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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 in North America. The Centre will engage with institutions, civil society and leading scholars at the University of Victoria and across the world to broker and 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 Chairs and programming, CAPI will be a catalyst for the creation, recognition and dissemination of knowledge concerning issues affecting the region.

Our Goals

- To create and maintain connections between the UVic community and the Asia-Pacific region.
- To create and provide research programs and learning opportunities of such quality as to ensure CAPI's leadership among Asia-Pacific research centres in North America.
- To recruit, retain and support talented faculty, students and staff at the Centre, supporting them to achieve their highest potential.
- To access external funding to increase our programming and thus to increase the benefit to the University and the wider community.





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ABOUT



Director Victor V. Ramraj and Incoming Acting Director Pooja Parmar

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Victor V. Ramraj

This report covers a period of transition and renewal at CAPI. As the world shifted from pandemic to endemic mode, CAPI colleagues gathered in person to map out our own way forward. And changes came quickly. After 18 years at CAPI, our superstar China Chair, Guoguang Wu, announced his retirement from the University of Victoria and his intention to take up a research appointment at Stanford University's Center on China's Economy and Institutions. We are sorry to see him go, but delighted for him as he embarks on his next chapter—and he remains tethered to CAPI as an Associate. With Guoguang's departure, long-time CAPI Associate and Political Science Professor Feng Xu was appointed as a China Visiting Researcher for one year and we look forward to her continued contributions to the centre. Meanwhile, Takahiro Endo—who joined CAPI from Hitotsubashi University in Japan as Jarislowsky Japan Chair—immediately infused the centre with his energy and creativity, giving talks and organizing events and visits.

Once again, CAPI's programming can barely be squeezed into the pages of this annual report. A flurry of conferences, roundtables, workshops, panel discussions, UVic's Global Days (coordinated for CAPI by Dulma Karunarathna and

Jon Woods) and many other online, in-person, and hybrid activities continued apace including a workshop on Scholars-at-Risk (with an Afghanistan focus). Among the many events, CAPI visiting researcher Sujin Lee organized and chaired a superb online workshop on the politics of population in East Asia and CAPI senior research fellow Dana Damian co-organized a workshop with associate Daromir Rudnycky on money and technology in Asia. Yet other CAPI associates brought their energy and ideas to CAPI. Feng Xu organized a seminar on comparative eldercare policy and Neilesh Bose organized a series of workshops on Punjab in the world. With Director

Victor V. Ramraj, Phil Calvert co-organized CAPI's Roundtable on Southeast Asia in Global Context. Of particular note this year, Jordan Stanger-Ross and Mike Abe's award-winning eight-year-long project, *Landscapes of Injustice*, on the dispossession of Japanese-Canadians during World War II, came to an end. However, true to the theme of this report—transition and renewal—it was reborn in the form of an expanded SSHRC-funded project, *Past Wrongs, Future Choices*.

Possibly no one at CAPI was more excited by the lifting of pandemic travel restrictions than Robyn Fila, who was able to resume sending an intrepid group of interns back into the field in Asia. She also started planning in earnest a new field school in Thailand, having been awarded yet another grant—this time a Global Skills Opportunity grant—from Universities Canada. CAPI resumed welcoming visitors, including Ploykaew Porananond and Kitpatchara Somanawat from Chiang Mai University, and a large cohort of South Korean civil servants who visit CAPI on leave from their government positions to pursue their research abroad. Taking the lead with the South Korean visitors—as well as other CAPI programming—Noelle Hinrichs joined CAPI in the summer of 2022, bringing her years of China and other Asia experience to CAPI. Noelle joined the rest of the CAPI team, which remained as strong as ever, supporting and facilitating the work of our chairs, fellows, associates, and visitors: Mike Abe, Katie Dey, Robyn Fila, Dulma Karunarathna, Jon Woods, and our remarkable Associate Director Helen Lansdowne.

Amid all these changes and transitions, CAPI mourned the loss of its friend and associate (and Helen's partner) Peter Maidstone, whose untimely demise shook us to the core. Peter was a steadfast supporter and contributor to CAPI and a generous person and friend, we will all miss him dearly.

And one final note of transition. On the first of July 2022, following my reappointment as CAPI Director for a second term (2022-2027), I started a one-year sabbatical, handing the reins of CAPI's directorship to law professor Pooja Parmar for the 2022-2023 academic year. It is only fitting that Pooja has the final word in this report.

Victor V. Ramraj, CAPI Director
(on leave 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)

I am delighted to begin my year as Acting Director of CAPI while Victor is away on his study leave. The first two months have essentially been about learning and planning. I began my term by reaching out to and meeting with several of CAPI's research fellows and associates. It has been absolutely wonderful to learn about the important research projects many in this group are leading. Planning for the upcoming academic term has been a lot of fun, and I look forward to working closely with the amazing CAPI team to ensure we continue to strengthen our partnerships, and offer exciting programs and events that will facilitate meaningful and critical conversations about the Asia-Pacific region. Look out for updates in the next report!

Pooja Parmar, Acting Director
(1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)

From left to right: Japan Chair Endo Takahiro with Director Victor V. Ramraj, Associate Director Helen Lansowne and China Chair Guoguang Wu



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OUR PEOPLE



In Memoriam

In the summer of 2022, Helen's partner and CAPI Associate Peter Maidstone died unexpectedly. Peter was instrumental in developing the Pacific Rim Program at Camosun College, where he also taught Sociology for more than forty years. He had been a Visiting Lecturer at Tianjin University, China, and was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. Peter had been affiliated with CAPI for many years, teaching for the China Youth Leadership Program. He is sadly missed.



CHAIR IN ASIA-PACIFIC LEGAL RELATIONS

Victor V. Ramraj

While serving as CAPI's Director (until my sabbatical started in July 2022), I also continued in my role as CAPI's Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations. I am pleased to report on my general activities, my research activities (publications and presentations), and my teaching and graduate supervision over the course of the academic year.

General Activities and Research Projects

In December 2021, I completed the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships (QES-AS) project, *Regulating Globalization in South and Southeast Asia*, with institutional partners in Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Thailand, and Vietnam. The projects enabled us to fund the research activities of over a dozen researchers from Canada and Asia. Although the project formally ended in December, I continue my co-editorial work on the papers presented at two QES-AS conferences with the JSW School of Law (in 2019 and 2020), for special issues of two journals. With Phil Calvert, I continued to co-organize CAPI's *Roundtable on Southeast Asia in Global Context*, convening two roundtables—on *AUKUS, Southeast Asia, and the Indo-Pacific Realignment*,

Conflict, or Cooperation? (7 November 2021) and *Economy, Climate, Security in the Shadow of Covid-19* (31 March 2022). I also served on numerous Faculty of Law and university-level committees. In June 2022, I was appointed as an adviser to the co-chairs of the Indo-Pacific Advisory Committee, reporting to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly.

Publications and Presentations

Over the course of 2021-2022, I made several presentations to national and international audiences, as follows: (1) I presented a conference paper, "Engaging Non-State Actors in the Indo-Pacific" by Zoom at the *Canada and the Indo-Pacific Strategic Environment Conference* hosted by Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC, Canada (25 September 2021); (2) I presented on a panel, "Translating Science into Law" at an online seminar on *Comparative Law and the Covid-19 Pandemic: Transposition of Scientific Innovations into Comparative Law Actions*, hosted by Maastricht University, AISJ-ILAS (26 October 2021); (3) I delivered a keynote address, "Legal Innovation in Times of Crisis" (online) at the 2nd Law CMU International Conference, *Dynamic of*

Laws amid the Crisis and its Aftermath, organized by the Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand (10/11 February 2022); (4) I presented a talk on "Covid-19 in Asia: Lessons and Reflections Two Years On" at an online seminar at the Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia (1 March 2022); (5) I gave a talk on "Researchers without Borders: National Security and the Cosmopolitan University" at the online **Research Security Workshop Series: Understanding Evolving**



Photo from left to right: Songkrant Pongjoonbun, Ratana Ly, Victor V. Ramraj and Panch Rishi Dev Sharma

Geopolitical Risks co-organized by the Vice-Presidents Research at Simon Fraser University, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, UBC, and University of Victoria (4 April 2022); and (6) I gave a talk on "Academic Freedom, Democracy, and the NSERC National Security Guidelines" at the Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria (13 April 2022). During the same period, I revised and submitted a chapter, "The Constitutional Politics of Emergency Powers" for publication in Handbook on the Politics of Constitutional Law, edited by Mark Tushnet and Dmitry Kochenov (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2023). My co-authored chapter, "Privatization of Constitutional Law: Thailand" (with Thitinant Tenguamnuay of Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Law), in David S. Law's edited collection, **Constitutionalism in Context** was published (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

As of 1 July 2022, I started my first sabbatical based at the University of Victoria with my first overseas trip since the beginning of the pandemic, to the Law and Society Association's annual conference, held in Lisbon. Amid the heat and smoke from forest fires across the Iberian peninsula, I joined a book panel on David S. Law's collection, **Constitutionalism in Context** and presented my co-authored chapter with Thitinant Tenguamnuay (see details above). I also completed an article on Canadian foreign policy and the Indo-Pacific for the **Canadian Review of Political Science** (which pre-dated my appointment to the Indo-Pacific Advisory Committee), finalized a chapter on transnational law for the **Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Law** (M. Siems and P.J. Yaps, eds.), continued my empirical work with Maartje De Visser and Qian Liu on institutional constraints on academic freedom in Asia, and started work on a book project on transnational law amid global complexity and crisis.

