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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 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.

2023-24 Financial Summary

REVENUE	
Endowment income	\$165,473
Grants	\$379,018
Program revenue	\$14,979
Base funding (salary)	\$412,661
TOTAL REVENUE	\$972,131

EXPENSES	
Faculty Salaries	\$255,871
Staff Salaries	\$299,851
Project costs	\$74,040
Operating costs	\$34,580
Fellowships, Internships	\$287,689
TOTAL EXPENSES	952,032
Carry-over	20,099



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I was pleased to be back at the helm at CAPI on 1 July 2023 after a refreshing year on study leave, during which time CAPI continued to thrive under Pooja Parmar's leadership. As I returned to the directorship, the CAPI team was already well-settled into our new home on the ground floor of the Diana M. Priestly Law Library. During my absence, the CAPI/ECS Chair in Inclusive Science, Technology and Engineering, a new five-year limited term chair, was approved by the Senate with Professor Daniela Damian as its holder. The chair was intended to create pathways for women and other underrepresented minorities to study and succeed in STEM, as well as to create a supportive network that leverages industry and academic mentorship and relationships for UVic students, leveraging CAPI's and Dr. Damian's ties to Asia, including Nepal, Singapore, and Vietnam. Her INSPIRE project has quickly become the vehicle for realising these goals. Meanwhile, CAPI Jarislowsky Japan Chair, Takahiro Endo, continued his programming, including a research project on nationalism and corporate patriotism. For my part, as CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, I presented my work in Canada, Asia, and the UK, including at an event at Oxford University in honour of former CAPI Director Andrew Harding in June 2024, and co-hosted a Track 1.5 dialogue in Manila in collaboration with the University of the Philippines and Global Affairs Canada. Phil Calvert and I also co-organized our Southeast Asia roundtable as part of a larger Conference on Human Security in Southeast Asia with Thompson Rivers University's Canada and the Asia Pacific Policy Project (CAPPP). CAPI was given a green light to recruit a new China Chair to replace Guoguang Wu.

CAPI's programs, events, and research activities are captured in these pages. CAPI had a very busy year, with 30 events this past year: more than one a week. The events involved wide-ranging topics and speakers, attracting 15 to 80 people, depending on the topic. Jordan Stanger-Ross (along with Mike Abe), hit their stride on their new SSHRC-funded project, Past Wrongs, Future Choices, bringing new energy and visiting researchers and artists to CAPI. Neilesh Bose hosted the second iteration of his Indian Ocean workshop. In February 2024, CAPI's Graduate Symposium featured the work of graduate students across campus, from faculties/schools of Business, Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, Law, and Social Sciences. CAPI also welcomed another cohort of South Korean civil servants who visit CAPI on research leave from their government positions to pursue their research projects as well as visiting researchers from Asia. For her part, CAPI's Internship Program Manager Robyn Fila, in addition to sending interns to partners across Asia, along with Will Greaves, led a group of intrepid students on a field school to the north of Thailand, with funding from a Global Skills Opportunity grant.

As always, this brief overview barely scratches the surface. We invite you to peruse these pages to learn more about CAPI's extensive activities. Those activities bear the fingerprints of CAPI's stellar team, who work behind the scenes to ensure that everything runs smoothly for our chairs, senior fellows, associates, visitors, graduate students, interns, and anyone who visits us: Mike Abe, Anthony Auchterlonie, Katie Dey, Robyn Fila, Noelle Hinrichs, Dulma Karunarathna, and Helen Lansdowne. CAPI's Associate Director Helen Lansdowne left on a secondment at the Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law in Bhutan, to take up the position of Assistant Dean for the Climate Change and Environmental Law Centre. (Associate Professor Angie Chau will be serving as Acting Associate Director from July to December 2024). We're delighted to have Mike Abe back at CAPI and were grateful for the excellent work of Anthony Auchterlonie who filled in for Mike during his absence.

Victor V. Ramraj, CAPI Director

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JARISLOWSKY EAST-ASIA CHAIR



Endo Takahiro

Endo Takahiro joined the University of Victoria as Jarislowsky CAPI Chair in East Asia (Japan) and is an Associate Professor at Peter B. Gustavson Business School in 2021.

Research seminars

I participated in and chaired the CAPI Graduate Students' Symposium, including those research presentations dealing with Japanese and Asian societal issues. (University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada, February 8, 2024).

I organized and hosted a seminar by Prof. Ikuya Sato on the internationalization of Japanese universities. (University of Victoria, September 7, 2023).

I organized and presented a panel for the Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC) held at the University of Saskatchewan, focusing on the globalization of sake. The panelists are Dr. Yasuyuki Kishi (Niigata University), Dr. Hiroyuki Suzuki (Kyoto University) and Dr. Keishi Fujiyama (Kobe University). (University of Saskatchewan, September 30, 2023)

I organized and hosted a seminar by Prof. Nidhi Srinivas on the opportunities and challenges of NGOs in Japan and Asia. (University of Victoria, November 23, 2023).

