



# Annual Report 2009-10



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# Director's and Governance and Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Program Chair Message

Andrew Harding  
Director

This is my second Annual Report as CAPI Director.

CAPI has continued with its large and varied program, and looks to expand in the coming years. As a result of activity undertaken with the Peter B. Gustavson Business School at UVic during 2010, arrangements have been finalized for the filling of the CAPI Japan Chair, following a gift of one million dollars from the Jarislowsky Foundation. This will enable the appointment of an outstanding scholar to the CAPI Jarislowsky Chair in Japan/ East Asian Studies, which will be shared between CAPI and the Business School. Thanks are due to Stephen Jarislowsky, the Business School and its Dean, Professor Ali Dastmalchian, in joining CAPI to make this initiative possible. The position will be advertised shortly and will be filled by July 1, 2012.

This has been yet another very successful year at CAPI. Our usual round of activities was enhanced by some notable events. Our Lunch and Learn series offered a fascinating and diverse range of outstanding speakers. In November 2009 we were pleased to cooperate with the Centre for Global Studies in offering a major conference, 'Chinese Uncertainties and Canadian Responses: After the Global Financial Crisis'. In January 2010 Japan Program Visitor Dr. Aegean Leung organized a Research Forum, 'Women, Entrepreneurship and Institutional Change: Japan, Canada and Beyond'.

We were joined by two Japan Program Visitors during the first half of 2010. Dr. Aegean Leung of the UVic Business School in the Fall of 2009, and our former Japan Chair Professor Joe Kess in the Spring/Summer of 2010. Professor Colin Jones of Doshisha University joins us for the Fall 2010 term.

In July 2010, building on our environmental law judicial training program for Thai judges in 2008, we ran another CAPI/Law judicial training program involving 42 Thai judges. This program focused on 'Juvenile and Family Law', covering principally youth justice and child protection. On this occasion we collaborated with the National Judicial Institute of Canada, as well as various UVic scholars and government officials with three days of the 10-day program held in Vancouver.

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. A total of 13 interns finished their placements in 2009-10 and 14 new interns were selected for the 2010-11 program.

Our chairs and staff have continued to be extraordinarily active as usual with many events, invitations, and publications. CAPI's energy remains undimmed. We can be proud of another great year.

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# 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.

# People at CAPI



## Director and Staff

Andrew Harding ~ Director  
Helen Lansdowne ~ Associate Director  
Heidi Tyedmers ~ Program Manager  
Kristy Farkas ~ Program Assistant  
Douglas Thompson ~ Secretary

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

## Executive Committee

Andrew Harding (Chair) ~ CAPI and Faculty of Law  
Jim Anglin ~ Director, Office of International Affairs  
Howard Brunt (Ex-Officio) ~ Vice-President, Research  
Philip Dearden ~ Department of Geography  
Jon Muzio ~ Department of Computer Science  
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

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## 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

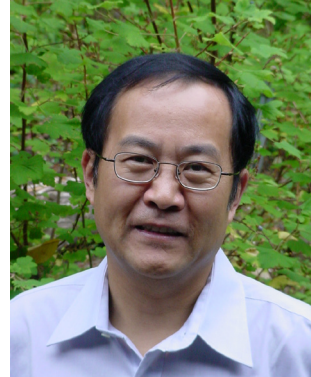
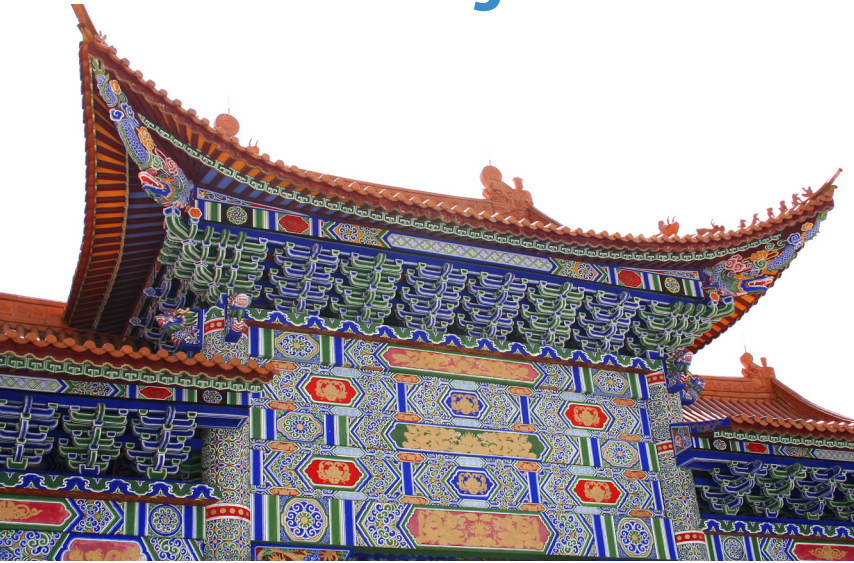
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Faculty of Law  
CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific  
Legal Relations

