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CAPI Welcome Back picnic, Gorge Park, September 2022

## INTRODUCTION

The **Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI)** was established in 1988 at the University of Victoria (UVic) in recognition of the importance of Canada's relationship with the burgeoning Asia-Pacific region. For over three decades CAPI has served as a bridge for academics, students, policy-makers, and civic leaders to undertake a diverse range of initiatives on both sides of the Pacific, from hosting conferences, supporting original research, and fostering institutional capacity building to administering scholarly exchanges and professional training programs.

### Our Vision Statement

Through the continued excellence of its research and programming, CAPI will be recognized as the pre-eminent Asia-Pacific focused academic centre globally. The Centre will engage with institutions, civil society and leading scholars at the University of Victoria and across the world to facilitate meaningful relationships that will make a difference.

### Our Mandate

By providing a supportive environment for scholarly excellence and community engagement, CAPI will deepen the connection between the University of Victoria and the Asia-Pacific region. Through the work of CAPI's researchers and programming, CAPI will be a catalyst for the creation, recognition and dissemination of knowledge concerning issues affecting the region.

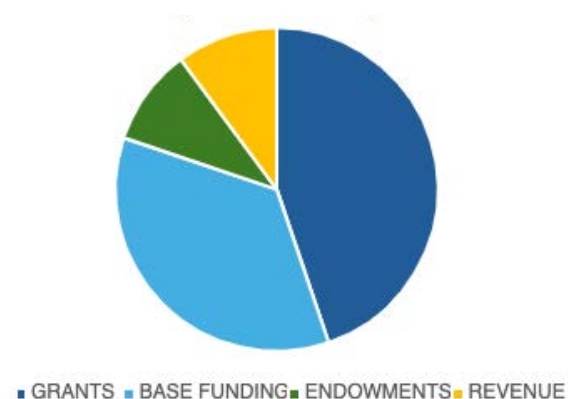
### Our Values

We are welcoming, engaging, supportive, collaborative, community-oriented, respectful and entrepreneurial.

We value academic freedom and autonomy, creativity, inclusivity, intellectual and ethical integrity, courage, collaboration and diverse perspectives.

Our research is open, interdisciplinary, innovative, co-creative, participatory, ethical, visionary, transformative, and impactful.

### CAPI Revenue



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### Pooja Parmar

It was an absolute delight to lead CAPI through a busy year. We kicked off the fall term with a picnic at the Gorge Park which was attended by CAPI's associates and our cohort of visiting Korean civil servants. CAPI's Mike Abe (PWFC project manager) organized games and entertainment which were enjoyed by both adults and kids. CAPI also participated in several student orientation events at UVic that included presentations about CAPI by Robyn Fila, former Communications Officer Jon Woods and me.

The Fall and Spring were packed with exciting weekly events. We organized several 'Author-meets-Readers' book panels: *Dandelion* by Jamie Chai Yun Li (OttawaU), *Reordering Adivasi Worlds* by Sangeeta Dasgupta (JNU, Delhi) and *Marginalized, Mobilized, Incorporated* by Rina Williams (U.Cincinnati). We also hosted expert panel discussions and talks on topics including Caste-based violence, Tamil perspectives on protest, Kashmir's contentious politics, wind energy generation in Japan, decolonizing disasters, Indigeneity in India, and regional security in Asia. Some of these panels took place online, allowing an international audience to participate. Other events that formed part of CAPI's busy roster this year include a special Sake tasting evening hosted by CAPI's Japan Chair Endo Takahiro. Victor V. Ramraj hosted a roundtable on Canada's Indo-Pacific strategy in his role as CAPI's Law Chair. Fourteen graduate students presented

their research as part of CAPI's second Graduate Student Symposium. Thanks in great part to the event-planning expertise of CAPI's Noelle Hinrichs, these events were very successful, and CAPI received great feedback from attendees.

The position of CAPI's China Chair is currently vacant since the departure of Guoguang Wu to a research appointment at Stanford University. A search will soon begin for this Chair. In the meantime, Feng Xu (UVic Political Science) stepped in as a China Visiting Researcher. Feng organized the panel 'China's Economy and Zero-Covid strategy' as well as led the publication of Volume 6 of CAPI's journal *Migration, Mobility & Displacement* in her role of Editor-in-Chief.

Associate Director Helen Lansdowne and I travelled to Singapore in February to attend Canada-in-Asia Conference hosted by Universities Canada. In addition to participating in important conversations about Canada's engagement in the region at the conference, we also met with potential collaborators on the Indigeneity in Asia project during this trip.

All in all, it was a very busy and enjoyable year and I want to take this opportunity to once again thank Helen, Robyn, Noelle, Mike, Anthony and Katie for their invaluable contributions to CAPI and to making this a memorable year for me.



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**Michael Abe**  
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- Phil Calvert**  
Former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos
- Daniela Damien**  
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- Jordan Stanger-Ross**  
UVic History
- Feng Xu**  
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**Internal (UVic Faculty) Visiting China Researcher**  
**Feng Xu**  
Associate Professor, UVic Political Science



**Visiting Research Fellow**  
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**Past Wrongs Future Choices Visiting Research Fellow**  
**Masumi Izumi**  
Department of Global and Regional Studies Doshisha University, Japan





# CHAIR IN ASIA-PACIFIC LEGAL RELATIONS

## Victor V. Ramraj

It was an especially productive year for me, as I was on study (sabbatical) leave until 1 July 2023, when I resumed my role as CAPI Director. I have divided my report into research publications and presentations, teaching and graduate supervision, and other general activities.

### Research Publications and Presentations

I spent most of my sabbatical working on a book manuscript, tentatively titled Law in the World: Creative Legal Thinking for Complexity and Crisis. During this period, several of my pieces were published: “Legal pluralism and globalization from the Himalayas to Southeast Asia” (2022) 54(1) Legal Pluralism and Critical Social Analysis 7-12 (with Nima Dorji, Pooja Parmar & Benjamin Schonthal); “Global Challenges and Plurilateral Engagement in the Indian Ocean World” (2023) 17(1) Canadian Political Science Review 10-24; and “Coordination Failure, Pandemic Prevention, and Political Polarization in Global Perspective” (2023) 46 Manitoba Law Journal 179-189. On 4 November 2022, I delivered an opening keynote address, “New Security Challenges and Democracy” at the 24th Annual Congress of the King Prajadhipok Institute, held at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, after which I moderated a panel at a conference on climate change at the JSW School of Law in Bhutan. In January 2023, I presented my research

on complexity and crisis at a comparative constitutional law conference at UBC’s Allard Hall in Vancouver. I also co-organized (with Phil Calvert) a one-day conference held on 3 March 2023, Canada, Southeast Asia, and the Indo-Pacific Strategy: Engaging a Critical Region and co-moderated the opening roundtable panel.

### Teaching & Graduate Supervision

In the Fall of 2022, while on leave, I delivered a lecture on transnational law to the first year JD and JD/JID Legal Process class; in April 2023, I delivered a guest lecture on the same topic to Robert Hanlon’s graduate class at Royal Road University. In April 2023, I also taught a 45-hour hybrid course on transnational law at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. My PhD student, Ngozi Nwoko, defended his dissertation, Sino-Nigeria Oil-for-Infrastructure Investment Deals: A Proposal for a New Form of Regulation, and graduated in June 2023. Meanwhile, I continued supervising three PhD students in the Faculty of Law (Nima Dorji, Ratana Ly, Panch Sharma) and welcomed a new PhD student, Meyer Aaron. I also served on the supervisory committee of one law PhD student (Trung Nguyen) and two political science students (Husnain Iqbal and Lynn Ng).

