 2005), Pp. 507-536.

Wu Guoguang, Zhang Weiguo, and Bao Pu, Eds. *Zhao Lives: A Collection of Commemorative Essays*, Hong Kong: Pacific Century Press, 604 p. [in Chinese].







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