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About the Centre

In 1988, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives became the first Senate approved research centre at the University of Victoria. Recognizing the importance of the Asia-Pacific region to Canada, the concept of a Centre focusing on Asia-Pacific issues was given financial support by the Dorothy and David Lam Foundation, the Federal Secretary of State and the Provincial Government of British Columbia. Since its inception, CAPI has acted as a vital link between the University of Victoria and the Asia-Pacific region, providing interdisciplinary programming and research initiatives that have brought together scholars from the region with those from UVic.

With our steering committee, we have identified a vision, mandate and values for the Centre that reflect our strengths and commitment to supporting the goals of the University, particularly in the area of internationalization. The focus of our mandate is consistent with the four key areas of the UVic strategic plan, *A Vision for the Future – Building on Strength: People, Quality, Community and Resources*.

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.

Thanks

We could not do the work that we do without our funding partners. A special thank you goes to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Rideau Hall, Community Foundations of Canada, Global Affairs Canada, the Jarislowsky Foundation and Albert Hung Chao Hong.

30th Anniversary Director's Message

In CAPI's first thirty years, we have been committed to the twin goals of transforming lives and changing minds. We have sought to transform lives for the better by working with our partners in Asia to address the most pressing local and global challenges, offering practical training to professionals on both sides of the Pacific, and supporting emerging and seasoned scholars to pursue their research and share their ideas. We have also sought to change minds by creating opportunities for our interns, fellows, associates, visitors, colleagues, researchers of all sorts, and, indeed, ourselves to question our assumptions and to consider the world through an Asian lens.

In this special report, and at our 30th anniversary dinner in November 2018, we take a break from an exciting year of programming to celebrate all of those—past and present—who have helped to build UVic's longest-running research centre into the thriving hub it is today.

More than ever, moving forward we need to think deeply about and act on the most pressing and existential questions of our time: climate change, aging and displaced populations, water and food security, gender-based violence, ethno-religious nationalism, vast disparities of wealth and power, and more. Asia's creative ways of engaging with these issues offer thoughtful and nuanced models for a diverse world. Now is the time for CAPI to redouble its efforts to engage with and learn from Asia. As we do so, three ideas inspire us.

First, we need to **think big**. Many of Asia's—and the world's—challenges require multi-tiered thinking. We need to see how issues connect and to understand them holistically. In our next decade, we intend to create more opportunities for research and dialogue that deploy the tools of multiple disciplines and draw on the diversity of thinking from Asia's scholars and institutions.

Second, we need to **be in the field**. Whether by confronting the harsh realities of migration and displacement; empowering girls and young women; studying energy policy and the impact of climate change; tracing the roots of conflict and seeking ways of managing it; understanding the corridors of power, both public and private; or strengthening human rights initiatives—CAPI will expand its mobility and funding opportunities to ensure that our interns and researchers remain in the field and that our work is informed by the shifting realities on the ground.

Finally, even as we seek solutions and agreement, we need to **learn how to disagree while remaining open to change**. As societies become increasingly polarized, we need to be inspired by disagreement and draw on resources—many of them part of the fabric of Asian societies—that allow meaningful and respectful dialogue to take place.

These are lofty aspirations. We invite you to join us in seeking to realize them.

Victor V. Ramraj

Director & Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations
October 2018



In the Age of Acronyms, we seem destined to be known as CAPI

- from "CAPI Newsletter #1," March 11, 1988, by Ralph Huenemann and Douglas Johnston

In the mid to late 1980s Canada "discovered" Asia. Economic recalculation of the national interest resulted in our official adoption of the Asia-Pacific region as the focus of our newest aspirations on the world stage. The westward-looking province of British Columbia became the primary beneficiary of federal funds made available to support a variety of Canadian Asia-Pacific initiatives, supplemented by substantial contributions from the provincial government.

This government-programmed emphasis on the Asia-Pacific region was quickly reflected in a re-ordering of priorities on the campuses of British Columbia. Included among these developments was the establishment of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) at the University of Victoria (UVic), a relatively youthful institution located conveniently close to the heart of the provincial government.

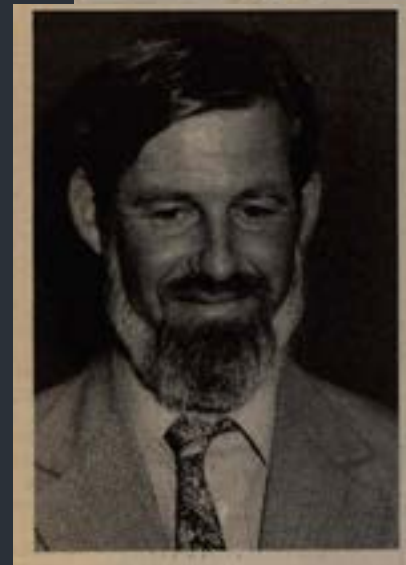
- Douglas Johnston, from the Introduction of "Asia-Pacific Legal Development" (UBC Press, 1998)



We hope to give the centre a running start with the three best possible people in their areas of expertise

- then-UVic President Howard Petch on the announcement of the new "centre in Asia-Pacific Relations" and its foundation around a core of three research chairs (UVic's Ring newspaper, vol. 13, no. 2, January 23, 1987)

CAPI's inaugural research chairs (clockwise from top right): Ralph Huenemann (PhD, Economics, Harvard, 1982), Chair in Economic Relations with China ("China Chair") and first CAPI Director; Carl Mosk (PhD, Economics, Harvard, 1976), Chair in Economic Relations with Japan ("Japan Chair"); and Douglas Johnston (J.S.D, Yale, 1962), Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations ("Law Chair").



Anand Panyarachun
~~Chairman~~

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Scholarship for 2002-2003 to
be in your Faculty of Business.

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Sincerely,
Anand

In November 1993, Khun Anand Panyarachun was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by UVic. Dr. Anand was Thailand's first Ambassador to Canada (1969-72) and twice Prime Minister of Thailand, who is widely credited with restoring stability to Thai society and the country's economy following the February 1991 military coup and the bloody May 1992 demonstrations in Bangkok. As part of his visit to UVic, Dr. Anand headlined a CAPI symposium focusing on democratic directions in Thailand (Dr. Anand is pictured above with long-time CAPI friend Jittiya Dearden and Thai students studying at UVic; photo courtesy Bill Neilson).

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In February 1996, Dr. Anand became UVic's Honorary Patron in Thailand, a title reserved for "persons of great distinction who are held in high esteem in their country, and who have a particular friendship with and support of the University of Victoria." The ceremony was overseen by UVic President David Strong at the residence of the Canadian Ambassador in Bangkok.

The Anand-UVic fund is awarded annually through CAPI for deserving Thai graduate students studying at UVic and UVic faculty who conduct research in Thailand.





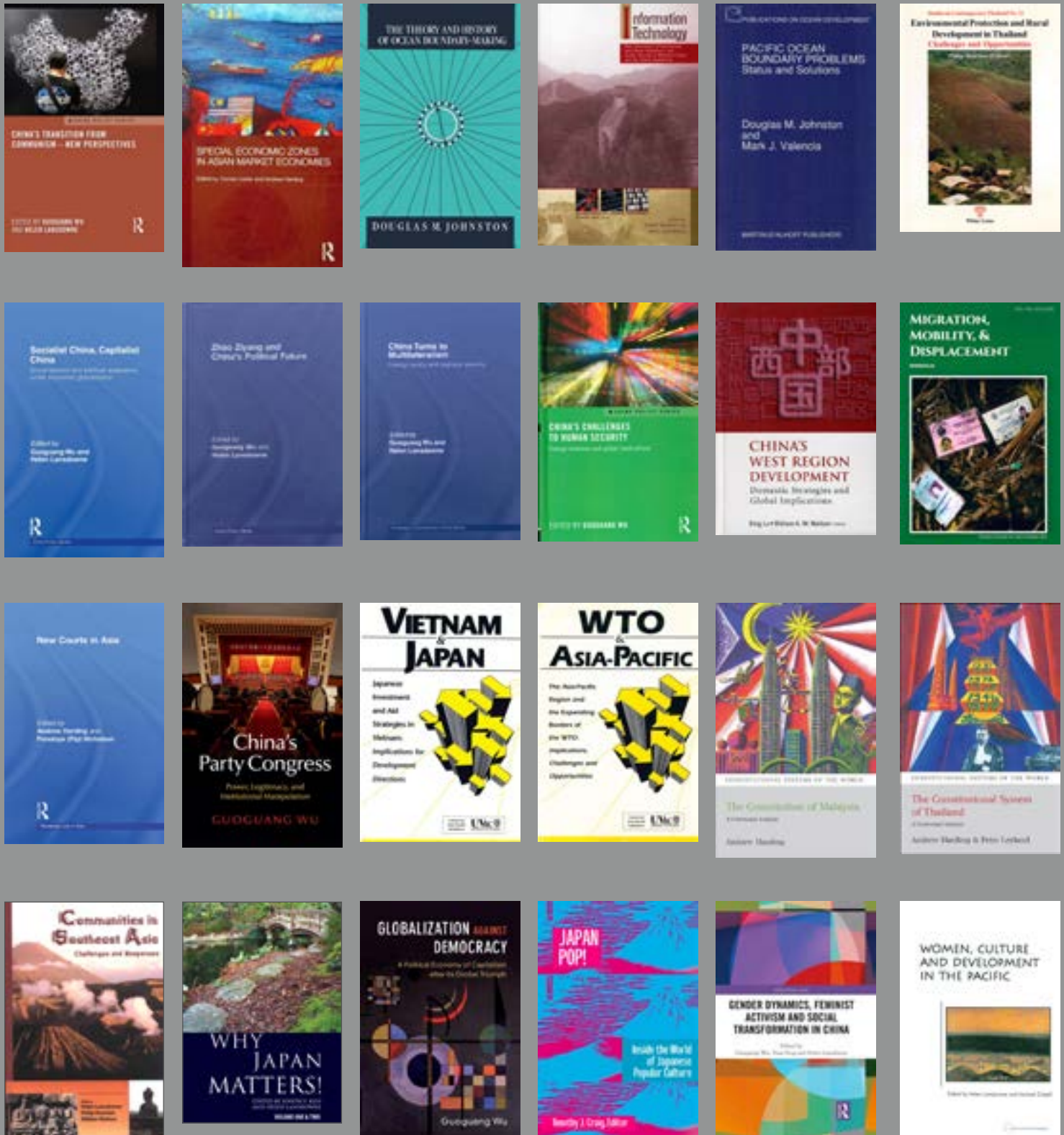
On November 5th, 1999, UVic - represented by Chancellor Norma Mickelson (at right), President David Strong (in blue), and Board of Governors Chair Brian Lamb - conferred the Degree of Honorary Doctor of Science upon His Majesty King Bhumipol Adulyadej of Thailand at Chitralada Royal Villa in Bangkok:

"We honour His Majesty for his service to the Thai people and his standing in the wider global community as a Head of State respected for his integrity, his appreciation of education and his record of service in the public interest"

- an excerpt from the convocation document.