## Other General Activities

In September and October 2022, I participated as a trainer in an online training workshop, India & South Asia: Power Dynamics and Emerging Markets, leading a panel on India’s Regional and Global Contexts (with M. Attalah, C. Viens, and A. Thiruvengadam), organized by Centre d’études et de recherches sur l’Inde, l’Asie du Sud

et sa diaspora, Université du Québec à Montréal for the Canadian Foreign Service Institute. I was also invited to serve as an expert at a roundtable on Thresholds, Powers, and Accountability under the Emergencies Act, at the Public Order Emergency Commission, Ottawa, Canada (Justice Paul S. Rouleau, commissioner) on 2 December 2022. While on leave, I served on the University of Victoria’s appointment committee for the Dean of the Faculty of



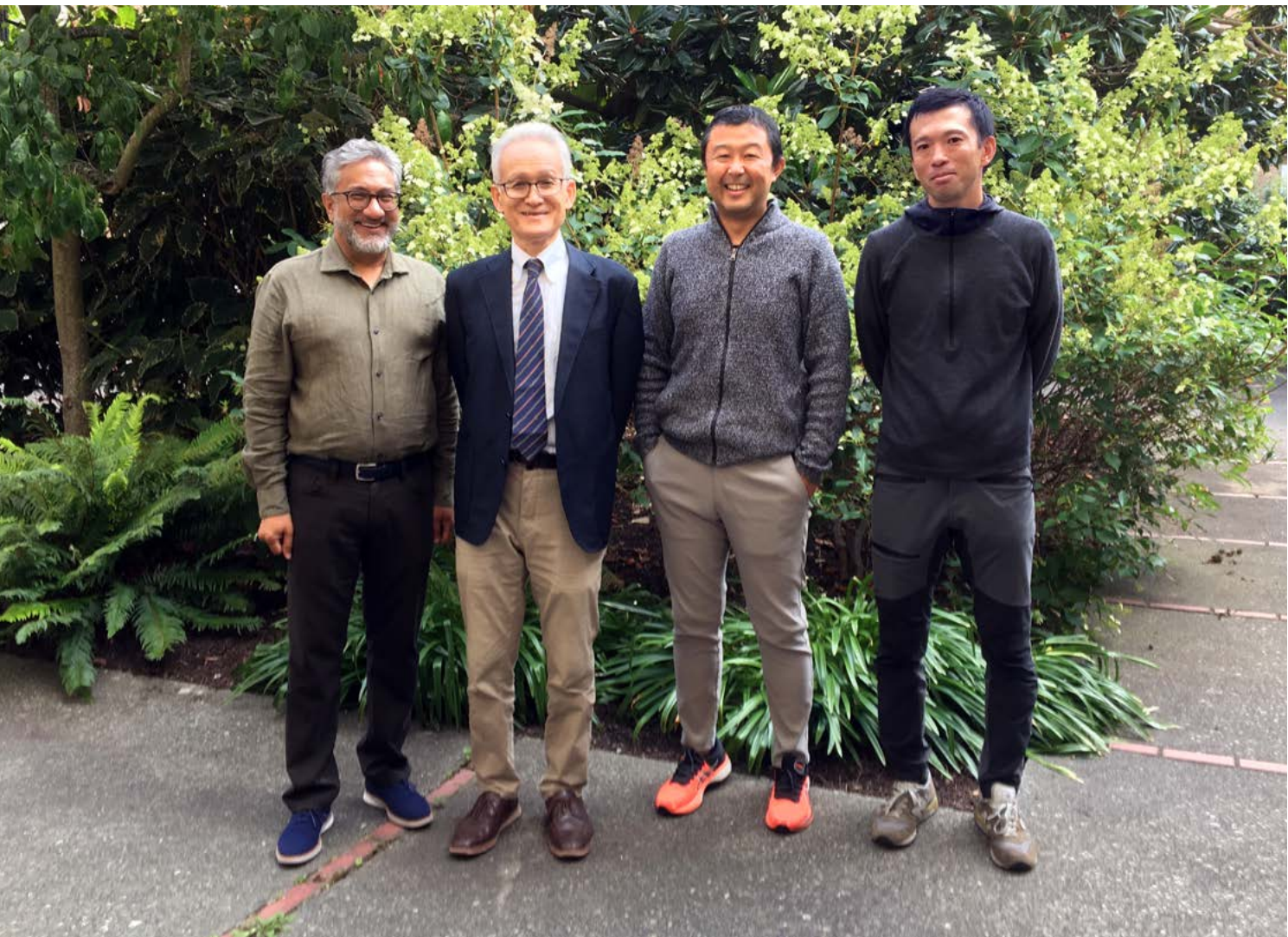
# ECS-CAPI CHAIR IN INCLUSIVE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

## Dana Damian

In my new role of Engineering and Computer Science/ CAPI Chair in Inclusive Science, Technology and Engineering, in 2023 I continued my leadership activities in INSPIRE. This involved the expansion of the program operations in Kathmandu, Nepal. Together with Bachan Ghimire, my former MSc student who returned to Nepal, we established an INSPIRE location (rented and outfitted space) where two student teams and one INSPIRE mentor engaged full-time in two community-driven experiential learning projects over the period of 5 months (August-Dec 2023). In addition, I had the

privilege of leading the effort to create the edited book on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Software Engineering, available on Amazon. We are in the process of creating its open access and I can update you with its link shortly. The book provides an overview of research into the different aspects of diversity and inclusion in software engineering, as well as the tools, methods, and practices proposed to foster diversity and to build inclusive software teams and development environments. It describes research challenges in studying diversity and inclusion in software





Endo Takahiro

ACTIVITIES

Annual sake events

Sake has a long history and embodies both continuity and change, touching on various areas such as agriculture, professions and professionalization, technological adaptation, hospitality, and the globalization of goods and services. Through the evolving state of sake, we can explore various issues, particularly those related to Japan and North America, while developing networks for research collaboration and program development.

November 17, 2022 at the University of Victoria. Dr. Endo explained the basic structure and key challenges of the

Japanese sake industry, followed by a sake tasting donated by Shiokawa Brewery in Japan. This pre-annual sake event attracted approximately 25 academics at the University of Victoria

February 9, 2023 at Kwench, entitled '1st Annual Sake Event: Sake in Canada - Tradition and Innovation'. Dr. Endo invited speakers, including the president of Yoshinogawa Brewery (established in the 16th century), the chief consul from the Consulate General of Japan, and Japanese governmental officials. Dr. Endo explained the significance of the event, followed by the talk and sake tasting. This event attracted a mixture of UVic students, practitioners, policymakers, and academics (approximately 60).

Research seminars

- February 16, 2023. Participated in and chaired the CAPI Graduate Students' Symposium, including those research presentation dealing with Japanese societal and linguistic issues
- November 17, 2022. Dr. Manuel Nicklich on the historical comparison of wind power energy generation in Japan and Germany over five decades.

Other talks

October 22, 2022. Dr. Endo organized a panel for the Japanese Management Society (組織学会) to discuss the status quo of management studies focusing on Japan and Japanese corporations.

TEACHING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Teaching

COM450 'Japan in the Context of Globalization,' offered in Fall 2022, delves into the cultural and institutional differences between Japan and other countries. Dr. Endo's academic visitor Professor Kishi delivered a special guest lecture on the historical transformation of the sake industry.