Teaching & Graduate Supervision

In September 2021, I delivered my annual lecture to the first year JD and JD/JID Legal Process class on transnational law and, spent the fall term teaching a seminar course at the Faculty of Law, **States, Companies, and Legal Orders in Asia** (Law 343). In November, PhD candidate Songkrant Pongboonjun and I gave a guest lecture on environmental challenges and the city to Global South to Professor Jutta Gutberlet's Geography seminar, **Urban Development in the Global South** (GEOG 332). In May 2022, I taught a 45-hour course on **Transnational Law in Theory and Practice** at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, as part of the UVic Faculty of Law's contribution to the LLM in Business Law. That same month, I also delivered a guest lecture on transnational law to Robert Hanlon's MA class, **International Law and Global Institutions**. Also in May 2022, I served as the external examiner for the University of Toronto at Hassan Ahmad's defence of his SJD dissertation, **The New Immunity: Multinational Corporations, Tort Law, and Human Rights in the Third World**. During the period covered by this report, I had four PhD students in the Faculty of Law under my direct supervision (Ngozi Nwoko, Nima Dorji, Ratana Ly, and Panch Rishi Dev Sharma) and was a supervisory committee member for one student in the Faculty of Law (Trung Nguyen) and three students in the Department of Political Science (Husnain Iqbal, Lynn Ng Yu Ling, and Marta Kleiman).

JARISLOWSKY JAPAN CHAIR

Endo Takahiro

Between September 2021 and April 2022, I delivered COM450 "Japan in the Context of Globalization", which deals with cultural and institutional differences between Japan and other countries.

Publications

Endo, T., Fujiwara, M., & Tsuboyama, Y. (2021). *Travelling Management Ideas: Agility in Japan*. In *The Agile Imperative* (pp. 175-201). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

Sydow, J., Schreyögg, G., & Endo, T. (2021). *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.

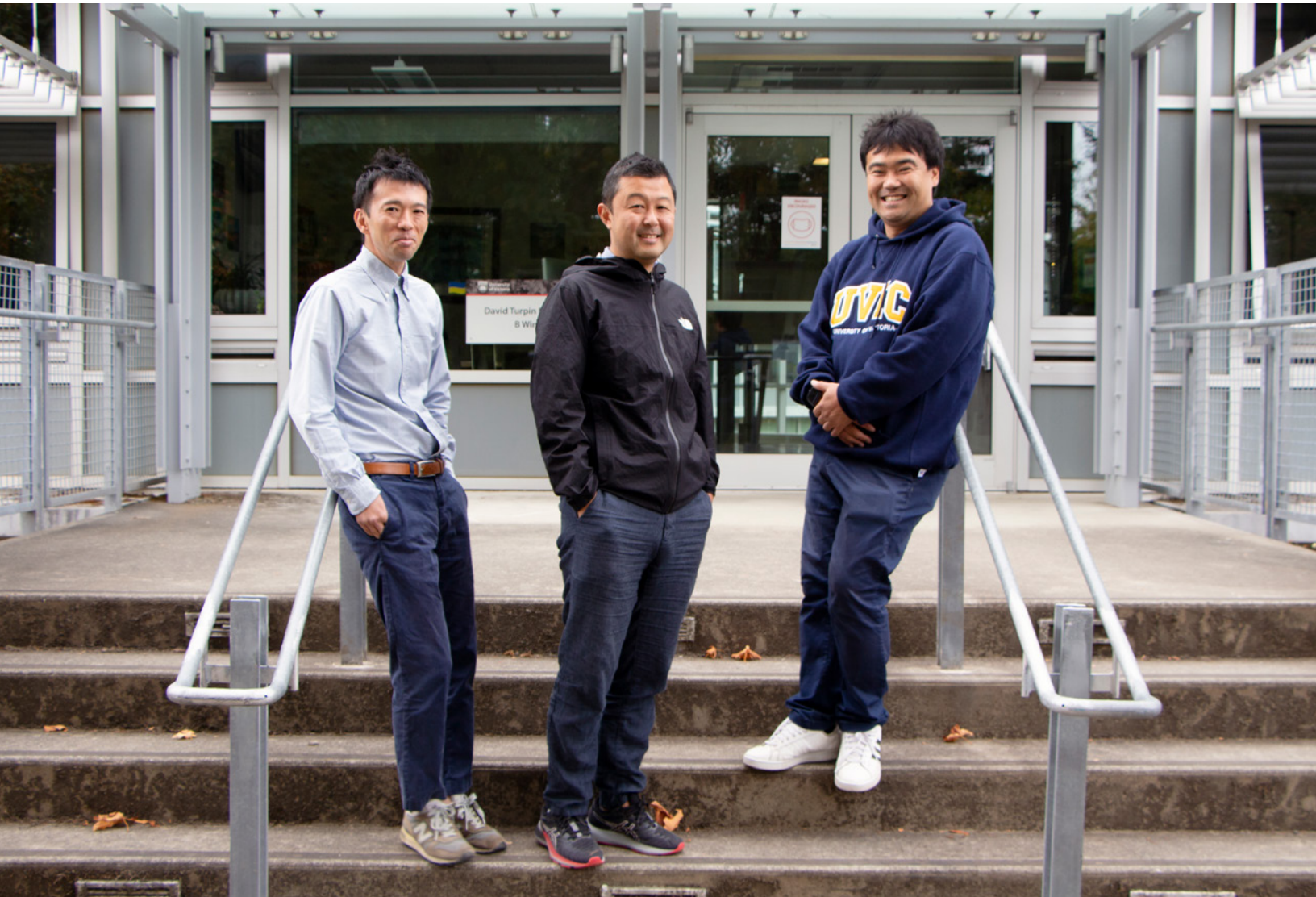
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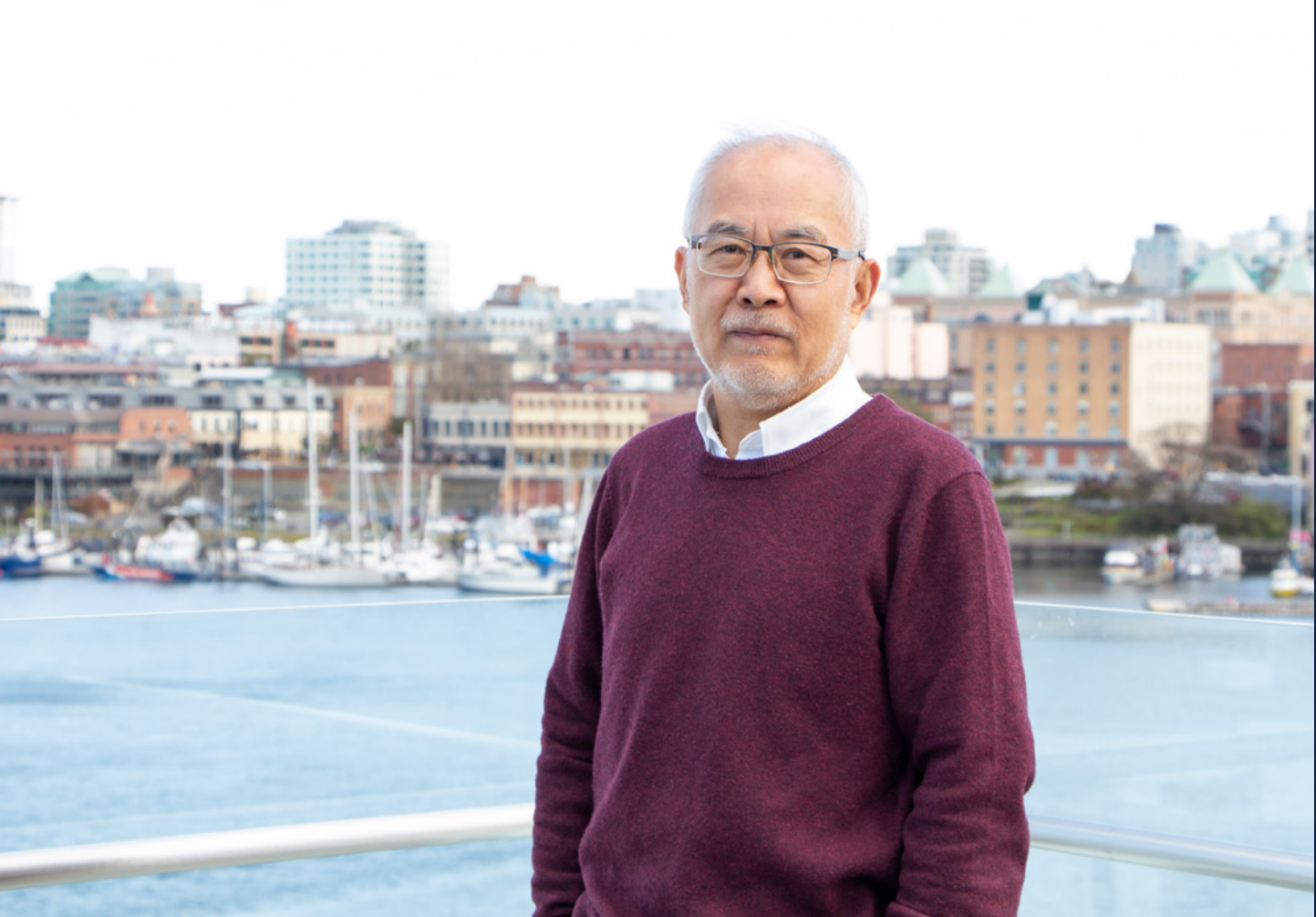
PhD thesis External examiner: Yokohama National University (2022, May, 30 for Pham Thi Xuan Thoa. The thesis is entitled "Factors influencing individual opportunism in business-to-business exchange: Empirical research in Japanese manufacturing companies")