Teaching and Graduate Supervision

I delivered COM361 "International Business" in Fall 2023. I invited Pat Ellis (November 2023), who spent a decade in Japan and is the largest sake distributor in Canada for a special guest lecture. Also, my academic visitor, Prof. Shohei Hamamatsu from Seikei University, Tokyo, delivered a special guest lecture on Toyota Production System (October 2023). I supervised Mac Nguyen (Gustavson School of Business), focusing on patriotism and management.

Grants

I held a 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. Research Grants by JSPS include the following:

- Interaction of Institutional Biography (PI: Takahiro Endo, Grant Number: 24K05083), ¥3,400,000 for 2024-2027.
- Using painful memory (PI: Yuki Tsuboyama, Grant Number: 24K00280), ¥8,970,000 for 2024-2027
- Female Accountants and Professional Careers (PI: Saori

Matsubara, Grant Number: 21K01822), ¥3,770,000 for 2021-2026.

- Historical Organizational Study (PI: Ken Sakai, Grant Number: 21H00738), ¥8,580,000 for 2021-2024

Received competitive research grant from UVIC:

- 2023-24 GEPRG grant: 'Love of the country', \$2,500
- 2023-24 IRCPG grant: 'The role of collective memory in nurturing organizational-level patriotism', \$5,000

Publications

Kosaka, G., Tsuboyama, Y., & Endo, T. (forthcoming) Idea work beyond organizational boundaries: Framing and reframing projects on a crowdfunding platform. RSO.

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.

Azembuja, R., Baudot, L., Endo, T., Matsubara, S. & Wallace, D. (forthcoming) 'Unbecoming' a Professional: The Role of Memory during Field Transitions in Japan and the US. Journal of Management Studies.

Japanese cultural events

Gender and Sake Brewing (presentations and community event) I organized and moderated this event, assisted by two UVic undergraduate students as research assistants. The speakers included the 20th-generation daughter of Yoshinogawa Brewery (established in the 16th century), a consul from the Embassy of Japan (Mr. Ishii), and practitioners in the Canadian sake industry (Mr. Ellis and Ms. Yamashiro). This event attracted a diverse audience of 60 UVic students, practitioners, policymakers, and academics. (University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada, March 8, 2024).

Program Development

Served as liaison for the CAPI Japan Internship Program, coordinating Japanese partners.

Organized a May 25, 2024, dinner with Yokohama National University and Hitotsubashi University leaders to support future Japan-related programs.

CHAIR IN ASIA-PACIFIC LEGAL RELATIONS



Victor V. Ramraj

In addition to serving as CAPI's Director, 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.

Research Projects and Presentations

In 2023-2024, I continued my research on the general theme of law, complexity, and crisis. I also contributed to other collaborative projects. For example, with my former PhD student Ngozi S. Nwoko, I presented a draft paper on "Transnational Regulation, TWAIL, and the Rise of the Global South" at a conference on comparative administrative law at the University of Toronto. I also used the opportunity of teaching my annual LLM course at Chulalongkorn University in May 2024 (see below) to attend and present my research at the Asia Law Institute (ASLI) conference and to speak as a panelist at Thai Law Book Series (Sweet & Maxwell) book launch, both at Chulalongkorn University. Also, as a tribute to the former CAPI Director, Andrew Harding, I presented a paper for a festschrift in his honour at the University of Oxford in June 2024. As part of CAPI's Roundtable series on Southeast Asia, I also co-organized and co-moderated (with Phil Calvert) a panel on "Non-State Actors and Human Security in Southeast Asia: Religion, Civil Society, and Indigenous/Ethnic Minorities" at the CAPI-CAPPP Conference Human Security in Southeast Asia in April 2024. Other activities included co-organizing and participating as a panelist on a panel discussion on "Crisis in India-Canada Relations? A Primer on the Historical, Foreign Policy, and Legal Context" at CAPI in October 2023, co-organizing and moderating a panel discussion, "Addressing the Challenges Facing International Students in Canada" at the GNI's annual summit in Surrey in September 2023, and participating in a roundtable on Navigating Global China: Addressing Global Challenges in a Polarizing Political Context at UBC in March 2024. Finally, in October 2023, I participated in an online training workshop for the Canadian Foreign Service Institute entitled India & South Asia: Power Dynamics and Emerging Markets, collaborating on sessions on India's Legal and Political History and India's Regional and Global Contexts with A. Thiruvengadam, M. Attalah and C. Viens. The workshop was organized by Centre d'études et de recherches sur l'Inde, l'Asie du Sud et sa diaspora, Université du Québec à Montréal.

Publications

Over the course of 2023, the following of my articles and books chapters were published: "Emergency Powers and Military Rule" in Holning Lau, David S. Law & Alex Schwartz, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Constitutional Law in Asia* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, online edn, Oxford Academic, 23 October 2023); "The Constitutional Politics of Emergency Powers" in Mark Tushnet and Dimitry Kochenov, eds., *Research Handbook on the Politics of Constitutional Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2023), 163-175; "Global Challenges and Plurilateral Engagement in the Indian Ocean World" (2023) 17(1) *Canadian Political Science Review* 10-24. "Coordination Failure, Pandemic Prevention, and Political Polarization in Global Perspective" (2023) 46 *Manitoba Law Journal* 179-189. (I will report my 2024 publications in CAPI's next annual report.)

