

CONFERENCE

Human Security in Southeast Asia

24-25 April 2024 | Michèle Pujol Room | Student Union Building | University of Victoria

The 2022 United Nations Human Development Report frames security challenges in a new "uncertainty complex" consisting of planetary pressures and inequalities in the Anthropocene, societal transformations, and intensifying polarization. These trends are increasingly apparent in the Indo-Pacific in areas of health, environment, security, and development. Prompted by these challenges, this conference will consider emerging human security questions of the region. Do governments have the capacity, autonomy and foresight to these complex challenges? This conference addresses the complex systemic risks that are distributed through globalized and highly integrated networks of state and non-state actors—networks that convey security threats through systems that integrate virtually every sector, from financial to ecological and biotic.

The conference will consist of keynote addresses, a graduate student forum, and workshops on health, gender, and development as well as trade and labour. It will also incorporate CAPI's 16th Southeast Asia in Global Context Roundtable, which will focus on Non-State Actors and Human Security in Southeast Asia: Religion, Civil Society, and Indigenous/Ethnic Minorities. The conference will be hosted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), University of Victoria, in partnership with the Canada and the Asia-Pacific Policy Project (CAPPP) at Thompson Rivers University.







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Thursday 25 April 2024			
Presented by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives			
10:00-12:00	Pre-conference Graduate Student Forum	 Telisa Courtney, PhD candidate, Political Science, University of Alberta and sessional instructor at NorQuest College, MacEwan University and the University of Alberta Gurinder S. Purewal, MA in Human Rights and Social Justice (Candidate) Research Fellow, Canada and the Asia-Pacific Policy Project, Thompson Rivers University Nandita Adhikary, MA in Human Rights and Social Justice Research Associate, Canada and the Asia-Pacific Policy Project, Thompson Rivers University Ratana Ly, PhD candidate, University of Victoria Law Moderated by Akshaya Chandani, PhD candidate, Law & Society, University of Victoria 	
12:00-13:00	Lunch break - Food outlets available in the Student Union Building		
13:00-13:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks	 Victor V. Ramraj, Professor of Law, Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, Director of CAPI, University of Victoria Robert Hanlon, Canada and the Asia Pacific Policy Project, Thompson Rivers University 	
13:15-14:30	Keynote Speakers	 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 	
14:30-15:00	Break		
15:00-17:30	16th CAPI Roundtable on Southeast Asia in Global Context: Non-State Actors and Human Security in Southeast Asia: Religion, Civil Society, and Indigenous/ Ethnic Minorities	 Nadir Hosen, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Deputy Associate Dean (International), Monash University, Australia Yukiko Nishikawa, Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University, Japan (via Zoom) Sorpong Peou, Professor, Politics and Public Administration, Toronto Metropolitan University Crystal Tremblay, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Victoria; Director, CIFAL Victoria Co-moderated by Victor V. Ramraj, CAPI Director and Phil Calvert, Senior Research Fellow, CAPI 	

Friday 26 April 2024 Presented by Canada and the Asia Pacific Policy Project and CDSN			
09:00-09:45	Keynote Speaker	Philippe Rheault, China Institute, University of Alberta	
09:45-11:15	Panel 1 Human Security: Health, Gender and Development	 Opening Remarks - Panthea Pourmalek, Policy Advisor in the Office of Canada's Ambassador for Women, Peace and Security 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 Moderated by Rosalind Warner, Continuing College Professor, Okanagan College 	
11:15–11:30	Break		
11:30-13:00	Panel 2 Southeast Asia and Human Security in an Indo-Pacific Era: Socio-Economic and Geopolitical Implications for Canada	 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 Moderated by Robert Hanlon, Canada and the Asia Pacific Policy Project, Thompson Rivers University and Ratana Ly, PhD candidate, University of Victoria Law 	
13:00-14:00	Closing Speaker with lunch	Kenneth Macartney, Strategic Advisor on Indo-Pacific Relations, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat (IGRS), Government of British Columbia	