Preparation for inviting two Japanese academic visitors from September, 2022: Professors Yasuyuki Kishi and Shohei Hamamatsu. Prof. Kishi is an expert of sake industry and cultural transformation of traditional industries in Japan. Prof. Hamamatsu is an expert of transformation of Japanese small and medium sized enterprises.

Preparation for sake related events: In order to organize sake related events in Victoria, I talked to several sake breweries in Japan. There are a couple of events to be planned in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023.

From left to right: Visiting researcher Shohei Hamamatsu, Endo Takahiro and Visiting researcher Yasuyuki Kishi





CHINA CHAIR

Guoguang Wu

Publications

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Guoguang Wu, guest editor, Special Issue "Institutional Transformation of Capitalism in the Age of Globalization," Social Sciences 11 (3-5) (March/May 2022).

Guoguang Wu, "The Ukrainian Challenge to China's Leadership Politics: An Emerging Divergence in Foreign Policy and Its Impact on the 20th Party Congress," China Leadership Monitor, Issue 72 (June 2022), <https://www.prcleader.org/wu-3>.

Guoguang Wu, "Killing the Different Dreams, Keeping the Same Regime: Xi Jinping's Ten-Year Struggles to Remake CCP Elite Politics," China Leadership Monitor, Issue 73 (September 2022, forthcoming).

Guoguang Wu, Theatre of Power: Institutional Manipulations at China's Party Congress, the Japanese language edition (translated by Tomoki Kamo et al.), Tokyo: Chuokoron-Shinsha, 2022 (forthcoming in October).

Public Talks and Paper Presentations

Aug 28, 2021 - "The End of Cultural China," a speech at an online event to memorize Professor Ying-shih Yu, <https://ipkmedia.com/93445/?variant=zh-hant>.

Oct 14, 2021 - "Power of Controlling Personnel: The System in Operation," the online course on "Fundamentals of China," Canadian School of Public Policy.

Nov 3, 2021 - "Xi Jinping's Grand Strategy," a virtual presentation at a conference sponsored by School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.

Nov 6, 2021 - Presentation at an online forum on Song Yongyi's book, Mao Zedong and the Cultural Revolution, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luekxZkBA98>.

Nov 12, 2021 - Virtual talk on the CCP Central Committee plenary session, Clubhouse "党政办;"

Nov 19, 2021 - "China-USA Geo-economic Rivalry in East Asia: Reflections on International Relations in a Historical Comparative Perspective," a talk at Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

Dec 11, 2021 - "Hegemonic Competition and/or Rivalry between Values? Exploring the Political-ideal Implication of China as Number One," a presentation at the conference "China as Number One? Challenges to the Chinese Nations, the United States, and the World," Sapiens Institute, Monterey, CA.

Jan 26, 2022 Presentation at a roundtable on China's "common prosperity" program, co-sponsored by the Asia Society Policy Institute and Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions.

Mar 17, 2022 - Comments, at the CAPI Panel on the 2019 HK protests, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.

Apr 22, 2022 - "Greater Foreign Affairs' of China: Institutional and International Implications of the Communist Party in Command of Diplomacy," a talk at EHESS, Paris, France.

Apr 29, 2022 - "Retrospectives on the 1980s' China: Public Engagement and Personal Experience," a talk at INALCO, Paris, France.

May 6, 2022 - "For What the CCP's 20th Congress Matters? China's Leadership Politics in 2022 and Beyond," a talk at EHESS, Paris, France.

May 7, 2022 - "Exile, Quasi-Exile, and the Fate Overseas Chinese," a talk at the Freedom Forum, Paris, France.

CAPI Activities

Mar 17, 2022 - The organizer of the CAPI Panel on the 2019 Hong Kong protests, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.

Apr and May 2022 - One of the organizers of the CAPI event for the screening of a documentary, Revolution of Our Times, and an exhibition of the 2019 Hong Kong protests, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC [my great appreciation to Victor, a participant of the protests; to Jon, CAPI Communication Officer, to Victor, CAPI Director, and to other CAPI colleagues for the support to and the involvement in the events].

May 2022 - Assessor of student applications for CAPI research grants.

Outreach

As a reviewer:

- 2 journal articles for Journal of Politics and Comparative Political Studies;
- A book manuscript for the Chinese University Press (Hong Kong);
- 5 research proposals for the Hong Kong Research Grant Council.

Selected Media Activities

Jul 10 and Aug 8, 2021: interviewed by Yomiuri Shimbun (Japan), then two special reports of my interviews were published at Yomiuri Shimbun (読売新聞, Jul 23, 2021) and Chūō Kōron (中央公論, the Oct issue, 2021);

Oct 9 and 10, 2021: a series of my interviews published by Duan media (端傳媒, Hong Kong);

Oct 1, 2021: quoted by Wall Street Journal;

Oct 6, 2021: interviewed by Radio for Free Asia TV;

Oct 18, 2021: interviewed by VOA;

Nov 7, 2021: quoted by Bloomberg News;

Nov 11, 2021: interviewed by Radio for Free Asia TV;

Mar 5, 2022: a series of interviews by New Tang Dynasty TV;

Apr 24, 2022: interviewed by RFI (International Radio of France);

May 2, 2022: interviewed by Wall Street Journal;

Apr 29, 2022: interviewed by RFI, and the interview was published as two pieces on Jun 1 and Jun 2.

A Farewell to Guoguang

CAPI CHINA CHAIR 2000-2022

In July 2022 CAPI congratulated Guoguang on having accepted a position at Stanford University's new Centre on China's Economy and Institutions. Here is an excerpt from Associate Director Helen Lansdowne's tribute to Guoguang at a celebration held for him by his CAPI family and UVic colleagues:

Eighteen years ago CAPI hired Guoguang and what an amazing China Chair he has been. There were many stellar applicants in that competition but Guoguang stood out, and I must say took us by surprise. Why would someone of his stature, a rising star who was renowned already internationally, want to come to the University of Victoria? Yes, the University is remarkable but remember this was eighteen years ago! We interviewed Guoguang and found out about Xiaoying and their two sons, Alexander and Felix. Now we understood. Lucky for us raising a family in a clean, relatively safe city was the attractant.