Above: CAPI Director Bill Neilson shakes the hand of the King. Also in attendance were Jit-tiya Dearden and CAPI Research Associate Phil Dearden (UVic Geography), Khun Anand Pan-yarachun (see facing page), and CAPI Research Associate and prominent Thai businessman Jingjai Hanchanlath. The programme included a roundtable on "Environmental Protection and Rural Development in Thailand."

The King died in 2016 at age 88, having reigned for seventy years. His death was marked by a year of mourning in Thailand.



The world at CAPI



Pacific Rim leaders in town for the Williamsburg Conference participated in panel discussions on trade and security Nov. 21, 1988. Shown taking part in a panel on Emerging Trade Issues and Agreements in the Pacific Rim are (left to right): Moderator and B.C. Finance Minister Mel Couvelier; International Business and Immigration Minister John Jansen; Vice-President of Government and International Affairs for the Boeing Corporation Orville Roetman; Deputy Secretary of Economics with the Australian Treasury Christopher Higgins; Singapore Ambassador to the U.S. Tommy Koh; former Korean Secretary for Economic Affairs Park Yung Chul; and former ambassador and advisor to the Mitsubishi Corporation Toshio Yamazaki. A session on Strategic Policy Issues in the Pacific included former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance; former Japanese Foreign Minister Saburo Okita; Director of the Soviet Institute for the U.S. and Canada Georgi Arbatov; UVic professor and former Canada Deputy Finance Minister Tommy Shoyama; and Thailand's U.N. Ambassador Birabongse Kasemsri.



CAPI hosted an APEC Colloquium entitled "Successful Practices in Human Resources Development in the Workplace: Contributions from Labour, Management and Government," June 25-28th, 1999 at Dunsmuir Lodge.



Newly-arrived China Chair Guoguang Wu hosted CAPI's "China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism" Conference at UVic in 2004.

Participants of the third Canada-Taiwan Higher Education Conference, administered by CAPI, in spring 1994. The theme was “Implementing Strategies for Higher Education Cooperation”.



CAPI's China Youth Leadership Program (CYLP) is an educational leadership program delivering a global and experiential learning experience to Chinese undergraduate students through a hybrid of interactive lectures and practical field trips involving local history; gender, sexuality and identity studies; global leadership; art history and comparative sociology. The CYLP is in partnership with the Union of Northern International Universities, an association of 16 universities in China, eight of which send students to take part in the CYLP on a regular basis.



Participants in the “Environmental Law” session of the Thai Judicial Training program led by Andrew Harding in July 2008.



CAPI in the field

CAPI Visiting Faculty Scholar Leslie Butt (UVic Anthropology) anchored the research core of CAPI's Migration and Mobility Program from 2012 to 2017, leading two multi-year projects investigating the experiences of migrant Indonesian families. At right, Butt at a health information session for expectant mothers in East Lombok, Indonesia as part of her research project "Stateless Children, Parents and Undocumented Migration: An Indonesian Pilot Study".



Below left: UVic Political Science professor Feng Xu (blue t-shirt) conducting interviews as part of her CAPI-supported research on gender, migration and precarious labour in China



Above: Cambodia, ca 2004, where CAPI provided trainings and consultation on the federally-funded, five-year "Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project" (CCLSP).



Above: Former CAPI Director Andrew Harding following his presentation at the Faculty of Syariah and Law Malaysia titled "The Law, the Federal Constitution and Malaysia's Development," September 2011.

UVic Geography professor Philip Dearden (far right) has been a dedicated “Asianist” and CAPI collaborator since the Centre’s early days. Here, he is pictured leading a group of UVic Geography students on a field school to India co-ordinated by CAPI and Geography, where they worked with a local non-governmental organization called Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) to learn about community development and conservation.



The “Fifth SEAPOL Gulf of Thailand Meeting of Experts,” 2002 in Bangkok, Thailand. Inaugural CAPI Law Chair Douglas Johnston (front right) brought the SEAPOL - Southeast Asian Programme in Ocean Law, Policy and Management - project with him to CAPI in 1987 until its termination in 2003. CAPI Associate and UVic Law professor Ted McDorman is back row, third from left.



Former Jarislowsky Japan Chair Mary Yoko Brannen and her assistant Natasha Fox at the Yokohama CITYNET offices in 2014 where they met with company officials to establish a CAPI internship placement.



CAPI's internship program

CAPI's Internship Program at 15

Since its inception in 2003, the CAPI internship program has sent 175 Canadian students on placements with 51 different non-governmental organizations in 20 countries across the Asia-Pacific (and a couple in Africa, too!) for a cumulative duration of 85 years.

"[This internship] is about building connections across, and recognizing the fluidity of, the so-called "boundaries" between people. It's about conscious exploration, trying new things, getting to know new people, absorbing new ideas and perspectives. It's about having conversations and stepping outside of your comfort zone and returning a better person than when you left."

- UVic Anthropology student Alex Lloyd spent three months in Australia working on her master's thesis exploring the impacts of transnational migration on the sexual subjectivities of young Indonesian women studying overseas.





"I cannot think of any other endeavour I could have undertaken that would have challenged me in such deep and meaningful ways. Ultimately, by taking myself far outside of my comfort zone, by doing so many things for the first time (usually badly), and going through periods of doubt, questioning, and reflection, I had what has by far been the most transformative, fun, and rich learning experience of my life so far."

- 2017 CAPI intern Will Howling (left), who spent seven months in India on with Participatory Research in Asia.

Directors



Top row:

Ralph Huenemann (Public Administration, Business), 1987-1992

William Neilson (Law), 1992-2004

Richard King (Pacific and Asian Studies), 2004-2009

Bottom row:

Andrew Harding (Law), 2009-2011

Helen Lansdowne, (acting Director) 2012-2014; Associate Director
2009 - present; Assistant Director 1998 - 2008

Andrew Marton (Pacific and Asian Studies), 2014-2017

Victor V. Ramraj (Law), 2017-present

Law Chairs ▶

Douglas Johnston (Law), 1987-1995

William Neilson (Law), 1998-2004

Andrew Harding (Law), 2004-2011

Victor V. Ramraj (Law), 2014-present



China Chairs ◀

Ralph Huenemann (Public Administration, Business), 1987-2002

Guoguang Wu (Political Science and History), 2004-present



Japan Chairs ▼

Carl Mosk (Economics), 1989-1992

William Rapp (Business), 1993-1996

Tim Craig (Business), 1998-2000

Joseph Kess (Linguistics), 2002-2007

Mary Yoko Brannen (Business), 2012-2016





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30 years of bridging the Pacific

Associate Director's message



Helen Lansdowne

The 30th year at CAPI (2017/18) was one of dynamic change: a change of leadership with our Law Chair Victor V. Ramraj becoming CAPI's new Director. Thanks to Andrew Marton who graciously stepped in as CAPI's Interim Chair for two and half years in 2015. Our Jarislowsky (Japan) East Asia Chair Mary Yoko Brannen retired after being with CAPI for four years; before mounting a search for Dr. Brannen's replacement, we welcomed P & A scholar Cody Poulton at the Centre to help create new Japan focused programming for the year. Staff changes included bringing Jonathan Woods to CAPI as our new Communications' Officer and part way through the year we welcomed Katie Dey to the role of Centre Secretary. In addition to our regular staff, CAPI welcomed two new faces to the Centre, Kezang Wangmo and Qian Liu.

Personnel changes have led to new directions in programming with the creation of the new "Regulating Globalization in South and Southeast Asia" Program. This new initiative is funded by the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Advanced Scholars fund initiative and supports scholars from Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Thailand, and Vietnam to come to UVic to study as doctoral students, post-docs and early career scholars, as well as offers opportunities to UVic faculty to go to South and Southeast Asia to undertake research. This new program builds upon our strengths in the area of experiential learning and mobility, as indeed reflected in this past year with the continued success of our Internship and Mobility program - CAPI continues to send many UVic students to the Asia-Pacific region to work with amazing partner organizations

As you will read in this Review our CAPI Chairs were extremely busy. In his role of CAPI Law Chair, Victor took up his new duties as Project Director of the Regulating Globalization Program, and through this work brought many new scholars to UVic. China Chair Guoguang Wu saw his latest book, *Globalization Against Democracy, A Political Economy of Capitalism after its Global Triumph* published with Cambridge University Press while continuing his notorious pace of researching, writing and publishing throughout the year. Cody Poulton spent most of his year at CAPI preparing for his upcoming conference entitled "The Nonhuman in Japanese Culture and Society" that will take place September 2018.