Nandita Adhikary

Nandita Adhikary is a post-graduate in Master of Arts in Human Rights and Social Justice at Thompson Rivers University. Her research interest includes the intersection of indigenization and internationalization within the context of Canadian higher education. Her research focus is on developing and advocating for a transcultural framework that recognizes and reconciles the divergent needs and contributions of Indigenous and international student communities. She also has collaborated drafting SSHRC application for establishing an interdisciplinary research collaboration between Canada and the Asia Pacific Policy Project (CAPPP) housed at Thompson Rivers University and the Canada West Foundation (CWF) based in Calgary, Alberta. She also worked as TA and RA at TRU on different research projects on social work, history and film and media. Nandita also has a Master of Arts in English Literature from BRAC University, Bangladesh. She worked on reproductive health and rights projects and advocacy campaign in Bangladesh and volunteered on creating inclusive society for differently abled and mentally challenged people.



Sean Burke

Sean Burke serves as the Overseas Program Director at HOPE International Development Agency, where his leadership spans the implementation of community development projects across 15 diverse countries including Cambodia, the Philippines, and Myanmar along with several countries in Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. With five years in this pivotal role, Sean has adeptly managed collaborations with locally based community organizations and HOPE affiliates, ensuring programs align with sustainable and impactful development goals. Sean's extensive international experience is marked by his nuanced understanding of global development challenges and his adeptness in engaging with and strengthening partnerships across cultural and geographical boundaries. His work involves strategic leadership in program development, capacity building, and fostering international collaborations that advance poverty reduction, human rights, and environmental sustainability

As a Board Member at the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation since October 2021, Sean has been instrumental in amplifying the impact of development organizations throughout British Columbia.

Educated at Griffith University in Australia, Sean holds qualifications in Environmental Science and Environmental Quality, and throughout his career trajectory which includes significant stints with the United Nations based in Tanzania, Kenya, the Philippines, Cambodia, and Haiti, he has honed skills in project management, strategic leadership, and organizational development.



Siobhan Byrne

Siobhan Byrne is the inaugural Director of the Institute for Intersectional Research and Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Alberta. Dr. Byrne's research and teaching are in the areas of feminist anti-war activism, conflict resolution and transitional justice, with a special focus on Northern Ireland and Palestine/Israel. Dr. Byrne's work has appeared in the International Feminist Journal of Politics, International Political Science Review, International Peacekeeping, and elsewhere. She is co-editor of the volume Power-Sharing Pacts and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, and she is currently completing a book manuscript with Dr. Allison McCulloch titled Gender, Peace, and Power-Sharing with the University of Toronto Press, as well as a monograph titled Feminist Solidarity in Conflict with McGill-Queen's University Press.



Philip Calvert

Philip Calvert served from 2012-2016 as Canada's ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. He previously served as Deputy Head of Mission in the Canadian Embassy in Beijing (2004-2008). From 2008-2012, as Director General in Ottawa, he managed Canada's overall trade and political relations with North Asia (China, Japan, Korean peninsula, Hong Kong, Mongolia and Taiwan). He holds a PhD in Chinese history.



Akshaya Chandani

Akshaya Chandani is a PhD candidate at the University of Victoria. Her research is focused on understanding the rule of law from a legally pluralistic lens. She especially focuses on studying two Adivasi (Indigenous) movements in Jharkhand, India to interpret theories of arbitrary power and knowledge from below. Akshaya's research is informed by her interest in the plural legal traditions, legal theory, the 'why' of law, post-colonial theory, Indigenous studies, social movements, and genealogies of power. During her program, she has also worked as a Teaching Assistant for Property Law and Engineering Law. Currently, she is working as a research assistant for Prof Kathryn Chan and as a teaching assistant for Torts Law. She is also part of the research project on Indigeneity in Asia with Prof Parmar and is responsible for organizing the reading groups for this project.