*Years have passed, we have grown grey together but along the way a little bit of magic was created beginning with the first conference honoring Zhao Ziyang, and subsequent conferences and publications, (so many publications), including my particular favorite, a symposium and edited volume that brought together Chinese feminist activists and scholars. People who truly live their politics. ([*Gender Dynamics, Feminist Activism and Social Transformation in China*](#))*

We will miss you Guoguang, but so happy that you are beginning your new chapter and so glad that you came to Victoria and CAPI as an interlude between Hong Kong and California. If nothing else, we acclimatized your wardrobe to a west coast style.

Guoguang with colleagues over the years: Left: with Jean-Phillippe Beja; below left: with Helen Lansdowne; below: with Colin Bennett





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, slated for submission in spring 2023. Additionally, I presented my research to a variety of audiences, including the University of Pittsburgh Asian Studies Center in September 2021 as well as the Engaging with Decolonization: From Archives to Paper workshop, held in Marburg, Germany, in April 2022. In May of 2022, I served as an invited panelist for the “The State of the Humanities,” a panel discussion with humanists from England, South Africa, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and India, organized by the British Academy.

In the realm of public programming and teaching, I convened the Global South Colloquium to coincide with a class I taught in a hybrid setting, titled [“Punjab in the World: History, Politics, and Migrations”](#). Visiting speakers included scholars, public intellectuals, and writers based in India, Britain, Canada, and the United States.

Regarding fellowships and awards, I held the Penn State University Humanities fellowship from 1 September to 31 December 2021. During this time, I enjoyed a residency at Penn State, with fellows drawn from universities across North America. I also received the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Conference and Lecture Series grant,

along with colleagues in India to organize a lecture series on the Indian diaspora.

During this period, I published a variety of work drawing on a diversity of interests. First, I published a book chapter titled “Taraknath Das: Race and Citizenship between India and the U.S.A.” in the United States and South Asia from the Age of Empire to Decolonization (Leiden, 2022). I also published an edited book titled India after World History: Literature, Comparison, and Approaches to Globalization (Leiden, 2022) as well as an entry in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia, titled [“Muslim Literary Culture in Late Colonial India,”](#) published online on April 20, 2022



Phil Calvert

Phil continued his involvement in CAPI activities throughout 2021-22. As a former diplomat who served as Canada’s ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, as well as serving for 10 years in China, he has been able to contribute his experience and contacts to help expand CAPI’s reach and enrich the contents of its activities. Phil has been active in building ties between CAPI and other institutions, government departments, media and the private sector, facilitating engagement with the new President of the Asia-Pacific Foundation, Jeff Nankivell, and with Weldon Epp, who is now the ADM of Asia Pacific for Global Affairs Canada. Along with Prof. Asad Kiyani from UVic’s Law school, he participated in a final event—an epilogue—on the Meng Wanzhou/Huawei issue (November 2021). With CAPI Director Victor V. Ramraj, he helped organize and co-chaired two roundtables in CAPI’s ongoing Southeast Asia in the Global Context series: “AUKUS, Southeast Asia, and the Indo-Pacific: Realignment, Conflict, or Cooperation?” (November 2021) and “Economy, Climate, Security in the Shadow of Covid-19” (March 2022). He also was asked to contribute an article to the Canadian Foreign Policy Journal for an upcoming special issue on Southeast Asia. Phil also participated in CAPI’s informal discussions on a range of issues related to Asia.



Daniela Damian

In September 2021 I launched the INSPIRE: STEM for Social Impact program, in a partnership between the Faculties of Science, of Engineering and Computer Science and CAPI. INSPIRE aims to design and implement strategies that empower students to use science and engineering in addressing society's pressing problems in the areas of environmental, social and urban sustainability. It engages students in collaboration with community partners as well as industry mentors in apprentice garage projects that co-ideate and co-design solutions to community-driven problems. The program's reach extends to the Asia-Pacific communities and universities and aims to offer opportunities for research and community-engaged learning for students in the Asia-Pacific region.

2021-2022 was the first year of the program that involved 6 projects that worked with Victoria-based community partners, and one project based in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Kathmandu-based project

worked with Tearfund organization in developing a reporting and visualization platform to enable Nepal-based communities to track and enhance the ongoing improvement projects in the country. A full description of the projects, their developments and success can be found at the program website inspireuvic.org.

My activities have included the design and relationship building with the Kathmandu-based student team and organization that facilitated their engagement in the INSPIRE project, a visit to Nepal in November 2021, and ongoing discussions for a long-term engagement in Nepal during the 5-year duration of the INSPIRE program. I had also led and organized an online CAPI panel on the topic of Money and Technology in April 2022, together with Daromir Rudnycky, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Counter Currency Lab.



Jordan Stanger-Ross

During the period under review, I was gratified to see several long-awaited projects come to fruition. Chief among these was the opening of the Gorge Park Pavilion in Esquimalt, and within it an interpretive wall on Japanese Canadian history in the park, which housed the country's first Japanese style gardens, destroyed in 1942. Undertaken at the suggestion of the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society (and in collaboration with them and members of the Takata family that once lived in the park), the campaign to have this historic landmark created was an inspiring final act of the Landscapes of Injustice partnership project and a bridge to Past Wrongs, Future Choices, which will carry on and internationalize efforts to mobilize research on the 1940s injustices against Nikkei civilians in the Americas and the Pacific. Partnership Grant funding for Past Wrongs, Future Choices was confirmed in June of 2022, and the project will continue into 2029.

Also in early 2022, I was pleased to see the publication of "William Tell: Theatre in Captivity," a contribution with CAPI stalwart Cody Poulton to an anthology of Canadian theatre that will introduce theatre students across Canada

to the productions that occurred in Japanese Canadian internment camps (in *Canadian Performance Documents and Debates: A Sourcebook*), as well as "Constitutional Wrongs," with Eric Adams, which conveys the legal cases launched in opposition to the dispossession and expulsion of Japanese Canadians in a major series in Canadian legal history (*Canadian State Trials*, V5).

With *Landscapes of Injustice* coming to an end, 2021-2022 brought an embarrassment of accolades for that project, well earned by the many contributors to the team. The project won awards from the University of Victoria (REACH Awards), BC Heritage, the BC Museums Association, and the Canadian Historical Association. Its capstone book, *Landscapes of Injustice*, was recognized by the John T. Saywell Prize as the best contribution over the prior two years in the history of the Canadian constitution and law. A proposal for a new book stemming from its research, *Exile: The Forced Expulsion of Japanese Canadians, 1946*, received a SSHRC Insight Award. In all, it was a year of great rewards for long hard work, all of it supported by the generosity and collegiality of the Centre.

Feng Xu

Between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, Feng Xu continues to work on CAPI's Migration and Mobility Programming and its online, open-access and peer-reviewed journal Migration, Mobility & Displacement (MM&D). During the past year, Xu has been working with MM&D's editorial team and Katie Dey to publish a special issue based on papers presented at CAPI co-hosted with Greek partner Creating Commons in an era of precarity: a Multidisciplinary/Trans-disciplinary Conference on Migration and Asia.

Xu organized and presented with her co-author Dr. Kendra Strauss a CAPI panel Issues in Comparative Eldercare Policy: What the Covid-19 Pandemic Revealed, on 27 January 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made research and conference travel to China impossible, even when travel has opened up for North America.

Xu served as a member of the steering committee for the Global Affairs Canada's inaugural Margaret Meagher Fellowship.

Xu read and discussed Juliana Hu Pegues' Book Space-Time Colonialism: Alaska's Indigenous and Asian Entanglements, Organized by Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-led Engagement (CIRCLE).

University of Victoria, March 3, 2022.

Xu continues to collaborate with Dr. Kendra Strauss at Simon Fraser University, on their SSHRC-funded project, "Workers in the Aging City: Eldercare Labour Markets in Vancouver and Shanghai".

Publications that came out of the project:

Xu, Feng (2022), "Building China's Eldercare Market: The Imperatives of Capital Accumulation and Social Stability," Social Sciences, 11 (5): 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci11050212>

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, (Authors shared equally in contribution to research and writing)

Finally, she is a co-applicant of a successful SSHRC Partnership Grant Understanding Precarity in BC; and a co-applicant of SSHRC Partnership Grant Liberating Migrant Labour? International Mobility Programs in Settler Colonial Contexts (stage two).





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Southeast Asia in Global Context

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SERIES

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.



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AUKUS, Southeast Asia, and the Indo-Pacific: Realignment, Conflict, or Cooperation?

