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Andrew Harding
Director

Director's Message

This is my first Annual Report as Director, a position which with enormous pleasure I assumed on July 1, 2009 when I replaced Dr. Richard King. This event entailed a slight restructuring exercise, which was designed to enable me to continue to fulfil my obligations as Law Chair both in CAPI and in the Faculty of Law, namely the redrafting of job descriptions for the Associate Director and Program Manager. Our sincerest thanks go to Richard for all his work for CAPI as our Director over five years from 2004 to 2009. Richard brought to us his extensive knowledge and expertise on China and the region, as well as his wisdom and charm as Director. I would have added that Richard will be sorely missed but for the fact that he has continued to be active as a CAPI Associate, organising a conference on China-Canada relations in November 2009.

This was not the only major change for us. In February 2009 we lost our long-time Secretary Stella Chan; Stella was replaced by Doug Thompson, and we were also joined by Kristy Farkas as Program Assistant. Stella was a much-loved presence who for many years defined CAPI to the world outside our doors. We are all very grateful to Stella for her huge contribution to CAPI in so many ways, over so many years. I am happy to report that Doug and Kristy have both quickly endeared themselves to us with their impressive array of skills and knowledge. Both of them have extensive qualifications and experience relating to the Asia-Pacific region.

I am happy to report yet another very successful and certainly very busy year at CAPI, despite all these changes. In addition to the usual round of activities – our lunch hour talks, special lectures and awards, which act as UVic's window on the region – we organised a number of special events which enlarged that window to a landscape view.

Most prominent of these events were: a Symposium on 'Development: Institution Building and Human Rights' involving our Associates Isabel Lloyd, Gordon Longmuir and Stacey Lambert along with Peter Hoffman, held in November 2008; the 2nd Annual Albert Hung Chao Hong Lecture, delivered by Professor Carma Hinton in January 2009; a conference on "Special Economic Zones in Asian Market Economies: ['SEZAME'] What is Next for SEZs?", held in February of 2009 in conjunction with the Faculty of Law of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan (where the conference was held), and the Faculty of Management of Royal Roads University in Victoria, Canada; the 2nd International Association of Performing Language Conference, held at UVic in March 2009 co-organized by Hiroko Noro and Cody Poulton; a CAPI Student Symposium on Development held at UVic in March 2009; and a Symposium on 'One Hundred Years of Legal Development in Thailand' held in Victoria in June 2009.

Our remarkable International Internship Program continued to send young Canadians to the Asia-Pacific, making significant contributions to valuable civil society organizations in the region, and supporting the interns in acquiring life-defining skills and experience. An unprecedented 15 interns finished their placements in 2008-09 and 13 new interns were selected for the 2009-2010 program.

Overall this year brought many changes to the Centre, but also brought much success as our programs and initiatives continued to thrive and develop. I look forward to my next three years as Director and to continuing to build on the energy and wisdom of my esteemed predecessors.



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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our website at: www.capi.uvic.ca

People at CAPI



Director and Staff

Richard King ~ Director
Helen Lansdowne ~ Associate Director
Heidi Tyedmers ~ Program Manager
Kristy Farkas ~ Program Assistant
Stella Chan ~ Secretary (until February 2009)
Douglas Thompson ~ Secretary (from February 2009)

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

Executive Committee

Richard King (Chair) ~ CAPI and Department of Pacific and Asian Studies
Jim Anglin ~ Director, Office of International Affairs
Howard Brunt (Ex-Officio) ~ Vice-President, Research
Philip Dearden ~ Department of Geography
Chris Garrett ~ Department of Physics and Astronomy
Wu Guoguang ~ CAPI and Departments of Political Science and History
Peter Keller ~ Dean of Social Sciences
Jeremy Webber ~ Faculty of Law
Feng Xu ~ Department of Political Science

Associates

Ercel Baker
James Boutilier
Christine Bradley
Connie Carter
Xiaobei Chen
Timothy Craig
Philip Dearden
Derek Ellis
Nicholas Etheridge
Stewart Goodings
Thomas Guo Guoting
Geoff Hainsworth
Jingjai Hanchanlash
Carin Holroyd
Ralph Huenemann
David Lai
Stacey Lambert
Sharon Lee
Tim Lindsey
Lawrence Liu
Isabel Lloyd
Gordon Longmuir
Lu Ding
Kenneth MacKay
Peter Maidstone
Ted McDorman
Chris Morgan
Catherine Morris
Masafumi Nakahigashi
Pip Nicholson
Linda Pennells
William Ross
Randall Sach
Anne Park Shannon
Mark Sidel
Ivan Somlai
Tad Suzuki
Robby Tulus
Stephen Tyler
Art Wright
Francis Yee