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





# CAP 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 research, services and outreach as well as teaching and graduate supervision with the Departments of Political Science and History. He participated in numerous academic events and research trips, including attendance of 5 conferences, presentation of 3 papers, and serving as a panelist on different occasions. For these purposes, the China Chair travelled to Hong Kong (twice), Beijing, Boston, Philadelphia, London, and several cities within Canada, where he maintained or built new ties for CAPI and UVic. In the summer and fall of 2009, he helped to organize a conference on 'Chinese Uncertainties and Canadian Responses: After the Global Financial Crisis' at the University of Victoria in collaboration with the Centre for Global Studies. He also prepared a SSHRC conference/workshop grant proposal on "Human Security in China's Foreign Relations."

The China Chair continues to sit on the editorial boards of several international academic journals on Asia and China studies, including China Perspectives/ Perspectives Chinoises (Hong Kong and Paris), China: An International Journal (Singapore), and East Asia: An International Quarterly (Durham, UK). In addition, the China Chair in 2009 was invited to join the Editorial Board of the journal East Asian Policy, edited by the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore, and in 2010, to join the Editorial Board of International Journal of Politics and Good Governance, based at St. John's College, Agra, India.

During this period the China Chair was intensively interviewed and cited on various Asia-and China-related issues by Canadian and international media, which included CBC, Globe & Mail, New York Times, South China Morning Post, Radio Free Asia, Radio France, and a UVic campus magazine, Torch. At the end of the year 2009, he was listed by a popular Chinese website, Boxun, as one of the '100 Chinese Public Intellectuals of the Year.'



# CAPI International Internship Program



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](http://www.capi.uvic.ca/programs)

# What did the CAPI internship experience mean to you?



## INTERN TESTIMONIALS 2009 - 10

"This internship has heightened my understanding and appreciation of development issues immensely, and has played a key role in influencing my future area of work as a lawyer."

Ann Mitaru, Intern  
Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN),  
Quezon City, Philippines

"My location in the global south has been eye opening in showing me the immediacy and drive possessed by advocacy workers who know their role is crucial in establishing justice and human rights in a country where these standards have been historically and systemically denied to citizens. This experience has inspired me to continue my involvement with human rights, migration and globalization upon my return to Canada, and considering a future career relating to these issues."

Justine Little, Intern  
Center for Migrant Advocacy (CMA),  
Quezon City, Philippines

"Direct exposure to institutions, teachers, administrators, NGO and government officials, UN representatives, development bank representatives and VPs, culture, media, temperature, climate crises, pollution, and poverty in a developing country increased my commitment to my research; and at both the personal and professional level, a strengthening of my perception of myself as a global citizen; accompanied by an increased awareness of the interconnectedness of people and the responsibilities that go with being a citizen of a developed country."

Saje Fitzgerald, Intern  
Women and Gender Institute (WAGI),  
Quezon City, Philippines

"This internship has changed my view of the world by allowing me to gain a greater understanding of the phenomena of migration and the issues that people face when they choose to migrate. Many people in the global south migrate out of necessity, rather than by choice. They make hard decisions to leave their families in order to provide for their families. I think it has been a really eye-opening experience and I have been exposed to issues that I never had much of an understanding of while living in Canada."