18 November 2021

The 13th instalment of CAPI's ongoing Southeast Asia in Global Context roundtable series brought together a panel of international experts to examine the implications of the new AUKUS (Australia-United Kingdom-United States) alliance for traditional and non-traditional security issues. Participants considered how the emerging geopolitical realignment complicates the ability of countries in the region and great powers to cooperate on ongoing global challenges such as Covid-19 recovery and the climate crisis. The session sought to raise awareness of Southeast Asia generally as a critical node in the Indo-Pacific region, one deserving of close attention in understanding the balance of geopolitical power and the consequences of rising tensions for human security, ethical economic development, and environmental protection. This particular roundtable was featured as part of the University of Victoria's Global Days 2021, a new series of events focused on global issues relating to sustainability.

Panellists:

John Blaxland, Professor of International Security, and Intelligence Studies and former Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Center, Australian National University

Mely Caballero-Anthony, Professor of International Relations and Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies; President's Chair in International Relations and Security Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Joanna Chiu, Vancouver-based senior journalist covering both Canada-China relations and current affairs on the West Coast for the Toronto Star; author of *China Unbound: A New World Disorder*

Kai Ostwald, Associate Professor, School of Public Policy & Global Affairs and the Department of Political Science; Director, Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia

Economy, Climate, Security in the Shadow of Covid-19

31 March 2022

The 14th instalment of CAPI's ongoing Southeast Asia in Global Context roundtable series featured a distinguished panel of international experts on the challenges and decisions facing Southeast Asian countries as they emerge from the latest waves of the Covid-19 pandemic and adjust to the new regional and global landscape.

Participants considered how health and environmental priorities have affected trade and investment flows in the region, with particular attention to the pandemic's potential long-term impact on Southeast Asia's economy, trade patterns, and budget priorities, in the context of the Indo-Pacific region. If countries are prioritising economic growth, what will the impact be on the use of fossil fuels and green energy plans, and what are the implications for climate change commitments? How will rising public expenses relating to healthcare and social welfare be addressed and prioritised? The participants also explored the traditional security issues in the Indo-Pacific and the power dynamics in different parts of Southeast Asia.

Panellists:

Lorraine Elliott, Professor Emerita, International Relations, Australian National University

Mina Hoofar, Professor and Dean of Engineering, University of Victoria, Canada

Erik Kuhonta, Associate Professor, Political Science, and Director, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, Canada

Pavida Pananond, Professor, International Business, Thammasat Business School, Thammasat University, Bangkok

Sharon Seah Li-Lian, ISEAS Yusof-Ishak Institute, Singapore

Concluding remarks:

Peter Lundy, Director General, Southeast Asia, ASEAN, APEC, Global Affairs Canada



Kewal Singh Pabla outside his restaurant in Vancouver 1973 (photo courtesy of Pabla family)

Global South Colloquium

PUNJAB IN THE WORLD: HISTORY, POLITICS, AND MIGRATION LECTURE SERIES

The 2022 Global South Colloquium focused on the modern history of the Punjab as well as Punjabi migrations in global and transnational contexts. Featuring scholars from a range of disciplines, this series examined issues such as the Sikh Empire and its historic importance, the history of colonial Punjab, contemporary farmers' protests, and popular and visual culture as an angle into the global history of Punjab in the world.

Caste, Anti-Caste Politics, and Punjabi History

17 February 2022

Navyug Gill

Professor, Department of History, William Paterson University

Sikh Studies in an Era of University/World-Making

3 March 2022

Anneeth Kaur Hundle

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, UC Irvine

Punjabi Migration and BC Histories

10 March 2022

Satwinder Bains

Associate Professor, Social, Cultural, & Media Studies, University of the Fraser Valley

Mary Anne Vallianatos

PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Archiving Punjabi Migrations

17 March 2022

Rajbir Judge

Assistant Professor, Department of History, California State University, Long Beach

Farmer Protests: Updates and Approaches

24 March 2022

Natasha Behl

Associate Professor, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University

Performing Punjab, Punjabi, Punjabiati

31 March 2022

Anjali Gera Roy

Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology

Sikh Art and Activism in the Contemporary Era

7 April 2022

Melia Belli Bose

Associate Professor, Art History & Visual Studies, University of Victoria

Migration & Mobility Program

Helen Lansdowne

During the last year, the Migration, Mobility Program has focused its energies preparing the next two issues of *Mobility & Displacement Journal*. One of these issues is a special issue with guest editor Xiaobei Chen, Professor of Sociology at Carleton University. The theme of the issue is Anti-Chinese and Anti-Asian Racism in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The second volume to be published is a special issue of conference papers that emanated from our *Creating Commons in an Era of Precarity: A Multi/Trans-Disciplinary Conference on Migration and Asia* in June 2021. The special issue will feature graduate students and faculty who presented at this conference, including presenters who represented our co-host partners, the University of Crete. The papers offer a range of topics from migrant labour issues, to transnational solidarity organizations and migrant focused literature. In addition to a range of peer-reviewed papers, this issue will also include an interview with filmmaker Ashley Sawyer, whose film “Like We Don’t Exist”, an examination of the lives of Karenni peoples living in the border areas of Myanmar and Thailand, was shown at the *Creating Commons* conference.

Both volumes are expected to be online by mid-summer.



Migrant workers in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, 2017 Photo: UN Women/Staton Winter via Flickr



Landscapes of Injustice Finale Celebration at the Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion - attendees in front of the display wall, July 2022

Landscapes of Injustice

Jordan Stanger-Ross and Michael Abe

The *Landscapes of Injustice* (LOI) project supported the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society in their campaign to have a teahouse built at the Esquimalt Gorge Park to commemorate the Takata Japanese Garden and Teahouse that existed and thrived from 1907 until World War II. The beautiful multi-purpose Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion and Japanese-style landscaping was completed and opened to great fanfare on June 18, 2022.

LOI was also instrumental to the campaign to have the building built, and then in the curation of the historical interpretative wall in the front entrance of the pavilion. Since then, we've hosted walking tours on the history of the garden and teahouse. The story of the Takata Japanese Garden was featured in an article in [Canadian Geographic](#) and in the Winter 2022 [BC History Magazine](#) issue, both written by project members.

Landscapes of Injustice also focussed on online public outreach events including continuing the family storytelling series with members of the Japanese Canadian community both online and in written form, [Family Storytelling Series #6](#) (Feb. 23, 2022). These stories were part of the Summer 2022 issue of [BC History Magazine](#), a special issue dedicated to the research findings and project outputs of LOI. They were based on the project's [Research Database](#), which continues to have profound impacts within the community. To date, over 100,000 unique monthly visitors have accessed the site to retrieve the first-hand records of the families who suffered dispossession in the 1940s.

Meanwhile, our Broken Promises exhibit showed this summer at the Royal BC Museum. Attendance at the exhibit surpassed 113,000 in its first 3 months. Shortlisted for the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming, the exhibit also received an Award of Merit for Innovative Practice from the BC Museums Association. These honours reflect the work of the entire collective, but especially our curators and the researchers who helped translate our collective work into museum text and selected objects for display and subjects of focus. They put it all together into bewildering and brilliant diagrams of big blue circles – interpretive plans! – and then made an amazing exhibition of it. Next, the exhibition will travel to Halifax where it opens at Pier 21- Canadian Museum of Immigration in February 2023.

Members of LOI participated in several conferences and lectures. Jordan Stanger-Ross and Michael Abe were keynote speakers at the Japan Studies Association of Canada conference and addressed the cross section between public history and community engagement. They also presented at the BC Historical Federation and Mike spoke at the Intangible Cultural Heritage conference.

The partnership also continued to win academic recognition during 2022. LOI's summative research volume, *Landscapes of Injustice: A New Perspective on the Internment and Dispossession of Japanese Canadians* (MQUP, 2020) received the John T. Saywell Prize for Canadian Constitutional Legal for the best contribution to Canadian legal history in the previous two years, recognizing this work as a "a major contribution to our understanding of Canada's constitutional history." The book was also shortlisted for the UBC's Basil Stuart-Stubbs Prize for 2021, for outstanding scholarly work on British Columbia.

Finally, it was time to bring the partnership to a close, after eight years of collective work. We held a celebratory event beginning with a tour of the *Landscapes of Injustice Broken Promises Museum Exhibit* at the Royal BC Museum and then a finale dinner at the Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion. Wine was served, many kind words exchanged, and finally, the pronouncement was made on this incredible journey: "That's a wrap!"