Change in leadership usually culminates in new directions, new programming or in other words, new initiatives. With Victor at the helm, two significant changes were made at the Centre. First, was the creation of the three new Senior Research Fellow positions, an initiative created to provide support for researchers/scholars who would bring their new programming to the Centre, thereby broadening CAPI's research endeavours. In this regard, CAPI welcomed Marlea Clarke from Political Science, Neilesh Bose from History and Philip Calvert, former Ambassador to Thailand, to the Centre. The second new change Victor instigated at the Centre is our regular Thursday afternoon public engagement offerings. Every Thursday at 3:00pm CAPI hosts a public event that rotates between a monthly Asia Update, graduate student presentations, and faculty and/or visiting scholar lectures. These two initiatives have brought tremendous energy to the Centre, a testament of the new direction CAPI is taking. With new colleagues, new initiatives and new directions, we are confident that the Centre will continue to grow and extend its reach into new realms in the next thirty years.



From left to right: Hon. Consul General, Ms. MeiAnn Austria, Victor Ramraj, H.E. Philippine Ambassador to Canada Petronila P. Garcia, Helen Lansdowne and First Secretary Jeffrey Salik

Our people



The CAPI Team

Staff & Faculty

Victor V. Ramraj

Director, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

Helen Lansdowne

Associate Director

Guoguang Wu

Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

Cody Poulton

Visiting Japan Scholar

Robyn Fila

International Internship Program Manager

Jonathan Woods

Communications Officer

Shannon Bowie / Katie Dey

Administrative Coordinator

Michael Abe

Landscapes of Injustice Program Manager

Joel Legassie

Migration and Mobility Program Assistant

Keren Huang

China Youth Leadership Program Coordinator

Kezang Wangmo

QES Program Assistant

Qian Liu

Events Coordinator

Steering Committee

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

Victor V. Ramraj (Chair)

Director

Helen Lansdowne

Associate Director

Lisa Kalynchuk

Associate VP, Research

Saul Klein

Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

David Capson

Dean, Graduate Studies

Neilesh Bose

History

Michael Masson

Associate Dean, Social Sciences

Guoguang Wu

Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

Jeremy Webber

Dean, Law

Feng Xu

Political Science

Associates

CAPI Associates advise on projects and Centre activities. They are drawn from the campus and the community.

Jessica Ball

Sikata Banerjee

Bose, Melia

Bose, Neilesh

Boutilier, James

Calvert, Phil

Raveendra Chittoor

Lu Ding

Nicholas Etheridge

Ralph Huenemann

Stacey Lambert

Sharon Lee

Tim Lindsey

Lawrence S. Liu

Lai, David

Lee, Jae Woon

Lee, Sharon

Lindsey, Tim

Liu, Lawrence

Lloyd, Isabel

Andrew Marton

Kenneth MacKay

Peter Maidstone

Terence McGee

Chantal Meaghar

Sada Niang

Pooja Parmar

Pahi Saikia

Anne Park Shannon

Ivan Somlai

Tadanobu Suzuki

Robby Tulus

Reeta Tremblay

Stephen Tyler

Francis Yee

Research is at our core

During the past two decades, CAPI has built a strong reputation as one of the major Asia-Pacific focused research centres in Canada. CAPI continues to be a catalyst for knowledge mobilization through collaborative research in the areas of law, history, politics, society and economics, and continues to build on its strengths to expand its areas of expertise. In addition, CAPI's research is enhanced by the expertise of its Research Chairs, all leaders in their field.

Visiting Chair in Japan and East Asia Relations



Cody Poulton - Pacific and Asian Studies

Cody Poulton (PhD, U of T) has been teaching Japanese language, literature and theatre in the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies since 1988. His recent research has focused on Japanese theatre and drama, particularly of the modern period. He has also been active as a translator of kabuki and modern Japanese fiction and drama, for both publication and live stage productions in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia and Japan. In addition, he has been collaborating with Hiroko Noro on a number of projects using drama for Japanese language pedagogy. He is also interested in pilgrimage and the Kumano region of Japan, and in the culture of Japanese cuisine.

Research Chairs



Guoguang Wu, Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations

Guoguang Wu joined the Centre in July 2004 as the Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations. He is a Professor at the University of Victoria, teaching in both the Departments of Political Science and History. He received his BA from Peking (Beijing) University in China, an MA from the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing), and an MA and a PhD in Political Science from Princeton University. Dr. Wu's research interests include comparative politics and international relations with an emphasis on East Asia, particularly China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Thematically his research interests cover institutional transition from communism, the political economy of globalization, liberalization and democratization, the politics of authoritarian mass media, and foreign-domestic linkages in foreign policy and regional security.



Victor V. Ramraj, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

Victor V. Ramraj joined the Centre in July 2014 as our Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, a position shared with the UVic Faculty of Law. Previously, Dr. Ramraj taught in the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore where he served twice as the law faculty's Vice-Dean for Academic Affairs (2006–2010, 2011–2012). He has also served a one-year term (2010–2011) as the co-director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies in London. He holds degrees in law (LLB, Toronto; LLM, Queen's University Belfast) and philosophy (BA, McGill; MA, PhD, Toronto). His current research interests include comparative constitutional law (with a particular interest in emergency powers in Southeast Asia), the legal history of state and company (with a particular interest in the British East India Company and its comparison with modern state-owned enterprises), and the theoretical and practical implications of transnational law and legal pluralism.



From left to right: Dean of JSW- Sangay Dorjee, Professor Ramraj, Nima Dorji and Michael Peil at Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law, Thimpu, Bhutan:

Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations

Professor Victor V. Ramraj had another busy year, both as Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations and, with effect from 1 September 2017, as CAPI's Director. This report focuses on his Chair activities. In his role as Law Chair, Professor Ramraj welcomed official visitors from Azim Premji University in Bengaluru, India, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law in Bhutan, and a group of law students from Kagoshima University in Japan. He continued to serve on the Faculty of Law's Graduate Studies Committee and, in the Winter Session 2018, taught the Graduate Seminar in Applied Legal Methodology (Winter 2017). As Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, Professor Ramraj also organized a workshop on Legal Careers in Asia: Opportunities and Pathways in November 2017. For the University of Victoria, he served on two search committees, for the Chair of the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies and the Vice-President for Research respectively. For the Centre for Comparative Public Law, based at the University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Law, Professor Ramraj served as an external member of a review panel in August 2017. He also reviewed manuscripts for the University of Toronto Law Journal and the International Journal of Constitutional Law.

In 2017-2018, Professor Ramraj had six remarkable graduate students—five PhDs and one LLM—under his supervision: Benjamin Lawrence, Thanh Cong Phan (co-supervisor), Ngozi Nwoko, Nima Dorji, Ratana Ly, and Theresa Etmanski (co-supervisor). By the summer of 2018, Thanh Phan and Theresa Etmanski had submitted their dissertations. As described separately in this annual report, in 2017

Professor Ramraj served as project director for a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships Advanced Scholars (QES-AS) grant (\$499,000) for a project to facilitate scholarly mobility and research entitled Regulating Globalization in South and Southeast Asia, with institutional partners in Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Thailand, and Vietnam.

With Senior Research Fellow Phil Calvert, Professor Ramraj co-organized and co-chaired the 4th and 5th CAPI Roundtables on Southeast Asia in Regional Context. The 4th CAPI Roundtable, Canada and Southeast Asia: Exploring the Challenges and Opportunities, consisted of ten expert discussants (James Boutillier; Andrew Doherty, Greg Eidsness, Theresa Etmanski, Robyn Fila, Marie-Louise Hannan, Kai Ostwald, Thanh Cong Phan, Dominique Spragg, and Hugh Stevens) and took place on 9 November 2018. The 5th Roundtable, Connectivity and Borders in Southeast

Asia, consisted of five expert discussants (Don Bobiash, Jonathan Head, Kai Ostwald, Renée Mulligan, and Scott Watson), and took place on 15 March 2018. In June 2018, Professor Ramraj obtained a Defence Engagement Grant (\$26,108) to support the 5th and 6th Roundtables in October 2018 and March 2019.

His publications in the current year, released and in press, include a review essay, "The Elusive Quest for Precision in a Messy Pluralist Reality" (2017) 8 *Transnational Legal Theory* 1-8, two forthcoming book chapters—a "Emergency powers and military rule" in David Law et al, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Constitutional Law in Asia* and "Transnational Private Regulation and Constitutional Law in Thailand" in David S. Law et al, eds., *Constitutionalism in Context* (co-authored with Thitinan Tengaumnay)—and a forthcoming article, "Sources of Legal Authority in the Pre-Modern State Era: The East India Company, 1600-1757" *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (co-authored with Neilesh Bose). Professor Ramraj continues to work on his book manuscript *Transnational Regulation and Public Law*.

Professor Ramraj travelled to Thimphu, Bangkok, and Toronto to present the following papers: "Reflections on Comparative and Trans-Systemic Legal Education" at the Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law in Thimphu, Bhutan in August 2017; "Military Rule and Emergency Powers in Asia" presented at the 7th Asian Constitutional Law Forum, Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand in December 2017; a revised version of this paper was presented at the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Toronto, Canada in June 2018 (subsequently revised for publication: see above). At the University of Victoria, he presented a paper "Law and Migration without Borders: Methodological Nationalism and the Rise of the Modern State" at the workshop, *Between Indigenous and Immigrant: A Workshop on South Asian Migrations in Global History*, organized by CAPI Senior Research Fellow Neilesh Bose, in October 2017. Professor Ramraj also served as a discussant on two panels, one on *Facilitating Difficult Conversations in the Classroom* (with Annalee Lepp, Jeffrey Ansloos, Valerie D'Erman, Robina Thomas, Audrey Yap) in August 2017, and another on *Guoguang Wu's Globalization against Democracy* (with Feng Xu, Gregory Blue, Colin Bennett, and Guoguang Wu) in November 2017, both at University of Victoria. He also served as a speaker on "Living in and Dealing with North Korea" at a Politics-in-the-Pub meeting of the Canadian International Council (Victoria branch), with Jerome Sauvage (June 2018).