Teaching & Graduate Supervision

In September 2023, 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 *Law and Society in Southeast Asia* (Law 370). In May 2024, I taught my usual (since 2019) 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. I was also delighted to be invited back to Royal Roads University to deliver a guest lecture on transnational law to Robert Hanlon's MA class, *International Law and Global Institutions*. During the period covered by this report, I had three PhD students in the Faculty of Law under my direct supervision (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 and Lynn Ng Yu Ling). I am pleased to report that both Lynn and Trung defended their dissertations successfully in the summer of 2024 and my former supervisee, Ngozi S. Nwoko (PhD awarded in 2023), moved to Thunder Bay to take up a position as an Assistant Professor at the Bora Laskin Law Faculty at Lakehead University.

ECS-CAPI CHAIR IN INCLUSIVE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING



Dana Damian

2023 Dr. Daniela Damian was named UVic ECS-CAPI Chair for Inclusive Science, Technology and Engineering (2023-2028), with a mission is to create pathways for women and other underrepresented minorities to study and succeed in STEM, as well as to create a supportive network that leverages industry and academic mentorship and relationships for UVic students.

During the reporting period, INSPIRE secured stable, professional working space for the INSPIRE teams in Kathmandu. Our Program Manager, Bachan Ghimire, continued to lead and strengthened our program there, by interacting with two universities, and recruiting industry mentors. In Fall 2024 two teams (8 students) engaged in two community-led software engineering projects to provide solutions for disaster preparedness efforts and hospital information management, both in collaboration with local organizations. The teams successfully presented their projects outcomes at the 3rd Annual INSPIRE conference held at UVic on Dec 17th, 2024 (via videoconference). Our INSPIRE Nepal activities have been at the centre of an Asia-Pacific recognition with our program as a top finalist at the Triple-E Entrepreneurship and Engagement Excellence Awards in Higher Education. Bachan Ghimire traveled to present and receive the honour in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in September 2024.

Journal publications

Masood, Z., K. Blincoe, D. Damian, K. Blincoe. "What have we learned? A Framework on Software Developers and Companies Response to COVID-19", *Journal of Empirical Software Engineering*, 2023

Okpara, L., C. Werner, A. Murray, D. Damian. "The Role of Informal Communication in Building Shared Understanding of Non-Functional Requirements in Remote Continuous Software Engineering", *Requirements Engineering Journal*, 2023

Books or Book chapters

Damian, D., Blincoe, K., Serebrenik, A., Ford, D. and Z. Masood (Eds.), *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Software Development*, Springer Apress, 2024

Devathasan, K., Nowshin Nawar Arony, Daniela E. Damian: "Beyond Diversity: Computing for Inclusive Software". In Damian, D., K. Blincoe, A. Serebrenik, D. Ford and Z. Masood (Eds.), *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Software Engineering 2024*: 151-165

Arony, N., Kezia Devathasan, Ze Shi Li, Daniela E. Damian:

Software Engineering Through Community-Engaged Learning and an Inclusive Network. In Damian, D., K. Blincoe, A. Serebrenik, D. Ford and Z. Masood (Eds.), *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Software Engineering 2024*: 449-465

Conference publications

Ghimire, B., S. Li, D. Damian. Understanding user feedback in software ecosystems: A study on challenges and mitigation strategies, *International Conference on Software as a Business (ICSOB)*, 2023. Best paper award

Teaching-related publications

Li, Z., N. Arony, K. Devathasan, and D. Damian, "Software is the easy part of software engineering – lessons and experiences learned from a large-scale, multi-team capstone course", *Proc. of S/w Eng. Education and Training (SEET)*, ICSE 2023

Arony, N., K. Devathasan, S.Li, and D. Damian, "Leveraging Diversity in Software Engineering Education through Community Engaged Learning and A supportive network", *Proc. of S/w Eng. Education and Training (SEET)*, ICSE 2023

Fellowships

Parnas Fellowship, Lero Research, 2024 (lifetime)

Invited Talks

Keynote Speaker, *International Conference on Human Aspects in Software Engineering (CHASE)*, 2023

Invited Speaker, *Distinguished Speaker Series*, Carnegie Mellon University, 2023

Research Grants

\$273,000 MITACS award "Evaluating the Impact of digital tools; Engaging Indigenous Communities through collaborative, interactive storytelling to address climate change" (2023-2025)

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWS



Neilesh Bose

During the period under review, I continued work on a variety of research projects, including my monograph on nineteenth century religious reform and

comparative religion in India, forthcoming by Cambridge University Press in July 2025. This book is titled *Chips from a Calcutta Workshop: Comparative Religion in Nineteenth Century India*. In this area of my research, I published a roundtable in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* titled “Revisiting Modern Religion in Imperial India,” posted online on 10 November 2023. I also published 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,” which emerged online on 23 May 2024. In terms of public engagement, I delivered a lecture at Salisbury State University in Salisbury, MD, in April 2024 on the topic of religion and reform in colonial India. I also collaborated with BITS-Pilani in Goa, India, on a research project about museums and cultural history in India, as well as served as a visiting professor for August 2024.