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

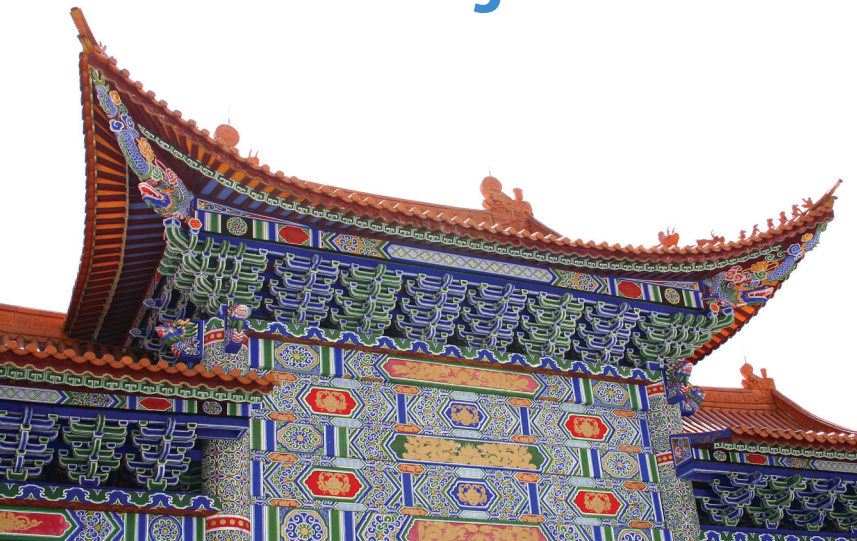
Chairs and Program Professors

Andrew Harding
Faculty of Law
CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific
Legal Relations

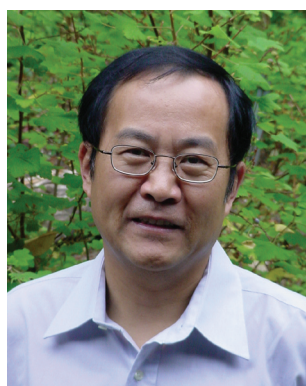
Wu Guoguang
Departments of
Political Science and
History
CAPI Chair in China
and
Asia-Pacific Relations



CAPI Program Initiatives



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



China and Asia-Pacific Relations Program

During this reporting period, CAPI's China Chair was actively engaged in outreach, and participated in numerous academic events and research trips. He attended seven conferences, presented seven papers, and delivered three talks, as well as serving as a panelist and panel chair on various occasions. The China Chair travelled to Hong Kong, Xiamen, Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Tokyo, Dubai, New York, Los Angeles, and several cities within Canada, where he maintained or built new ties for CAPI and UVic. In the summer and fall of 2008, he helped to organize a conference on 'China's Lessons in the Past and Challenges in the Future: The 50th Anniversary of the Great Famine and the 30th Anniversary of Economic Reform,' co-sponsored by the Foundation for China in the 21st Century and Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

In addition to his continuous membership on the editorial board of several international academic journals on Asia and China studies, CAPI's China Chair was invited to join the editorial board of the online site 'China In Perspective' (www.chinainperspective.com) sponsored by the China Initiative at Princeton University, and the journal *East Asian Policy*, edited by the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore. As well, in 2008-09, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Center for Modern China, also based at Princeton University. In addition to these duties he also served as an anonymous referee for the *Journal of Third World Studies*, *East Asia International Quarterly*, *Governance*, and *China Quarterly*, as an external examiner of a doctoral dissertation in Australia, and as an external reviewer of academic appointment and promotion at several Canadian, American, and Asian academic institutions.

On the home front, among his regular teaching, research, and service responsibilities, the China Chair has supervised or co-supervised five graduate students, sat on the examination committees of three other MA thesis or Ph.D. dissertations, and participated in the CAPI Director search in the fall of 2008. His scholarly publications in this period include one single-authored book, three co-edited volumes, four referred journal articles, six peer-reviewed book chapters, and several reprints. Outside of academia the China Chair produced work in the area of policy and multimedia, mainly in the Chinese language, and was listed by Chinese Internet users as one of the '100 Chinese public intellectuals' in both 2008 and 2009.

Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Program



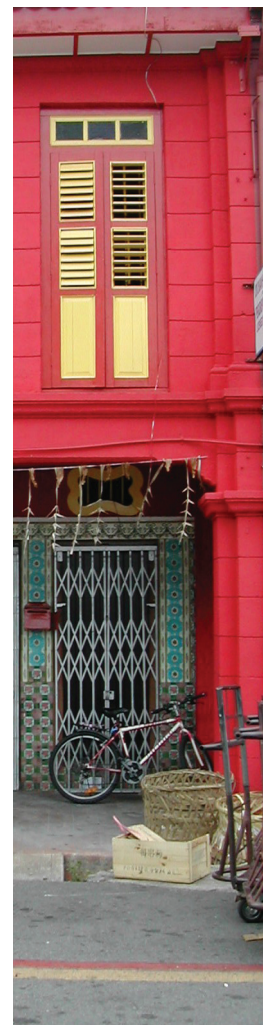
Andrew Harding
Faculty of Law and
CAPI Law Chair

It was another busy year for CAPI's Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Program. In July 2008 the year started off with the Faculty of Law and CAPI collaborating to deliver the first judicial training program to a group of high level Thai judges. The topic of this inaugural program was "Environmental Law" and featured a full week of workshops delivered by specialists and practitioners from UVic and the surrounding legal community. Beyond the academic component, the group of thirty judges spent time exploring the beauty of the West Coast through visits to Swan Lake and Butchart Gardens, and a whale watching excursion. The training program was so successful that a second group visited in March 2009 for a shorter program on Criminal Justice, also organized by CAPI's Law Chair, and co-hosted by the Faculty of Law and CAPI. It has been agreed with the Office of the Judiciary in Bangkok that we will continue to deliver similar training workshops in the future.

In February of 2009, CAPI in conjunction with the Faculty of Law of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan, together with the Faculty of Management of Royal Roads University in Victoria, Canada jointly organized a highly successful conference on "Special Economic Zones in Asian Market Economies: ['SEZAME'] What is Next for SEZs?" held at Kyushu University's Nishijin Plaza in Fukuoka. This Conference aimed to analyze and critique the law, policy, regulation, sustainability and outcomes of SEZs in Asia. This conference was the first step in a series of workshops, research papers and multi-disciplinary dialogues on the regulation of SEZs. It is intended that CAPI will organise another conference jointly with Royal Roads University in Victoria in July 2010. A book based on the proceedings of the Fukuoka conference is also expected to appear in mid-2010.

Following closely on the heels of the Kyushu conference, a Symposium on "A Hundred Years of Legal Development in Thailand" was held at the UVic campus in March 2009, looking at the nature of law and legal development over 100 years of the reforms in Thailand. The Symposium brought together Thai and Western scholars in a number of different areas with the common aim of shedding light on law and society in a country whose law has been little studied. The program also featured Apirat Petchsiri of Chulalongkorn University, a preeminent Thai legal scholar who remained on campus to deliver various guest lectures, as well as a CAPI lunch hour talk.

2008 also saw the release of a 600 page book on "Constitution Reform: Comparative Perspectives", co-edited by CAPI's Law Chair. This volume focusing, on constitutional reform in the Thai context featured contributions from CAPI China Chair Guoguang Wu and CAPI Associate Isabel Lloyd with two additional chapters contributed by the Law Chair. The book was published by King Prajadhipok's Institute and was the result of a collaborative symposium that took place in 2006 hosted by the Institute and CAPI in Bangkok, Thailand.



CAPI International Internship Program



CAPI's International Internship Program continued to thrive over the past year with all fifteen of the 2008-09 interns completing their placements with great success. These internships received generous support from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada's Students for Development Program (for four placements) and the Canadian International Development Agency's International Youth Internship Program (for nine placements), with the two remaining placements funded by CAPI. Interns were based in progressive civil society organizations in Vietnam, Cambodia, Mongolia, the Philippines, Cook Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia, and were working on a range of issues from community development and conservation, to migration, HIV/AIDS and human rights.

In our 2009-2010 program, CAPI was thrilled to receive funding for an unprecedented thirteen internships through the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada's Students for Development Program. These placements saw University of Victoria undergraduate and graduate students participating in dynamic placements in the Philippines and China. With pre-departure training taking place throughout the summer of 2009, this next group of interns is scheduled to complete their placements in late 2009 or early 2010.