Chair in China and Asia-Pacific Relations



Dr. Guoguang Wu at the launch of his book 'Globalization Against Democracy'

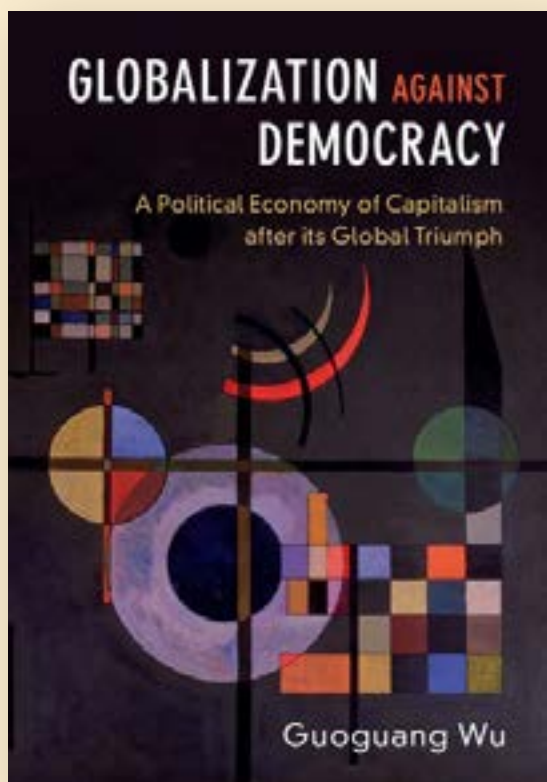
During the reported period Dr. Guoguang Wu took a study leave from January 1 to June 30, 2018, completed (with Yuan Feng and Helen Lansdowne as co-editors) the editing of a coedited volume manuscript, published a number of pieces including a Chinese translation of a major research monograph on China's political institutions, and worked on teaching, research, and services. Details are listed below.

CAPI Activities

- Drafted the book proposal for the purpose of seeking publication of a CAPI conference volume (on China's gender issues), August–September 2017.
- With Helen Lansdowne and Yuan Feng, completed the editing of the CAPI conference volume entitled *Gender Dynamics, Feminist Activism, and Social Transformation in China*, and submitted the manuscript to UK publisher Routledge, October 2017–April 2018.
- With Helen Lansdowne, drafted the introduction to the above volume, February–April 2018.
- Drafted the conclusion of the above volume (coauthored with Yuan Feng), February–April 2018.
- Speaking on the DPRK nuclear crisis, CAPI "Asia Update", September 21, 2017.
- Delivering a CAPI public talk entitled "The New Era Like What? The Implications of the 19th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party," October 31, 2017.
- Giving a presentation and, then, a response to discussants at CAPI Book Launch, November 23, 2017.
- Member, CAPI Steering Committee.

Publications

- Guoguang Wu, "The Role of Party Congresses," in Willy Wo-Lap Lam ed., *Routledge Handbook of the Chinese Communist Party*, London: Routledge, 2018, pp. 92–107.



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 - Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne, "Introduction," to Guoguang Wu, Yuan Feng, and Helen Lansdowne eds., *Gender Dynamics, Feminist Activism, and Social Transformation in China*, London: Routledge, 2019 (forthcoming), pp. 1-11.
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- Conference Papers and Public Lectures
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 - Speaker, on the DPRK nuclear crisis, CAPI "Asia Update", University of Victoria, September 21, 2017.
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 - "The New Era Like What? The Implications of the 19th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party," a public talk, CAPI, UVic, October 31, 2017.
 - Presentation, and response to discussants, Book Launch (on Guoguang Wu's book *Globalization Against Democracy: A Political Economy of Capitalism after its Global Triumph*), CAPI, UVic, November 23, 2017.
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 - "Zhao Ziyang's Political Reform: Principles, Policies, and Implications," a speech at the roundtable "Zhao Ziyang's Legacy: A Reassessment," the annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Washington, DC, March 23, 2018.
 - "Theatre of Power: Institutional Operation of China's Party Congress," a public talk, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 24, 2018.
 - Teaching, Services, and Outreaches
 - In the fall term 2017, teaching as usual.
 - Supervising one Ph.D. student and three MA students (including one who completed the degree in August 2017); sitting on committee of three MA students (including one who completed the degree in December 2017); joining other activities regarding supervision of graduate students, such as qualification exam committees.
 - Committee works with Department of Political Science, and the Faculty of Social Sciences (such as Poli Department Chair Search Committee).
 - Administrative services to CAPI, including the membership of the CAPI Steering Committee.
 - Continuous memberships on editorial board of ten international academic and public-affairs journals and academic board of a number of educational or research organizations, as these journals and organizations being based worldwide across Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, UK, and USA.
 - Continuously served as Member of the Standing Review Board, the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel of the Research Grant Council of Hong Kong, China, to regularly review research proposals on this capacity.
 - Also, as a reviewer of referred journal articles, professorial promotion,

research proposals, and academic award for, to name a few of them, Journal of Chinese Political Science, International Journal, University of Arizona, the Ministry of Sciences of the Republic of China.

- Media interviews, for example: VOA TV (September 3, 2017, on Chinese politics), Mirror TV (September 5, 2017, on China's 19th Party Congress), Radio France (September 25, 2017, on my new book on globalization); NPR (Oct 11, 2017, on the 19th Party Congress), Mirror TV (October 5, 2017, on the 19th Party Congress), VOA TV (October 27, 2017, on the 19th Party Congress), NPR (November 6, 2017, on the 19th Party Congress), New York Times (Nov 17, 2017, on Chinese politics), Initium Media (December 4 and 6, 2017, on Chinese politics and global order), Mirror TV (March 5, 2018, on China's constitutional amendment), NPR (March 8, 2018, on China's constitutional amendment), BBC (May 24, 2018, on Chinese politics and international relations), BBC (June 4, 2018, on Tiananmen), etc.



Dr. Poulton with colleagues from Urasenke Tankōkai Victoria Association demonstrating the Tea Ceremony

Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair



Mary Yoko Brennan with benefactor Stephen Jarislowsky

CAPi bid farewell to Mary Yoko Brennan, and we wish her well in her retirement. The Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair is currently vacant.

Visiting Chair in Japan and East Asia Relations

Cody Poulton

2018 has involved less travel than usual for me, but more activity close to home. In February, I gave a talk on *The Tale of Genji* for "Asia in the Middle Ages," eliciting interviews for the *Times Colonist* and CBC. In March, I hosted for CAPi a demonstration of the tea ceremony by the Urasenke Tankōkai of Victoria and, together with colleagues Tsung-Cheng Lin (PAAS), Ying Liu and Tad Suzuki (McPherson Library) presented a selection of our library's rare Asian books and manuscript as part of the university's annual Ideafest. In April, I gave a talk for PROBUS, a local group, on puppets and robotics in Japanese theatre and culture; I will give a version of this lecture at a Pacific and Asian Studies colloquium this month, as well as a talk on the *nō* theatre at the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society's fall fair. Much of my efforts went into preparation for my conference which will take place at UVic in September 2018 - *The Nonhuman in Japanese Culture and Society*.

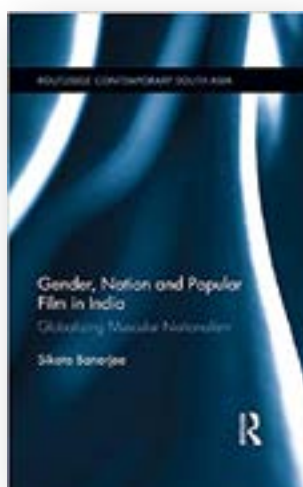
Recent publications:

- "Made to Order: Japan," for *Performance Research* 23-4 (2018), pp. 298-301.
- "Flowers of Sentience, Roots of Consciousness: The Buddhahood of plants in the *nō* theatre." *Dharma World*. Vol. 45 (July-December, 2018), pp. 20-24.
- "Kaigai no Kyōka kōen" (Staging Kyōka abroad). *Izumi Kyōka Kenkyūkai kaihō* (Newsletter of the Izumi Kyōka Research Society, December, 2017), p. 12.
- "Kaigai no shiten kara mita Ishinha" (Ishinha as seen from a foreign perspective). For *Ishinha no Sekai* (The world of Ishinha). Nagata Yasushi, ed. Osaka University Press, 2018. In press.
- Editor and translator of four plays. *Citizens of Tokyo: Six Plays* by Oriza Hirata. New York, London, Calcutta: Seagull Press, 2018. In press.

