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Jonathan Woods, CAPI Communications Officer

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

Early public documentation of what was to become CAPI, UVic Ring newspaper, September 7, 1984

Two chairs for UVic

UVic is about to become a Centre of Specialization in Pacific Asia trade relations and international commercial law.

Serge Joyal, the federal Secretary of State, announced last week that \$500,000 has been allocated to UVic towards the establishment of two chairs, one in economic and trade relations with Japan and one in international commercial law. The conditions of the award require the university to match the \$500,000, which it plans to do from the Lansdowne Endowment Fund.

Joyal also announced the allocation of \$625,000 for the establishment of a Canadian Centre for Asia Pacific Business Studies in downtown Vancouver, under the jurisdiction of the three B.C. universities. (See story, this issue.) In addition, the University of British Columbia receives \$500,000 and Simon Fraser University \$400,000 for chairs in specific areas of Asian studies.

UVic President Dr. Howard Petch explained that UVic plans to create an endowment fund to provide for the appointment of specialists in international commercial law and in Chinese and Japanese economic and trade relations.

"With these appointments, a Centre of Specialization will evolve from the existing programs and expertise in our Centre for Pacific and Oriental Studies, Department of Economics and Faculty of Law," said Petch.

UVic had asked the federal government for \$750,000 towards the establishment of three chairs.

UVic plans to raise \$500,000 from the private sector and the provincial government has been asked to contribute \$1.25 million to support the chairs.

"Interest from the fund will cover the cost of the chairs and associated costs of operating the Centre," explained Petch.

He said the university would be looking for top academic experts in Pacific Asia relations to fill the chairs.

"It will depend on how quickly the money comes in as to exactly when the chairs will be established."

In addition to bolstering UVic's considerable academic expertise in Pacific Asia studies, a Centre at UVic will provide direct benefits to business and government officials interested in promoting economic relations with Pacific Asia nations, said Petch.

The UVic Centre plans publication of a monthly digest of information outlining opportunities and constraints for Canadian involvement in the region. Briefings by Asia experts for delegations, immersion programs for trade missions and others on extended projects, contracted research and data gathering, conference organization and implementation, interpreting and translations and certificate or diploma programs offered through University Extension are all planned as part of the Centre's offerings.

Petch pointed out that British Columbia now has no well-developed centre of expertise in Pacific Asia trade relations and international commercial law, "yet its economic well-being increasingly depends upon trade with its Pacific Rim neighbors.

"UVic, through its Centre for Pacific and Oriental Studies, already deals with Pacific Asian languages, cultures, social structures, history and geography. The new appointments will enlarge this coverage and provide a unique specialization.

"The Faculties of Law and Education and the Department of Economics are also involved in studies of Pacific nations," he added.



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 re-calculation 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.

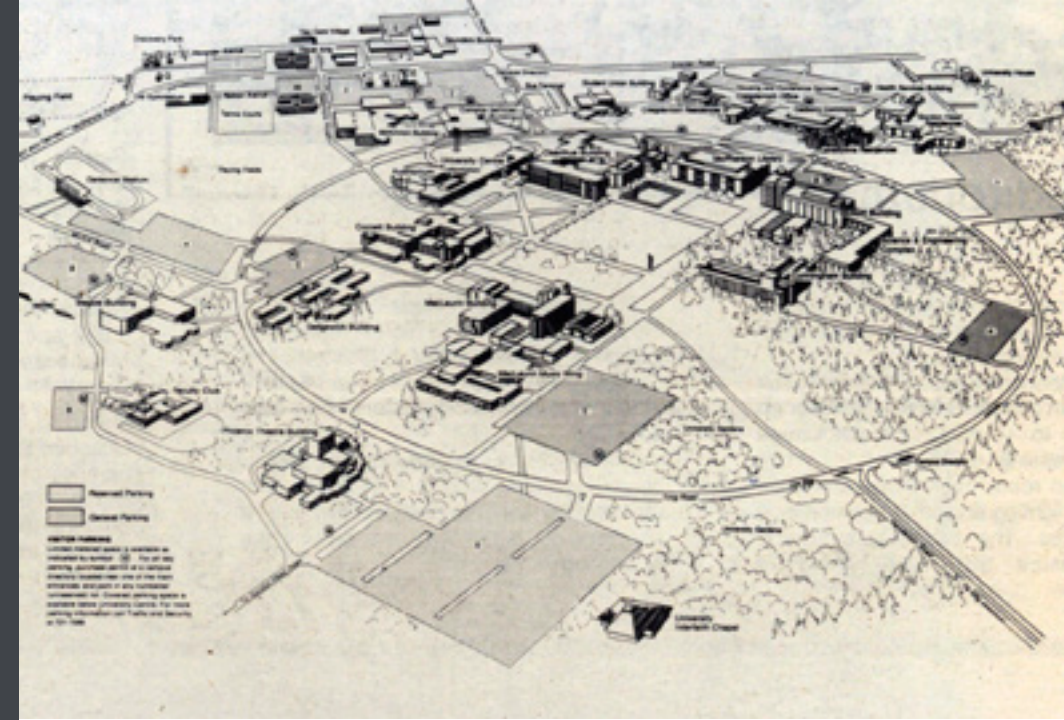
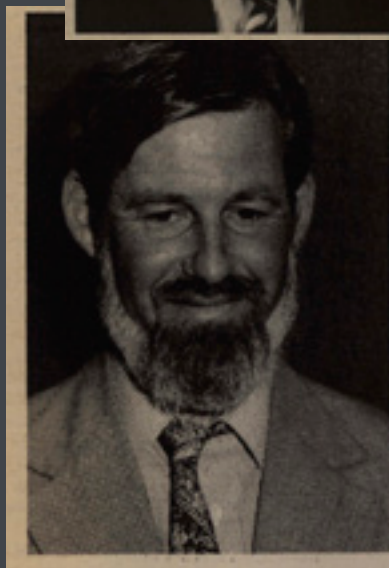
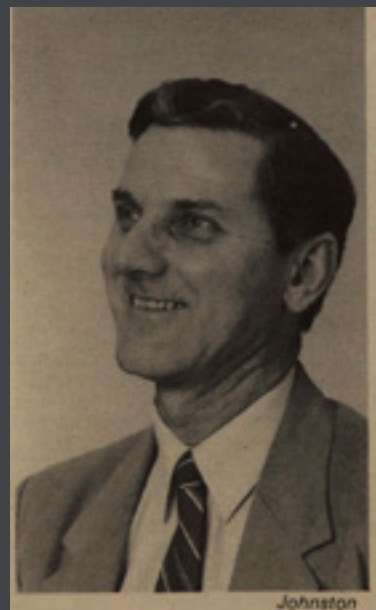
- Douglas Johnston, from the Introduction of "Asia-Pacific Legal Development" (UBC Press, 1998)



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").



The UVic campus in 1988

CAPI'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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Assistant Associate

Ralph W. Huenemann

Douglas M. Johnston

Carl Mosk

IV. Short-Term Tasks

(1) Name: The decision on a name should be taken with some care, since the name establishes an image that will remain with the Centre for many years. A pronounceable acronym is also of some value. Familiar terms like "studies" or "research" should be avoided as too narrow or academic-sounding. Neither the term "Asia" nor the term "Pacific," by itself, describes the region intended, while the term "Pacific Rim" seems more trendy than helpful. Therefore, we suggest that the Centre might be named "The Centre for Asian and Pacific Initiatives" or "The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives." Either way, the inevitable acronym would probably be CAPI.

MEMORANDUM

University of Victoria

TO: Secretary of Senate.....

13 February 1989.....Date

FROM: Samuel E. Scully, Chairman
Senate Committee on PlanningRE: CENTRE FOR ASIA-PACIFIC INITIATIVES

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University of Victoria

RECEIVED Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI)
FEB 13 1989 Application for Recognition as an Approved Centre

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
 VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

1. Under the Senate guidelines adopted on 21st April 1988, the recently opened Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) wishes to be recognized as an Approved Centre. This document provides information relevant to the approval process.

Preamble

2. The Centre's offices, located on the ground floor of the Begbie Building, were opened at a formal University ceremony held on 15th April 1988. The opening was preceded by a preliminary period of organization, which began on 1st July 1987 with the appointment of Professor Ralph Huenemann to the chair of Economic Relations with China and of Professor Douglas M. Johnston to the chair of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations. On 1st July 1988 they were joined by Professor Carl Mosk, holder of the chair in Economic Relations with Japan. Together these three specialists in Asia-Pacific relations will be chiefly responsible for the establishment and administration of CAPI projects and for the development of other initiatives by the Centre. Since 1st July 1987 Professor Huenemann has served as Director of CAPI, and in



UVic President Dr. Howard Petch (right) presents a plaque to Chinese-Canadian philanthropist David Lam during opening ceremonies for UVic's Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives on April 15. The Centre receives support from the David and Dorothy Lam Endowment as well as from federal and provincial government funds.

from UVic's Ring newspaper, vol. 14, no. 8, April 22, 1988. Lam became BC's 25th Lieutenant Governor in September of the same year.



How CAPI was initially funded by off campus sources is a core part of its history and a continuing part of its mission.

- William Neilson, former CAPI Director (1992-2004) and Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations (2001-2004) on the outward-looking nature of CAPI (personal correspondence, January 25, 2018)

Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

Dr. H.E. Petch, President
 of the University of Victoria
 cordially invites you to attend the opening of the

Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

by David C. Lam
 President, Canadian International Properties Ltd.
 at 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 15, 1988
 Begbie Building, University of Victoria



Wine and cheese reception to follow
 RSVP acceptance only, by April 6 721-7446

Invitation card to the official CAPI opening ceremony, which took place exactly one year to the day before the passing of Hu Yaobang, former Chairman and then-General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, whose death set off the Tiananmen Square protests.



Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

The new Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives has been established by UVic. to facilitate the University's participation in the study and resolution of current public policy problems in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Centre, in collaboration with other institutions when appropriate, will pursue several interrelated objectives:

- to serve as a clearing house for information about the region;
- to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas;
- to promote relevant publication activities;
- to organize and conduct projects in research, training, and teaching (workshops, conferences, and courses); and
- to design and administer long-term programmes.

The Director of the Centre is Dr. Ralph W. Huenemann, who has recently been appointed to the Chair in Economic Relations with China. Also active in the leadership of the Centre is Dr. Douglas M. Johnston, who holds the Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations. They will be joined by a chairholder in Economic Relations with Japan as soon as an appropriate appointment can be made.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. H.E. Petch
President and Vice-Chancellor

Sept. 8, 1988

From: Ralph Huenemann, Director
Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

An Update on CAPI Activities

I thought you would like to be aware of the following:

(1) Carl Mosk arrived in early July and is settling in well at CAPI. We traveled to Vancouver together in late July, where I introduced him to many of the Japan specialists in the downtown community and at UBC.

(2) A draft of CAPI's application to Senate for recognition as an Approved Centre, under the Senate guidelines of April 21, has been prepared. The paragraph on budgetary matters is being reviewed by Vice-President McQueen, and the application will then be circulated to members of the Senate well before the Senate meeting on Sept. 21. Would you like to review the application before it is circulated to Senate?

(3) The World Bank is holding a seminar in Vancouver next week on the economic evaluation of technology choices in education, with the Ministry of Advanced Education serving as local executing agency. Attendees will be senior educational bureaucrats from a variety of Pacific Rim Countries: China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, etc. I will be giving a major presentation. I find that these pro bono activities are extremely time-consuming, but I think that this is a good opportunity to build CAPI's network of friends and acquaintances in Asia, and to do a favour for Advanced Education at the same time.

(4) CAPI is exploring the possibility of a teacher-training project in China, in partnership with SFU/UBC if appropriate. Jan Walls is in China right now, and is making some preliminary inquiries for me. I will be in China in early December and will take appropriate next steps. Our target for funding is AUCC's Cycle III of their CIDA programme. If the project moves ahead as hoped, it also provides a model for a more ambitious application to CIDA under the "Centres of Excellence" programme, which is supposed to be announced later this fall and which I am tracking on your behalf. I mention it now only because Jim Rae is aware of the proposal and has mentioned it to Mr. Hagen, who may in turn mention it to you. I thought you might want to be forewarned of the possibility.

Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives: Examples of Current Work

Business-Oriented Activities

- (1) Two monographs on China's foreign trade, in collaboration with the International Trade Research Institute in Beijing. The first volume (survey articles) is just now being published by the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP - a Canadian think tank with its head office on the UVic campus). The second volume, which will explore key topics more thoroughly, is just being started.
- (2) Talks to luncheon groups: Canada-Korea Business Association, etc.
- (3) Work on trade/investment with Japan by new chairholder in Japanese economics.

With the Provincial Government

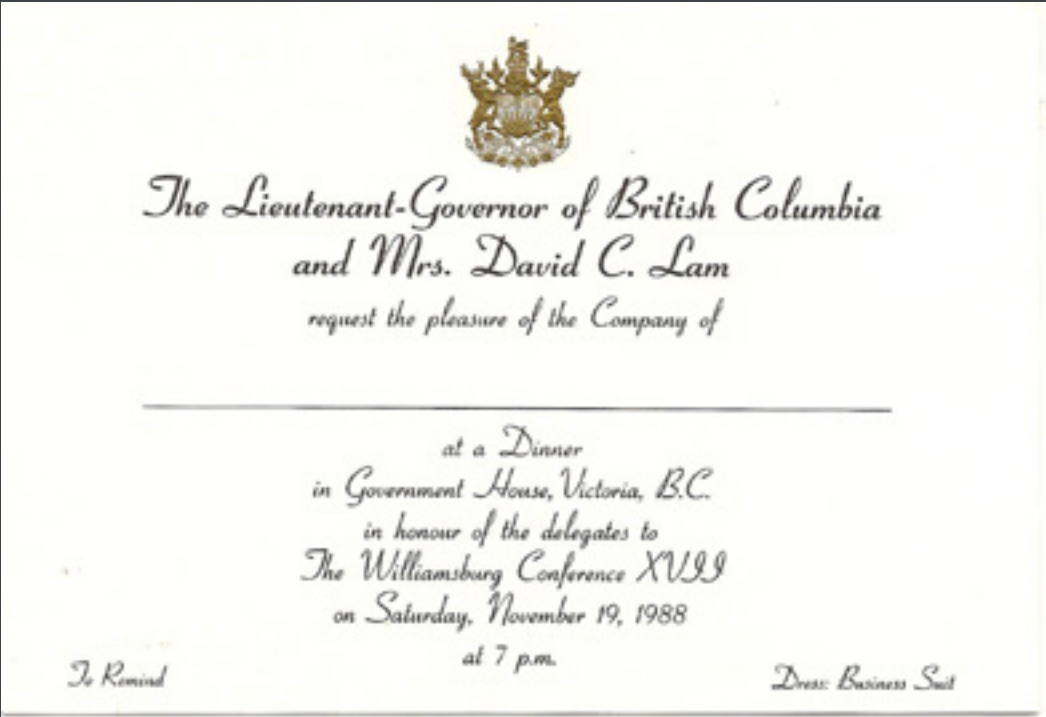
- (1) Assistance to Ministry of Finance with topics for the Williamsburg Conference in November.
- (2) Assistance to Ministry of Education with Pacific Rim enrichment of curriculum.

With the Federal Government

- (1) Keynote speeches by Prof. Huenemann at CIDA seminars in China in early June.
- (2) Investigative trip to University of South Pacific (Fiji) by Professors Shoyama and Langford.
- (3) Seminar on "Law & Economics" in Thailand by Dean Neilson.
- (4) Southeast Asian Project on Ocean Law.

(April 8, 1988)

Facing page: Pacific Rim leaders in town for the Williamsburg Conference participated in panel discussions on trade and security Nov. 21, in the Begbie Building. 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 Birabhongse Kasemsri. The panel discussions were organized by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and were videotaped by UVic Audiovisual and Television Services (from UVic's Ring newspaper, vol. 14, no. 19, November 25, 1988 / Robbie Liscomb photo; UVic Archives / 9910886700).





SOUTHEAST ASIAN PROGRAM ON OCEAN LAW, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

CONFLICTS AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

UNDER THE LAW OF THE SEA

BY

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STUDY TEAM



The Fifth SEAPOL Gulf of Thailand Meeting of Experts
January 20-22, Bangkok, Thailand



"At night, in the drizzle, at a bus stop on Douglas Street, sometime in 1985, I asked Dr Johnston, who was visiting Victoria to consult about SEAPOL, whether he might be interested in the CAPI Law Chair and relocate from Halifax to Victoria. He indicated that maybe yes. I immediately communicated this to Bill Neilson (then Dean of the Law School) and over an extended period he (with Ralph Huenemann) executed the wooing and deal that landed Douglas in 1987 in Victoria, the Law School and CAPI."

- Ted McDorman, UVic Law professor and original CAPI Research Associate, here pictured with Johnston, ca 1993 (photos courtesy Ted McDorman).

SEAPOL Project: 1987-2003

When Douglas Johnston came to UVic, he also brought to CAPI its first major externally-funded project in the Southeast Asian Programme in Ocean Law, Policy and Management (SEAPOL). While started in Dalhousie in the early 1980s, SEAPOL was re-funded by the International Development and Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) as a CAPI project in 1987 and continued as CIDA-CAPI project (through UBC) in 1991.

SEAPOL was centred in Bangkok but was a regional project holding workshops and other activities throughout Southeast Asia.

Amongst other things, the SEAPOL project created the professional literature that now exists on ocean law and policy matters in Southeast Asia, influenced countless academics and government officials, and played a significant role in modernizing the ocean laws and policies of the States in Southeast Asia.



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Recent developments and announcements

The SEAPOL Tri-Regional Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 13-16 December 1994

Douglas M. Johnston

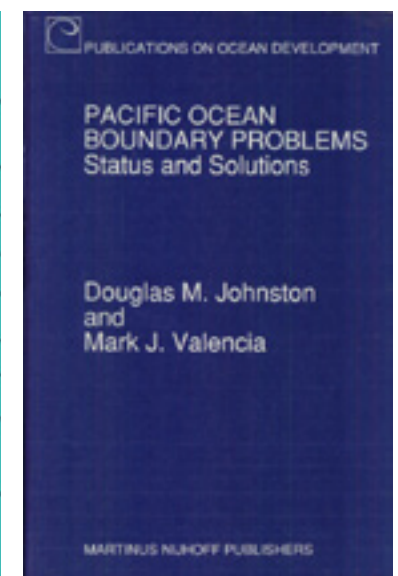
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The Southeast Asian Programme in Ocean Law, Policy and Management (SEAPOL) is a network of ocean-related officials and experts, who have been meeting on a regular basis since 1981. The network now consists of over 250 government and academic specialists from Southeast Asia and about 50 associates from outside the region. For the first ten years the Programme was funded by the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Since then the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has been the principal source of funding, and supplementary contributions are received from a number of other, non-Canadian sources.