Most importantly, September 2023 saw the birth of our daughter Chandni Joya!



Phil Calvert

In addition to attending various CAPI events, my focus was on two main issues. In the autumn of 2023 we completed and launched *Supervising a Peace that Never Was*,

co-edited with Nick Etheridge and Helen Lansdowne. This e-book, published by CAPI, brings together the recollections of Canadian diplomats posted to offices of the International Control Commission in Southeast Asia between 1954 and 1973. I also gave two talks discussing the ICC and promoting this book, including a talk to the Victoria branch of the Canadian International Council.

I also helped pull together and participated in the CAPI-CAPP conference on Human Security in Asia, co-moderating the Southeast Asia in Global Context roundtable with Victor Ramraj, and introduced Philippe Rheault, director of University of Alberta China Institute.

In addition, I helped run a training session on China for junior GAC officers in Ottawa, November 20-22 2023, with focus on trade and economic prospects and challenges.



Pooja Parmar

In the past year, I organized and participated in several initiatives focused on Indigenous studies, legal education, and international collaboration. I hosted Decolonial

Endurance: Indigenous World Making on the China-Myanmar Border, a hybrid public talk by Dr. Ting Hui Lau (National University of Singapore), held at CAPI in-person and via Zoom on 23 November 2023. On 26 January 2024, I spoke on Cultural Competence in Legal Education and Legal Practice at the Virtual Roundtables on Asian Law Series, organized by CALS and NUS Law. In March, I co-organized—alongside Michael Hathaway (SFU)—a gathering of approximately 40 Indigenous Asian scholars during the Association of Asian Studies Conference in Seattle. Later in the year, I joined Victor and Freya on a research visit across Asia, engaging with institutions including NUS, HKU, SMU, Chiang Mai University, and JSW School of Law in Bhutan. Most recently, I spoke on a panel with Victor V. Ramraj and Tricia Best (Director, UVic International Centre for Students) on internationalizing higher education at the International Sikh Research Summit 2024, held in Surrey on 28–29 September.



Jordan Stanger-Ross

The year was a busy one for me as a CAPI research fellow and Director of the Past Wrongs, Future Choices partnership project which is based at the Centre. I hosted guest

speakers Yasuko Takezawa, Kansai Gaidai University, and Eric Muller, University of North Carolina, as well as longer-term guests in our CAPI-supported residency program, including Lon Kurashige (USC), Andrew Hasegawa (independent scholar, Melbourne), and artists Kunji Ikeda (Canada) and Nao Uda (Japan). The Broken Promises Exhibition, on the dispossession of Japanese Canadians in the 1940s, was translated in 2023 to Japanese and launched at the Shiga Prefectural Peace Museum before beginning a tour in Japan, while two English language versions continued to circulate in Canada. Within my own scholarship, most of my effort focused on finishing a book, *Challenging Exile: Japanese Canadians and the Wartime Constitution*, which delves into the origins, experience, and aftermath of the Canadian government’s attempt to expel thousands of Japanese Canadians to Japan in 1946. I’m gratified to announce that book is now available for pre-order at the UBC press site, and will also appear with the Osgoode Society for Legal History in the fall of 2025.



From left to right, Moderator Victor V. Ramraj with panelists Sorpong Peou and Nadir Hosen

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.

16th Annual Southeast Asia in Global Context Roundable: Human Security in Southeast Asia | 25-26 April, 2024

The shift in focus from national security to human security highlights the personal and societal—rather than exclusively governmental—dimensions of security threats, and the complex responses required to address them. In Southeast Asia, human security threats are apparent in domains of health, labour, climate and environment, and trade and economic development. This conference considered these emerging human security questions in the region, and the role of both state and nonstate actors in addressing these challenges, including the relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This conference consisted of keynote addresses, a graduate student forum, along with workshops on health, gender, and development as well as trade and labour. It incorporated CAPI's 16th Roundtable on Southeast Asia in Global Context, which focused on Non-State Actors and Human Security in Southeast Asia: Religion, Civil Society, and Indigenous/Ethnic Minorities.

The conference was hosted at the University of Victoria by CAPI in partnership with the Canada and the Asia-Pacific Policy Project (CAPPP) at Thompson Rivers University. The conference also featured a pre-conference Graduate Student panel with graduate students from UVic, Thompson Rivers University and the University of Alberta.

Panelists

- **Nadir Hosen** – Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Deputy Associate Dean (International), Monash University, Australia
- **Siobhan Byrne** – Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Alberta
- **Yukiko Nishikawa** – Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University, Japan (online participant)
- **Sorpong Peou** – Professor, Politics and Public Administration, Toronto Metropolitan University
- **Crystal Tremblay**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Victoria; Director, CIFAL Victoria
- **Philippe Rheault** – China Institute, University of Alberta
- **Sean Burke**, Director, Overseas Programs, HOPE International
- **Jason Nickerson** – Humanitarian Representative to Canada, Doctors without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Canada
- **Luna KC** – Assistant Professor, Global International Studies, University of Northern British Columbia
- **Paul Evans** – Professor Emeritus, UBC Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia
- **Vina Nadjibulla** – Vice-President, Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation
- **Carlo Dade** – Canada West Foundation, Director, Trade & Investment



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.