The 2009-10 CAPI interns are:

- Loubna Amarir (Psychology), Center for Migrant Advocacy, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Celeste Dempster (Geography), The WorldFish Center, Los Banos, Philippines;
- Linley Faulkner (Public Administration), Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Saje Fitzgerald, (Interdisciplinary), Women and Gender Institute, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Cindy Jiang (Pacific and Asian Studies), Migrant Forum in Asia, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Justine Little (Anthropology/Women's Studies), Center for Migrant Advocacy, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Jessica Ly (Social Justice/Pacific and Asian Studies), Women and Gender Institute, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Melanie Matining (Linguistics), Migrant Forum in Asia, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Anne Mitaru (Law), Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Patrick O'Neill (Law), Migrant Forum in Asia, Quezon City, Philippines;
- Dylan Sherlock (Pacific and Asian Studies), Future Generations, Beijing, China;
- Raya Yampolsky, (Environmental Studies/Women's Studies), Future Generations, Beijing, China; and
- Jackie Ziegler (Geography), The WorldFish Center, Los Banos, Philippines.

Congratulations to this lucky group of 2009-10 CAPI interns!



To learn more about CAPI's Internship Program
visit our website at: www.capi.uvic.ca/programs

What did the CAPI internship experience mean to you?



"For me, this experience was amazing..."

Celeste Shankland, Intern
National Center Against Violence,
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

"My time in Mongolia and my experience working with MGEC was an incredible privilege...Throughout this experience, I have been challenged in unexpected ways, deeply inspired by the people I have met in this country and have developed a passionate interest in the issue of human trafficking."

Bridgitt Sloan McMullen, Intern
Mongolian Gender Equality Center,
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

"In one word – incredible. In two – deeply meaningful. In a sentence – not only have I learned so much about myself, this experience exceeded my expectations..."

Anjali Lowe, Intern
Migrant Forum in Asia, Quezon City,
Philippines

"Through my experience working with a grass roots development NGO, I was able to supplement my theoretical development knowledge, gained through an MA in International Development, with practical examples... I am grateful for the experience of watching the 'climate change industry' develop here in Vietnam and the opportunities to develop my research and reporting skills..."

Gabriel Rose, Intern
Centre for Marinelife Conservation and
Community Development, Hanoi,
Vietnam

"Often, just before graduating, there is this fear of transitioning to the 'professional' world...I never anticipated that this internship would actually lead to a full-time position..."

Morgan Slavkin, Intern
Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation,
Rarotonga, Cook Islands

"Working with PIAF has been an excellent experience. PIAF is an important organization doing valuable work in a region of the world that is often forgotten about; as a result, I did feel like I was making a genuine contribution that yielded tangible, lasting results...they often say going into these things that you shouldn't feel disappointed that you didn't make big lasting changes... but to a certain extent I think I actually did, and that's a rewarding feeling."

Adam Houston, Intern
Legal and Human Rights Task Force,
Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation,
Rarotonga, Cook Islands

"Overall, this experience is one of the best things that has happened to me (a bit cliché perhaps, but no less true as a result). I met incredible people, and learned so much from all of my mentors throughout my time here...This experience has helped to solidify my future career plans, and given me the confidence to carry them out."

Helen Beynon, Intern
Micronesia Conservation Trust, Pohnpei, Federated
States of Micronesia

CAPI Chairs - Publication Update

Wu Guoguang, CAPI China Chair



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Andrew Harding, CAPI Law Chair

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CAPI On-Campus Activities

CAPI's On-Campus Lectures and Events



Imperial Masquerade: The Legend of Princess Der Ling

Grant Hayter-Menzies,
Author

Thursday September 25,
2008

Japan's Encounter with Public International Law from the 19th Century to the Present

Ago Shin-ichi,
Professor, Kyushu University, Japan

Monday October 27,
2008

A Symposium on Development: Promoting Institution Building and Human Rights

Featuring: Isabel Lloyd and Gordon Longmuir, CAPI Associates with Stacey Lambert, Former CAPI Intern and Peter Hoffman, Consultant

Tuesday November 4,
2008

*2008-09 Hung Lecture:
Staging History - Action
and Reenactment in the
Cultural Revolution*

Carma Hinton,
Filmmaker and
Professor, George
Mason University

Thursday January 29,
2009

*Welcome Back CAPI
Interns: Stories from "the
Field"*

Featuring: Morgan
Slavkin, Sayuri Holman
and Helen Beynon, CAPI
Interns 2008-09

Friday March 6, 2009

*Does the Law Rule?
Transitional Justice,
Development and the
Rule of Law in Cambodia*

Stacey Lambert,
Articling Student,
Caroline & Gislason
Lawyers and CAPI
Associate

Monday March 16, 2009

ASEAN Plus?