Program Development

**CAPI Japan Internship Program:** Engaged with the Japan branch of the CAPI internship program, led by Robyn Fila, the CAPI Internship Program Manager. This program aims to enrich undergraduate students with knowledge and insights into cross-cultural experiences in Japan.

Sponsored two Canadian student interns each year, who were sent to Japan.

RESEARCH

Research-related Activities

- Hosting two Japanese academic visitors from September 2022: Professors **Yasuyuki Kishi** (Niigata University, Japan) and **Shohei Hamamatsu** (Seikei University, Japan). Prof. Kishi is an expert on the sake industry and the cultural transformation of traditional industries in Japan. Prof. Hamamatsu is an expert in the transformation of Japanese small and medium-sized enterprises as well as TPS (Toyota Production System).
- Research Fellow position at Kobe University's Research Institute for Economic and Business Administration, which allows me access to Japanese medium

databases from 1870 to the present. Additionally, this position has enabled me to receive JSPS research grants from the Japanese government, supporting my research activities in Japan

- PhD thesis External examiner: Yokohama National University (2022, May, 30 for Pham Thi Xuan Thoa. The thesis entitled "Factors influencing individual opportunism in business-to-business exchange: Empirical research in Japanese manufacturing companies")
- Since 2022, has been providing a monthly scholarship of 1,000 CAD to Mac Nguyen, a PhD student at Gustavson, and collaborates on joint research projects that explore the historical development of corporate patriotism in Asia.



Endo with Acting Director Pooja Parmar at Kwench

Publications

- Nicklich, M., Endo, T., & Sydow, J. (forthcoming) Relational Distance and Transformative Skills in Fields: Wind Energy Generation in Germany and Japan. Management and Organization Review.
- Sydow, J., Schreyögg, G., & Endo, T. (forthcoming). Industry Dynamics and Path Dependencies: Wind Energy in Europe and Asia. In M. Kipping, T. Kurusawa, & E. Westney (Eds.), The Oxford Handbook of Industry Dynamics. Oxford University Press.





## Neilesh Bose

During the period under review, I continued work on a variety of research projects, such as my monograph on nineteenth century religious reform in India, contracted by Cambridge University Press. I conducted research for another book, a biography of an anti-colonial activist Taraknath Das, in Berkeley, New York, D.C., and Kolkata in the fall semester of 2022. I also wrote a review essay for the Social Science Research Council's new online platform, "Religion and the Public Sphere," titled "The Resurgence of Religion: Worldmaking in the Era of Desecularization," slated for online publication in the spring of 2024.

I presented my research to a variety of audiences, including conferences at Banaras Hindu University (funded by a Shastri Indo Canadian Institute conference grant), a Tufts University/Harvard University conference about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the partition of India, and the European Congress on World History in The Hague. I also delivered public lectures at North-South University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and the Institute for Studies in Language Research in Kolkata, India.

In the realm of public programming, I convened the Global South Colloquium's latest project, a three-year workshop on the Indian Ocean titled "[Asia in World History: Indian Ocean Perspectives](#)," held June 15-16, 2023. Visiting speakers included scholars based in the U.K., the U.S.A., India, and across Canada. The workshop will meet again in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025.

Finally, I published a book chapter titled "Vernaculars across Texts: Modern Islam and Modern Literature in Bengal" in *Language Ideologies and the Vernacular in Colonial and Postcolonial South Asia*, edited by Nishat Zaidi and Hans Harder, published by Routledge India in 2023.

## Phil Calvert

Phil Calvert's activities in 2022-23 focused both on Southeast Asia and on China. With respect to SE Asia, he participated in organizing CAPI's March 3 conference entitled "Canada, Southeast Asia, and the Indo-Pacific Strategy: Engaging a Critical Region". This included helping to bring in key speakers, including from Global Affairs Canada. He also published an article entitled "Canadian diplomacy in Southeast Asia: challenges for the coming decades", in *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* Volume 9, 2023. He also participated in panels and podcasts on the Indo-Pacific strategy—one organized by the CIUA and one by the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, and, along with Helen Lansdowne of CAPI and retired ambassador Nick Etheridge, continued to work on co-editing an ebook on Canada's participation in the International Commissions in Indochina.

On the China side, he participated in a Track Two Dialogue organized by the University of Alberta's China Institute (CIUA), and published an article on Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy and Canada-China relations for the CIUA website, and an op-ed in *Nikkei Asia*. He also participated in a number of CAPI roundtables.

## Jordan Stanger-Ross

Aside from administering the Past Wrongs, Future Choices research partnership (a role that included the happy responsibility of hosting a dozen wonderful artists and scholars as residents and special guests at UVic), I have spent most of my year working on a new book manuscript now nearing completion, entitled *Exile: Citizenship, Race, and the Expulsion of Japanese Canadians, 1946*. At the close of the Second World War, Canada's government demanded that Japanese Canadians decide between two unwelcome fates: they could accept exile to Japan, a country most had never visited, or move to eastern Canada, another unfamiliar place thousands of kilometers away. Almost half, over 10,000 people, chose exile. Most were Canadian citizens. The book explores the experiences of Japanese Canadians forced to ask themselves who they were and where they belonged, the cascade of bad policy-making that led Canada to this juncture, and the cases at the Supreme Court of Canada and Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to which the exile gave rise. The exile is a story of the political violence and community activism amidst seismic changes to the meaning of citizenship, race, and empire. I'm currently completing the book as a visiting scholar at the Institute for International Law and the Humanities at the University of Melbourne Law School and I look forward to sharing it with colleague at UVic once the work is complete.

## Feng Xu

### Visiting Faculty China Researcher

As Visiting China Researcher (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023), Feng Xu continued to work on CAPI's Migration and Mobility Programming and its online, open-access and peer-reviewed journal *Migration, Mobility & Displacement*. The journal published its special issue *Creating Commons*. Xu published two journal articles: 1) Feng Xu, "Building China's Eldercare Market: The Imperatives of Capital Accumulation and Social Stability," *Social Sciences* 11 (5): 1-19; 2) Strauss, Kendra and Feng Xu. (2022) "Devalued labour, COVID-19, and the problem of profitability: crises of seniors care in Shanghai, China and BC, Canada." *Studies in Political Economy*, 103 (2), pp. 109-129). Xu and James Lawson co-wrote a paper, which is accepted for publication: James Lawson and Feng Xu, "Re-purposing the Built Environment of Urban China: Residential Eldercare and David Harvey's Capital Switching in a New Era," *Human Geography*. Xu Organized the CAPI Panel China's Economy and Zero-Covid Strategy, 20 October 2022 (zoom). Xu served as a member of the steering committee for the Global Affairs Canada's inaugural Margaret Meagher Fellowship. Finally, she is a co-applicant of a successful SSHRC Partnership Grant Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant (7 years) *Liberating Migrant Labour? International Mobility Programs in Settler Colonial Contexts*.





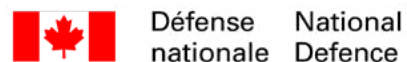
One of 3 panels convened during the 1 day event. From left to right: Stephen Wortley, Reeta Tremblay, Bruce Donaldson, Charika Channuntapipat, Swaran Singh and Major-General Gregory Smith

## SOUTHEAST ASIA IN GLOBAL CONTEXT

### Victor V. Ramraj and Phil Calvert

Situated between India and China, along the busiest maritime sea routes in the world, Southeast Asia remains today at the crossroads of ideas, commerce, migration, language, religion, and law, as it has for centuries. With a total population greater than that of the European Union, the countries of Southeast Asia have been working through ASEAN—the Association of Southeast Asian Nations—to integrate their economies and cooperate politically and economically on matters of common concern, increasing the region's influence on global affairs. This roundtable series situates contemporary Southeast Asia in Asia and the wider world, examining the many ways the pressing issues in the region affect us all. This project is co-led by CAPI Senior Research Fellow Phil Calvert and CAPI Director Victor V. Ramraj, who both also serve as discussion Chairs.