As *Landscapes of Injustice* came to a close, a new team came together. Building upon the core of LOI to include international partners and participants on five continents, Past Wrongs, Future Choices (PWFC) is a new partnership investigating the racialized uprooting, internment, dispossession, and deportation of civilians of Japanese descent (Nikkei) in allied countries throughout the Americas and the Pacific. Especially well-rooted in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, and the United States, PWFC will foster social and political

accountability, pushing publics across the world to grapple with the question of what we owe to one another, especially in times of crisis. We are pleased to have CAPI as a major partner once again in this application. In April 2022 we were awarded the grant for this seven year project!

During the Letter of Intent year PWFC held several online public sessions including

[Internment and Identity: The Japanese Australian Experience](#) (Sept. 22, 2021)

[Japanese Diaspora in Brazil During the World War II Period](#) (January 13, 2022)

[Legalized Racism from the Local to the Global: The Case of Nikkei People in the 1940s](#) (March 23, 2022)

[How Should Histories of Racism Be Told- Roundtable reflections from the field of community](#) (July 13, 2022)

UVic 2021 Reach Award

Jordan Stanger-Ross (History) received the University of Victoria's 2021 Reach Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization, in recognition of the award-winning work he leads with his partners, students and collaborators on *Landscapes of Injustice*. Through multiple, purposeful, and intentional strands of knowledge mobilization, Jordan has led LOI to transform lives—locally, nationally, internationally. His vision has significantly advanced scholarly understandings of the internment of Japanese Canadians, telling a new history of its origins, unfolding and legacies, within which many more Canadians are implicated than previously known and established. It has pushed Canadians—in the academy and in the public alike—to grapple with a complex history of systemic racism, charting its toxic intersection with ideological framings and legal and political institutions of citizenship, property, and justice. This is a project that exudes excellence in all aspects of community-based partnership research, but for which the knowledge mobilization in particular stands apart as the model for humanistic enquiry and societal change. It has connected family members, students, academics and the public with new knowledge and new ways of understanding the past to contextualize the present and help foster justice in the future.

Landscapes of Injustice is grateful for the tremendous support of CAPI and look forward to another seven years of partnership with Past Wrongs, Future Choices.



Visiting QES-AS scholars Kitpatchara Somanawat and Ploykaew Porananond, both from Chiang Mai University, Thailand.

Regulating Globalization in South & Southeast Asia

Since 2017, CAPI and the UVic Faculty of Law and their partners in South and Southeast Asia have been activating a dynamic community of young global leaders around the world to conduct interdisciplinary research on innovative governance and justice strategies to mitigate the harsher effects of economic globalization in South and Southeast Asia (specifically Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Thailand, and Vietnam).

The project, funded by the **Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Advanced Scholars (QES-AS)** program, brought thirteen advanced scholars whose work focused on South and Southeast Asia to UVic

to create lasting impacts both at home and abroad through cross-cultural exchanges encompassing international education, research, and professional training. It also sent five Canadian post-doctorate early career scholars to the region to develop valuable experience and build skills and networks in South and Southeast Asia. The 5 year program completed during the reporting period, but the scholars that we hosted during the project remain part of the CAPI family, including Kitpatchara and Ploykaew (above).

**QUEEN
ELIZABETH II**
Scholars



Hee jeong Chung, giving a presentation on her researchers to colleagues and CAPI staff

South Korean Public Policy Research Program

Since 2021, CAPI has hosted numerous South Korean civil servants who are sponsored by the Korean Government to conduct research on various policy issues in a comparative context. Research topics are wide ranging and have included the study of labour law, criminal law, welfare policy and the digital economy. Added bonuses of their stay in Canada include improving their English skills and having an immersive cultural experience in Canada.

The researchers are invited at regular intervals to come together and present their findings during the term. They have the opportunity to be introduced to UVic faculty members and community contacts who specialize in their areas of research.

International Student Internship Program

Robyn Fila

For those of us who run international programs, 2021 continued to be a time of unknowns. Towards the end of 2021, the world slowly started to open up to international travel, however as new variants continued to emerge, it was a green light, red light type of scenario.

At the beginning of 2022, February 28 to be exact, Canada lifted the non-essential travel advisory that had been in place since March 2020. This meant that we could once again send students abroad to complete international internships!

With a very tight recruitment and preparation window, we had 10 students ready to leave for their international placements in May and June 2022. Two more started internships in Japan in September 2022.

Our 2021-22 interns completed placements in Thailand, with the Global Alliance Against the Traffic in Women and the Karenni Social Development Center; in Indonesia with the Centre for Indonesian Policy Studies; in Malaysia with the Malaysian Social Research Institute; and in Japan with the CityNet Plus Arts Kobe.

During this time Universities Canada and Rideau Hall granted a second one year extension to our QES ASEAN project that will now wrap up in December 2023. We also signed a contribution agreement for the new Government of Canada's outbound mobility pilot program Global Skills Opportunity. This program includes the development of two field schools in Northern Thailand in May 2023 and May 2024 and two new partners in Malaysia – The Centre for Orang Asli Concerns in Subang Jaya and the DAP Service Centre in Kota Kinabalu. We plan to send our first GSO interns out in May/June 2023.



Giulia Gagliano-Tsuda in Miyajima Japan - photo provided by student



2022 INTERNS (from left to right in photo)

- **Haley Ham** – Center for Indonesian Policy Studies, Jakarta, Indonesia
- **Isabel Simons** – Karenni Social Development Center, Mae Hong Son, Thailand
- Etain Kearsey - Did not travel
- **Giulia Gagliano** – CityNet Plus Arts, Kobe, Japan
- **Elly Thompson** – Malaysia Social Research Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Charlotte Clar** – Global Alliance Against the Traffic in Women, Bangkok, Thailand
- **Caleb Catto** – Malaysia Social Research Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Keiran Ellis** – Center for Indonesian Policy Studies, Jakarta, Indonesia
- **Jennifer Janssen** – Global Alliance Against the Traffic in Women, Bangkok, Thailand

Not pictured:

- **Rowan Froese** – Karenni Social Development Center, Mae Hong Son, Thailand
- **Russell Chiong** – CityNet Plus Arts, Kobe, Japan



Photos clockwise from top left: Russell Chiong in Pashupatinath, Nepal; Elly Thompson with co-workers at MSRI, Kuala Lumpur; Charlotte Clar and Jennifer Jannsen enjoying a meal in Bangkok; Caleb Catto visiting a mangrove forest in Malaysia; Isabel Simons with students from KSDC, Thailand; and Hayley Ham and Keiran Ellis on a field trip in Indonesia with colleagues from CIPS. Photos provided by students.



Isabel Simons (pictured above) spent 6 months teaching English at the Karenni Social Development Center, in a remote village near the Myanmar border in Mae Hong Son, Thailand. Each student is asked to write a letter of advice to a future intern. Here is an excerpt from Isabel's:

Dear Future Intern,

If you've been selected as a CAPI intern, you're about to embark on a daunting, exhilarating, unique, and wonderful work placement. My second piece of advice is this: it may be uncomfortable at times, but it's worth it. When I was getting ready to leave, I had a lot of fears. Some fears were topical. Would the heat be unbearable? Are there crazy-big spiders? Some fears were deeper. Would I get sick? Would I be homesick and lonely? Would the language barrier be isolating? Would my white, Canadian identity be a barrier? What if I took six months away and came back to find that life has moved on around me, leaving me lost and struggling?

Well, the temperature was difficult to bear, there were enormous spiders, I came down with a couple nasty and unfamiliar viruses, and I had to be aware of my privilege in ways that challenged me to be a better person.

On the other side of these challenges was growth. My body acclimated to the heat and humidity, I got over my squeamishness around large insects, I recovered from my bouts of flu, and the distance from home made me more mindful of and grateful for the relationships I have here. One of the greatest benefits of the KSDC placement is that you don't have to grapple with feelings of loneliness and isolation the way that some folks on urban placements may. You're dropped right into a welcoming, loving community and all you need to do is meet that energy with respect, openness and authenticity to be accepted, to make friends and to be brought in to sports games, dance parties, community gatherings, and mealtimes. Some folks speak fluent English, many students enjoy practicing their English language skills (and are happy to teach you some Karenni, too!) and it was refreshing to sometimes lean into non-verbal communication and just spend time with people without extensive, conventional conversation.

To read Isabel's full entry and other student blogs, visit the [CAPI intern blog page](#).