Senior Research Fellows

Neilesh Bose

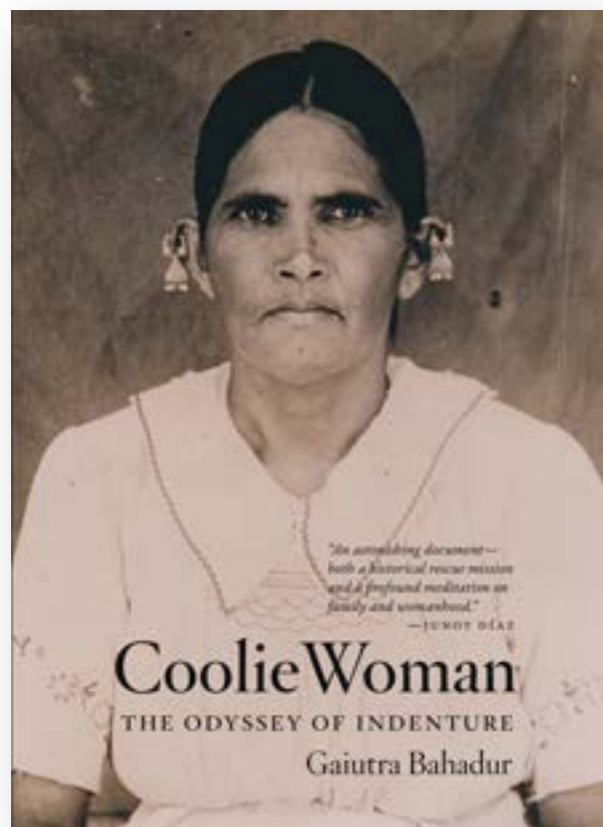
As CAPI Senior Research Fellow, I organized and executed a range of public events on UVIC campus within the auspices of both the South Asia Global Forum. For SAGF, I organized the inaugural fall semester reception to be held at the start of each fall term. The reception was held on Oct 2, 2017, and featured a promotion and explanation of the various funding opportunities provided by SiCI, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, of which Uvic is a recently revived member. Additionally, the event featured the launch of Dr. Sikata Banerjee's recent book, *Gender, Nation, and Popular*



Film in India, Globalizing Muscular Nationalism (Routledge, 2017), through a discussion with Dr. Melia Belli Bose of Art History and Visual Culture.

Also, I organized a 3 day long workshop on South Asian migrant histories and politics in a global perspective, titled *Between Indigenous and Immigrant: South Asian Migrations in Global History* from October 26 – 28, 2017.

This workshop explored how indigeneity, immigration, and shifting politics of empire, nation, and citizenship are illuminated through South Asian migration histories in comparative and connected contexts. One session explored the role of Canadian histories at multiple levels – indigenous, imperial, migrant – as they intersect with South Asian histories and politics of migration. Other sessions examined citizenship, labor diasporas past and present, the arts, legal histories, and radicalism. Through a collaborative effort with my CRC in Global and Comparative History, the Faculty of Humanities, the Department of English, the Law School, the UBC Center for India and South Asia Research and Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies units, and the SFU Center for Trans-Pacific Studies, the workshop featured eighteen scholars from across North America and Europe as well as the keynote speaker, Ms. Gaiutra Bahadur. Given to a packed house, Ms. Bahadur's keynote address was titled "Conjure Women and Coolie Women."



Finally, I hosted the scholarly team of Dr. Christian Novetzke and Dr. Sunila Kale of the University of Washington for a lecture and seminar collaboratively sponsored by CAPI, SAGF, the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, and the Global South Colloquium. Dr. Novetzke, a scholar of religious studies and specialist in Sanskrit and Marathi religious cultures, and Dr. Kale, a political scientist focused on contemporary politics, delivered a jointly managed lecture titled "Yoga as Politics: An Alternative History," on Nov. 23, 2017.

Philip Calvert

Phil Calvert was actively involved in CAPI's activities throughout 2017-2018. He played a key role in the two CAPI roundtables on Southeast Asia in the Global Context: the November 2017 discussion of challenges and opportunities for Canada in Southeast Asia, and the March 2018 roundtable on connectivity and borders in Southeast Asia. For each roundtable he helped broaden the discussion beyond academia, bringing in business representatives, journalists and government officials to help ensure





Phil Calvert on campus with a group from the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand studying trauma care in Canada.

comprehensive and multifaceted discussions. He also co-chaired each roundtable with CAPI Director Victor Ramraj. He met separately with a number of students to discuss their interests and research on Asia, and participated in the informal CAPI afternoon sessions on a range of issues related to SE Asia. He also helped support a CAPI-hosted Thai delegation of health care workers examining trauma care in Canada. Supported by CAPI he also did research on a study of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement and its implications for Canada; this study will be finalised and released in 2019

Marlea Clarke

In general, I have very much enjoyed my affiliation with CAPI as a Senior Research Fellow over the last year. While most of my activities have been limited to participating in CAPI activities and supporting CAPI work in a general way, I have begun to plan several activities for the coming year and look forward to increased involvement in the Centre in the coming year(s). My work can be clustered into two main areas:



1. Research - Programming on Asia-Africa Relations

- I participated in a CAPI seminar last year: Asia in Africa: Regulation and Governance (Jan 18, 2018). The other two presenters were Cathleen Powell (UCT) and Ngozi S. Nwoko (UVic).
- I presented a paper, "Precarious Production: workers, producers and retailers in apparel commodity chains" at Congress (June 1, 2018).

My presentation included an exploration of Asia-Africa links in the clothing industry.

- I have worked to strengthen my existing links with scholars working on China / Africa and Asia-Africa outside UVic and to build new ones in order to bring those networks / partnerships to CAPI. In particular, I have become involved with the Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Research Network (CA/AC Network). The network is based at Michigan State University (partnered with the Asian Studies Center, the African Studies Center, and Matrix). The network doesn't currently have any institutional links in Canada and is interested in building such a link with CAPI. I am working to facilitate such a link.
- I am planning one (or two) seminars (involving the Associate Director, Yoon Jung Park, of CA/AC) next term (March 14, 2019) focused on Asia-Africa links, and will use this seminar as a way to build on last year's seminar and to continue to build CAPI's work and profile on Asia-Africa relations.
- Linked to the above, I am working with Victor and others to develop a SSHRC Partnership Grant (to be submitted next year).

2. Mentoring & supporting the Internship Program

- PhD student supervision: I am a committee member for a PhD student Ngozi S. Nwoko (PhD student in law; Victor Ramraj is his supervisor), and have read and commented on several drafts of his proposal and first chapter.
- QES Advisory Committee: I continue to serve as an 'advisor' on the QES Advisory Committee. In addition to offering overall support to Robyn Fila on an 'as needed basis', my main task has been to read and reviewed students' applications for scholarships and assisted in decision-making.



Migration and Mobility Program

Stateless children, parents & undocumented migration: An Indonesian Case Study

In 2017, CAPI Visiting Scholar Leslie Butt (UVic Department of Anthropology) and Jessica Ball (UVic Child and Youth Care) completed the publication of results from a SSHRC Insight Development Grant obtained in 2014 on undocumented migrant families and birth registration. The project, entitled Stateless Children, Parents, and Undocumented Migration: An Indonesian Case Study, involved field research in East Lombok in four separate rural communities that experience high levels of out-migration. Butt, Ball and collaborator Harriot Beazley (University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia) spent a total of 12 weeks in Jakarta and in East Lombok in 2014-2016.

Children of migrants tend to live in highly fragmented families, with little infrastructural support, and in precarious economic conditions. Typically, parents and children are not registered at birth and lack formal identity documents. This is not unusual: one third to one half of all children in the world lack birth registration. The research team investigated how transnational migrant families in Indonesia think about and make decisions around whether to seek birth registration for children who stay behind while parents engage in migration. The research team conducted focus groups, interviews with stakeholders, and interviews with members of more than 40 families, in order to hear their perspectives on birth registration.

The study found links between an engrained pattern of labour migration, low birth registration, and difficulty accessing registration services. Many families shared stories of extreme poverty, exploitative work conditions for migrating parents, and difficulties making sure their children's needs were met while they were away at work. The study also found very low birth registration rates of just 12% of respondents. The findings demonstrate the value of listening to families, and of exploring fully their views on multiple barriers to birth registration. Families need policies to recognize accessibility issues for mobile populations, and to offer effective support with childrearing as a means to counteract the potential long-term debilitating effects of statelessness in transnational migrant families.



Photo - Leslie Butt. Mothers in Lombok take children to immunization clinics while their husbands are away working in palm oil plantations in Malaysia. Even though the immunization booklets contain forms for getting birth certificates, families continue to choose not to fill in the forms or register their children.



Participants at the Melbourne conference 'Multimedia, Migration and the Mobile Southeast Asian Family', including conference organizer and project postdoctoral fellow Monika Winarnita (far left) and PI Leslie Butt (middle front), enjoy a celebratory meal. The 2017 event was an international collaboration between CAPI and La Trobe Asia. CAPI will publish results from the event in the MM&D open access online journal.

Southeast Asian women, migration and family in the global era

In 2018, Leslie Butt and her international team including postdoctoral fellow Dr. Monika Winarnita (La Trobe U), completed research on how migrant professional women from Indonesia negotiate family relations in conditions of high mobility, shifting expectations concerning parenting, and exposure to transnational values around family and childrearing.

The project, funded by a SSHRC Insight Grant, involved conducting interviews, carrying out field research with families, and setting up and tracking social media practices among mobile working families in three main locations: Singapore, Australia, and Canada.