Patrick O'Neill, Intern  
Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA),  
Quezon City, Philippines

"The warmth and generosity of the locals, their humour and love of life, and their perseverance to improve their circumstances despite facing issues such as corruption and lack of funding was inspirational."

Jackie Ziegler, Intern  
WorldFish  
Los Banos, Philippines

"This internship has provided me with a new perspective on the global issues of gender rights and highlighted my role and abilities in enacting change and addressing these concerns with a much more critical approach."

Jessica Ly, Intern  
Women and Gender Institute (WAGI),  
Quezon City, Philippines

# CAPI Chairs - Publication Update

## Wu Guoguang, CAPI China Chair

### Publications

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Guoguang Wu, 'On Chinese-Tibetan Relations,' an paper-based speech by invitation to the China-Tibetan Forum, Vancouver, September 28, 2009.

Guoguang Wu, 'The Implications of the Global Financial Crisis for Chinese Political Stability,' a paper presented by invitation to the symposium 'Chinese Uncertainties and Canadian Responses: After the Global Financial Crisis,' University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, November 20-22, 2009.

Panelist, the conclusion session of the China-Europa Forum on 'Globalization and Identification: The Paradox of Chinese Nationalism,' Academie Des Sciences Morales et Politiques and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, July 21, 2009.



## Andrew Harding, CAPI Law Chair

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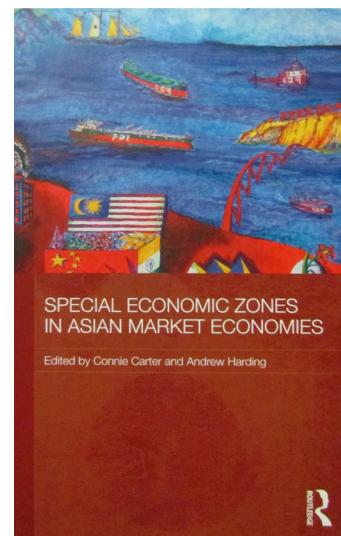
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# CAPI On-Campus Activities

*International Development  
in Kyrgyzstan: Notes on an  
Institutional Ethnography*

Marie Campbell, Professor  
Emerita and Elena Kim, Instructor  
American University - Central  
Asia, Kyrgyzstan

Wednesday August 12, 2009

*Is an Arms Race Underway in Asia?*

Dr. James Boutilier, Special  
Advisor, Maritime Forces Pacific

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

*Early Canadian Encounters with  
Japan*

Ms. Anne Park Shannon, CAPI  
Associate

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

*Hong Kong's Success Story under the  
Basic Law*

Ms. Maria Tam, Working Group  
on Overseas Community, the  
Basic Law Promotion Steering  
Committee of the Hong Kong  
Special Administrative Region  
Government

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

*Reporting in China: From the  
Olympics to Xinjiang and Beyond*

Mr. Scott McDonald, News Editor  
and President of the Foreign  
Correspondents' Club of China

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

*Climate Change Vulnerability and  
Resilience in Urban Vietnam*

Dr. Stephen Tyler, CAPI  
Associate

Wednesday, November 04, 2009

*Burma: The Unattended Basket  
Case*

Mr. Rod Germaine, Dispute  
Resolution Practitioner,  
Founder of the Just Aid  
Foundation

Thursday, November 26, 2009

*Collateral Damage? The Impact  
of Anti-Trafficking Measures on  
Human Rights in Southeast Asia*

Dr. Annalee Lepp, University  
of Victoria, Department of  
Women's Studies

Wednesday, February 10, 2010



*Can You Keep a Secret?: Challenges to AIDS Counselling and Treatment in Papua, Indonesia*

Dr. Leslie Butt, University of Victoria, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

*Physical Aspects of the Coastal Environment in Hiroshima Bay*

Dr. Masayuki Nagao, Senior Research Scientist, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Tsukuba, Japan and Visiting Researcher, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria

Wednesday, March 03, 2010



*Can the Hatoyama Government Keep a Balance Between the United States and China?*

Dr. Go Ito, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan, Department of Political Science

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

*"Death by a Thousand Cuts" and the Stereotype of "Chinese Cruelty" Prior to World War I*

Dr. Gregory Blue, University of Victoria, Department of History

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

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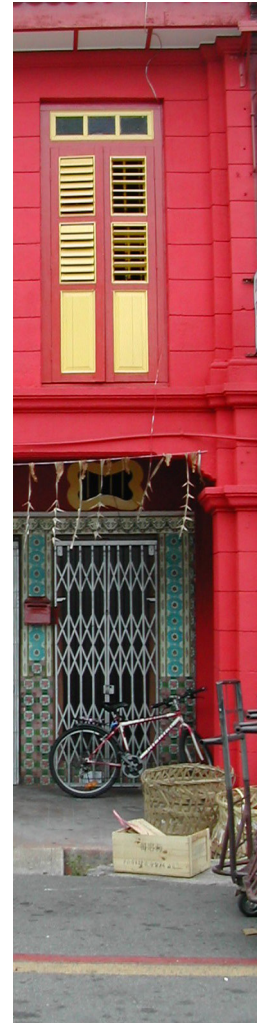
# CAPI Student Events

## 2009-10 CAPI Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific

February 25, 2010

In late February 2010 UVic's up-and-coming researchers shone at the bi-annual "CAPI Student Symposium on the Asia-Pacific". Twelve graduate and undergraduate students presented their work from a diverse range of disciplines including History, Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Law, Linguistics and Business. The symposium not only gave students valuable presentation experience and provided an excellent opportunity for students to meet each other and to network, but also showcased the top-notch student research on the Asia-Pacific being carried out at UVic.

Presenters included: Gabriel Botel, MA Student, Political Science / Nanchu He, PhD Student, Political Science / Jing Qian, LLM Student, Law / Tristan Evans, MA Student, Political Science / Yuumi Noto, MA Student, Pacific and Asian Studies / Catherine Zangger, PhD Student, Sociology / Petch Manopawitr, PhD Student, Geography / Kyoko Kaneko, MA Student, Linguistics / Simon Nantais, PhD Student, History / Chong Su Kim, MA Student, Political Science / Nicole Evans, BA Student, Pacific and Asian Studies / Yunyi Shao, BCom Student, Business.



# CAPI Sponsored Events

## The 2009-10 Lansdowne Lecture

### "The Past, Present and Future of Canada-China Relations"

#### Featuring Charles Burton

November 20, 2009

The University of Victoria's Lansdowne Lecture Series seeks to bring eminent scholars to the UVic campus for a period of two to five days, where they deliver a public lecture and contribute to academic enrichment. This lecture was presented by CAPI with the generous support of the Faculty of Humanities.

The 2009-10 Lansdowne Lecture was delivered by Dr. Charles Burton, of Brock University, who has been an observer of Chinese affairs for more than 35 years.



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

# Judicial Training in Juvenile and Family Law

June 3rd to 17th, 2010



Early June 2010, CAPI welcomed thirty-two Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Judges from Thailand. The purpose of the visit was a two-week training program focusing on Youth and Justice designed and delivered by CAPI, under the direction of Law Chair Andrew Harding and the National Judicial Institute of Ottawa. The first week of the training program was spent in Victoria and included speakers from UVic's Faculty of Law, Education, and Human Services as well as experts in the field of children and the law in Canada from the Provincial Government and civil society organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Victoria. The second week of the program was spent in Vancouver where the Judges received interactive training from both Provincial and Federal Court Judges, observed court proceedings at the Provincial Court and Supreme Court focusing on family cases. This was CAPI's second training program provided to the Office of Judiciary of the Kingdom of Thailand.