Talks

Responding to Scholars under Threat in Asia: Afghanistan and Beyond

16 September 2021

Discussants:

Susan Breau

Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria; specializing in international humanitarian and human rights law

Phil Calvert

Former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos; CAPI Senior Fellow

Viviana Fernandez

National Steering Committee Chair, Scholars At Risk Canada; Assistant Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa

Chris Kilford

President, Canadian International Council, Victoria Branch; Fellow, Queen's Centre for International and Defence Policy; Adjunct Faculty, Royal Roads University

Catherine Morris

Executive Director of Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada, and Director of Peacemakers Trust, Canada; CAPI Associate

Renée Mulligan

Board Member, Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada; Legal Counsel, BC Ministry of the Attorney General; CAPI Associate

Moderator:

Victor V. Ramraj

CAPI Director and Law Chair; Professor of Law, University of Victoria

Identity and Internment: The Japanese-Australian experience

22 September 2021

Co-hosted by Landscapes of Injustice/ Past Wrongs, Future Choices and Nikkei Australia

Speakers:

Yuriko Nagata

Honorary Senior Research Fellow, School of Languages and Culture, University of Queensland

Christine Piper

Award-winning writer and editor

Andrew Hasegawa

Fourth generation Nikkei Australian

Bodies as Risky Resources: Japan's Colonial Identification Systems in Northeast China

23 September 2021

Speaker:

Midori Ogasawara

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Victoria

Host:

Sujin Lee

Assistant Professor of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria

Hipster Competition Law: Examining the West's Reconsideration of Wider Goals for Competition Law

7 October 2021

Speaker:

Ploykaew Porananond

Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand; Visiting QES-AS Scholar

Host:

Ratana Ly

UVic Law PhD student and QES-AS Scholar from Cambodia

Indigenous Sovereignty on Trial: Comparative Judicial History of Canada and Thailand

7 October 2021

Speaker:

Kitpatchara Somanawat

Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand; Visiting QES-AS Scholar

Host:

Songkrant Pongboonjun

UVic Law PhD student and QES-AS Scholar from Thailand

Virtual graduate student workshop

as part of UBC's Centre for Southeast Asia Research conference: "People, Power, Politics, Pandemics & Other Perils in Southeast Asia"

21 October 2021

Seafood Ecolabel Certification and Labour Sustainability in Japan

28 October 2021

Speaker:

Takahiro Endo

Associate Professor, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business and CAPI Jarislowsky Japan Chair, University of Victoria

Moderator:

Victor V. Ramraj

CAPI Director and Law Chair; Professor of Law, University of Victoria

Two for One: An Epilogue of the Meng Wanzhou/Two Michaels Saga

4 November 2021

Speakers:

Phil Calvert

Former Canadian Deputy Head of Mission in the Canadian Embassy in Beijing; CAPI Senior Fellow; PhD in Chinese History

Asad Kiyani

Assistant Professor, UVic Faculty of Law, specializing in international criminal law

Host:

Helen Lansdowne

CAPI Associate Director

"But I Look Like a Lawyer"

A satellite screening of the launch of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers' new documentary film
5 November 2021

Global Days: Unforeseen Journeys Beyond the Classroom

17 November 2021

Speakers:

Danae Zachari

MA student, UVic Geography, former Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) internship program participant

Robyn Fila

International Student Internship Program Manager, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), University of Victoria

Murtaza Akbari

Recent arrival to Victoria from Malaysia via refugee sponsorship

Kim Copeland

former Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) internship program participant, UVic Political Science alumna

Global Days: Lessons from Eco-Friendly Food Packaging in Asia

17 November 2021

Speaker:

Dulma Karunarathna

Program Coordinator and Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria

Global Days: Applied Theatre as Post-Disaster Response in The Philippines

18 November 2021

Speaker:

Dennis Gupa

UVic applied theatre PhD graduate

Global Days: Artistic Journeys through Asia in Multiple Objects

19 November 2021

Presenters:

Richard King

former Professor, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies and former Director, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI)

Ken Mizokoshi

Photojournalist

Dulma Karunarathna

(PhD in Archaeology), Program Coordinator and Visiting Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), University of Victoria

Mike Abe

Project Manager, Landscapes of Injustice Project

Melia Belli Bose

Associate Professor, UVic Art History and Visual Studies

Global Days: Healing the Forests to Heal Ourselves: Community Mapping and Indigenous Medicine in India

19 November 2021

Presenters:

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Associate Professor, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria, Canada

Erica Goto

Postdoctoral Researcher, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan, USA

Jane Warjri

Indigenous Khasi, Ka Mei-Ramew Project Lead, Meghalaya, India

The Politics of Population in East Asia

25 November 2021

Discussants:

John P. Dimoia

Professor of Korean History, Seoul National University

Susan Greenhalgh

John King and Wilma Cannon Fairbank Research Professor of Chinese Society, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University

Aya Homei

Lecturer in Japanese Studies, The University of Manchester

Yu-Ling Huang

Assistant Professor, School of Medicine, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

Convenor:

Sujin Lee

Assistant Professor of Pacific and Asian Studies, CAPI Associate, University of Victoria

Book Talk | South Asian Migrations in Global History: Labor, Law, and Wayward Lives

13 January 2022

Speakers:

Arunima Datta

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Idaho State University

Riyad Koya

Independent Scholar, Santa Rosa, California

Host:

Neilesh Bose

Associate Professor/Canada Research Chair, Department of History, and CAPI Senior Fellow, University of Victoria

Graduate Student Research Forum on Asia

20 January 2022

Food vending and Covid-19 in Jakarta, Indonesia

Maeve Milligan

Master's student, UVic Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria

The Question of Federal Emergencies in South Asia

Panch Rishi Dev Sharma

PhD student, UVic Faculty of Law; Assistant Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow, India

Protecting construction workers in Cambodia: Trade unions, their collective actions and strategies

Ratana Ly

PhD candidate, University of Victoria Faculty of Law

Issues in Comparative Eldercare Policy: What the Covid-19 Pandemic Revealed

27 January 2022

Speakers:

Baozhen Luo

Professor in Global Health, Duke Kunshan University, China

Paulin Tay Straughan

Dean of Students; Professor of Sociology; Director, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing, Singapore Management University

Micah Tan

Research Associate, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing, Singapore Management University

Kendra Strauss

Professor of Sociology & Anthropology; Director of the Labour Studies Program, Simon Fraser University, Canada

Feng Xu

Professor of Political Science; CAPI Senior Fellow, University of Victoria

Moderator:

Lynn Ng

PhD Candidate in Political Science at the University of Victoria

Indian Migration during the Pandemic: Histories, Contingencies, and Crisis

3 February 2022

Speakers:

Bindu Menon Mannil

Associate Professor, Media Studies, School of Arts and Sciences, Azim Premji University, India

Vasundhara Krishnan

MA, Society and Culture, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, India; Research Assistant, Wipro Archives and Resource Centre

Lynn Ng

PhD Candidate in Political Science at the University of Victoria

Host:

Neilesh Bose

Associate Professor/Canada Research Chair, Department of History, and CAPI Senior Fellow, University of Victoria

Linking Health and Development: Challenges and Opportunities in Asia

10 February 2022

Co-hosted by UVic Global Development Studies

James Kong

Health Informatician; Specialist in Plastic Surgery

Katherine Weatherburn

Founder & Executive Director, Safteyknot, International public safety consultancy

Waikiki – CAPI sponsored screening at the Victoria Film Festival

10 February 2022

Directed by Christopher Kahunahana

Deforestation, Agriculture, and Land Use in Canada and Asia: An Interdisciplinary Conversation

17 February 2022

Speakers:

Nuthamon Kongcharoen

Assistant Professor and Dean, Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

ann-elise lewallen

Associate Professor, Pacific and Asian Studies; CAPI Associate, University of Victoria

Réal Roy

Assistant Professor, Department of Biology; Researcher, Centre for Forest Biology, University of Victoria

Discussants:

Songkrant "Kan" Pongboonjun

PhD Candidate, UVic Faculty of Law; Lecturer, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Barbara Hawkins

Professor, Department of Biology; Researcher, Centre for Forest Biology, University of Victoria

Host:

Victor V. Ramraj

CAPI Law Chair and Director; Professor of Law, University of Victoria



CAPI's Mike Abe giving a presentation on Japanese ink painting, or *sumi-e*

Landscapes of Injustice Family Storytelling Series - Episode 6

23 February 2022

Co-hosted by the Landscapes of Injustice project

Pat Harumi Jetté (nee Hiraoka)

Geographies of Kinship: Documentary film

8 March 2022

Co-hosted by University of Victoria's Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