The results draw out the many and unexpected challenges transnational professional women face when it comes to doing the work of raising families and remaining connected to family at home. Among our respondents were:

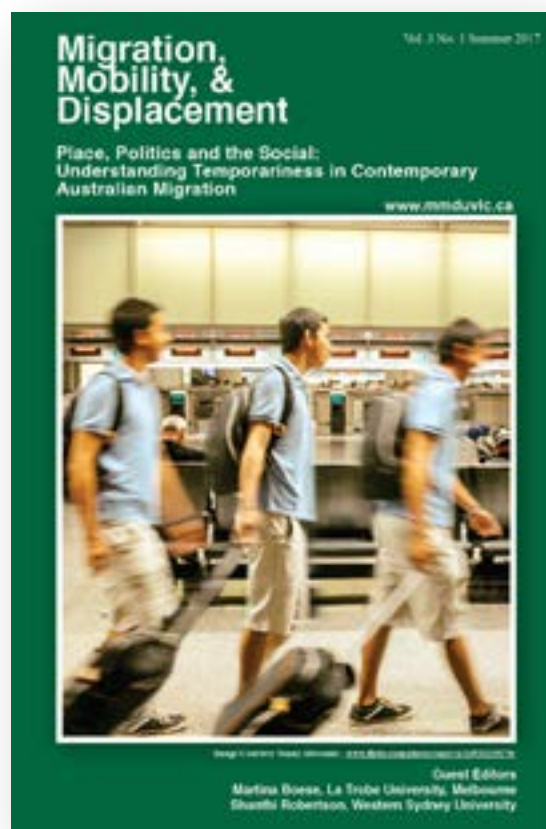
- One infertile couple who secretly imports traditional Indonesian fertility treatments into Singapore to try and help them conceive a child.
- A married couple who lived apart for several years, with their infant child migrating between two countries and two parents.
- A couple who sacrificed their business and close family networks in Indonesia to relocate for their child's health.

- A mother who gave birth in Singapore during an Indonesian political crisis and endured a forced two-year separation from her husband; the events linger on and shape her fears and ambivalence about her home country.

These women's stories help us question arguments that privilege rational economic explanations over family needs and goals as a key factor shaping migrant family lives. We found absence and separation from family to be key emotional challenges for virtually all respondents. We found cares and concerns around children, spouses, and cultural values were significant motivators for how women and families moved about the world and how they chose to live their lives

Migration, Mobility & Displacement

In the summer of 2017 our third volume of Migration, Mobility & Displacement was issued, "Place, Politics and the Social: Understanding Temporariness in Contemporary Australian Migration". In this issue, guest editors Martina Boese of La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia and Shanthi Robertson of Western Sydney University, Australia offer five diverse articles that speak of the complex problems and corporeal concerns of temporary migration in Australia. Shanthi Robertson was introduced to CAPI through the Migration Mobility Program.



Landscapes of Injustice

CAPI continues to collaborate with Landscapes of Injustice, the 7-year project (2014–2021) to research and tell the history of the forced sale of the property of Japanese Canadians in the 1940s

Michael Abe, Project Manager



It was quite a year of accomplishment for Landscapes of Injustice. First, the matter of greatest significance, our project passed, with much acclaim, its mid-term review by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

An expert committee that convened to assess the progress of partnership projects described ours as “inspired” and our results as “substantial, relevant, and diverse.” The committee noted especially our “exceptional number of communications,” publications of “significant influence” and “exceptional quality,” and the “impressive number of young researchers” trained. Congratulations and thanks to the entire Research Collective!

Meanwhile, our students and postdoctoral fellows have been making waves. For her outstanding work to encourage undergraduate research in the LOI archives, Research Coordinator Kaitlin Findlay was awarded the University of Victoria’s Andy Farquharson Teaching Excellence Award. Our Curatorial Postdoc Yasmin Railton, whose work supports the development of our museum exhibit, is the recipient of a Mitacs Elevate Award, which will provide her with postdoctoral fellowship funding for a 2-year period. Congratulations RAs!

Our academic scholarship has also been amassing acclaim. The Osgoode Hall Law Journal article, “Promises of Law,” which Jordan Stanger-Ross wrote with legal history cluster chair Eric Adams, was awarded two separate prizes by the Canadian Historical Association, having been recognized as the best article in political history as well as the best article on the history of ethnicity, migration, and transnationalism in Canada. Our book *Witness to Loss* was shortlisted for the \$10,000 Wilson Institute Prize and, we’ve been recently informed, has sold-out its first print run. McGill-Queens press has sent it back to the printers for more copies! Congratulations to all of us. We hope to keep up this “inspired,” “exceptional,” and “impressive” work through Phase 2.

The 2017 recipient of the NAJC/LOI Hide-Hyodo Shimizu Research Scholarship was another outstanding and deserving student. Tess Elsworthy is a Master’s student

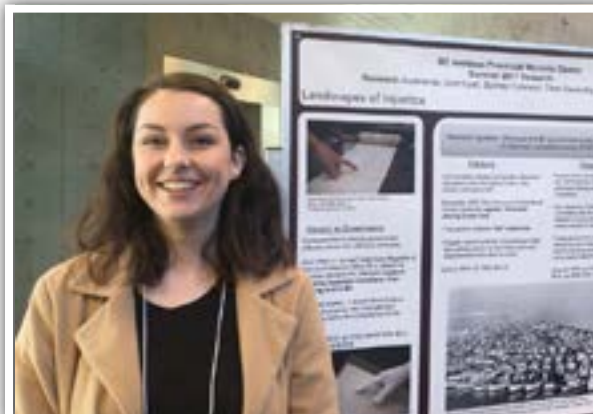
in History at McGill University whose thesis project investigates the McGill Senate’s decision to officially exclude Japanese-Canadian undergraduate students from October of 1943 until the end of the Second World War. McGill has commissioned several histories that cover the institution’s mobilization during the war and yet this episode has never been acknowledged. Tess contributed greatly to the Provincial Records research cluster through the summer which in turn provided generous insights essential to her investigation of Japanese-Canadian students impacted by McGill’s exclusive policy.



Tess Elsworthy, Provincial Archives, Royal BC Museum, Photo credit: Gord Lyall

This year was filled with numerous public outreach events disseminating primary research about the dispossession of Japanese-Canadian-owned property during the 1940s to diverse audiences in BC and Alberta.

In partnership with CAPI and the local Japanese Canadian community, Landscapes of Injustice arranged for 6 showings of the moving and innovative site-specific play, *Japanese Problem*, depicting life in the Hastings Park detention centre for 8,000 Japanese Canadians during 1942.



Camille Haisell, research assistant, Ideafest 2018 University of Victoria Photo credit: Dave Lang



Post performance Q&A with cast of *Japanese Problem* at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. Photo credit: Yukari Peerless

This was followed with a well-attended series of public presentations, including a talk by Dr. Pamela Sugiman at the Royal BC Museum, *Acts of Kindness and Complicity: The silence of bystanders and eyewitnesses in the dispossession and internment of Japanese Canadians*. Dr. Sugiman is the Landscapes of Injustice chair of the Oral History research cluster and recipient of the Lansdowne Lecture Award and the Distinguished Women's Scholar Award.

The project also presented a lecture and poster session at the Vancouver Maritime Museum as part of their exhibit, *The Lost Fleet*, which displayed the history of the Japanese Canadian fishing vessels confiscated in 1942. This exhibit along with a lecture by Landscapes will also be presented in January 2019 at the Maritime Museum of British Columbia in Victoria.

Dr. Eric Adams, chair of the Legal History research cluster and Michael Abe, project manager presented to the community in March 2018 at the Edmonton Japanese Community Association and Calgary Japanese Community Association. The talks included *Constitutional Stories* arising from the dispossession and internment of Japanese Canadians as well as updates on the Phase 2 activities of Landscapes. Community members were also shown how to use the research documents from the project to learn more about their family history and heritage.

At the University of Victoria's Idea Fest Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross gave the main presentation; discussing the project, its goals and purpose as well as the public

reaction he has received. He spoke to a full house and ended with an engaging question and answer period. This was followed by a poster session with research assistants talking about their research findings on the project.

A major highlight at the 2018 Spring Institute was a public presentation, *Reflections on Redress*. This featured an entertaining and informative account of the redress movement 30 years ago, with project members, Art Miki and Dr. Audrey Kobayashi. It was an excellent opportunity not only for our research collective but also the local Japanese Canadian community to hear these fascinating stories and commentaries. Art Miki was the president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians during the time of redress and Audrey Kobayashi was also actively involved in the campaign.



Art Miki and Audrey Kobayashi, *Reflections on Redress*, 2018 Spring Institute. Photo credit: Tosh Kitagawa



CAPI intern Will Howling with Sonia, a PRIA colleague in Namunda village near Samalkha, Haryana, India.

CAPI's Internship Program

As CAPI heads into its 30th year, our International Internship Program is turning 15! Since 2003, CAPI has sent 175 interns to work with over 50 civil society organizations in 20 countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

This was another exciting year for the internship program. Thanks to the generous support of Rideau Hall, Community Foundations of Canada, the President's Beyond Borders Fund and the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, ten interns and four scholars completed internships and graduate research with our incredible partner organizations in India, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan and South Africa.

In May 2017, our new cohort of students completed their pre-departure training and headed off to complete their overseas placements.

Our partner organizations for the 2017-18 cohort included the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) in India, the Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI) in Malaysia, The Karenni Social Development Centre (KSDC) in Thailand and The African Institute for Mathematics and Science (AIMS) in South Africa.

We also received new funding for our QES-ASEAN program (2018-2021) to add two new partners in Thailand, with the Global Alliance Against the Traffic in Women (GAATW) and Indonesia with the Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS). This program will be co-administered with Co-op and Career Services.

As part of the QES program we were also able to support two Child and Youth Care Students complete internships in South Africa with Ukulapha, and a law student in India with The Other Media (TOM).

With funding from CAPI and the Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair, two interns completed placements with CITYNET Yokohama in Japan and funding from the President's Beyond Borders Funds supported one intern at the Karenni Social Development Centre in Northern Thailand.

It was another busy year and we are looking forward to continuing our relationships with our dedicated partner organizations with the generous support of our funders.