Asia in World History: Indian Ocean Perspectives

Workshop Series for Emerging Scholars 2023-2025

Designed for a three-year period (2023, 2024, and 2025), this annual 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 labor history.



Pianist Rachel Iwaasa presenting at the Ayukawa Lecture

PAST WRONGS, FUTURE CHOICES

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 2023, the PWFC Office was joined by five UVic students, seven in-service teachers, and three international educators from Australia and the United States as we embarked 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.

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 approaches to looking at complicated histories of Nikkei Dispossession and internment/incarceration. On 16 October, 2023 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, 2023 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. The scholars included Lon Kurashige (University of Southern California, LA) and Nikkei Australian Andrew Hasegawa and artists Nao Uda (Japan and Taiwan) and Kunji Ikeda (Canada).

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.

Thanks in large part to CAPI, the Scholars and Artists in Residence Program, shedding new light on the history of Nikkei people across the globe, welcomed sixteen remarkable individuals — seven artists and nine scholars — by the end of 2023. Their endeavours ranged from a multi-sited analysis of political apologies to delicate paper cuttings of plants grown in internment camps, pushing the boundaries of conventional approaches within the field. These residents have significantly contributed to our understanding of the complexity and variety of responses to injustice from a global perspective. Their dedication to collaborative learning has laid the groundwork for a remarkable and generative community that we aim to sustain as our partnership progresses.

In March 2024, PWFC in association with the History Department, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society (VNCS), CAPI and the Michiko (Midge) Ayukawa Commemorative Fund held its final lecture, Postcards from our Ancestors with 5 Nikkei artists and scholars presenting their written and artistic works.

In April 2024, PWFC, Esquimalt Parks and Recreation and the VNCS held an unveiling of the two new garden history interpretative display panels, and two interpretative panels within the Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion to commemorate the return of Toshie Takata's piano and a teacup and water pitcher from the original tea house.



Visiting scholars and artists Lon Kurashige, Kunji Ikeda, Andrew Hasegawa and Nao Uda, at a panel moderated by Jordan Stanger-Ross (far left)

In May, project manager, Michael Abe joined project director, Jordan Stanger-Ross in Australia for meetings and presentations by over 25 members of our project partner Nikkei Australia. Jordan also strengthened ties with other partners in Australia during his sabbatical in Melbourne from December 2023 to June 2024. After Australia, Jordan and Michael, along with Sherri Kajiwaru, Director/Curator of the Nikkei National Museum in Burnaby travelled to Tokyo, Yokohama, Mio and Kyoto in Japan for meetings and presentations as well as attending the Mio Symposium where the travelling exhibit, Broken Promises. The exhibit, translated into Japanese is currently on display at the Canada Museum in Mio as part of a tour to several locations in Japan.

Talks and presentations:

- Aug. 24, 2023: Japanese War Brides- A Queensland Story – Keiko Tamura and Elysha Rei
- 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
- Dec. 8, 2023: Elysha Rei Artist Talk
- January 23, 2024: The Architecture of Confinement: Incarceration Camps of the Pacific War Anoma Pieris
- February 27, 2024: Edges of Internment Greg Robinson, Rebecca Hausler and Yuukichi Niwayama
- Mar. 7, 2024: Guest Speakers Henry Shimizu and Michael Abe - Midori Ogasawara’s class
- March 26, 2024: Emerging Scholars Showcase Julia Shizuyo Popham, Atsushi Iwanaga, Brand Nakashima, Lais Miwa Higa and Kaitlin Findlay
- March 28, 2024: Midge Ayukawa Commemorative Lecture Postcards from Our Ancestors
- May 28, 2024: Exile: A Legal History of the Expulsion of Japanese Canadians 1946 Eric Adams and Jordan Stanger-Ross



The field school group met with Law faculty from Chiang Mai University. Students and field school staff are pictured with faculty members Dr. Nuthamon Kongcharoen and Songkrant Pongboonjun, (far right) who also was the field school coordinator.

THAILAND FIELD SCHOOL

Robyn Fila

In May 2024, CAPI, the department of Political Science and Global Development Studies program successfully ran our second Thailand Field School, bringing together students, faculty, and community partners in an exceptional international experiential learning program. This initiative showcased the power of interdisciplinary collaboration, built on longstanding relationships in Southeast Asia, and provided students with transformative opportunities to connect classroom learning to real-world contexts. It represents the very best of what UVic can offer - engaged, globally minded, and socially responsible education.

After receiving 39 applications, 14 students from across Political Science, Environmental Studies, Public Administration, Geography, Global Development Studies, and Social Justice Studies were selected to participate. Following two orientation sessions and a week of intensive learning at UVic in Summer 2024, students travelled to Thailand with co-instructors **Robyn Fila** (CAPI) and **Dr. Will Greaves** (POLI).