CAPI gratefully acknowledges the support of Canada's Department of National Defence through its Targeted Engagement Grant Fund (Grant title: Canada, Southeast Asia, and the Indo-Pacific: Engaging a Critical Region) and the session was held under a modified version of the Chatham House Rule, such that views and comments of individual participants were not to be attributed.



## 15th CAPI Roundtable Canada, Southeast Asia, and the Indo-Pacific Strategy: Engaging a Critical Region

3 March 2023



The Indo-Pacific—as the region around the two oceans is now increasingly known—has become a critical node in regional security and geopolitics. Released in November 2022, Canada's new Indo-Pacific Strategy, Canada's first foreign policy white paper in 19 years, notes the “rising influence of the Indo-Pacific region is a once-in-a-generation global shift that requires a generational Canadian response.” It sets out five priorities: (1) promote peace, resilience and security; (2) expand trade, investment and supply chain resilience; (3) invest in and connect people; (4) build a sustainable and green future; and (5) Canada as an active and engaged partner to the Indo-Pacific. This one-day conference consisted of three roundtable panels focussing on the implications of the Indo-Pacific Strategy for Southeast Asia. The first panel, Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy and Southeast Asia, provided an overview of those implications for Canada's relationship with the region. The second panel focused on climate, sustainability, and trade. The third panel zoomed in on the security implications for Canada and Southeast Asia and the wider region. In the spirit of this roundtable series, this conference brought together thought leaders from the academy, government, industry, and civil society organizations—from Canada and Southeast Asia—to explore the implications of the strategy.

### PANELLISTS:

#### Jay. L. Batongbacal

College of Law, University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines

#### Charika Channuntapipat

Thailand Development Research Institute, Bangkok, Thailand

#### Kasira Cheeppensook

Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

#### Bruce Donaldson

Vice-Admiral CMM, CD (retired), former Chief of Defence Staff, Victoria, Canada

#### Patricia Fuller

Senior Fellow, University of Ottawa & former Canadian Ambassador for Climate Change

#### Basma Majerbi

Gustavson School of Business & Project Lead, Vancouver Island Impact Investing Hub, UVic, Canada

#### Socheata Sao

Deputy Director ELCML at Royal University of Law and Economics, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

#### Swaran Singh

Visiting Professor, Dept of Political Science, UBC & Professor of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi

#### Major-General Gregory Smith

Director General, International Security Policy, Ottawa, Canada

#### Hugh Stephens

CAPI Associate and Associate Faculty, Royal Roads University, Victoria, Canada

#### Stephen Wortley

Partner, McMillan LLP, Vancouver & Chair, Hong Kong Office & Co-Chair, China Practice Group

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CAPI Senior Research Fellow and former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos

#### Helen Lansdowne

Associate Director, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, UVic

#### Carol Liao

Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Business Law, UBC Allard School of Law.

#### Pooja Parmar

Associate Professor, UVic Faculty of Law; Acting Director, CAPI

#### Reeta Tremblay

and Past VP Academic and Provost Professor Emerita, UVic Political Science

#### Victor V. Ramraj

CAPI Director (on sabbatical) and Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

#### Yves Tiberghien

Professor of Political Science, Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research, and Director of the Centre for Japanese Research, UBC

### OPENING AND CLOSING REMARKS:

#### Kevin Hall

President, University of Victoria

#### Daniel Holton

Director, Centre for China Policy Research, Global Affairs Canada

#### Jeff Nankivell

CEO, Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver





The 2023 Indian Ocean Perspectives workshop in session in the CAPI Boardroom.

# GLOBAL SOUTH COLLOQUIUM

## Neilesh Bose

CAPI’s Global South Colloquium series centres the Global South into ongoing conversations about the making of the modern world. The colloquium serves as a forum for faculty, students, and all members of the UVic community to focus on the Global South, traditionally referring to South Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East’s histories, cultures, and politics. More than a geographical orientation to the “non-West,” the colloquium poses the Global South as a provocation to orient discussions about the world-system, its contours, inequities, and sources of power, including a focus not divided by geography but placement within global histories and practices.

The Global South Colloquium launched a new 3 year initiative in 2023. **Asia in World History: Indian Ocean Perspectives** is a workshop for emerging scholars, designed for a three-year period (2023, 2024, and 2025). This workshop brings together ongoing discussions in the World History Caucus, the Global South Colloquium, the South Asia Global Forum, and discussions in the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Law regarding the role of the Indian Ocean as an entry into the study of globalization in and of Asia. The program features a venue for emerging scholars to present aspects of their books in progress to a diverse audience of interlocutors working on Indian Ocean studies. Additionally, the program includes sessions on new perspectives on the field as well as a keynote lecture by a senior scholar of Indian Ocean studies. The theme for 2023 was Culture, Conflict, and Coordination, featuring emerging scholars working on Indian Ocean topics from literary criticism, intellectual history, and labour history. Upcoming workshops will focus on Geopolitics (2024) and Law and Migration in the Indian Ocean (2025).

## Participants in the 14-15 June Workshop

- Neilesh Bose**, CAPI Senior Research Fellow, UVic Associate Professor of History and Canada Research Chair of Global and Comparative History

**Smriti Srinivas**, Professor of Anthropology, University of California-Davis.

**Renisa Mawani**, Professor of Sociology, Canada Research Chair of Colonial Legal Histories, UBC

**Sebastian Prange**, Associate Professor of History UBC

**Neelofer Qadir**, Assistant Professor of English, University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

**Taushif Kara**, Lecturer of Theology and Religion, Kings College London.

**Ritesh Jaiswal**, Assistant Professor of History, Delhi University.

**Wilson Jacob Chacko**, Professor of History, Concordia University.
- Neelima Jeychandran**, Assistant Professor in African Visual Cultures, Department of Art History at Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar

**Victor V. Ramraj**, CAPI Director, UVic Professor of Law, CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations,

**Pooja Parmar**, UVic Associate Professor of Law and President’s Chair in Law and Indigeneity in a Global Context

**Arunima Datta**, Assistant Professor of History, Idaho State University.

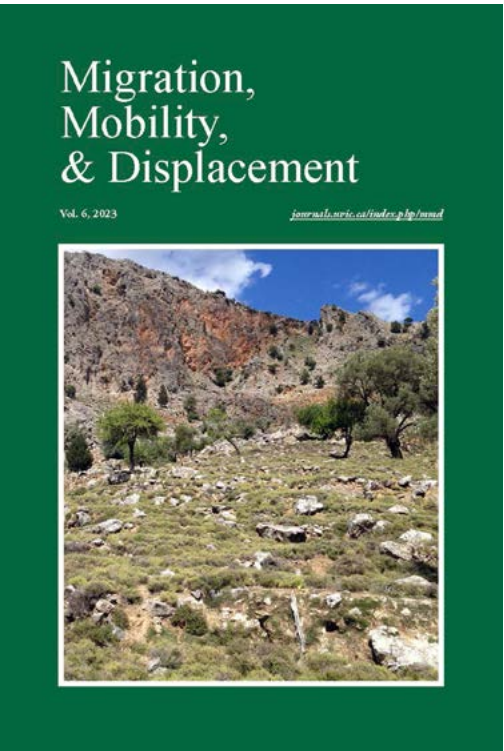
**Andrew Wender** Associate Teaching Professor of History and Political Science, UVic Director of Religion, Culture, and Society Program