On 13-16 December 1994, SEAPOL held its first-ever Tri-Regional Conference on Current Issues in Ocean Law, Policy and Management, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Bangkok. Over 200 ocean specialists from the Southeast Asian, North Pacific and Southwest Pacific regions participated in this cross-regional interaction, the first of its kind to encompass the whole range of ocean policy issues.

The SEAPOL Tri-Regional Conference assumed particular importance because of its timing. On 16 November 1994 the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea entered into force for the 67 ratifying states. Owing to the emergence of a new consensus on revised deep ocean mining provisions, this famous treaty has acquired a new order of global significance. It was reported that Thailand is in the process of preparing to ratify the Convention by studying the steps that need to be taken for implementation of its many complex provisions. The ratifying states in Southeast Asia now include Singapore and Vietnam as well as Indonesia and the Philippines. It is estimated that three quarters of the 190 states in the world seem to be in favour of the Convention in the revised form.

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CAPi's first Director, Ralph Huenemann showing off the new CAPi offices in a photo from a spring 1988 UVic Torch magazine article on the founding of CAPi (UVic Archives / 9901886100).



When Prime Minister Jean Chretien and nine provincial premiers travelled to China in November, they were confronted with Chinese data indicating Canada reaps the greatest benefits from trade between the two countries. Those figures aren't completely accurate according to Dr. Ralph Huenemann (Public Administration and Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives). With financial support from CIDA, he and colleagues from the State Information Centre in Beijing are analyzing trade figures in an attempt to demonstrate to Chinese authorities that trade with Canada is much stronger than their data indicates.

"Much of China's trade goes through Hong Kong so the Chinese figures show a trade surplus with Hong Kong and a deficit with other countries," explains Huenemann. "I'm working with Statistics Canada and the Conference Board to get a measure of how much of the trade that goes through Hong Kong actually originates in China."

The Chinese government is very supportive of Huenemann's work and has given him and his

team exhaustive trade data. Similar support was received from the government of Hong Kong. Statistics Canada, which has been instructed to sell its data to generate revenue, wants Huene-mann to purchase this country's data on China.

While in China, the UVic professor did attend some official functions as part of Chretien's entourage, but Huenemann has no desire to make that style of travel a habit.

"I'm glad I'm not the Prime Minister," he said after returning to UVic. "Someone that important travels in such a bubble. I'm not sure he really went to China. Everywhere he goes, he's whisked through traffic. How can anyone go to China and not get stuck in traffic?"

- By Patty Pitts, from UVic's Ring newspaper, vol. 21, no. 1, January 13, 1995.

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前言

加拿大西安大略大学国际经济关系研究中心主任约翰威莱(John Whalley)先生和墨西哥学院国际经济关系研究中心主任哈伊梅赛勒(Jaime Serra)先生于1985年12月来华访问期间,在与中华人民共和国对外经济贸易部国际贸易研究所商谈合作项目时提议,为使加拿大各界朋友了解对外开放后的中国,建议合作出版一本英文的介绍中国对外贸易发展的书籍。由于得到加拿大公共政策研究所,尤其是所长杜倍尔博士(A.R. Dobell)和研究员胡永年博士(R.W.Huenemann)的大力支持,这本书终于公开出版了,并与读者见面。衷心希望这本书对加拿大各界朋友了解中国,尤其是了解对外开放后中国对外贸易发展有一定帮助,能积极促进两国间的经济贸易关系的发展。

深切感谢参加本书编写的作者。他们大部分为我所有有关部门的研究人员,同时也特邀了国务院经济技术社会发展研究中心高级研究员武超女士,经贸部国际联络局董尚明,王磊先生和中国技术进口总公司国际招标公司副总经理吴际坤先生参加本书的编写。在此对他们的大力支持表示感谢。

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It is unusual for a non-Chinese scholar to display such a deep understanding of a Chinese industry.

- Justin Yifu Lin, Chinese economist and former Chief Economist of the World Bank, commenting on Huenemann's "Liberalization of Manufacturing Sectors: The Automobile Industry in China."

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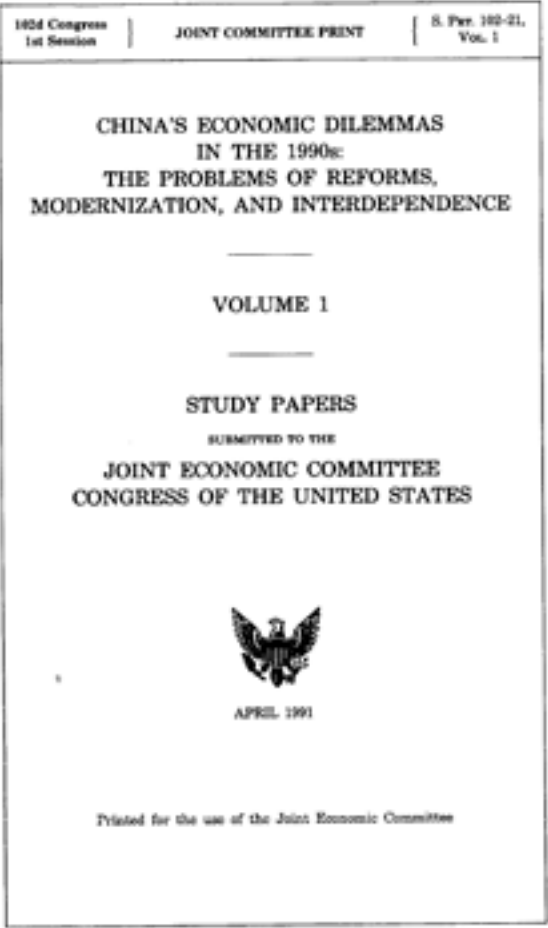
You taught me the most valuable lesson I learned in four years at university. Thank you.

- A Peking University student whom he failed (from Dr. Huene-mann's online CV).

Ask Ralph.

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R Kaufman



University community responds to crisis in China by Brian Webster



Hundreds of people attended a candlelight vigil on June 9. The event was organized by UVic students to mourn the killing of Chinese students in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. It took place on the lawn of the B.C. Legislature.

UVic President Dr. Howard Petch's cancellation of a planned visit to Chinese universities in July was one of several campus reactions to the massacre of university students and others in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4.

In a telegram sent on June 5 to the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Petch said, "We deplore the killing of university students and innocent bystanders in Tiananmen Square. . . . Although we will continue to hold out our hands in friendship to China, we cannot accept the in-

vasion of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries to visit China in July. To do so at this time would appear to condone the terrible actions taken by the government against the people of China."

Petch was scheduled to lead a six-person delegation to China. The group was to include Ian Stewart, Chairman of UVic's Board of Governors, and Dr. Richard King (Pacific and Asian Studies).

Following the outbreak of violence in Beijing, UVic's administration scrambled to lo-

cate people from the university who were in China. Each of them was found to be safe and all nine individuals were sent telegrams by Petch, urging them to return to Canada as soon as possible.

Dr. Isobel Dawson (Nursing) was the only person from UVic who was in Beijing on June 4, having arrived for an international nursing conference just as the violence began. She returned to Victoria on June 8.

Upon her arrival back in Victoria, Dawson appeared at a university news conference to describe her experience. Dr. Sam Scully, Vice-President, Academic, and faculty members Dr. Michael Miller (Computer Science), and Dr. Ralph Huenemann (Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives) were also in attendance. Miller and Huenemann had recently returned from trips to China.

Between 60 and 70 Chinese citizens attend UVic. They responded to the crisis by establishing telephone contact with family and colleagues in China and attempting to provide them with information on the events as they unfolded. Petch met with the students on June 5 to gather information about their situation, and later assured them that the university was prepared to assist them with short-term financial problems that might result from the crisis.

Petch also wrote to Joe Clark, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, to express his concern over the events in Beijing and to ask for the extension of student visas and the lifting of restrictions against paid work by visiting Chinese students.

UVic's Faculty Association sent a telegram to Clark through the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Co-

lumbia, deploring the events in China and asking for a strong government response. The Faculty Association agreed to have its office serve as a drop-off point for contributions to help defer the communications expenses of Chinese students at UVic. Contributions can be sent to the Faculty Association office in the University Centre. They should be clearly marked as being for the "China Information Fund."

Another implication of the events in China was the cancellation of the UVic Summer Institute which was to be held at East China Normal University in Shanghai and in other major Chinese cities during July and August. Sixteen students were registered for the Institute.

Many members of the university community participated in a candlelight vigil held on the lawn of the B.C. Legislature on June 9 to mourn the deaths of Chinese students in Beijing. The event, organized by the Chinese Students' Association and UVic's Students' Society, drew a crowd of several hundred people who listened to speakers including Dawson, Huenemann, Dr. Daniel Bryant (Pacific and Asian Studies), representatives of the Chinese Students' Association, and members of the local Chinese community.

The vigil brought together the local Chinese community and other concerned individuals from throughout Greater Victoria. The steps of the Legislature were decorated by the students with banners and white wreaths, and members of the crowd held signs, flowers, and lighted candles. The vigil, which was at times highly emotional, concluded with singing by the Chinese students.

Dr. Victor Hao Li presents CAPI's inaugural Lam Lecture - see facing page (UVic Archives / 9903911400).



Dr. Victor Hao Li delivers the inaugural Dorothy and David Lam Lecture in Asia-Pacific Affairs

The cultural challenge of "the Pacific era"

By Robie Liscomb

The West must make radical changes in its approach to cultural differences if it wants to pursue mutually beneficial relations with the increasingly important nations of the Asia Pacific region. That was the message delivered by Dr. Victor Hao Li to a standing room only crowd gathered in Begbie 157 for the inaugural Dorothy and David Lam Lecture in Asia-Pacific Affairs. This annual lecture series is organized by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI).