Akshaya joined the PhD program in 2019. She has received her LLM from the National Law University, Delhi with an exchange program at the University of Bergen, Norway. Before that, she completed her bachelor's in law and bachelor's in economics from the University of Delhi. She worked as a Research Associate at the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Law at the National Law University Delhi before joining the PhD program. During her tenure at the Centre, she published two book reviews, one in an Italian journal and the other in the Indian Yearbook of Comparative Law.



Telisa Courtney

Telisa is a PhD candidate in the department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. Their research investigates on the value of applied theatre and other arts-based methods of conflict resolution, reconciliation, and community building. Their primary focus has been on child soldiers, gender and sexual minorities, and Indigenous peoples in Africa and North America. Telisa teaches at the University of Alberta, Macewan University, and NorQuest College in Edmonton, and is simultaneously pursuing a diploma in non-profit management through Simon Fraser University. In their non-academic life, Telisa is an avid yoga practitioner and yoga teacher, and enjoys tabletop gaming.



Carlo Dade

Carlo Dade is one of the country's leading voices on defending and advancing western Canadian trade interests in Canada and abroad. He leads work on development of a national trade infrastructure plan and renewal of the nation's trade corridors. His research and advocacy are playing a critical role in the achieving better trade agreements and drawing attention to the often-neglected importance of the assets and systems critical to moving products to markets. He has a reputation for developing creative solutions to some of the major challenges facing Canadian exporters and defending Canadian interests in trade with China and the U.S.

A frequent media commentator and writer, Carlo is a global expert on pan-Pacific trade, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Pacific Alliance trade blocs as well on agricultural issues including Right2Repair. He provides thoughtful analysis on issues surrounding North American competitiveness and Canada-Mexico relations.

As Director of Trade and Trade Infrastructure, Carlo has a long history in international public policy including as a Professional Affiliate at the Johnson Shoyama School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan, as non-Resident Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., and as a member of the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (COMEXI).



Paul Evans

Paul Evans is Professor Emeritus in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at UBC after 43 years of university teaching, mainly in Toronto and Vancouver. A former director of several research centres and co-CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, he was a co-founder of the Council for Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific and the Canadian Consortium on Human Security. His books include a biography, a lexicon, two chronicles, and two histories, China and regional security a recurrent focus.



Robert Hanlon

Dr. Robert J. Hanlon is an Associate Professor in Political Science and Chair of the Department of Philosophy, History and Politics at Thompson Rivers University. He is also Director of the Canada-Asia Pacific Policy Project, and an Associate Faculty member in the School of Humanitarian Studies at Royal Roads University. His research explores the links between human security and corporate social responsibility in emerging Asian economies. Outside academia, Dr. Hanlon has worked for the Asian Human Rights Commission, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, as well as the High Commission of Canada in Australia. He holds a PhD in International Relations and Asian Politics from City University of Hong Kong and has been a visiting scholar at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (Oxford), the Liu Institute for Global Issues (UBC), the Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration (Chulalongkorn), the Balsillie School of International Affairs (Waterloo), as well as the University of Hong Kong.



Nadir Hosen

Nadirsyah Hosen currently holds the position of Associate Professor and serves as the Deputy Associate Dean (International) at the Faculty of Law, Monash University, Australia. Nadir is internationally known for his expertise in Shari'a and Indonesian law. He is a board member of top journals such as the Asian Journal of Comparative Law (Cambridge University Press) and the Australian Journal of Asian Law (University of Melbourne). His articles have been published in internationally recognised and refereed journals and publications.



Luna K. C.

Luna K. C. is an Assistant Professor in Global and International Studies at the Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences, and Humanities, University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Prior to joining UNBC, she was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Research Network on Women, Peace, and Security (RN-WPS) at the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, McGill University. Luna's work is interdisciplinary and transnational and sits at the nexus of gender and armed conflict, women, peace and security (WPS), disaster, and cybersecurity. Luna is interested in understanding how gender and intersectional factors matter in conflict, peace, security, and disaster and are shaped and reshaped by gender norms, gender roles, and gender policies. Luna has area specialties in South Asia.