**John Rogers**, Director of the American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies.

**Dharitri Bhattacharjee**, Assistant Professor of History at Western Washington University.

# MIGRATION & MOBILITY PROGRAM

## Helen Lansdowne



During the past year, the Migration and Mobility Program focused on putting together its Special Edition of Migration, Mobility & Displacement, ‘[Creating Commons](#)’, an outcome of its 2021 conference, ‘Creating Commons in an Era of Precarity’. The conference jointly organized by CAPI and the Research Centre for the Humanities, Social and Education Science at the University of Crete, brought together more than 40 migration researchers and activists. Presenters included leading scholars, graduate students, filmmakers, and migrant rights advocates, for a multidisciplinary discussion and boundary-pushing transnational exercise on migration. Focusing on the theme of “creating commons,” the conference explored the intersections between the temporary, yet permanent nature of contemporary migration, the reduction of public space available to mobile people, and patterns of resilience and resistance in contemporary migrant experience. We are pleased to finally publish this Special Edition, a healthy cross section of the works presented in 2021.



# PAST WRONGS, FUTURE CHOICES

## Anthony Auchterlonie

From September 2022 through December 2023 PWFC has hosted four exceedingly successful residency sessions featuring artists and scholars from around the world, brought together at UVic at CAPI and CFGS with support from the faculty of Fine Arts. In each case PWFC has been privileged to host two scholars and two artists, each of whom produced a working paper or artistic project through the program. Our spring residency program, held in May, was an intensive experience that hosted 6 individuals over a three-week period. It has been a great joy to see creative and scholarly minds mingle and exchange ideas, and in doing so, elevate the scholarship and art that has flowed from engagement with the legacies and histories of global Nikkei dispossession, internment/incarceration. We look forward to hosting another residency in the fall of 2024.

The whole team at PWFC would like to extend a special thanks to the folks at CAPI for providing such significant logistical and financial support. Without their help this residency program would not be nearly as successful as it has been so far!

In December of 2022 Project Manager Mike Abe accepted a secondment to the JC Legacies Foundation monument project. Mike held this position for just over one year and has returned to his role as Project Manager as of February. In the meantime, the project had been supported by former History student, and current graduate student, Anthony Auchterlonie.

The project has also been building out it's networks and making connections. In April 2023 Project Co-directors Jordan Stanger-Ross and Audrey Kobayashi traveled to Los Angeles and Sao Paulo, Brazil, with Museum Exhibitions Cluster Chair Sherri kajiwara to meet with project partners. The project office has also taken meetings in Vancouver and Toronto, and Project director Jordan Stanger-Ross is currently visiting Australia to further facilitate relationship building with partners in the Pacific.

PWFC is also excited to announce the return of Canada's Internment Era Field School which last ran in 2019 prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. In July of 2023 the PWFC Office was joined by 15 UVic Students, in-service teachers, and international educators on the Nikkei National Museum's Internment Era Bus tour. Our group used this opportunity to visit sites of internment, engage with community members, and build connections. Following the bus tour participants came back to campus for a week of intensive classes culminating in a variety of assignments including knowledge mobilization and dissemination plans. We are excited to be able to offer this program again next year, and in all subsequent years that the project is running.

Most recently, PWFC has been fortunate to host a series of events and speakers, in conjunction with CAPI and other partners. Each of our guests have offered unique perspectives and approach's to looking at complicated histories of Nikkei Dispossession and internment/incarceration. On October 16<sup>th</sup> we were joined by Yasuko Takezawa (Intercultural Research Institute, Kansai Gaidai University, and Professor Emeritus at Kyoto University) followed immediately by Eric L Muller (the Dan K. Moore Distinguished Professor in Jurisprudence and Ethics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); and, finally, on November 2<sup>nd</sup> PWFC in conjunction with CAPI hosted the PWFC Fall 2023 Residency Showcase. This was an opportunity for each of the residents in the fall cohort to share their work with members of the community.

PWFC and the Faculty of Fine Arts also had the pleasure of presenting, for the first time, a new work by Japanese Canadian dancer, actor, and playwright, Kunji Ikeda. Kunji generously shared a performance piece that he developed whilst in Residency with PWFC title "Full Circle Joy". A loving and thought-provoking piece dedicated to the core concept of respect.

It has been an exciting year for Past Wrongs, Future Choice and we are looking forward to many more to come, shared with the folks in the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives.

Project Director Jordan Stanger-Ross has also seen the following pieces published:

["Concerned about foreign interference in Canada? An 'enemy agent' registry is not the answer"](#) Invited Contribution to The Conversation Canada, April 17, 2023

"Remembering the Holocaust in a Settler Colonial City: The Case of Victoria, Canada," *History and Memory* 34, 1 (2022), 100-132, with Lynne Marks

"Constitutional Wrongs: The Wartime Constitution and Japanese Canadians, c. 1942-1946" with Eric Adams, in *Canadian State Trials*, V5 (U of T Press, 2022), 44-86

### Talks and presentations:

- Feb. 15, 2023 **Elysha Rei** Artist Talk. Live presentation by UVic Faculty of Fine Arts
- March 21, 2023 Orion Series in Fine Arts: **Elysha Rei** Artist Talk: Kiri-e Nikkei: The interstices of diasporic displacement
- March 22, 2023 **Masumi Izumi** and **Andrea Grant** Scholars Talk: International mother, they say": Creativity and self-making in the writing of first-generation Japanese North American women. Hybrid presentation



Visiting artist Elysha Rei: Hand-cut washi paper study of an archival record, featuring a Japanese Charnel House constructed by internees of the Loveday Internment Camp Group, Barmera, South Australia, December 1945.

- March 29, 2023 **Jonathan Van Harmelen** Scholars Talk: Transpacific Lessons-Media Accounts of Nikkei Incarceration in Australia, Canada and the US.
- March 30, 2023 **Neilesh Bose** Scholars Talk: Japanese Internment in Comparative Perspective: Race, Citizenship, and Memory across North America, Latin America, and Australia. Hybrid presentation
- March 30, 2023 April 3, 2023 **Elysha Rei** Studio Tours
- April 7, 2023 Nikkei Australia Virtual Studio Tour. Virtual presentation with **Elysha Rei**, hosted by Yuki Kawakami and moderated by Musashi Wakaki.
- April 14, 2023 Broken Promises Panel with Pier 21 Virtual presentation with **Jordan Stanger-Ross**
- May 24, 2023 Toward a Global Understanding of Past Wrongs, Future Choices: Works in Progress Presentation with scholars in residences **Naoko Kato, Monica Okamoto and Tianna Killoran**, moderated by **Jordan Stanger-Ross**
- May 24, 2023 May Residency Showcase Live presentation with Poetry reading by **Michael Prior** and Studio Tours by **Renay Egami, Tais Koshino** and **Andrea Mariko Grant**.
- May 24, 2023 Echoes of Silence: Film presentation by **Jennifer Aoki**
- May 25, 2023 Victoria Historical Society Live presentation with **Jordan Stanger-Ross** and **Michael Abe**
- Sept. 20, 2023 Exile Book Talk. Live presentation by **Jordan Stanger-Ross** Oak Bay Heritage Foundation
- Oct.16, 2023 **Yasuko Takezawa** talk, "Understanding Race Beyond the Transatlantic Paradigm: An Alternative Perspective Based on East Asian Experiences" Hybrid presentation
- Oct. 23, 2023 Anthropology Colloquium Series: "Embellishing the Cracks: Postmemory, Archives, and Intergenerational Repair in Contemporary Japanese Canadian Art" Live presentation by **Andrea Mariko Grant**
- Oct. 25, 2023 **Eric Muller** talk, "Lawyer, Jailer, Ally, Foe: Complicity and Conscience in America's World War II Concentration Camps" Live presentation
- Nov. 2, 2023 Broken Promises Museum talk Live presentation with **Jordan Stanger-Ross**
- Nov. 2, 2023 Fall 2023 Residency Showcase, "Art, History, and the Japanese Diasporic Experience: Australia, Canada, Japan, and the United States in Dialogue " Live presentation with **Lon Kurashige, Kunji Ikeda, Andrew Hasegawa** and **Nao Uda**, moderated by **Jordan Stanger-Ross**
- Nov. 6, 2023 Orion Series in Fine Arts: "Full Circle Joy" Live performance with **Kunji Ikeda**