Li, an expert on public international law, was Shelton Professor of International Legal Studies at Stanford in the 1970s and president of the East-West Centre in Honolulu from 1981 to 1990. In his lecture, he addressed the question, "Whatever happened to the Pacific era?" His conclusion is that, in fact, the Pacific era is already here in the sense that we need to extend our purview beyond the Atlantic to include, on an equal basis, the Asian Pacific nations.

"We must also admit," Li declared, "that our actual capacity to deal effectively with Asia and the Pacific is still quite limited." Although Japan, for example, puts up a number of barriers to imports from abroad, it is also clear that the West has an inability or reluctance to sell in Japan.

Li stated that visible trade barriers in the forms of tariffs and quotas are really quite minor. The problem, he said, lies with invisible cultural barriers and attitudes. In tracing the historical basis for the Western—particularly North American—difficulty in dealing with Asia, Li mentioned that for the past 200 years we basically have looked inward to meet our needs and solve our problems, and when we did look outward, we have looked toward Europe. "With this kind of national orientation, Asia and the Pacific have been distant places, not only physically but also psychologically," he stated. In addition, Li claimed that "the Western world has not had to deal with cultural differences in a serious and systematic manner for several hundred years," referring to our history of conquering and dominating other cultures and romanticizing and patronizing them as well.

"With such a mindset," Li said, "it is not surprising that good intellectual tools were not developed with which to grasp and deal with cultural issues."

Li stressed that countries such as Japan have been far more successful in dealing effectively with the West than vice versa, in large part because they have worked hard at understanding not only the legal and economic differences but the cultural dimension as well. Li suggested that, in this regard, powerful Western countries might do well to learn from such smaller countries that have had to learn to cope with the challenges of dealing with us.

"It is important to stress that serious con-

sideration of cultural factors should exist not only in the 'cultural' or scholarly realms," he explained. "Cultural concerns should permeate every aspect of economic and political affairs. Indeed, it is in these areas that the need is greatest."

In the area of trade with Japan, for instance, "Many factors add burdens on foreign goods and competition which are not readily amenable to economic analysis or legal enforcement. These include bureaucratic structures, business practices, and government-business relations. As one probes deeper, one encounters even more value-laden matters such as the 'right' amount to save or consume, the 'proper' way to deal with associates and competitors, and the 'correct' lifestyles."

The concept of fairness, for example, can have quite widely divergent meanings in different cultures. "In Japan, fairness may imply giving business priority to people with whom one has established relationships over a long time, even at the cost of some profit. In the West, however, fairness may mean offering equal opportunity to everyone, be they old friends or strangers."

Too often in the West, culture is seen as a "soft" area—not as important as more practical matters that are clear, codified, and objective. Cultural questions are regarded as suitable for philosophers but not for men and women of the world who run the world's affairs. "Yet, understanding of and action in the cultural dimension is exactly what is needed to improve the affairs of the world at this point," Li stressed. "If trade negotiators, for example, will not enter the cultural realm, the result will be that we will continue to find only partial answers."

As for possible solutions, Li had two to offer. "For the near term, we must develop a variety of solutions to enable our businessmen and women and other professionals to be more successful in Asia now." These include data banks and other information resources, the expansion of trading companies, improved media coverage of the region, and short-term training courses.

The real solutions will be long term, according to Li, and should centre on the content and direction of the education of the next generation. "We must not only develop new courses and retrain teachers, but also change our thinking about the value of studying foreign cultures," said Li. This does not merely mean greatly expanding the teaching of foreign languages, Li insists, but incorporating aspects of the study of other cultures in all subjects across the curriculum. "When we have provided this educational base, then we get out of the way and let our children's ingenuity and new insights lead them into many directions. If we have done our job well, they will indeed bridge the Pacific, and in ways we cannot now even imagine."



Huenemann with Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia David Lam and Yvonne Hsieh (UVic French) at CAPI's inaugural Dorothy and David Lam Lecture series in Asia-Pacific Affairs. Dr. Victor Hao Li, president of the East-West Center in Honolulu, presented on "Asia Pacific on the Move: Understanding the Pacesetter," March 14th, 1991 (UVic Archives / 9903911400).

The Dorothy and David Lam Lecture in Asia-Pacific Affairs

Canada and Southeast Asia: Toward a Strong Partnership

Mr. Ian B. Robertson

Executive Director, Canada-ASEAN Centre, Singapore

Mr. Robertson is well known for his efforts to promote development in Asia as a distinguished senior official with UNCTAD, the Asia Development Bank, and large international firms. His recent appointment as the first Executive Director of the Canada-ASEAN Centre will significantly strengthen Canada's developing role in one of the world's most dynamic and fast-growing regions.

Wednesday, October 2, 1991
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Begbie Room 159
University of Victoria

Free and open to the public



The Dorothy and David Lam Lecture in Asia-Pacific Affairs

The Rio Summit - Success or Failure for the Pacific?

Geoffrey Palmer

Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Minister for the Environment

Mr. Geoffrey Palmer was Professor of English and New Zealand Law at Victoria University of Wellington between 1974-76 where he was elected to the New Zealand Parliament. He served as Minister of Justice and Deputy Prime Minister between 1984-88. Minister for the Environment in 1987-1988 and Prime Minister of New Zealand, 1989-90. He returned as Professor in Victoria University of Wellington in 1990, the same year that he was awarded the UN Environment Program in the United Nations Hall of Honour. Professor Palmer recently held senior advisory positions for the World Bank, the United Nations and the World Bank. Professor Palmer is also the Honorary Chair/Development Professor of Law at the University of New Zealand where he teaches a course each year.

Monday, November 30, 1992
7:30 p.m.
Begbie Room 159
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- CAPI Director Bill Neilson (from CAPI’s September 1992 “Asia-Pacific News” newsletter)

Following the initial period of operational establishment and laying down of the Chairs’ research programs (although Mosk left the Centre to assume a full-time position with the Economics department), William Neilson assumed the directorship of CAPI in 1992 shortly after completing a five-year term as Law Dean (Huenemann stayed on as China Chair). Neilson set his eye on not only aggressively bridging the Pacific, but also the campus. He envisioned CAPI as a dynamic, multidisciplinary, outward-looking entity, active in the region across “academics, business and civic society interests and regional intergovernmental bodies - in other words, multi-interests and not library-bound.”

MEMORANDUM

To: All UVic Faculty 25 March 1992

From: Dr. John J. Jackson
Associate Vice-President, Research

**SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR
CENTRE FOR ASIA-PACIFIC INITIATIVES**

The Search Committee invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI). This is a half-time position, normally for a term of three years. In this instance, the search will be limited to internal candidates.

The Search Committee recognises the University's commitment to employment equity and invites applications from all qualified persons. Nominations of and applications from qualified women are particularly encouraged.

The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives was established in 1987 as part of UVic's efforts to strengthen its linkages with the Pacific Rim. CAPI's research work and programmatic activities focus primarily on public policy issues.

The successful candidate will possess or demonstrate the following:

- significant knowledge of the Asia-Pacific region, with a well-developed network of colleagues there
- administrative abilities
- the ability to raise funds from external agencies
- a sensitivity to Asian cultural contexts
- breadth of vision, and the capacity to build consensus

The appointment will be effective from July 1, 1992, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Applications and nominations should be sent by April 15, 1992, to:

Dr. John Jackson, Chair
Search Committee for CAPI Director
Office of Associate Vice-President Research
Sodgwick Building

Those nominated by others will be contacted to ascertain their willingness to be considered as candidates. Candidates should submit a letter of application, full cv., and names of three references.

Reminder: Deadline April 15, 1992



William (Bill) Neilson, CAPI Director 1992-2004; CAPI Law Chair 2001-2004 (photo: 1978/UVic Archives/1103782600).

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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

I am delighted to convey my warmest greetings to everyone participating in the Third Canada-Taiwan Higher Education Conference being held in Victoria. I would also like to welcome our foreign guests who have travelled to Canada to take part in this special event.

This Conference provides delegates with a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas, while examining key issues and concerns in the field of education. This year's theme, *Implementing Strategies for Higher Education Cooperation*, highlights the importance of international communication between members of the global community in a rapidly changing world.

Please accept my best wishes for a most enlightening Conference.

Jean Chrétien

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CAPi staff 1996: Bill Neilson, Director, Bill Rapp, Japan Chair (1993-96), Stella Chan, Secretary, Ralph Huenemann, China Chair, Barbara Duffield, Administrative Officer.



5. DIRECTIONS 1994-99

(described in 4(a))

The vision of CAPi's next five years is of a network integrating, innovating and stimulating initiatives at UVic on Asia-Pacific related topics. The initial priority is to consolidate, strengthen and carry out the Regional Program commitments that were regrouped and defined over the past year. This will be accomplished with our current core resources, the help of present and new faculty Associates and in collaboration with other centres and institutes at the University of Victoria and elsewhere on the west coast and in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, the related programs on communications, student initiatives, conferences and library acquisitions will continue.