Over three weeks, the group engaged with academic, activist, and community partners across central and northern Thailand. Highlights included site visits with EarthRights International, the EGAT coal mine and Mae Moh community, Chiang Mai University Faculty of Law, refugee-serving organizations in Mae Hong Son province, youth-led community initiatives in Omkoi, the Ban Nai Soi Community Learning Center, and the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok. Students also participated in regular discussions, cultural activities, and field-based learning on themes of extractivism, migration, community development, and human rights.

The program advanced UVic's Distinctly UVic Strategic Plan and Global Engagement Strategy, while also aligning with Canada's International Education Strategy. It was made possible through the Strategic Framework Experiential Learning Fund, the Faculty of Social Sciences, and the longstanding partnerships and networks built through CAPI's international internship program.



The field school group on a visit to Ban Nai Soi Community Learning Center with refugee youth from Myanmar

Participant	Field of study
Aleida Ungureanu	Political Science/ Global Development Studies
Chris Camaso	Political Science/ Global Development Studies
Devin Frioud	Geography
Haley Sluyter	Environmental Studies/GDS
Jordyn Speakman	Political Science/ Global Development Studies
Luna Kukurudz	Political Science/ Global Development Studies
Madisen Druyts	Political Science
Max Miller	Political Science
Neal Graves	Geography
Nikayla Allen	Political Science
Olivia Smith	Political Science
Raesha Sellathamby	Political Science/ Global Development Studies
Ryan Zonneveld	Political Science
Hanna Solis	Political Science/ Global Development Studies

“After being back shy of two months from the Thailand field school, I still feel connected to the experience, place, and people. I think back on the community visits and engagement, the harsh realities, and the beautiful people I got to meet and learn alongside with for 3 weeks. The importance and significance of this Thailand trip and other experiential learning courses cannot be understated. The opportunity to learn alongside your peers in a setting that is outside of a classroom and be called into your learning, in a hands-on way, was an experience I am eternally grateful for. I will be bringing my learning and experience from this trip in the work I do moving forward.”
 (Field School participant Olivia Smith)

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





From top left: Julia Hockey, Emma Jotie, Maya Wilson, Marcus Hougaard, Karunia Fila, Alejandro Agustines, Ana Mara, Matthew Schmidt, Arianna King, Faaiza Vakil, Kailey McCormack, Carly Egan, Lauren Lum-Webb

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Robyn Fila

This year, CAPI's internship program continued to support students to step beyond the classroom and into experiences that change the way they see the world and themselves. By working alongside dedicated community partners across Asia, interns not only contribute to meaningful projects but also cultivate adaptability, resilience, problem solving skills, empathy, and a deeper awareness of global interconnections. These opportunities leave lasting impacts that extend far beyond the duration of their internship placements.

We were fortunate to be one of six institutions across Canada selected for funding under the QES 2024 project with a focus on Academic Diplomacy. As part of this project we added PACOS Trust as a new partner in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. We also formed a new partnership with Ehime University who welcomed our two Japan interns.

Funding for our 2024/2025 programs was made possible with the generous support of Employment and Social Development Canada, Rideau Hall Foundation, and Universities Canada. With this support, CAPI placed 8 Global Skills Opportunity (GSO) and 2 Queen Elizabeth Scholars (QES) interns with partner organizations in Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia. Additionally, with funding from the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, we placed 2 interns in Japan.

NAME	UVIC DEPARTMENT	ORGANISATION	LOCATION
Emma Jotie	Pacific and Asian Studies	Ehime University	Matsuyama, Japan
Julia Hockey	Psychology		
Marcus Hougaard	Biology	Democratic Action Party (DAP)	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
Lauren Lum-Webb	Political Science/GDS	PACOS Trust	
Ana Mara	Political Science/GDS	Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS)	Jakarta, Indonesia
Alejandro Agustines	Geography		
Carly Egan	Political Science/GDS	Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)	Bangkok, Thailand
Maya Wilson	Political Science		
Faaiza Vakil	Social Work		
Kailey McCormack	Psychology/Biology	Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Arianna King	English		
Matthew Schmidt	Business	Karenni Social Development Center (KSDC)	Nai Soi, Thailand
Karunia Fila	Pacific and Asian Studies		

"I remember first looking at a poster for the CAPI program in Cornett. I was defeated from the day, exhausted by just 9 am. It was coming towards the end of fall semester, a dark time of year. I got up half asleep from my chair as my biomedical ethics professor droned on about the nuances of an arguably important issue that I did not have the focus for at that moment. I leaned on the wall outside, running my mind into a bit of an existential black hole, pondering what the hell I was going to do after the classrooms and lecture halls no longer called my name. It had been 6 years since I had started university, pushing through it all in a pandemic at that, and it was finally coming to a close. Posters on the wall stared at me with pleas of tutoring help, cries for new club members, and stoic announcements from faculty. The CAPI poster had a nice picture of an intern in some far away land with the words "funded internship in Asia". I just looked at it for a couple minutes, broken out of my existential stupor. What if the classroom didn't have to be concrete walls and linoleum floors in the dim light of winter? What if my "lecture hall" looked like that photo?" (Marcus Hougaard, 2024)



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The 2024 Graduate Student Symposium in the CAPI Boardroom

GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

February 2024

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.