Clockwise from left: Students visiting an organic farm near Mae Hong Son; a meeting with community activist Maliwan Nakviroj (centre); students visiting a temple in Chiang Mai; the group attends a lecture at Chiang Mai University's Law Faculty.

## THAILAND FIELD SCHOOL

### Robyn Fila and Will Greaves

In May 2023, CAPI jointly offered POLI/GDS391 "Politics of Environment, Development, and Community Resilience in Thailand," with the Department of Political Science (POLI) and Global Development Studies Program (GDS).

This program is part of the Government of Canada's Global Skills Opportunity program. This provided core funding of \$500,000 for students from three under-represented groups – Indigenous students, students with disabilities, and low-income students – to pursue international educational experiences. A diverse group of 10 interdisciplinary students was selected from Political Science, History, Environmental Studies, Geography, Psychology, and Public Health.

Selected students participated in two orientation sessions during the Winter 2023 term. At the start of May, students participated in one week of intensive in-class learning at UVic. This included formal lectures, group discussions, multi-media resources and activities, and assigned academic

and general readings on the themes of environment, extractivism, sustainable development, respectful travel and community engagement. From May 9-28, 2023, the group consisting of 10 students: Marina Haden, Esther Chan, Sarah Pollard, Lauren Lum-Webb, MacKenzie Duggen, Oliver Hopewell, Patrick Ferreira, Tyler Horsman, Maddie Kitagawa and Summer McLellen. The students were accompanied by the two instructors, one teaching assistant/cultural liaison - Songkrant (Kan) Pongboonjun (PhD UVic Law), and CAPI's communications officer Katie Dey. In Thailand the group was supported by a local facilitator - Watchalawakee (Dream) Kumboonreung. The field school demonstrated remarkable success at providing this new international and experiential learning opportunity for undergraduate students at UVic. It has succeeded by accessing new opportunities for external funding; fostering collaboration across diverse departments and research units; and building on existing academic partnerships and community relationships.

"My experience in Thailand was incredible. Not only did I gain skills important to my education, I also built important connections with people and communities. The opportunity to build these kinds of interpersonal skills are unique to field schools, as they immerse you in the subject matter which you are learning about. One thing that was crucial for the future of my education which I gained from this field school is understanding the value of alternative learning methods, and appreciating pedagogical approaches which may at first seem foreign. Being able to remove myself from my biases once confronted with these learning styles will certainly help me as I go forward in my education, as I will be able to find value the approaches of all." *Oliver Hopewell*

"The field school trip was an amazing experiential learning opportunity that helped bridge a gap between my classroom learning and the lived experiences of people and communities in Northern Thailand. The inclusiveness of the whole group enriched the learning process, especially given how student perspectives were highlighted." *Esther Chan*

This project is funded by  
GSO, the Government  
of Canada's outbound  
mobility pilot program







From left to right: Cheery Wang, Sierra Grant, Kelly Van der Heide, Kai Kristiansen, Karunia Fila, Faaiza Vakil, Pascale Claughton, Sabrina Jereza, Brigitte Larkin, Jake Crocker, Olivia Delisle

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### Robyn Fila

It is so nice to report that it has been a very busy year for the CAPI internship program. We had our first full cohort post pandemic which included the addition of a new partner in Kota Kinabalu in Sabah, Malaysia as part of Canada's pilot Global Skills and Opportunities program (GSO).

Funding for our 2022 and 2023 programs were made possible with the generous support of the Canadian Government, Rideau Hall, Community Foundations of Canada, and Universities Canada. This year CAPI placed 14 Queen Elizabeth Scholars and 3 GSO interns with partner organizations in Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia. With funding from the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, we placed 4 interns in Japan.

Our 2022 cohort returned from their placements in December of 2022 and our next cohort was ready to go in May 2023.



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Top left: Kai Kristiansen in Kobe, Japan; right: Jake Crocker and Sierra Grant in Indonesia; bottom left: Olivia Delisle working at a clinic in Malaysia

- Brigitte Larkin and Faaiza Vakil - [Malaysian Social Research Institute](#) (MSRI), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Cheery Wang and Kai Kristiansen - [CityNet Plus Arts](#), Kobe, Japan
- Jake Crocker and Sierra Grant - [Center for Indonesian Policy Studies](#) (CIPS), Jakarta, Indonesia
- Pascale Claughton, Olivia Delisle and Sabrina Jereza - [DAP Service Center, Kota Kinabalu](#), Malaysia
- Kelly Van der Heide - [Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women](#) (GAATW), Bangkok, Thailand
- Karunia Fila - [Karenni Social Development Center](#) (KSDC) in Northern Thailand.

**Dear future intern,** if I can leave with a few pieces of advice: Take pictures but also take videos! You'll want to hear those sounds again, you'll want to hear the voices of those you miss. Say yes more. Go to the dinner, go for the drinks, go to the parties, sing karaoke (because it is weirder to not sing than to sing poorly), drink rice wine, and let Cyril buy you a Big Mac at 10pm because he wants to make sure you're fed (and knows that you like Big Macs). Facilitate your relationships outside of work. Invite co-workers to your house or out for dinner. Cook for your friends and co-workers. Share your culture when you can. Bring gifts from home before you go! Because lord knows they'll have gifts for you. Stay in touch! Don't forget them. Remember, interns: "grace, guts, and guile."

*Olivia Delisle, DAP 2023*





Mac Nguyen presenting to fellow students and faculty members. photo - Dulma Karunarathna

# GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

## Dulma Karunarathna

6 February 2023

The CAPI Graduate Symposium is an interactive forum that creates an opportunity for graduate students to come together, review their research findings, exchange ideas, and discuss emerging trends in the Asia-Pacific region.

During the CAPI Graduate Symposium, 15 UVic postgraduate students were given the opportunity to attend a symposium on different themes in the Asia Pacific region. The main aims of the symposium were, on the one hand, to advance intellectual discussions on the Asia Pacific region-related themes and, on the other hand, to strengthen the CAPI network: to introduce students to the wider research environment of the region and to allow them support each other in achieving their academic goals. The symposium consisted of three panels on the previously selected main themes: **Language and Linguistics**, **Gender and Society**, and **Trade, Commerce and Law**. Each theme contained three presentations addressing the region's current socio-economic and geo-political trends. The symposium addressed essential research areas of China, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, India, Bangladesh, and Lebanon.

The abstracts of the presentations were pre-circulated. Each student was given ten minutes to present the summary of their research. An engaging discussion provided constructive comments on their ongoing research. All supervisors were invited to attend this hybrid event to encourage their students.