Apirat Petchsiri,
Associate Professor,
Chulalongkorn
University, Thailand

Tuesday March 24, 2009



*To Separate or Not
Separate?*

Ying Liu, Librarian,
University of Victoria

Monday March 30,
2009

*CAPI Student
Symposium on
Development:
From Discourse to
Development*

Featuring: Leslie Butt,
Michael Pickering,
Sayuri Holman, Heidi
Tyedmers, Kate-Lynn
Duplessis, Celeste
Shankland, Bridgitt
Sloan-McMullen and
Linda Pennells

Tuesday March 31,
2009

For the latest on CAPI's
activities visit our website at:
www.capi.uvic.ca/events

CAPI Student Events

CAPI Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific: From Discourse to Development

March 31, 2009

In March 2009 CAPI's Student Coordinator, Alicia Lawrence, organized an afternoon symposium for students on the topic "From Discourse to Development". Dr. Leslie Butt from the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies provided an introduction and helped to frame the discussion with a series of questions. Pacific and Asian Studies student Michael Pickering and CAPI intern Sayuri Holman provided overviews of their research and experiences in the field of international development. This was followed by a series of presentations by CAPI interns Celeste Shankland, Kate Duplessis and Bridgitt Sloan McMullen on their work in Mongolia. The afternoon concluded with a presentation on "Local Empowerment - Gender Dimensions" offered by CAPI Associate Linda Pennells.



2008-09 CAPI intern Sayuri Holman at work in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia



2008-09 CAPI interns Adam Houston (centre), Hilary Gorman (2nd from right) and Morgan Slavkin (far right) with the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, the Honourable Jim Marurai, along with members of the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation team in Rarotonga, Cook Islands

Other CAPI Student Events 2008-09

In January 2009 a web conference was hosted by CAPI for current and former interns featuring Peter Hoffman, an international development consultant in Victoria with many years of experience working in the field.

In March 2009 CAPI hosted an informal discussion with three recently returned CAPI interns: Morgan Slavkin, who worked with the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation in the Cook Islands, and Helen Beynon and Sayuri Holman, who both worked with Micronesia Conservation Trust in the Federated States of Micronesia.

CAPI Sponsored Events

The 2008-09 Albert Hung Lecture "Staging History: Action and Reenactment in the Cultural Revolution" Featuring Carma Hinton

January 29, 2009

The *Albert Hung Chao Hong Lecture Series* is named in honour of Dr. Albert Hung Chao Hong. The Lecture Series provides an opportunity for a distinguished visitor to address a community audience on a topic of current public interest in the Asia-Pacific region.

The 2008-09 *Albert Hung Chao Hong Lecture* was delivered by Dr. Carma Hinton, a documentary filmmaker and the Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Visual Culture and Chinese Studies at George Mason University. Accompanied by excerpts from her film, *Morning Sun*, Carma Hinton's lecture titled "Staging History - Action and Reenactment in the Cultural Revolution" took place on Thursday January 29th, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Harry Hickman Building, Room 105.



To find out about CAPI's upcoming events and conferences visit our website at: www.capi.uvic.ca/events

UVic-Thailand Judicial Training Programs

July 18 to 29, 2008
March 21 to 22, 2009



In July 2008 CAPI had the honour of hosting an eminent group of more than 30 Thai judges in Victoria for a 10 day *Judicial Training Program in Environmental Law*. Partnering with the UVic Faculty of Law and organized by CAPI's Law Chair, Andrew Harding, this intensive training program was delivered by specialists in the field of environmental law and featured a variety of speakers from the municipal and provincial governments and the Victoria legal community. In addition to their busy training program, our Thai visitors were also shown some of the local sites including a whale watching tour, a visit to Craigdarroch Castle and a trip to Butchart Gardens. UVic Law student Nuthamon Kongcharoen played a key role in hosting our Thai visitors, and along with two other Thai students, provided translation services for all aspects of the training program and extra-curricular activities.

In March 2009 CAPI and the UVic Faculty of Law hosted a second delegation of Thai judges for a much shorter program on Criminal Justice. Part of the delegation for this program included the President of the Supreme Court of Thailand and the Secretary General of the Thai Office of the Judiciary. Plans are underway for future training initiatives, including another longer program in the Spring or Summer of 2010.