Andy Knight

W. Andy Knight is Professor of International Relations in the Political Science Department, University of Alberta. Professor Knight serves as Co-editor in Chief of both African Security journal and International Journal -- two globally prestigious peer-reviewed academic publications. Knight is a Senior Fellow of the Institute for Peace and Diplomacy in Toronto and of McLaughlin College at York University. He serves on the editorial boards of several journals and on the advisory boards of the Kule Institute for Advanced Studies (KIAS); the South South Cooperation Council

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In March 2021, Professor Knight was awarded the University of Alberta's highest honour - the University of Alberta Distinguished Professor. He is currently the 2021-22 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in International and Area Studies at Yale University.



Ratana Ly

Ratana Ly is a PhD candidate at the University of Victoria (UVic) and a senior research fellow at the Center for the Study of Humanitarian Law in Cambodia. Ratana is a QES-AS scholar alumnus and past graduate fellow at UVic Centre for Studies in Religion and Society. Her current research interests are ASEAN, transnational regulation, business & human rights, and international criminal law. Before starting Ph.D., Ratana spent a few years working as a researcher, researching various human rights-related topics in Cambodia.



Kenneth Macartney

Experienced Ambassador, foreign service officer and public service executive, who has been Associate Fellow at the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria since 2017. Currently Strategic Advisor, Indo-Pacific Relations, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, Office of the Premier, Government of British Columbia. During a 36 year diplomatic career that included serving as Canada's Ambassador to Sweden, Deputy High Commissioner to India, Chargé d'Affaires to Norway, and Counsellor, Canadian Embassy to Japan, promoted Canada's interests in business, political relations, sustainable development, security and human rights. Areas of expertise include public policy development and analysis, trade and investment promotion, the management of bilateral relations and the conduct of multilateral negotiations. Experience includes policy analysis and advice to senior levels in the Canadian government on relations with India and Southeast Asia, Europe and Japan and managing multilateral environmental negotiations.



Vina Nadjibulla

Vina Nadjibulla joined APF Canada as Vice-President, Research & Strategy in November, 2023. Vina leads APF Canada's research, education, and network support activities. She also oversees the Foundation's granting and research fellowships programs as well as development and capacity building projects. She is a frequent media commentator on geopolitics, Canadian foreign policy, and Canada-Asia relations, with a focus on India and China.

As an international security and peacebuilding specialist, Vina spent a significant portion of her career working at the United Nations headquarters and in peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions in West and Central Africa. She has more than two decades of professional experience in high-level diplomacy, advocacy, policy-making, and political risk analysis. From war zones to board rooms, Vina has worked with national governments, non-profits, and philanthropic

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Vina is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at the University of British Columbia and a Senior Research Fellow at The Soufan Center, a conflict resolution think-tank headquartered in New York.

Vina holds a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University and is fluent in English, Russian, and Farsi and speaks intermediate Mandarin Chinese. A citizen of Canada, she was born in the Soviet Union, raised in Afghanistan, and educated in the U.S.



Jason Nickerson

Dr. Jason Nickerson, RRT, FCSRT, PhD is the Humanitarian Representative to Canada for Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), based in Ottawa. He leads MSF's humanitarian diplomacy in Canada and provides advice on humanitarian operations, medical policy and programming, and access to medicines for MSF's operations in more than 70 countries affected by crises. Jason spent more than a decade working clinically as a respiratory therapist in adult critical care and anesthesia and has worked extensively in global public health response in Canada and internationally. He has worked in humanitarian health responses during armed conflicts, disease epidemics, and sudden onset disasters including in Afghanistan, Haiti, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Central African Republic. In addition to his work with MSF, Jason is appointed as an Investigator at the Bruyère Research Institute in Ottawa and as an Adjunct Professor of Common Law at the University of Ottawa's Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics. He holds a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Respiratory Therapy, a Master of Arts in Adult Education, and a PhD in Population Health.