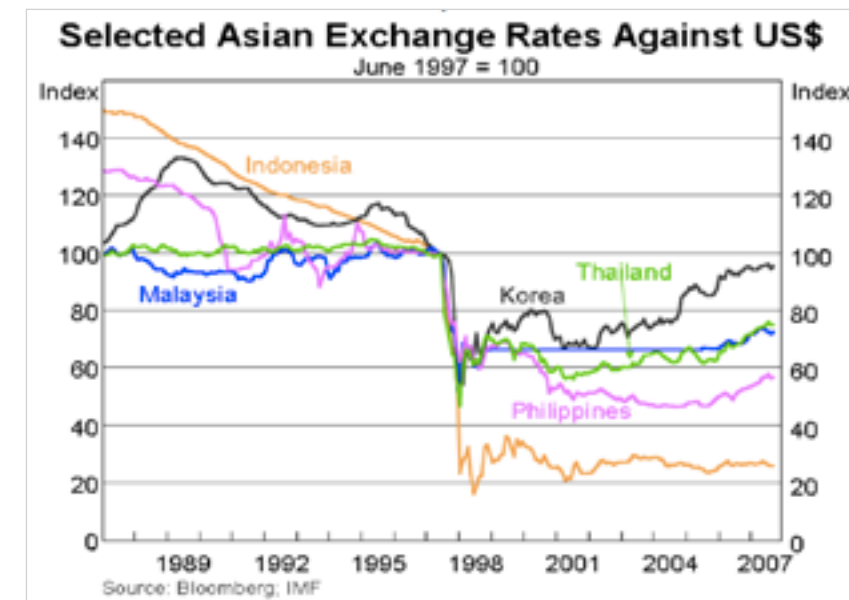


Japan Investment in Vietnam Conference

The idea for the conference emerged from the mutual interests of members of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPi), University of Victoria, who undertake work in Vietnam, in Japan, and in the area of development. It was obvious that Vietnam's struggle for a new vision of its place in the world and for a development model would be influenced by the pervasive role played by Japan in the region. On repeated visits to Vietnam, the Japanese presence was more apparent each time to CAPi members. We not only wanted to look at Vietnam's plans for its future, but also to analyze the strategy of Japanese aid and investment for Vietnam. Was there a common vision, or did it diverge in important ways? What would be the implications for Vietnam?

The conference was held November 17-19, 1994, at the University of Victoria, with speakers invited from Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, Canada, the United States, and Britain (via Manila) presenting papers on the economic, social, legal, and environmental development of Vietnam.

- from the introduction, by Barbara Duffield, CAPi Administrative Officer and editor of the resulting published volume.



“As Director, I kept emphasizing within UVic that we were the Home for Lone Rangers—i.e., to support and invite Asia-oriented faculty and other like-minded campus faculty, students and staff to be part of CAPI’s mission—important to remember that nearly every academic unit on campus has only a minority who actually relate to the Asia-Pacific region in any sustained and numerically significant way.

- Bill Neilson, CAPI Director from 1992-2004 (personal correspondence, January 25, 2018).

Below: UVic Ring newspaper vol. 17 no. 6, March 1991; at right: UVic Ring newspaper vol. 21 no. 9, June 1995.

UVic marine scientists to train people of the South Pacific in pollution control

By Robie Liscomb

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has awarded UVic marine scientists a grant of \$996,000 to implement a joint training program in marine pollution assessment and control at the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji. The program will involve undergraduates and scientists of the 11 South Pacific nations served by USP (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, and Tokelau). It will be directed by Dr. Derek Ellis (Biology).

Although the South Pacific island region is often considered a paradise, it is not immune from environmental problems, including those caused by runoff from placer mines, sugar mills, and garbage dumps and the discharge of raw sewage into lagoon waters.

Under the UVic program, about 100 USP undergraduates and a similar number of graduates in government service will receive appropriate introductory or advanced training in the assessment and control of marine pollution at USP between 1991 and 1996. A new USP undergraduate course in marine pollution assessment will be taught by UVic and USP staff. In addition, Victoria scientists will lead 10 one-week intensive courses for South Pacific government service professionals. Two USP staff will come to UVic to pursue graduate studies in marine pollution biology as well.

The grant, awarded by CIDA's University Co-operation Program, reflects the strength of UVic marine environmental scientists. Over the past 20 years, UVic marine biologists, including Ellis and Drs. Jack Littlepage,

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Voices of leprosy patients heard in Bangladesh

First CAPI Faculty Fellowship recipient

By ROBIE LISCOMB

Dr. Margot Wilson-Moore (Anthropology), the first recipient of a Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) Faculty Fellowship, will spend the 1995-96 academic year completing her research into the social stigma of leprosy in Bangladesh.

The fellowship, which provides a one-half release from teaching and an office at CAPI, will enable her to analyse data collected over the past three years and to begin writing a series of articles communicating her methods and results.

Wilson-Moore first became interested in Bangladesh as a graduate student at Southern Methodist University in Texas. While in Bangladesh conducting dissertation research, Wilson-Moore and her husband adopted a local girl. In order to have their new daughter's development assessed, they sought out the nearest Western physician, who was at the Danish-Bangladesh Leprosy Mission (DBLM).

"As a result of my friendship with that physician, I became identified with the Leprosy Mission by the people living in the area," Wilson-Moore recounts. "The people assumed that I was medically trained, and so I got a crash course in field diagnosis of leprosy from the people at the Mission. Then I could make referrals as a way to pay back the people of the villages who had helped me in my research."

After coming to UVic in 1990, she combined funding from CAPI, the University, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and DBLM, enabling her to travel to Bangladesh twice a year, working on research on Bangladeshi women

and on the stigma of leprosy.

Wilson-Moore's project focuses on the sociocultural context of leprosy and its treatment in Bangladesh and documents the stigma of the disease and how it affects patients' daily life and their attitudes and behaviour related to seeking treatment.

As an example, she describes the particular position faced by women with leprosy in Bangladesh. "In the hospitals, I saw many more men patients than women patients, but the women were more badly disfigured and in later stages of the disease. It appears that women are more motivated to hide their disease because they are perceived as burdens and consumers of family resources. It is relatively simple for men in Bangladesh to divorce their wives, and women with leprosy would be denied access to their children. Because both the Muslim and Hindu women are expected to cover their bodies, they have a way to keep their disease from being discovered. Untreated, leprosy is a slowly progressive disease, and by hiding their affliction, women may buy 10 or even 20 years of time for themselves—time to watch their children grow up.

There has been relatively little anthropological research on leprosy, says Wilson-Moore. Through a series of workshops, she taught outreach workers at the Leprosy Mission how to conduct ethnographic fieldwork and ask open-ended, qualitative questions. They drafted a questionnaire and tested it on hospital patients before revising it for use in the field.

When Wilson-Moore returned to Bangladesh six months later, there was a surprise in store for

her. "There were 200 interviews awaiting my analysis. I was so flattered that they had worked so hard, conducting 40- to 90-minute interviews, and the data were very good," she says. "And they found, as a spinoff benefit of the interviews, that their communication and relationships with their patients improved."

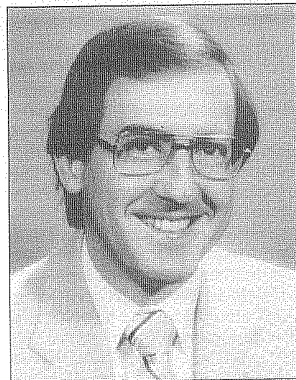
Wilson-Moore is currently entering all the data into the computer for herself, an exercise that helps her become more familiar with the data, the patients, and the interviewers. During her CAPI Fellowship year, she plans on analysing the data and writing a series of papers not only communicating the results, but describing her methodology so that it might be used as a guide for others conducting similar projects elsewhere.

"I also plan to write a monograph that describes what it feels like to be someone with leprosy, from the patient's own perspective. We feel that at some level we understand 'the stigma of leprosy,'" she says. "But at another level, we don't understand at all."

"Patients want and need to talk about their experience of leprosy," says Wilson-Moore. "I'm not trying to be a therapist. I'm not a development planner. But I can envision that the situations of these people can be improved. I can help provide the data as a foundation from which this can happen. People ask me why I'm doing this, and all I can say is that I don't know what else to do. It's not just research for the sake of research. I think it's a way that anthropologists can give back to the people they study and not just take from them."