### Presenters:

**Lana Aleassa** – Department of Applied Linguistics

**Yunhui Ye**- Department of Political Science

**Neha Munshi** - Department of History

**Xue Ma** - Department of Anthropology

**Mac Nguyen** - Gustavson School of Business

**Matthew Somerville** - Department of Applied Linguistics

**Gillian (Gill) Serpas** - Department of Applied Linguistics

**Chanathip Suwannanon** -Interdisciplinary Studies

**Yiping (Yuki) Zhou** - Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

**Kaori Maruyama** - Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

**Ratana Ly** - Faculty of Law

**Devyani Tewari** – Faculty of Law

**Songkrant Pongboonjun** – Faculty of Law

**Akshaya Chandani**– Faculty of Law

**Arvind Kumar**– Faculty of Law

# CAPI STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

CAPI Student Fellowships valued at \$2,500 are available on an annual basis to support student research and language study in the Asia-Pacific region. This year CAPI awarded two research fellowships.



Arvind Kumar

PhD candidate, UVic Faculty of Law

**Project title:** Indigeneity, Self-Governance, and Autonomy: Re-imagining Governance in Adivasi Regions in the context of Adivasis participation in the Naxal Movement



Nhan 'Mac' Nguyen

PhD Candidate, UVic Gustavson School of Business

**Project title:** Love of country: Organization's patriotism and its strategic use to legitimize innovation

# ANAND FELLOWSHIP

Since 1996, CAPI has awarded the Anand fellowship to deserving Thai graduate students studying at UVic, and UVic faculty who conduct research in Thailand. All donations to the fund have been made by Thai business leaders and companies in honour of Khun Anand, Thaland's forst Ambassador to Canada (1969-72) and twice Prime Minister of Thailand.



### 2023 RECIPIENT:

**Esther Suwannanon**

PhD candidate, Interdisciplinary Studies

**Project title:** A Kathoey Record: Exploring the Definition and Self Through Personal Archives and Narratives





From left to right: Seong-il, Kim, Wonjik Seo, Kichan Choi, Jeyoung Kim, Program Coordinator Noelle Hinrichs,Youngsoon Jeong and Sungwoo Kang

## SOUTH KOREAN PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH PROGRAM

### Noelle Hinrichs, Program Coordinator

It has been an active year for the Korean Public Policy Research Program at CAPI. The program cohort consists of civil servants who are sponsored by the Korean Government to conduct research on various policy issues in a comparative context. These civil servants bring their expertise and policy knowledge from Korea to work on specific projects during their research term in Canada, covering topic areas ranging from criminal and labour law, welfare and social policy, to disaster management, sustainable development and the digital economy.

Research activities this year involved in-depth reviews of books and articles, meetings with faculty and experts specializing in areas relevant to their topics, and private visits to a variety of sites. Members of the cohort attended meetings with criminal lawyers, fire, disaster, and emergency management staff, toured the Legislature, law courts, community centres, and visited social housing and veteran's care facilities. In addition, the researchers came together each semester to present their findings and provide updates on their research projects prior to completing their final reports.

The Korea Public Policy Research Program provides a platform for the sharing of knowledge regarding government policies and practices in Canada and Korea and contributes to innovative solutions to civic issues of common interest to both.

## WEEKLY PUBLIC TALKS

### Taiwan Strait Crisis and Regional Security in Asia

15 September 2022

*Speaker:*

**Swaran Singh**

Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Currently a Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, UBC

*Discussant:*

**Will Greaves**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria

*Host:*

**Feng Xu**

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science; CAPI Visiting China Chair, University of Victoria

### Book talk - Marriage Unbound: State Law, Power, and Inequality in Contemporary China

29 September 2022

*Author/Speaker:*

**Ke Li**

Assistant Professor, Political Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

### Author-Meets-Readers: Dandelion by Jamie Chai Yun Liew

13 October 2022

*Author:*

**Jamie Chai Yun Liew**

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Director/Chair, Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies, University of Ottawa

*Readers:*

**Helen Lansdowne**

CAPI Associate Director; Instructor, Asia-Pacific Studies, Camosun College

**Tracey Lindberg**

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria; author of Birdie

**Feng Xu**

Associate Professor, Political Science and CAPI Visiting China Scholar, University of Victoria

*Host:*

**Pooja Parmar**

CAPI Acting Director and Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

From left to right: PhD students Ratana Ly, Songkrant Pongjoonbun and Ngozi Nwoko at the 'Canada and the Indo-Pacific' conference





China’s Economy and Zero-Covid Strategy

20 October 2022

Presentations:

Renminbi internationalization: Government and Corporate Drivers and the Impact of COVID-19

Gregory T. Chin

Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Faculty of Graduate Studies, York University; Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

An Empirical Investigation of the Effect of the US-China Rivalry on Multinational Enterprises

Jing Li

Professor of International Business, Canada Research Chair in Global Investment Strategy, and co-director of the Jack Austin Center for Asia Pacific Business Studies, Beedie School of Business, Simon Fraser University

Digital Payments and Political Economy of China

Horacio Ortiz

Researcher, French National Center for Scientific Research; Associate Professor, East China Normal University, Shanghai

Host:

Feng Xu

Associate Professor, Political Science and CAPI Visiting China Scholar, University of Victoria

Tamil Perspectives on Protest, Power, and the Potential for Political Transformation in Sri Lanka

27 October 2022

Speakers:

Nimmi Gowrinathan

Visiting Research Professor and Founder of the Politics of Sexual Violence Initiative, City College of New York

Sutha Nadarajah

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor), Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS University of London

Ambika Satkunanathan

Lawyer and former Sri Lankan Human Rights Commissioner (2015-2020)

Moderator:

Archana Ravichandradevaa

Executive Director, People for Equality and Relief in Lanka (PEARL); LLM Student, University of Victoria

Author-Meets-Readers: Reordering Adivasi Worlds

03 November 2022

Author:

Sangeeta Dasgupta

Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Readers:

Nishant Gokhale

PhD candidate in Law, Gates Cambridge Scholar, Cambridge University

Arvind Kumar

PhD candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Darcy Lindberg

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Host:

Pooja Parmar

CAPI Acting Director and Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria



Relational Distance and Transformative Skills in Fields: Wind Energy Generation in Germany and Japan

17 November 2022

Speakers:

Endo Takahiro

CAPI Jarislowsky Japan Chair; Associate Professor, UVic Gustavson School of Business,

Manuel Nicklich

Nuremberg Campus of Technology (NCT), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Cowboy Yamahai Sake Presentation & Tasting

17 November 2022

Endo Takahiro

CAPI Jarislowsky Japan Chair; Associate Professor, UVic Gustavson School of Business,

Kishi Yasuyuki

Vice Director/Associate Professor, the Sakeology Centre, Niigata University

Starvation, Sickness, and Shaved Heads: Transnational Citizenship and the “Alienation” of Japanese American Bodies in Wartime Incarceration

29 November 2022

Speaker

Masumi Izumi

Professor of North American Studies at the Department of Global and Regional Studies, Doshisha University, PWFC Visiting Fellow

The Forgotten War Over Prisoners: How Chinese POWs and Taiwan Hijacked the Korean War

12 January 2023

Between Worlds: China’s WWII Interpreters and Their Divergent Fates in China, Taiwan, and North America

18 January 2023

Speaker:

Dr. David Cheng Chang

Associate Professor of Humanities; Associate Director, Global China Center, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Sacred Sites as Public Sphere in Kashmir’s Contentious Politics

19 January 2023

Online Talk/ Joint CAPI and Centre for Study of Religion and Society (CSRS)