# Chinese Uncertainties and Canadian Responses: After the Global Financial Crisis



November 21st and 22nd, 2009

The conference Chinese Uncertainties and Canadian Responses aimed to explore the debate on what Canada's policy toward China should be. The conference took place on November 21 and 22, 2009 at the University of Victoria, and was attended by academics, officials, and other stakeholders, including those from private industry. The event was sponsored by the University of Victoria Faculty of Social Sciences and Office of International Affairs, as well as the Center for Global Studies, the British Columbia Council for International Education, the International Development Research Centre, Canadian National Defense, and the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives.

Opening the conference, Lansdowne Lecturer Dr. Charles Burton of the Department of Political Science at Brock University called for improved relations between Canadian and Chinese non-state actors, and the importance of homegrown democratic reforms demanded by Chinese citizens themselves.

Topics of discussion began with economic policy, with China and the US having implemented what some see as similar short-term measures, which will ultimately exacerbate their economic woes. Several economic red flags were noted in the wake of China's fiscal recovery.

Policies which have disproportionately benefitted the public sector, and a sharp rise in unemployment were factors seen as contributing to recent domestic unrest. However, some cautioned that the robust centralized power of elites and urban middle classes remains.

With regard to China's military, speakers recognized the capacity of its expanding reach to impact international relations and regional security. Opponents of this perspective insisted, however, that spurious anxiety characterizing China as a threat overlooks the proportionate growth of its defense budget with reference to GDP.

In a discussion of climate change, China's environmental policies were seen as shifting in relation to profit potential in the global market place. Some also asserted that reducing China's carbon footprint is essential to maintaining internal stability.

Exploring the interplay of dissent and the rule of law in China, the topic of oppressive policies toward minorities, dissidents, and intellectuals, was discussed, with a speaker decrying the investment of Canadian dollars in Chinese judicial reform as ineffective. Some saw China's minorities' rights as coinciding with the nation's ultimate interests. In a discussion revealing the importance of dialogue to offset tensions, the decline of leverage on the part of the US and EU nations was of particular importance in characterizing the future of Canada's role. In the future, Canada must espouse policies which place human rights in line with China's other national interests.

Energy, security, fiscal policy, climate change and human rights were highlighted as avenues for Chinese-Canadian collaboration, with an emphasis on the potential of energy and resource investment. It was also noted that while the relationship between US and China is reaching equilibrium, Canada's role will increasingly diminish. A final roundtable discussion concluded that expanding commercial relations, and broadening Canada's overall relationship with China will alleviate tension, improve areas of existing cooperation, and foster future partnerships.

# CAPI Awards and Fellowships



## Student Essay Prize Winner

Daniel Oleksiuk  
LLB Student  
Faculty of Law

Title: Asian Values and the Spirit of Capitalism: Pragmatism and Ideology in Southeast Asian Law Reform

# Congratulations!

## Student Essay Honourable Mention

Amy Matthewson  
BA Student  
Department of History

Title: Fashionably Chic: The Formation of Chinese Women's Identity through Fashion



# CAPI Student Fellowships

## Student Language Fellowship

Kathleen Gregson  
MA Student  
Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

For the study of Indonesian in Bali, Indonesia

## Student Research Fellowship

Harpreet Jaswal  
MSc Student  
Department of Geography

An integrated approach to disaster management which aims to build safer and more disaster resilient communities

## Anand-UVic Scholarship

Mr. Petch Manopawitr  
PhD Student  
Department of Geography



Dr. Andrew Harding and Mr. Petch Manopawitr

# Keep in Touch



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## CAPI's Distribution List

Join CAPI's e-distribution list by emailing [capi@uvic.ca](mailto:capi@uvic.ca). More than 1000 people in our community receive email updates about CAPI's opportunities and events.

## Asia-Pacific News

CAPI's e-newsletter Asia-Pacific News is produced twice a year in the Spring and in the Fall and contains articles on the Asia-Pacific region as well as updates on CAPI initiatives and events. Back issues of Asia-Pacific News are available on CAPI's website at: <http://www.capi.uvic.ca/publications/e-newsletter>.

## Thank-you!

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