CAPI Faculty Research Fellowship - 1995 to Present				CAPI's Contribution
Year	Fellowship Holder	Title of Project	Publications	
1995-96	Margot Wilson-Moore, Anthropology	Cultural Context: Continuation and Completion of Research	"We Are 'Negative', But We are Not Healed: The Cultural Construction of Leprosy and Gender in Bangladesh", <i>Culture</i> 15 (1): 65-76, 1995.	
1996-97	Kathy Liscomb, History in Art	Cultural and Religious Significance of Chinese Poets in Premodern China as Reconstructed from Representations in The Visual Arts	Manuscript 18,789 words "Heroic Dimensions of Li Bai's Persona in the Visual Arts of China". "Li Bai, A Hero Among Poets, in the Visual, Dramatic, And Literary Arts of China", in <i>The Art Bulletin</i> , Vol. 81, No. 3, pp. 354-389, 1999.	
	Michael Bodden, Pacific & Asian Studies	Staged Openness: Theatre and Censorship in Indonesia's Era of Keterbukaan		
1997-98	Joe Kess, Linguistics	Japanese Psycholinguistics	(with Miyamoto, T.) "The Origins of Modern Japanese Psycholinguistics within the Japanese Psychological Tradition", in S. Embleton, J.E. Joseph, and H.J. Niederehe (eds.) <i>The Emergence of the Modern Language Sciences</i> (Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishers, 1999) pp 283-294	
1998-99	Philip Dearden, Geography	Conservation and Development in Highland Continental Southeast Asia	"Rural Development and Environmental Protection in Thailand", ed. by P. Dearden, White Lotus Press, Bangkok June 2002. "Dern Sai Klang" Achieving Conservation in Thailand Through Walking the Middle Path", Chapter 18 in Dearden, P., op cit "Environmental Protection and Rural Development in Thailand: Challenges and Opportunities", Chapter 1 in Dearden, P. op cit (Tungitti-plakorn, W. and P. Dearden). "2002 Hunting And Wildlife Use in Some Hmong Communities in Northern Thailand". <i>Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society</i> (in press, May 2002) (Pattanavibool, A. and P. Dearden). "Fragmentation and Montane Evergreen Forests in Northern Thailand". <i>Biological and Conservation</i> . (Tungitti-plakorn, W. and P. Dearden). Biodiversity Conservation and Cash Crop Development in Northern Thailand. <i>Biodiversity and Conservation</i> , [in press, 2002 summer]	
1998-99	Philip Dearden cont'd.			
1999-2000	Helen Chauncey, Pacific & Asian Studies	State-in-Society: The Public Sphere and the Role of the State in viet Nam	* Declined, received an offer to work in Washington, DC.	
2000-2001	** Not advertised.	Recruited a Program Professor in lieu.	—	
2002-2003	Hiroko Noro, Pacific & Asian Studies	Hapa Japanese Canadian Identity: An Exploratory Study of Identity Formation of Interracial Japanese Canadian Children	<i>Changing Japanese Identities in Multicultural Canada</i> , editor and co-organizer of the Changing Japanese Identities in Multural Canada Conference, August 22-24, 2002	
	Radhika Desai, Political Science	From Developmental Nationalism to Cultural Nationalism? States and Nations in Globalizing Asia	Organized Workshop One of the Asian Nationalisms Project	
2004-2005	Leslie Butt, Pacific & Asian Studies	AIDS, Culture and Politics in Oceania		
2004-2005	Zhongping Chen History	Elite Merchants, Social Networks and Political Change in Modern China: The Chambers of Commerce in the Lower Yangzi Region, 1902-1912		
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Canada/South East Asia Comparative Law Project



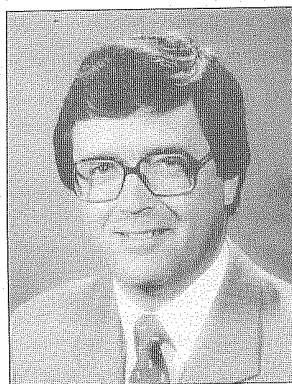
Bob Howell

Several faculty got together with legal scholars from South East Asia this spring, in a series of three symposia covering specific areas of law and policy of transnational interest. The meetings were co-ordinated through the UVic Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), which makes its home in the law school. CAPI and the law faculty extend their thanks to the Canada-ASEAN Centre, which provided funding for the symposia through an Academic Institutional Support Grant.

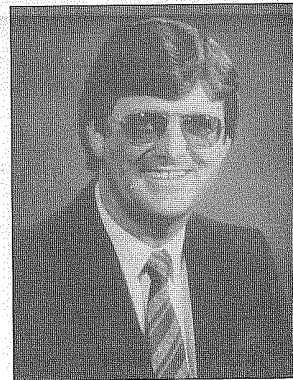
The first two symposia were held at the National University of Singapore in April. The first focused on Competition Law and Policy. It was organized by Professor Bill Neilson, currently the Director of CAPI. Professor Bob Howell organized the second symposium, overlapping with the first, on Intellectual Property Law and Policy. Other Canadian participants included Professors Douglas Johnston and Mark Gillen of our faculty. Regional par-

ticipants included lawyers, economists and government administrators from the ASEAN countries of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, as well as from other Pacific Rim countries including Japan, Korea and Taiwan.

Opening papers were given at the Singapore meetings by Professors Neilson and Howell. Different national approaches were then presented by representatives of the other countries. The types of issues canvassed included the connections between freer trade and national competition policies, the influence of international financial institutions such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, consumer interests, tensions between intellectual property protection and the thrust for freer competition, patent protection for biotechnological and pharmaceutical products, trademarks, copyright laws, and many others. Professor Howell's paper at the IP Symposium focused



Bill Neilson



Gerry Ferguson

on the protection of business goodwill (so-called "reputation spillover") and parallel importation or "grey marketing" of wares.

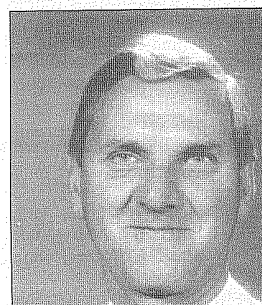
A common theme among the sessions was the importance of cultural and ethnic context. Participants found they needed to discuss not only law in a narrow sense, but also the different ideologies and cultural norms at play in their legal and social systems.

The final symposium was held in Victoria, and dealt with the Legal Regulation of Mental Health. Professor Gerry Ferguson was the lead organizer, and he opened the symposium with a paper on the historical and cultural view of mental disorder in Western psychiatry. Scholars from ASEAN and other Pacific Rim countries then presented parallel papers discussing the historical treatment of mental disorder in each of their nations. The meetings also covered issues around the delivery of mental health services by

governments, the treatment of mental disorder in the criminal justice system, and civil law concerns such as patients' rights and privilege: mental hospitals.

Other BC participants in Mental Health Symposium included Mr. Brent Parfitt of the Ombudsman's Office, Mr. Gerrit Cleme Legal Counsel for the Ministry Health, and Dr. John Gray, who with the Mental Health Service Branch of the Ministry of Health Law student Jeff Joudrey acted as rapporteur.

Papers from these symposia were published in 1994, as part of an umbrella comparative law project which involves ten members of Faculty of Law and their Asian authors and correspondents.



Faculty Profile

The very busy life of Professor Gerry Ferguson

Professor Gerry Ferguson, one of the founding members of the Law Faculty, says November 19, 1999, was one of those "good days!" After two months of planning on his part, a Workshop on the Law of Homicide, held on that date, was applauded as a great success by the more than fifty judges and criminal practitioners who attended from across the province.

The Workshop was sponsored by Professor Bill Neilson's Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI). The presence of Professor Stanley Yeo, an Australian criminal law expert, as CAPI's Visiting Associate at the Law Faculty for the fall term, served as a catalyst for the Workshop. Murder, manslaughter, provocation and self-defense were selected as the topics for the four Workshop sessions, chaired by Justices Eason, Braidwood, Martinson and Melvin. Robert Mulligan, Richard Peck, Christine Boyle and Gerry Ferguson presented the principal papers on each topic, and Ian Donaldson, Greg Fitch, David Winkler and Gil McKinnon replied. Stanley Yeo followed by presenting an Australian and Asia-Pacific perspective on each topic.



2—THE RING, Jan. 12, 1996

Censorship of Indonesian theatre and cultural personæ of Chinese poets studied by CAPI Fellows

By ROBBE LISCOMB

The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives has chosen Drs. Michael Bodden (Pacific & Asian Studies) and Kathryn Liscomb (History in Art) as 1996-97 CAPI Research Fellows. CAPI Fellowships support the completion or substantial completion of significant research projects in any field related to the Asia-Pacific region. They provide fellows with a partial release from teaching and administrative duties and with office space in the Centre. The first CAPI Research fellowship was awarded last year to Dr. Margot Wilson-Moore (Anthropology).

Bodden, a specialist in Indonesian culture and society, will work on a project on censorship and contemporary theatre in Indonesia.

"I'm interested in how art and culture are inserted into the larger processes of social debate," Bodden explains. His project will examine the political limitations of expression faced by a wide variety of Indonesian theatre groups—from urban, commercial mainstream productions to productions by workers' theatre and other politically committed troupes.

"Theatre in Indonesia has tended to become one outlet for political expression," says Bodden. "Some of the particularly sensitive issues and topics



Bodden (left) and Liscomb

addressed in plays include the presidential succession, land rights and forced evictions, labour disputes and parodies of identifiable senior government officials."

Censorship in Indonesia may involve the refusal of permission to produce a play or shutting down a production already being performed. Obtaining a permit from the local authorities to put on a play is often a lengthy and labyrinthine process.

Bodden has collected most of his material—play scripts, performance videos and stories from the public media covering issues of censorship and the banning of theatrical works—and will use his CAPI Fellowship to analyze his materials and write a substantial scholarly article on the subject that may develop into a book on theatre and politics in Southeast Asia.

Liscomb will use her CAPI Fellowship to complete a project

examining the role of the visual arts in the construction of the mythological personæ of several famous Chinese poets from 300 B.C. to 1100 A.D.

One of the figures Liscomb will be examining is that of the great Tang Dynasty poet Li Po (d. 762), whose position in China's literary pantheon is as secure as that of Shakespeare's position in English literature. So brilliant that he became known during his lifetime as the "Ban-

ished Immortal," Li Po has become a multifaceted cultural and religious icon over the centuries, celebrated as a great poet who moved in and out of imperial favour, an unconventional personality with a great capacity for wine, a Taoist immortal, and a water god as god of wine in Chinese popular religion. He was represented visually in paintings and objects fashioned of jade, porcelain, silver, lacquer and ivory—objects available only to the elite—and he was portrayed in cheaper ceramics, folk prints, woodblock-illustrated books, rubbings from engraved stone and public murals and sculpture accessible to semiliterate and illiterate people. This variety of representations will enable Liscomb to explore a topic seldom touched upon by scholars of Chinese art: the appropriation of icons of elite culture by the illiterate masses and the extent to which different social status groups shared cultural practices.

Liscomb has already gathered much material for the project, including visual representations and related texts, and will use her CAPI Fellowship to translate and analyze these and begin work on a book.