Yukiko Nishikawa

Yukiko Nishikawa, Ph.D., is a Professor at the Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan. Nishikawa obtained a Ph.D. in peace studies from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom. Her expertise lies in security, politics, and international relations, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. Her main publications include International Norms and Local Politics in Myanmar (Routledge, 2022), Globalization and Local Conflicts in Africa and Asia (Springer, 2022), Political Sociology of Japanese Pacifism (Routledge, 2018), Human Security in Southeast Asia (Routledge, 2010), and Human security in Southeast Asia: viable solution or empty slogan?" (Security Dialogue, 2009). Her recent work is the publication titled "Japan: Moralised Politics in Countering COVID-19," in Charles Hawksley and Nichole Georgeou (eds.) Pandemic, States, and Societies in the Asia-Pacific, 2020–2021 Responding to COVID (Chapter 4, Routledge, 202).



Sorpong Peou

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Panthea Pourmalek

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Gurinder S. Purewal

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Victor V. Ramaj

Dr. Victor V. Ramraj joined the University of Victoria as Professor of Law and CAPI Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations in 2014, and in 2017 also assumed the role of CAPI Director. Previously, he spent sixteen years at the National University of Singapore (NUS), where he twice served as the Faculty's Vice-Dean for Academic Affairs. He was also twice seconded to the Center for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS), a consortium of global law schools in London, where he served for one year as its Co-Director. Professor Ramraj holds five degrees from McGill University, the University of Toronto, and Queen's University Belfast, served as a judicial law clerk at the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa and as a litigation lawyer in Toronto, and retains a non-practicing membership in the Law Society of Ontario. He has held visiting teaching appointments at Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Kyushu University (Japan), and the University of Toronto.

His scholarly interests include comparative constitutional and administrative law, transnational regulation, emergency powers, and the history of and regulatory challenges arising from state-company relationships in Asia. He has organized numerous international conferences in Canada and Asia, and hosts CAPI's roundtable series on Southeast Asia in Global Context.



Philippe Rheault

A lawyer and diplomat, L. Philippe Rheault takes on the leadership of The China Institute following a 25 year career in the Canadian foreign service, where he mainly focussed on China and East Asia. He has been posted to the region six times: to Beijing, Taipei, Chongqing (twice), Mongolia, and Guangzhou. Notably, he has headed two of Canada's four missions in Mainland China, as Canada's first Consul General to the southwestern metropolis of Chongqing (2012-2017) and most recently as the Consul General of Canada for South China, based in Guangzhou (Canton) (2019 to 2023). Over the course of the last two and a half decades, he has had the opportunity to witness first-hand China's extraordinary rise, as well as most of the key milestones marking the evolution of Canada-China relations.

Philippe's extensive network spans both China, Canada, and beyond, and he has over the years provided advice and support to a wide cross-section of top leaders from government, business, academia, and civil society. Philippe holds degrees in Philosophy, Political Science, and Law, all from McGill University. He has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at China Southwest University, is a member of the Québec bar, and is professionally fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, English, and French.



Crystal Tremblay

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Rosalind Warner

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The **Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives** (CAPI) is located at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. CAPI is a research centre focused on research, education and community engagement in the Asia-Pacific. We facilitate international conferences, events, and research projects for faculty and area experts as well as experiential learning opportunities for students. Since its inception in 1988, CAPI acts as a vital link between UVic and the Asia-Pacific region, providing opportunities and initiatives that bring scholars and others together.

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Based at Thompson Rivers University, the **Canada and the Asia Pacific Policy Project** has evolved into an interdisciplinary-research consortium that connects scholars throughout BC's Interior and Lower Mainland.

In 2018, Thompson Rivers University and the Canadian Institute for Global Strategic Partnerships entered into a collaborative partnership with a goal to build a Interior-based research network with a special Canada-Asia relations. This led to the creation of the Canada and the Asia Pacific Policy Project (CAPPP), with a goal to build a province-wide network of Asia specialists.

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