The 2024 CAPI Graduate Symposium - organised by Dulma Karunarathna - explored the diverse, intersecting themes of governance, identity, migration, and cultural expression across the Asia-Pacific region. Graduate researchers presented on topics ranging from pluralistic legal systems and postcolonial notions of the nation-state, to traditional art forms and evolving gender roles.

Participants

Tan Trung Nguyen Quoc - Faculty of Law
Iurii Frolov - Pacific and Asian Studies
Arvind Kumar - Faculty of Law
Akshaya Chandani - Faculty of Law
Tasnova Zerine Haque - Art History and Visual Studies
Bella Jacobs - Art History and Visual Studies
Ambreen Hussaini - Art History and Visual Studies
Mujtaba Hamdi - Department of Anthropology
Yunhui Ye - Department of Political Science
Shara Dionaldo - Curriculum and Development
Miranda Carroll - Art History and Visual Studies
Tatiana Popova - Pacific and Asian Studies/Sociology
Mac Nguyen - Gustavson School of Business

CAPI STUDENT AWARDS



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. The 2024 recipient was **Esther Suwannanon**, PhD candidate, Individual Interdisciplinary Studies for research travel related to the project Re-writing the History of Trans medicine in Thailand: Medical Archive Research (1951-1975)



The CAPI Student Essay Prize is a \$500 prize awarded to the author of the best paper written on the Asia-Pacific region each year. The 2024 winner was Political Science PhD Candidate, **Yunhui Ye** for her paper *Homosocial Community of Care and Communicative Empowerment: Agency of Migrant Domestic Workers in China*



Our largest cohort of Korean researchers during a research presentation, with Helen Lansdowne and Noelle Hinrichs

SOUTH KOREAN RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Noelle Hinrichs, Program Coordinator

CAPI's Public Policy Research and International Legal Research Programs

In 2023, CAPI expanded its overseas research programming with the introduction of the International Legal Research Program. The new program offers an opportunity for a select group of lawyers, prosecutors, and judges from around the world, on research leave from their official positions, to participate in a research program at CAPI under the direction of our Director, Victor V. Ramraj, who is Professor of Law and Chair in Asia-Pacific Relations at the University of Victoria. This non-degree program allows international lawyers, prosecutors, and judges to conduct directed research on the latest legal trends and developments under Professor Ramraj and other leading academics and lawyers, and to receive support and training on legal research.

As a result of this initiative, seven legal professionals from South Korea entered the new program in 2023, to conduct research on law and legal policy. Several focused on the areas of juvenile delinquency and victim support, seeking to explore Canada's Youth Criminal Justice Act and the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights to compare and contrast with legal protections in South Korea.

In addition, CAPI hosted public policy researchers from various departments in the Korean government through our pre-existing Public Policy Research Program. These visitors conducted comparative research on veterans' affairs, elder care, sustainable urban development, and on tax and audit policy.

With both programs in full swing, CAPI was home to over ten researchers in 2023-2024. Researchers came together each semester to present updates and summaries on their research, to participate in site visits, and attend CAPI's weekly events. Researchers in these cohorts were also active participants in CAPI's daily activities, as many chose to work beside staff in our open office environment throughout their research terms.



Cornell Professor Naoki Sakai

DATE	TITLE	PRESENTER
07 September 2023	KPIs and PDCA? Management Speak in Japan's Higher Education Reform	Ikuya Sato - Professor in the Department of Commerce at Doshisha University, and Professor Emeritus of Hitotsubashi University
14 September 2023	Resisting Political Violence: Legality and Illegality in Punjab/ Panjab	Guneet Kaur - Visiting CAPI Researcher, DAAD Doctoral Fellow at the Integrative Research Institute Law & Society, Humboldt University, Berlin.
26 September 2023	Book Launch - Transpacific Reform and Revolution: The Chinese in North America, 1898-1918	Zhongping Chen - Professor of Chinese history and the history of the global Chinese diaspora, UVic
28 September 2023	Book Panel: The Party Family	Author: Kimberley Ens Manning - Principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute and Professor of Political Science at Concordia University
03 October 2023	Crisis in India-Canada Relations? A Primer on the Historical, Foreign Policy, and Legal Context	Panelists: Reeta Tremblay - Professor Emerita of Comparative Politics in the department of Political Science, UVic Asad Kiyani - Associate Professor in Law, UVic Victor V. Ramraj - CAPI Director, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations and Professor of Law, UVic
05 October 2023	National Security Guidelines: The Impact on Chinese Researchers at Canadian Universities	Panelists: Qiang Zha - Associate Professor at the Faculty of Education, York University Lin Cai - Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering, UVic John Price - Professor Emeritus at the Department of History, UVic Moderator: Midori Ogasawara - Assistant Professor of Sociology, UVic
12 October 2023	Transpacific Developments: The Politics of Multiple Chinas in Central America	Author: Monica DeHart - Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at the University of Puget Sound, where she also directs the Latin American Studies and Global Development Studies programs



Angie Chau, Christine Yi (UBC), Sujin Lee and Feng Xu at the launch of Angie and Sujin's new books.