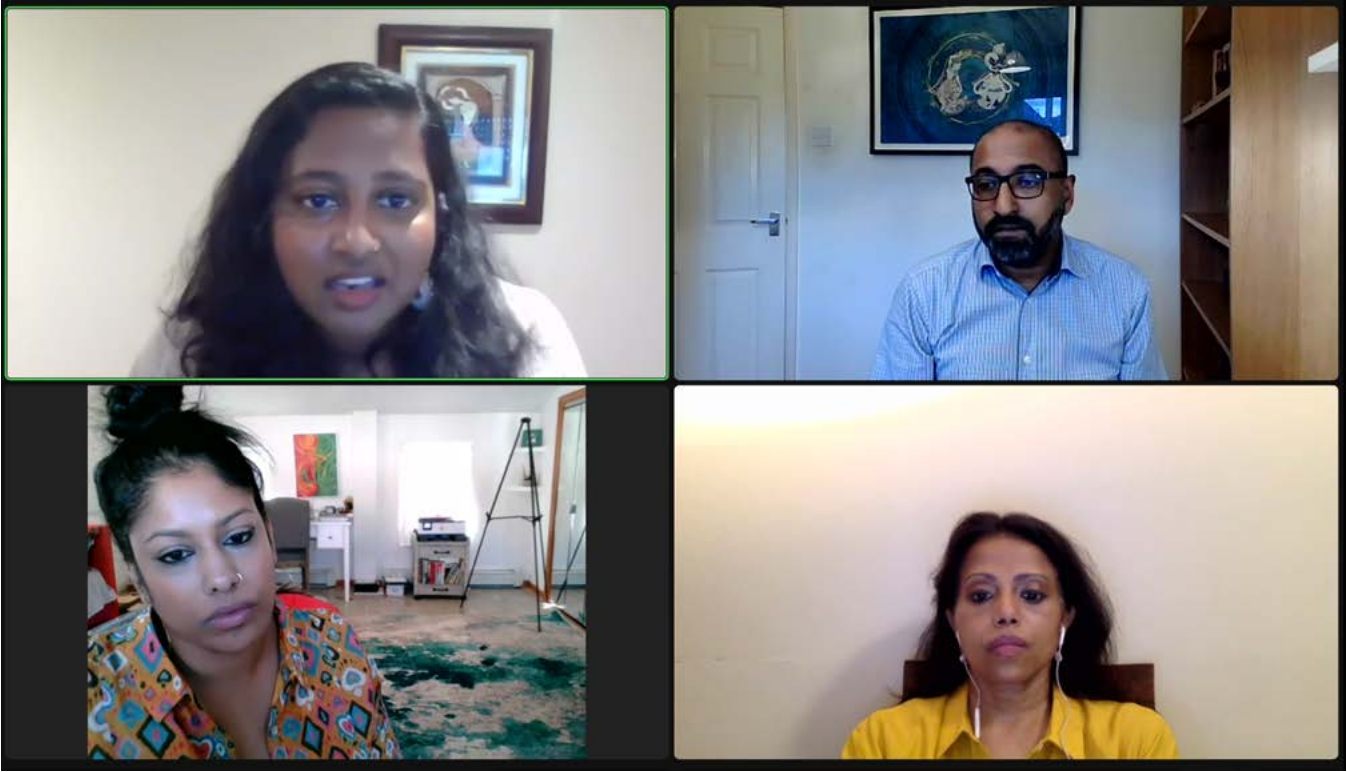
Speakers:

Zohra Batul

PhD in Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India.

Reeta Chowdhari Tremblay

Professor Emerita, Comparative Politics, UVic Political Science







Jim Nickel, Executive Director of the Canadian Trade Office, Taipei meeting with CAPI associates

**Challenging Caste-Scapes of Violence in India and among Diaspora: Annihilation, Decoloniality, & Healing**

2 February 2023

**Panelists:**  
**Chinnaiah Jangam**  
Associate Professor, Department of History, Carleton University, Ottawa

**Arvind Kumar**  
PhD Candidate, UVic Faculty of Law

**Thenmozhi Soundararajan**  
Executive Director of Equality Labs

**Moderator:**  
**Rita Dhamoon**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, UVic

**Saké in Victoria: Tradition and Innovation**  
*Kwench Culture Club*

9 February 2023

Sake pairing event hosted by

**Endo Takahiro**  
CAPI Jarislowsky Japan Chair; Associate Professor, UVic Gustavson School of Business

**Speakers:**  
**Kishi Yasuyuki**  
Vice Director/Associate Professor, the Sakeology Centre, Niigata University

**Patrick Ellis**  
Saké Samurai, Blue Note Sake

**Yuki Minemasa**  
President, Yoshinogawa Brewery

**Keiji Hisata**  
Consulate General

**Koichi Sakamoto and Yukari Miyazawa**  
Tax Office Japan

**Author Meets Readers - Marginalized, Mobilized, Incorporated: Women and Religious Nationalism in Indian Democracy**

9 March 2023

**Author:**  
**Rina Verma Williams**  
Professor of Political Science, University of Cincinnati; Affiliate Faculty in Asian Studies and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

**Readers:**  
**Amrita Basu**  
Domenic J. Paino Professor of Political Science and Sexuality, Women's and Gender Studies, Amherst College.

**Meenal Shrivastava**  
Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Professor of Political Economy and Global Studies, Athabasca University.

**Panel Chair:**  
Sikata Banerjee, Professor of Gender Studies UVic

**Decolonizing Disasters in Kashmir**

16 March 2023

**Speakers:**  
**Omer Aijazi**  
Visiting Scholar and Adjunct Assistant Professor in Anthropology, UVIC

**Pascale Schild**  
University of Bern, Switzerland; Visiting Scholar, SOAS South Asia Institute, London.

**Kiri-e Nikkei: The interstices of diasporic displacement**

21 March 2023

**Speaker:**  
**Elysha Rei**  
Artist and PhD candidate, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane.

**Denying History, Denying Self-rule: Indigeneity, Representation and History Writing in India**

23 March 2023

**Speaker:**  
**Bhangya Bhukya**  
Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania; Professor of History at the University of Hyderabad, India.

**PWFC Talk: Japanese Internment in Comparative Perspective: Race, Citizenship, and Memory across North America, Latin America, and Australia**

30 March 2023

**Speaker:**  
**Neilesh Bose**  
CAPI Senior Research Fellow; Associate Professor of History; Canada Research Chair of Global and Comparative History, UVic

**HUNG LECTURE**  
The Albert Hung lecture series is named in honour of Chinese entrepreneur Dr. Albert Hung Chao Hong.

**Assembling and Disassembling Religion: Dalit Conversion and Sexual Modernity**  
13 May 2023

Part of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biennial Conference

**Speaker:**  
**Lucinda Ramberg**  
Associate Professor, Anthropology and Feminist, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Cornell University.

**Taiwan and the Indo-Pacific Strategy**  
14 June 2023

**Speaker:**  
**Jim Nickel**  
Executive Director, Canadian Trade Office, Taipei.

CAPI SPONSORED EVENTS



**South Asian Art History Student Symposium**  
4 June 2023

Presented by Art History and Visual Studies

Emerging and leading historians of South Asian Art History presented research on diverse topics from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh from the ancient to contemporary eras.

**Victoria International Film Festival**  
February 2023

**My Small Land**  
A film by Emma Kawawada

A Kurdish family is trying to navigate their lives in Japan while facing the difficulties of getting their visa approved and seeking refuge in a foreign country.





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