Geographies of Kinship: Discussion

10 March 2022

Co-hosted by University of Victoria's Department of Pacific and Asian Studies

Speakers:

Deann Borshay Liem

Filmmaker (writer, producer, director)

Estelle Cooke Sampson

Radiologist, Washington, DC; Board Member, Korean Adoptees Making Reunions Attainable (325KAMRA); Brigadier General (retired)

Kim Stoker

Professional Editor and Poet; Advocate for adoptees with Ibyang-IN (Iby International Network)

Revolution of Our Times: Introducing a Documentary regarding the Hong Kong 2019 Protests

17 March 2022

Speaker:

Victor

Hong Kong activist

Chair/Discussant:

Guoguang Wu

CAPI China Chair; Professor of Political Science and History at UVic

Legalized Racism from the Local to the Global: The Case of Nikkei People in the 1940s

23 March 2022

Co-hosted with Past Wrongs, Future Choices and UVic's Centre for Global Studies

Speakers:

Eric Adams

University of Alberta Law School

Jessica A. Fernández de Lara Harada

Cambridge University UK

Masumi Izumi

Doshisha University, Kyoto Japan

Eric Muller

University of North Carolina School of Law

Rayner Thwaites

University of Sydney, Law School

Money and Technology in Asia

7 April 2022

Co-hosted by the UVic Counter-Currency Lab

Speakers:

Nafis Alam

Head of School of Business and Professor, Department of Finance, Monash University, Malaysia

Ze Shi ("Zane") Li

PhD student, Computer Science, University of Victoria, Canada

Xue Ma

PhD student, Department of Anthropology, University of Victoria

Alan Megargel

Assistant Professor of Information Systems, School of Computing and Information Systems, Singapore Management University

Anit Mukherjee

Policy Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC

Hosts/Convenors:

Daniela Damian

Professor of Software Engineering, UVic Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science; CAPI Senior Research Fellow

Daromir Rudnycky

Professor, UVic Department of Anthropology; CAPI Research Associate

CAPI-sponsored and supported events

Can Canada and China still learn from each other? Balancing Research Partnerships, National Security and Economic Competitiveness

18 October 2021

Presented by McMillan LLP in collaboration with CAPI, the Centre for Business Law at UBC, the China Institute at the University of Alberta, and Invest Alberta

Panelists:

Paul Evans

HSBC Professor of Asian Research, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia

Jie Cheng

Associate Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

Gordon Houlden

Director Emeritus of the China Institute, Professor of Political Science, University of Alberta

Christopher Parsons

Senior Research Associate, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto

Commentators:

Victor V. Ramraj

CAPI Director and Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations and Professor of Law, University of Victoria

Ron Hoffmann

Special Advisor, Asia-Pacific & Major Projects, Invest Alberta

Opening Remarks:

Carol Liao

Director of the Centre for Business Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

Moderator:

Stephen Wortley

Partner, Capital Markets & Securities, McMillan LLP

The Ethics, Politics, and Ecologies of Farming Animals in Multicultural Societies: Insights from India

20 October 2021

Presented by the Animals and Society Research Initiative

Speaker:

Krithika Srinivasan

Senior Lecturer, School of Geosciences, University of Edinburgh

Japanese Diaspora in Brazil during the World War II Period

18 January 2022

Presented by Past Wrongs, Future Choices

Speakers

Gustavo Taniguti

Sociologist, PhD (2015), Department of Sociology of the University of São Paulo

Leiko Morales

Professor of Japanese language at the Department of Oriental Languages at the University of São Paulo

Monica Okamoto

Associate Professor at the Department of Modern Foreign Languages at the Federal University of Paraná

Canada at a Crossroads on China: Work Together or Perish Together

04 February 2022

Presented by Canada-China Focus, a project of the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute and UVic's Centre for Global Studies

Speaker:

Noam Chomsky

Film Screening (Cinecenta): Revolution of Our Times

02 April 2022

Co-presented with Vic City 250

Speaker:

Kiwi Chow

Director

Regional Connectivity Building in SE Asia

5 April 2022

Presented by the Canada-ASEAN Initiatives, York Centre for Asian Research

Speakers:

Cheng-Chwee Kuik

Professor in International Relations and Head of the Centre for Asian Studies, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, National University of Malaysia

Lynette Ong

Associate Professor, Political Science and Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

Amitav Acharya

UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Distinguished Professor at the School of International Service, American University

Moderator:

Julia Bentley

York Centre for Asian Research

Hong Kong 2019 Pro-Democracy Protest Exhibit (lobby of the UVic McPherson Library)

19-29 April 2022

In collaboration with Vic City 250

Cybersecurity Webinar: A New World Order – Cybersecurity Risks, Mitigation Strategies and Opportunities for Canadians in a Rapidly Changing Global Environment

26 April 2022

Presented by McMillan LLP in collaboration with CAPI and the Centre for Business Law at UBC

Panelists:

Christopher Parsons

Senior Research Associate, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto

Jennifer Quaid

Executive Director, Canadian Cyber Threat Exchange (CCTX)

Stephen Neville

Professor & Director of Software Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Victoria

Commentator/Closing Remarks:

Victor V. Ramraj

Professor of Law and Director, CAPI, University of Victoria

Opening Remarks

Carol Liao

Associate Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

Moderator:

Robert Piasentin

Partner, Technology, McMillan LLP

Research Partnerships Webinar: Canada and International Partnerships – How Do National Security and Geopolitical Considerations Affect the Ability and Desire to Engage in Cross-border Research Collaboration?

27 April 2022

Presented by McMillan LLP in collaboration with CAPI and the Centre for Business Law at UBC

Panelists:

Margaret Lewis

Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School, Seton Hall University

Jia Wang

Interim Director of the China Institute, University of Alberta

Feridun Hamdullahpur

Professor, Former President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Waterloo

Jie Cheng

Associate Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

Christopher Parsons

Senior Research Associate, Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto

Pablo Tseng

Partner, Intellectual Property, McMillan LLP

Commentator / Closing Remarks:

Victor V. Ramraj

Professor of Law and Director of the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria

Opening Remarks:

Carol Liao

Associate Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

Moderator:

Stephen Wortley

Partner, McMillan LLP

South Asian Art History Student Symposium

04 June 2022

Presented by UVic Fine Arts/Art History and Visual Studies

Keynote:

Rebecca M. Brown

Professor, History of Art, Johns Hopkins University

Training Programs

CAPI has offered many customized training programs over the years, covering law, health and cultural introductions to Canada. There have historically been in person, such as the CAPI Youth Leadership Program, however, due to the ongoing pandemic, the Centre adapted to delivering online programs.

Conflict Transformation for Legal Professionals

November- December 2021



Dr. Jingjai Hanchanlash with Dr. Sarah Taylor, Canadian Ambassador to Thailand.

During November to December 2021, CAPI organized a five-part, virtual "Conflict Transformation" course for over one hundred Thai legal professionals, facilitated by our colleagues at King Prajadhipok's Institute and the Development Cooperation Foundation in Bangkok, under the auspices of CAPI Associate Dr. Jingjai Hanchanlash and in celebration of sixty years of Canada-Thai relations. The closing ceremony was attended by Dr. Sarah Taylor, Canadian Ambassador to Thailand.



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King Prajadhipok's Institute

Introduction to Canadian Law and Society

15-19 February 2022

In February 2022, CAPI continued a long-standing relationship with Kagoshima University by delivering an 'Introduction to Canadian Law and Society' online course to a group of undergraduate students from the University.



CAPI staff and faculty with students from Kagoshima University and Dean of Law, Tadahiro Matsuda (top right)

CAPI Student Research Fellowship

CAPI Student Fellowships valued at \$2,500 each are available on an annual basis to support student research and study in the Asia-Pacific region:



Xue Ma

PhD student, UVic Department of Anthropology

Project title: People's Currency in Digits: State, Market and Society in China's Digital Money Transformations



Photo provided by student

Kaitlyn Zerr

MSc Candidate, UVic Department of Biology

Project title: Eyes on the Reef: Using remote cameras to assess the impact of tourism on reef manta ray (*Mobula alfredi*) behaviour at cleaning stations in the Maldives

Anand Fellowship



Since 1996, the Anand-UVic fund has been awarded through CAPI for 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, Thailand's first Ambassador to Canada (1969-72) and twice Prime Minister of Thailand.

Israporn (Grace) Sethanant

PhD in Earth and Ocean Sciences

Grace is conducting a study of the physical changes of the earth due to the 2019 M6.2 Earthquake in Laos



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