2017 – 2018 Interns and Scholars

April - November 2017

Interns:

Rachel Barr

India (PRIA)

Marlin Beswetherick

Malaysia (MSRI)

Will Howling

India (PRIA)

Sasha Mosky

India (PRIA)

Luc Nadeau

Malaysia (MSRI)

Seema Prasad

Malaysia (MSRI)

Loreen Regnander

India (PRIA)

Chad Boissy

South Africa (AIMS)

Duncan Chalmers

Thailand (KSDC)

Rasheedah White

Japan (CITYNET)

April - December 2018

Interns:

Liam Marshall

Japan (CITYNET)

Ainslee Arthurs

South Africa (Ukulalpha)

Emily Clare

South Africa (Ukulalpha)

Alayna Dhalla

Thailand (GAATW)

Charlotte Whyte

Malaysia (MSRI)

Christopher Tse

Malaysia (MSRI)

Mackenzie Martin

Malaysia (MSRI)

Clara Harding

India (PRIA)

Mikaela Chia

India (PRIA)

Nick Harrison

Thailand (KSDC)

Courtenay Jacklin

India (TOM)

Jacob Derksen

Indonesia (CIPS)

Kanika Varma

Japan (CITYNET)

Rachel Lynch

Zambia (The SAM Project)

Summer 2017

Outgoing Canadian Scholars

Alex Lloyd

Australia (La Trobe University)

Christina Service

New Zealand (University of Dunedin)

2017 -2018 Academic year

Incoming Commonwealth

Scholars

Ngozi Nwoko

Nigeria

Su Yen Chong

Malaysia



CAPi intern Loreen Regnander helping with gutter cleaning in Donde Khurd, India, as part of the weekly Shramdaan - a community driven initiative that is changing the behavioral practices of rural communities by promoting the benefits of working together to achieve village goals.

I loved my internship. The people I met were absolutely incredible. Their work was captivating and thought provoking. I learned more than I could have imagined, and I've returned to Victoria with a new skill set and a sense of confidence in my ability to find meaningful legal work within social and environmental justice movements. "

- Courtenay Jacklin

QES-AS Report (June 2017 to July 2018)

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Advanced Scholars (QES-AS) Scholarship Program fosters dynamic community of young global leaders that creates lasting impacts at home and abroad. Through cross-cultural exchanges, the program provides international education opportunities, professional experience for discovery and inquiry.

The program is managed through a unique partnership of the Rideau Hall Foundation, Community Foundation of Canada, Universities Canada and Canadian University with the generous financial support from International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada and Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Our academic project partners in South and Southeast Asia includes Azim Premji University (APU), Bangalore, India, Hanoi Law University, Hanoi, Vietnam, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law (JSW Law), Thimphu, Bhutan, Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE), Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University (CMU), Thailand.

Incoming Scholars

In September 2017, QES-AS brought in two doctoral scholars Nima Dorji from JSW Law, Bhutan's first law school and Ratana Ly from Royal University of Law and Economics (Centre for the study of Humanitarian Law)



From left to right: QES Scholars Nima Dorji, Ratana Ly and Songkrant Pongboonjun.

in Cambodia. They successfully completed their first year and are preparing for their candidacy examinations.

From May to August 2018, we welcomed two incoming scholars from Azim Premji University (APU) in Bangalore, India, Sushmita Pati and Sunayana Ganguly. They spent three months at CAPI working on research projects that will contribute to future publications. Recently, we welcomed another doctoral scholar Songkrant Pongboonju from Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand.

Outgoing Scholars

We sent two scholars from UVic to South Asia, May-August 2018, our first outbound scholar Supriya Routh, an Assistant Professor of the UVic Faculty of Law conducted research work at APU, Bangalore, India. The second scholar, UVic Faculty of Law Assistant Professor Pooja Parmar traveled to Bhutan where she helped develop and teach property law course at JSW Law, and also assisted with Bhutan's newly established Bar Council.



Incoming QES scholars Sushmita Pati and Sunayana Ganguly on campus.



Students on a field trip to SNIDŽEŁ (Tod Inlet), a traditional place for the WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) First Nation.

China Youth Leadership Program

The China Youth Leadership Program (CYLP) at CAPI, an educational leadership program, continues to equip Chinese students with global and experiential learning experience through a hybrid of on-campus interactive lectures and off-campus practical field trips, covering topics such as local history, gender, sexuality and identity studies; art history and comparative sociology.

Between September 2017 and June 2018, CAPI hosted over 400 students from China. For the purpose of optimizing learning outcomes, students were taught by faculty, CAPI associates, and PHD candidates from History Department and Pacific and Asian Studies, as well as participating in field trips with various CAPI's community partners.

The CYLP is in partnership with the Union of Northern International Universities, a union of 17 universities in China, 11 of which send students to participate in the CYLP on a regular basis.

In addition to the CYLP, CAPI reinforces its ties with China through initiating an English Training Program with the Shanghai Technical Institute of Electrical Information (STIEI) in Shanghai, China. CAPI has been welcoming over 120 students from China since 2017 training them on overall English skills. With a focus on delivering the best learning experience, students were trained by language professionals from Camosun College and other local language institutions.

After five successful, productive years of delivering the China Youth Leadership Program, welcoming over 400 students to Victoria and the University of Victoria, CAPI decided to make deeper impacts into the Asia Pacific region by hosting two more programs in 2017, namely, the Health Workforce Development Program as well as the Cancer Care Program for the Ministry of Public Health in Thailand. Both of these two-week programs brought nurses, doctors and hospital administrators to the UVic campus for training and professional development.



CYLP students taking a part in a scavenger hunt on the UVic campus.



CAPI Roundtable - Southeast Asia in Global Context

CAPI events reach the community

Throughout the academic year CAPI holds events addressing current issues affecting the Asia-Pacific region. Our conferences, workshops, symposia and lecture series inform the hundreds of people who come to explore the history, religion, science, politics and civil society of the Asia-Pacific. Most of our events are free and open to the public. Check out the CAPI website for links to past and future events.

SPECIAL EVENTS & LECTURES

Southeast Asia in Global Context Roundtable Series

Ongoing series

Canada and Southeast Asia: Exploring the challenges and opportunities

9th November 2017

Southeast Asia is one of the world's fastest growing economies, and for several decades Canada has taken a keen interest. But the region is not without its challenges, which Canadian businesses and diplomatic representatives continue to navigate. This session examined Canada's current opportunities and challenges in the region, including trade, investment, and human rights. Guest panellists included

- Marie-Louise Hannan, Ambassador of Canada to ASEAN (via video link)
- Hugh Stephens, Distinguished Fellow APF, and Principal at Trans-Pacific Connections
- Jim Boutilier, Maritime Forces Pacific;
- Dominique Spragg, Viking Air
- Andrew Doherty, Canada-ASEAN Business Council
- Kai Ostwald, Director, Centre for Southeast Asia Research, UBC

Connectivity and Borders in Southeast Asia

15 March 2018

The ASEAN Economic Community has entered into force, and we hear much about ASEAN's connectivity agenda. At the same time, we are witnessing rising

religious and other forms of nationalism in the region, and border tensions persist. This panel discussed how ASEAN countries navigate this landscape, and what it means for politics, security, migration and infrastructure development in the region, as well as the larger questions of nationalism and globalization, and how to manage conflicts arising from the realities of geography and borders.

External guest panellists included

- Don Bobiash, Assistant-Deputy Minister Asia-Pacific, Global Affairs
- Jonathan Head, Southeast Asia Correspondent, BBC News, Bangkok
- Kai Ostwald, Director, Centre for Southeast Asia Research; UBC
- Renée Mulligan, Board, Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada

South Asia Global Forum

Ongoing series

Established in 2016, the University of Victoria's South Asia Global Forum promotes academic research, teaching and public engagement with South Asia and multi-faceted South Asian diasporic populations as a link to globally situated questions and conversations.

Sikata Banerjee's Gender, Nation and Popular Film in India - Welcome reception and Book Launch

2nd October 2017

The South Asia Global Forum highlighted the achievements of 2016-17 programming, and shared funding opportunities to work in India through

NEIL BURTON LECTURE SERIES

What's in a Name? Overcoming Exclusions in the Stories We Tell:

Nov. 20, 2017



Dr Timothy J. Stanley, Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies and Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa

History is not neutral. The stories we tell about the past have real consequences for people in the present. Who we publicly commemorate matters. Should we honour Canada's first prime minister,

John A. McDonald? Or A.W. Neil, the MP from Port Alberni who has a school named in his honour? Or Christopher Columbus, after whom the province is named? This lecture illustrates ways of developing antiracist and decolonized histories of inclusion for British Columbia and Canada.

A prize-winning historian of the Chinese and of racism in British Columbia, Timothy J. Stanley studied with Professor Paul Lin at McGill University in the 1970s and later participated in the Canada-China student exchange program. He has been a leading critic in relation to the commemoration of John A. Macdonald, and is the author of 'Contesting White Supremacy', the forgotten story of Chinese Canadians who fought segregation in Victoria in the 1920s.



Presented in honour of Dr Neil Burton

This lecture series is supported by a memorial fund dedicated to the late professor and long-time advocate for closer Asia-Canada relations, Neil Burton.

Neil Burton went to China as part of the first Canada-China student exchange in 1973. He lived in China for eight years and then in Japan for 18 years before returning to Canada in 1990. Neil taught at Sophia University, the University of Toronto and at the University of Victoria. A commemorative fund has been established in his honour and has funded the lecture series since 2010.

the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute program as well as broader research and internship opportunities in the region.

The event also featured the book launch of Dr. Sikata Banerjee's recent book, *Gender, Nation, and Popular Film in India, Globalizing Muscular Nationalism* (Routledge, 2017), through a discussion with Dr. Melia Belli Bose of Art History and Visual Culture. This event was co-sponsored by CAPI, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, and the Global South Colloquium at UVic.