CAPI'S First Visiting Fellow

Judith Swan, formerly Legal Officer with the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and recently appointed Executive Director of the Oceans Institute of Canada, was at Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives during the summer months to work on a monograph based on her considerable experience in the South Pacific region. The FFA was established to promote regional co-operation regarding various aspects of fisheries, with the objective of securing maximum benefits from the living marine resources of the region for its peoples, for the region as a whole and, in particular, the

Provost lecture

Poverty driven Thai hill tribes deplete ecological resources

By PERRY DEARDEN

In a just two decades, the once-vibrant tropical forests of the hill country in Northern Thailand have been slashed and cleared. In an ever-expanding quest for food and forage, the inhabitants of this region have burned down trees to fertilize ancient, exhausted soil and left remaining forests empty of wildlife through burning.

According to Dr. Philip Dearden (Geography), the plight of the hill people is a microcosm of the biodiversity erosion occurring throughout Southeast Asia and the world. He'll explain the relationship between poverty, biodiversity and



Dearden will talk about Thai tribes on March 7.

Perry Dearden

larger balanced by an equally high death rate and refugees from nearby Laos and Vietnam have further strained a way of life that was sustainable only a few decades ago.

Dearden, and other researchers, are searching for means to assist groups like the hill tribes survive without resorting to imperiling damaging the land around them. One option is encouraging small-scale eco-tourism.

"One means the people can exploit the resources is because they're so poor," explains

Dearden. "We teach them that people will pay money to see animals alive in the forests."

With so much of the wildlife already gone, tourism efforts are focusing on the exotic birds that still inhabit the jungles.

While Dearden says it's difficult to draw comparisons between the situation with the hill people and the forestry situation on the British Columbia west coast—"The evaluation between trees and animals is not as fine-lined here. In Thailand there are, for example 900 different wasps and 900 different

figs and each wasp species only pollinates one kind of fig,"—but the connection between poverty and eco-destruction is familiar to areas elsewhere in the world.

"There are hundreds of millions of dollars spent on development projects, but you can't find a dollar of it devoted to conservation purposes," says Dearden. "The development process should include a conservation element. If you strengthen the environment through conservation, you'll also strengthen the local people."

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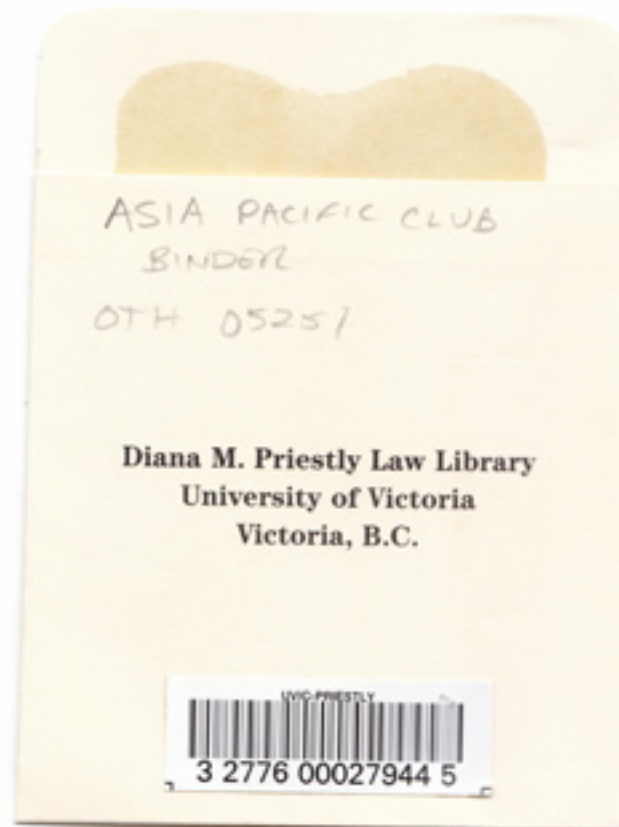
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- CAPI Director Bill Neilson (2001/2 CAPI Annual Report).

Above: UVic Law News summer 2003; at right (“CAPI News”): January 1990; facing page, top left (“CAPI’S First Visiting Fellow”): December 1990; and facing page, middle (“The very busy life of Professor Gerry Ferguson”): winter 1999-2000.



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To: Members, Search Committee for Director

Date: June 21, 1995

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Re: Results of Confirmation Vote

As agreed at the meeting of the Search Committee on 12 May, ratification ballots were distributed to Search Committee members, CAPI Chairholders, and CAPI Associates. In total, seventeen ballots were distributed. Thirteen ballots were returned by the deadline of 15 June. Of the ballots returned, all voted in favour of confirming Bill Neilson's reappointment as Director until mid-year 1997 (in fact, the very date on which Hong Kong reverts to China, which may or may not be an omen of something).

Let me express my appreciation to each of you for finding the time in your busy schedules to participate in the work of the Search Committee.

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- Dr. Daniel Bryant
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CAPI's website 1997



At the Canadian Education Centre in Bangkok: Bill Neilson with (L-R) UVic President David Strong, Ms. Lindsay Neilson, Director of the Canadian Education Centre, and Alec McAuley, UVic Vice-President Research (February 1996).



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The CAPI stall at the 1997/8 "Asia-Pacific Crossroads" info fair in the UVic Centre, organized by the CAPI student committee.



UVic Education Ph.D. candidate, Sira-orn Wissawapaisal is the second Anand Scholar as a result of being awarded an Anand-UVic Fund Scholarship to complete her doctoral program with the Department of Communication and Social Foundations, Faculty of Education. Jointly administered by President David Strong and UVic's Honorary Thai Patron, former PM Anand Panyarachun, LL.D. 1994, the Anand-UVic Fund is the product of donations by the Thai business community to strengthen UVic's dozen cooperation agreements with Thai universities. Ms Wissawapaisal is a teacher of ESL and intends to return to Thailand upon completion of her graduate studies to pursue a career as an educator.

- from CAPI's spring 1999 newsletter



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).



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 July 26, 1999, Dr. H.R.H. Princess Chulabhorn L. Mahidol, President of the Chulabhorn Research Institute, Thailand, presented "Cooperation in the Fight Against AIDS in Thailand." President David Strong addresses the audience; CAPI Director Bill Neilson, future CAPI Japan Chair Tim Craig and Anthony Welch (UVic Art History) are among those in the background.

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Dear Participants:

Since the commencement of His reign, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej has been known for His great interest and dedication to the environment and appropriate development of His country. He has shown selfless dedication and inventiveness in a wide range of activities, from village-based development through to scientific innovations. Many of these initiatives have seen direct application through the Royal Projects that have stretched from the highest mountains of the Kingdom down to the seashores.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I welcome you to our Roundtable to discuss past experiences in environmental management, and to exchange ideas regarding future developments in Thailand. The University of Victoria has long benefited from our close relationship with many Thai institutions. This week we are honored that His Majesty will accept the degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* from the University, and our Roundtable has been organised in recognition of this occasion.

I take this opportunity to thank Professors Dearden, Neilson and the Canadian Education Centre for organizing this event, IDRC for their financial support, and I join with our co-hosts, Kasetsart University and the Chai Pattana Foundation in welcoming you here today.

Yours sincerely

David Strong
President and Vice-Chancellor
University of Victoria

On November 5th, 1999, UVic - represented by Chancellor Norma Mickelson, President David Strong, 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.

Here, CAPI Director Bill Neilson shakes the hand of the King. Also in attendance were Jittiya Dearden and CAPI Research Associate Phil Dearden (UVic Geography), Khun Anand Panyarachun, 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.



from *The Jakarta Post*, Thursday, April 15, 1999

CAPI Provides a Platform for Visiting Scholars

by *Desi Anggoroeni (CAPI visitor, February 1999)*

VICTORIA, Canada (JP): Victoria, the pretty and neat capital of British Columbia in Canada, is not a place one would expect to see a reunion of Indonesians. Yet it was there, last month, when well-known artist Samsar Siahuan and author-journalist Seno Gumira Ajidarma were seen among the invitees.

Behind this small reunion was the University of Victoria, a 36-year-old center of learning with 18,000 students, 12 faculties and 13 centers. Mainly responsible for the occasional Indonesian presence is the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI).

Since its establishment in 1988, CAPI has been a proactive body, running conferences, training programs and workshops. It acts as a nexus to the university with Asia Pacific, research institutes, university colleges and government. "The idea of a center in the university is to get over inhibitions of disciplines. To get outside the normal structural framework of the university, which ties back into subjects they recognize, such as anthropology, language, law and business," said CAPI director Bill Neilson, an Asia-Pacific law professor.

"Over the years universities have been built on the idea that you are a collection of disciplines. Like in any other organization, each discipline usually does the best to guard the turf, making cross-disciplinary works difficult. A center bridges this distance, bringing together people of common interests, in a wider sense, and have them work together. It also works directly with graduate students and deal with the general community," Neilson continued.

Neilson is one of the three professors working for the center. The other two, in the fields of China Economy and Japanese Organization respectively, like Neilson, also work half time at the center.

While CAPI is not involved in teaching programs, it provides a platform for visiting scholars to the university. It arranges for them to give lectures. These are in the forms of formal evening lectures or informal "brown-bags" lectures (thus named because attendants bring their own lunches in brown bags). Brownbag lectures are indeed very popular. There are 20 each year, spread out over eight months.