2nd International Association of Performing Language Conference

March 6 to 8, 2009

These conferences, organized collaboratively with the International Association of Performing Language, are pioneering endeavors exploring the power of drama and theatre in second language education and beyond. In the recent past they have brought together scholars and practitioners who share a keen interest in the role of drama and theatre in second language education. The March 2009 conference was organized by Dr. Hiroko Noro and Dr. Cody Poulton in the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria with the support of CAPI.

Special Economic Zones in Asian Market Economies

February 14 to 15, 2009

Liberalization, free trade and economic development through foreign trade are the mantra among those who would promote growth in developing countries and emerging market economies. The prescribed medicine is for these countries to open-up their borders to foreign direct investment (FDI) from anywhere in the world. One of the most popular forms of FDI is for companies (whether multi-national, trans-national or domestic) to establish themselves in so-called SEZs - special economic zones - by exploiting the various policy instruments of subsidies, loans and other incentives provided by host countries to attract FDI.

The purpose of this research project is not to dispute the efficacy, or lack thereof, of SEZs as a tool of liberalization, economic development and poverty alleviation. That has been done elsewhere. But given that SEZs are proliferating, and given the competition between countries to attract foreign investors, and the proverbial 'race to the bottom', the question is, has the time come to regulate SEZs? In other words, should the current framework for International Investment Law be improved or some other forum founded to accommodate the regulation, accreditation or certification of SEZs in order to ensure their accountability and economic, environmental and social sustainability?

These and other questions around the accountability and sustainability of the SEZ concept and practice provide a rare opportunity for organizing a dialogue between scholars working on similar themes. The first conference was held at Kyushu University, Fukuoka in Japan, from February 14 to 15, 2009. The purpose of the Kyushu conference is to identify the key stakeholders in SEZ practice and attempt to uncover their roles and expectations regarding law, policy, regulation, sustainability and outcomes in relation to SEZs.

The Special Economic Zones in Asian Market Economies (SEZAME) Conference was organized by CAPI's Law Chair, Dr. Andrew Harding and CAPI Associate Dr. Connie Carter, and was a result of collaboration between Kyushu University's Faculty of Law, CAPI, the Faculty of Law at UVic and Royal Roads University's Faculty of Management.

It is hoped that the Kyushu conference will be the first step in a series of workshops, research papers and multi-disciplinary dialogues which may well culminate in a formal proposal for certification or international regulation of SEZs. A second conference will take place in Victoria, British Columbia in 2010.



A Hundred Years of Legal Development in Thailand

March 20 to 21, 2009

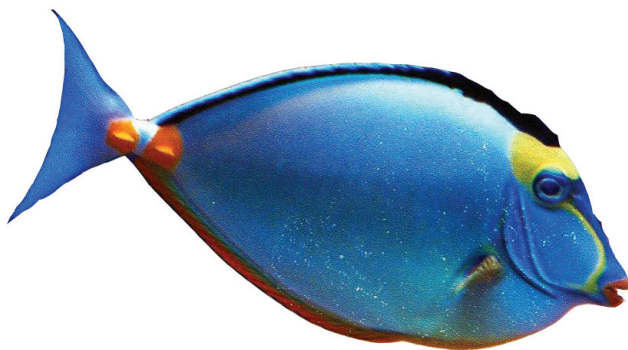


The political crisis in Thailand is in many respects also a crisis of law. The efforts expended to provide the country with a firm constitutional basis for its parliamentary political system have proved to be in vain due to violations of law by the government of Thaksin Shinawatra during 2001-6, the scrapping of the 1997 Constitution by the military coup of 2006, and the failure since then, despite the drafting of a new Constitution in 2007, to find an agreed legal basis for resolving intense political conflict. Moreover, the law has been a principal site for the conflict, as legal action against the Shinawatra family continues, anti-government protests have led to illegal occupation of government buildings, the ignoring of an emergency decree, and two Prime Ministers forced from office by Constitutional Court decisions in 2008.

Yet 2008 also marked a full century of Rama V's legal reforms, legal activity of all kinds is thriving, and the judiciary's significance as the only really dependable public institution other than the King was acknowledged in the 2007 Constitution.

The seminar therefore sought to examine these and other paradoxes, looking at the true nature of law and legal development over 100 years. It brought together Thai and Western scholars in a number of different areas with the common aim of shedding light on law and society in a country whose law has been little studied.

The "A Hundred Years of Legal Development in Thailand: Historical, Contemporary and Socio-Legal Perspectives" Symposium was organized by CAPI's Law Chair, Dr. Andrew Harding, and was co-hosted by CAPI and the UVic Faculty of Law.



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