LECTURE SERIES

CAPI RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

How the Internet is Transforming the Chinese Justice System

September 19, 2017

Colin Hawes Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney

Right to Good Governance in India: Towards a Model of Citizen Centric Accountability

12 October 2017

Yashomati Ghosh (National Law School of India University)

India at 70: Assessing constitutional democracy in India on the 70th anniversary of its Independence

16 Nov 2017

Dr. Arun K. Thiruvengadam, Professor of Law, Azim Premji University



Globalization against Democracy: A Political Economy of Capitalism after its Global Triumph [book launch]

23 November 2017

CAPI China Research Chair **Dr. Guoguang Wu**

A Short Walk in the Japanese Woods: The Old Roads of Kumano

01 Feb 2018

CAPI Visiting Professor **Dr. Cody Poulton**

Livelihoods and Health Status of Waste Pickers in Dhaka, Bangladesh

01 Mar 2018

Dr. Jutta Gutberlet, Professor, & Dr. Sayed M. Nazim Uddin, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Community-based Research Laboratory, UVic Department of Geography

Asia in Africa: Regulation and Governance – a panel discussion

18 January 2018

- Marlea Clarke, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria
- Cathleen Powell, Associate Professor in Public Law, University of Cape Town
- Ngozi S. Nwoko, PhD student, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Parliamentary Elections in Bhutan: A (Very) Short History and Prospects for 2018 | Designing a Curriculum for Bhutan's First Law School

29 March 2018

Michael Peil, Vice-Dean of Jigme Singye Wangchuck Law School in Bhutan

An afternoon of modern Japanese literature: Brazil and Modern 'Japanese' Literature 1989, Okinawa, and Daily Life under the Japanese Flag: The Death of the Emperor and the Murakami Haruki Phenomenon

10 April 2018

Edward Mack teaches modern Japanese literature and film at the University of Washington

KŌ Young-ran completed her Ph.D. at Nihon University, Tokyo, in 2003, and is currently a Professor there.

GRADUATE RESEARCH FORUM

A quarterly CAPI forum featuring graduate research on Asia

Chinese & Western Oil Companies in Nigeria: Home State Factors and the Anti-Corruption Imperative

05 Oct 2017

Ngozi S. Nwoko, PhD student, UVic Law

Competition Law & the Possibility of Private Transnational Governance

05 Oct 2017

Thanh Phan, PhD candidate, UVic Law

An Introduction to the Constitution of Bhutan

02 Nov 2017

Nima Dorji, PhD student, UVic Law (QES Advanced Scholar)

Imported Pekalongan Batik: Emblems of Cosmopolitanism in Imagined Communities of Straits Peranakan Women

02 Nov 2017

Su Yen Chong, Master's student, UVic Fine Arts

The Impact of Filial Piety on Chinese Leftover Women's Choices in Marriage

08 Feb 2018

Qian Liu, PhD candidate, UVic Law

RESEARCH IN REAL LIFE

STUDENT STORIES FROM THE FIELD

MARCH 7 | 2:30–4:30 PM | DAVID STRONG BUILDING C118

Discover how UVic is connected to the world through research led by Canadian students in partnership with organizations across the Asia-Pacific region. Recently returned interns will share stories from diverse projects, including: soundscapes and music from the Karenni Social Development Centre in Northern Thailand, participatory

research in action in India and projects completed with refugee youth in Malaysia. Also highlighted will be new research by incoming scholars from Bhutan and Cambodia. Come and learn about the power of community-based research and what happens when students get out of the classroom and into the field.

For more information about events go to: uvic.ca/ideafest



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IDEAFEST

Research in Real Life: Student stories from the field

March 07, 2018

Recently returned CAPI interns and incoming scholars shared their community-based research, as part of the University's annual research festival.

Followed by Demonstration of the "tea ceremony" (cha no yu) by the Urasenke Tankōkai Victoria Association, organised by Dr. Cody Poulton

7 March 2018

The Ethics of International Student Placements - a panel discussion

08 March 2018

Moderated by Victor V. Ramraj. Panellists:

Erin Williams - Program Manager and Grants Manager, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Sabine Lehr - Private Sponsorship of Refugees Manager, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria

Rachel Barr - 2017 CAPI intern and UVic Gender Studies student

Robyn Fila - Internship Program Manager, CAPI

ASIA UPDATE:

Crisis in North Korea | Myanmar and the Rohingya
September 21, 2017

Special Session on the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China

October 31, 2017

CAPI China Research Chair **Dr. Guoguang Wu**



Stopping the Boats: Australia's refugee policies and their consequences for Southeast Asia

November 23, 2017

Professor Donald R. Rothwell, Professor of International Law, Australian National University

Himalayan Politics: The Separatist Movement in Northeast India | The Doklam Stand-off between India, China, and Bhutan

25 January 2018

Supriya Routh, Assistant Professor, UVic Law; and **Nima Dorji**, PhD student, UVic Law, QES-AS scholar

Korean politics after the Olympics | Challenges to press freedom in Asia

22 February 2018

Jae Woon (June) Lee, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (via video-link); and

Scott McDonald, former editor, Asia Desk, Associated Press

Criminalization of Sexuality in Indonesia | Timor-Leste: Successes and challenges in building a new nation

22 March 2018

Kathryn Robertson is a graduate of Social Work at UVic. She has been working on Timor-Leste since 1999 and the beginning of the process for Restoration of Independence.

Alex Lloyd is a Master's student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Victoria.

GLOBAL SOUTH COLLOQUIUM

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. Each year will revolve around a theme in the history of globalization, including topics such as religion and secularism, artistic exchange, ecological change, the politics of indigeneity, critical development studies, and decolonization.

Hawaiian Indians and Black Kanakas: Racial Trajectories of Native Hawaiian Diasporic Laborers in the Nineteenth Century

October 12, 2017

David Chang

Associate Professor of History, University of Minnesota

Conjure Women and Coolie Women

October 26, 2017

Gaiutra Bahadur

Author of "Coolie Woman: The Odyssey of Indenture" a narrative history of indenture.

Workshop - South Asian Migrations in Global History

October 27-28, 2017

CAPI SPONSORED EVENTS



From left to right: CAPI Associate Director Helen Lansdowne, Helen Clark and Uvic Gender Studies' Laura Parisi at the VFF.
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Victoria Film Festival

Oh Lucy!

The Vic Theatre, 11 February 2018

The Venerable W.

Silvercity Tillicum, 3 February 2018

My Year With Helen

The Vic Theatre, June 23rd 2018

CAPI sponsored 'My Year With Helen,' a film about Helen Elizabeth Clark ONZ SSI PC a New Zealand politician who served as the 37th Prime Minister of New Zealand from 1999 to 2008, and was the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme from 2009 to 2017. Helen Clark was present for Q&A at the screening on June 23rd 2018.

One Wave Festival

16 Sept 2017 | Pacific Peoples Partnership



Dr. Jutta Gutberlet's photo of a Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh where she conducted research.

Congratulations to our 2017–2018 award recipients



Faculty Research Grants

CAPI is committed to supporting study and understanding of the Asia-Pacific region at UVic. CAPI offers up to three Faculty Research Development Grants (up to \$5,000) every year to support research activities focused on the Asia-Pacific region.

Congratulations to Dr Jutta Gutberlet (left) who was awarded the 2018 CAPI Research Grant for her project entitled, "Exploring Sanitation and Waste-borne Hazards and Issues in Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh: A Scoping Study".



Amy Verdun and Nilanjana Roy (pictured right) were also awarded a contribution towards their project, "The Bangladeshi Merchants of Florence".

ANAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Anand-UVic Fund was established in 1996 in honour of H.E. Anand Panyarachun, LL.D. (UVic. 1993), one of Thailand's most respected public figures and UVic's Honorary Patron in Thailand. All donations to the Fund have been made by Thai business leaders and companies in honour of Khun Anand. The purpose of the Fund is to establish Anand Patron Scholarships for deserving Thai students to undertake graduate and professional studies at the University of Victoria.

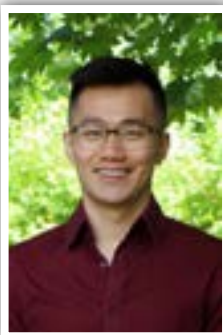
Student Awards

Student Fellowships and Essay Prizes are available on an annual basis to support student research and language study in the Asia-Pacific region. For more information and application details, including information about the Crossing Borders Scholarships, please see the CAPI website.



Left: CAPI Research Fellowship winner Kristina Tietjen conducting research in the coral reefs of Kiritimati. Photo credit Dr. Julia Baum

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS



Can Zhao, PhD student, UVic Department of Political Science

Congratulations to Can for winning a 2018 Student Fellowship to support his investigation of how China, France, and the USA - three states with very different state capacity, capital market, and labor regime - govern Uber, a

technological and ridesharing start-up heralding a new mode of capital operation and employment relationship called "gig economy."

Can's CAPI Fellowship helped to fund a two-month fieldwork stint in Beijing and Shanghai to conduct qualitative interviews with a range of stakeholders in the ridesharing industry.



Kristina Tietjen, MSc Candidate, UVic Department of Biology

Congratulations to Kristina for winning a 2017 Student Fellowship to support her project "Coral reef recovery rates along a gradient of local disturbance following unprecedented heat stress"

The CAPI Fellowship assisted Kristina's travel to Kiritimati (Christmas Island) for 3 weeks to continue her research. Kristina used SCUBA to collect additional recruitment census videos, resample recruitment tiles, and take benthic photographs to assess coral community structure and recovery.



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