DATE	TITLE	PRESENTER
16 October 2023	Understanding Race Beyond the Transatlantic Paradigm: An Alternative Perspective Based on East Asian Experiences	Yasuko Takezawa - Professor of Anthropology at the Intercultural Research Institute, Kansai Gaidai University and Professor Emeritus at Kyoto University
25 October 2023	Lawyer, Jailer, Ally, Foe: Complicity and Conscience in America's World War I Concentration Camps	Eric Muller - Dan K. Moore Distinguished Professor in Jurisprudence and Ethics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
26 October 2023	Against NGOs: A Critical Perspective on Civil Society, Management and Development	Nidhi Srinivas - Associate Professor of Management at The New School, New York
02 November 2023	Art, History, and the Japanese Diasporic Experience	Featuring Past Wrongs, Future Choices residents sharing their diverse projects spanning research, performance, and visual art, with presentations by Nao Uda, Lon Kurashige, Andrew Hasegawa and Kunji Ikeda .
09 November 2023	Security Intelligence, Surveillance, and the Question of Equity	Huda Mukbil - an international security expert, former Senior Intelligence Officer with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)
23 November 2023	Decolonial Endurance: Indigenous World Making on the China-Myanmar Border	Lau Ting Hui - a sociocultural anthropologist in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the National University of Singapore
30 November 2023	How to Decolonize Modernization: on Civilizational Transference (co-hosted with PAAS)	Naoki Sakai - Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies Emeritus at Cornell University
01 December 2023	Book Workshop (co-hosted with PAAS)	Naoki Sakai - Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies Emeritus at Cornell University
18 January 2024	INSPIRE! Empowering diverse teams in technology development for social impact in Canada and Nepal	Daniela Damian - Professor of Software Engineering in UVic's Department of Computer Science Bachan Ghimire - Program Manager at INSPIRE Nepal Aarjan Ghimire - INSPIRE Ambassador, Nepal"



Visiting Scholar Guneet Kaur presenting in the CAPI Boardroom

DATE	TITLE	PRESENTER
26 January 2024	Book Launch	Authors: Angie Chau - Assistant Professor of Chinese literature and film, Pacific and Asian Studies, UVic and Sujin Lee - Assistant Professor of Modern Japanese History, UVic Discussant: Christina Yi - Associate Professor of Modern Japanese Literature at the University of British Columbia Moderator: Feng Xu - Associate Professor, Political Science, UVic & CAPI Senior Research Fellow "
29 February 2024	Stories from the Field - Student experiences in Asia	CAPI Interns gave presentations on their Capstone projects and experiences during their 4-6 month internships in Asia.
21 March 2024	Q&A and film screening "The Vow from Hiroshima"	Setsuko Thurlow - a globally renowned campaigner against nuclear weapons
28 March 2024	Postcards to our Ancestors The Ayukawa Commemorative Lecture (co-hosted with PWFC and UVic History)	This annual event featured presentations by pianist Rachel Iwaasa , PWFC post-doctoral fellow Andrea Mariko Grant , composer and producer Bradley Kurushima , and Djuna Nagasaki , BA student, UVic Anthropology. The Ayukawa Commemorative Lecture honours the legacy of Michiko (Midge) Ayukawa.
25 April 2024	Coffee talk	Nadirsyah Hosen - Associate Professor and Deputy Associate Dean (International), Faculty of Law, Monash University
22 May 2024	Living in Limbo: How Policy and Politics Shape the Lives of Myanmar Migrants in Thailand (co-hosted with CFGS)	Wae Win Khaing - PhD Candidate in sociocultural anthropology at the University of Manitoba Dr. Sai Kyi Zin Soe - Research Affiliate at the Centre for Disability Research and Policy, Faculty of Medicine and Health at the University of Sydney Moderator: Jessica Ball - Professor Emerita in the School of Child and Youth Care at UVic and Principal Director of Early Childhood Development Intercultural Partnerships

PUBLICATIONS



In December 2023 CAPI published [“Supervising a Peace that Never Was: Recollections of Canadian Diplomatic Personnel in Indochina, 1954-1973”](#) an edited volume of essays by former diplomatic personnel who were assigned to international commissions in Indochina to initially oversee the implementation of the Geneva Accords in 1954 (the ICSC), and in 1973 to ensure adherence to the Paris Peace Agreement (the ICCS). Edited by Associate Director **Helen Lansdowne**, with CAPI Associate **Nick Etheridge** and Senior Research Fellow **Phil Calvert**, and with the support of Global Affairs Canada, the collection of essays is intended as a primary source illuminating a largely forgotten chapter in Canadian diplomatic history, and to provide a valuable resource for those conducting research on Canada’s role in Indochina from 1954 to 1973.

Discussion Paper: The Five Eyes and Canada’s “China Panic”: A Threat to Diplomacy, Research and Peace in the Pacific?
John Price, with the National Security Reference Group Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT)



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