The conferences run by CAPI are high profile and extremely topical. Last December's conference for instance, featured Mari Pangestu, executive director of Indonesia's Centre for Strategic and International Studies delivering a lecture titled, "Asia's Road to Recovery: A Balancing Act". And in March this year, Tim Lindsey, a visiting associate professor from the University of Melbourne's Asia Law Center, ran a major colloquium, "Back to the Future? Prospects for Reform in Post-Soeharto Indonesia."

While the University of Victoria itself was represented by Bill Neilson and Michael Bodden of the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies, there were also speakers from other countries and universities. For instance, from Indonesian Legal Aid Institute was Bambang Widjojanto, from Washington was Dan Lev and Saraswati Sunindyo.



Pop culture conference, run annually, are also very much de rigueur among students and academics. The first one, three years ago, was on Japan, then on Asia-Pacific in general, and the third, this year, it is on South Asia.

CAPI has at least one senior research fellow each year. Currently the fellowship is held by a geography professor working on an environmental project, nature conservancy mainly in Thailand and Vietnam. It is a coveted position for which each faculty competes each year.

"The applicants will have to be very far along the major research projects." CAPI will then buy their time from their faculty so they can finish their major works or projects. There have been linguist, geographers, one art practitioners," Bill Neilson explained.

Academics of various fields also compete for CAPI research grants. "We have a minimum of three per year," Neilson said, "This year there are recipients from seven different disciplines."

With CAPI funding they have been able to do field work, in Indonesia, China, Thailand and other Asia-Pacific countries.

Students who need funding for language study can also apply for CAPI grants. One such successful applicant is indeed studying in Jakarta.

Another important link to Indonesia, on the board of CAPI directors is Astri Wright, whose enthusiasm in introducing Indonesian artists to the community has put Indonesian art definitely on the map, at least the map of the University of Victoria.

While it appears that CAPI has well endowed coffers, they have not been presented on a silver platter to the center. Apart from a kick-start funding from the government 12 years ago, CAPI has had to raise its own money. It has to go bidding for projects. Its clients are usually foundations, such as Asian foundations, Japanese foundations, Korea foundations, or aid agencies and government departments.

CAPI also sponsors seminars, sometimes acting as a partner organizer. Six years ago, Neilson joined forces with the University of Indonesia's School of Law, and they went to the International Development Research Center's headquarters in Singapore. They succeeded in obtaining the necessary funds to run workshops on modernizing the law curriculum for the Association of Indonesian Law Schools. Neilson, has since done similar works in Thailand and Vietnam.

This has been a trend in universities in North America: being simultaneously academic, organizer and entrepreneur. The concept seems to be that if you cannot raise any more money for future works, it means that your present works have not been fully appreciated. In this highly competitive environment, CAPI and other university centres are reviewed externally every five years, where their achievements, priorities and future paths are scrupulously evaluated.

CAPI has been working very well for almost 12 years, and there does not seem to be any reason for it to fail any reviewers. Certainly not now, when Neilson will be one of the major speakers at the Conference on Reform of Bankruptcy Law in Indonesia, to take place on April 29 and April 30, at the Regent hotel in Jakarta. Asia Law Center's Tim Lindsey, the convener of the conference, named the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and AusAID, as joint-sponsors.



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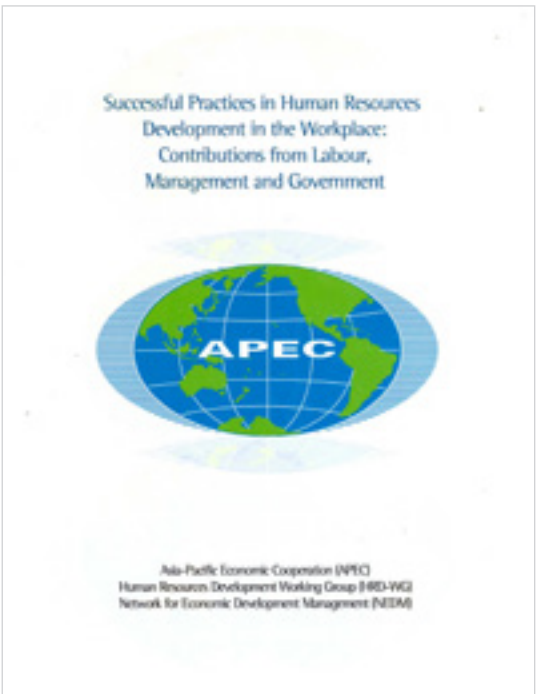
CAPI hosted an APEC Colloquium entitled “Successful Practices in Human Resources Development in the Workplace: Contributions from Labour, Management and Government,” June 25-28th, 1999 at Dunsmuir Lodge.

Below: Bill Neilson with Harley Davidson representatives from Kansas City at the conference:

“Ted Harris is the Union President for Local 760 of the United Paperworkers, International Union (now PACE) at the Harley-Davidson Plant in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Harris is a full-time union president, running the facility in the presence/absence of the plant manager. He sits on several committees and helps facilitate meetings. Mr. Harris believes employee empowerment is the key to success of Harley-Davidson.”

“Greg Smothers is a Maintenance Technician with Harley-Davidson as well as the Chief Steward and Grievance Chairman for the International Association of Machinists, District 71 Local 176. Mr. Smothers has been a Union Member with the United Steel Workers of America since 1979. He is an avid outdoorsman and sportsman and enjoys riding his 1999 Harley Electra Glide.”

- from the conference proceedings



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from the 1999 WTO "Battle in Seattle" (photo Helen Lansdowne)

On December 4th, the day after the close of the WTO Ministerial Conference in Seattle, CAPI joined with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada to sponsor a de-briefing session on the "Battle of Seattle." The speakers at that conference in Vancouver, many of whom were struggling with severe sleep deprivation but gamely made their presentations anyway, included Jonathan Fried (the Canadian ADM for Trade and Economic Policy), Robert Lees (Secretary General of the Pacific Basin Economic Council), Will Martin (Principal Economist of the World Bank's Development Research Group), Sherry Stephenson (Principal Trade Specialist, Organization of American States), Murray Smith (former Director of the Centre for Trade Policy and Law at Carleton University), Chris Tollefson from the UVic Law Faculty (wearing his hat as Chair of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund), and others.

By anyone's reckoning, this was a distinguished group of experts. They are well-informed, thoughtful, and sophisticated. The discussions were stimulating, and I learned a lot from them. To give you a taste of the intricacies of the issues, let's look at agricultural subsidies. The wealthy nations of the world are deeply divided between those that subsidise their farmers heavily (the Europeans and Japan) and those with a comparative advantage in agriculture (land-rich countries like the U.S., Cana-

da, and Australia). Even if this were simply a case of protectionist governments defending vocal vested interests, it would not be easy to resolve. But concerns about the safety of genetically-modified foods have now been added to the debate. And Canadian negotiators face the intellectually awkward task of attacking European subsidies while defending Canada's use of marketing boards to protect dairy products, eggs and poultry.

As these agricultural issues exemplify, the WTO's traditional agenda of trying to promote trade liberalization is fraught with difficulty. Neomercantilist views ("exports good, imports bad"), however illogical, are politically seductive. But this has always been true. What is new after Seattle is that the WTO is now being asked to address a wider agenda (human rights, environmental issues, etc.), yet the WTO, both in its mandate and in its personnel, is ill-equipped to deal with such questions. The paradox is that the only way that the WTO can successfully deal with a larger, more ambitious agenda is to be given greater powers, which is presumably the last thing that its critics would accept.

- CAPI WTO De-Briefing in Vancouver by Dr. Ralph Huenemann, CAPI Chair in Economic Relations with China and Professor of Business. From CAPI's spring 2000 online newsletter.



Dr. Robert Bedeski, Department of Political Science, will be CAPI's first Program Professor for the 2000 calendar year following his selection by the CAPI Executive Committee after a campus-wide competition conducted in the 1999 fall term. The Professorship provides partial teaching release time for Dr. Bedeski in return for his bringing his active research program in Human Security in the Asia-Pacific Region to CAPI. As Program Professor, Dr. Bedeski will concentrate on attracting funding support for several planned research initiatives, in cooperation with like-

minded UVic colleagues and team members from other institutes and universities in both Canada and overseas. Dr. Bedeski joins the CAPI research and program core professors, Tim Craig, Ralph Huenemann, and Bill Neilson, in pressing UVic's funded program efforts more prominently into the Asia-Pacific region.

- from CAPI's spring 2000 online newsletter.

Robert E. Bedeski





The CAPI Executive Committee in February established a new Service Award which, upon nomination, is to be given “in recognition of exemplary service in fostering knowledge of and experience with the Asia-Pacific region, including teaching, research, scholarship, collaborative programs, international education, student support and service to the University of Victoria community”. Dr. Harry Hsiao (Pacific & Asian Studies) was the unanimous choice for the first Award. We happily report that he was awarded his certificate and a gift on the evening of April 12 at a special retirement party given in his honour by his Pacific & Asian Studies colleagues. Harry was in fine voice!

- from CAPI's fall 2002 online newsletter

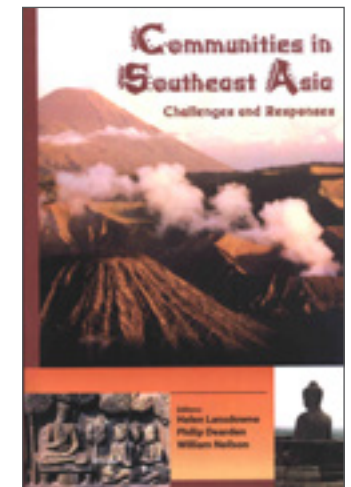


Bill and Helen exploring the backstreets, Cambodia, ca 2001-2.

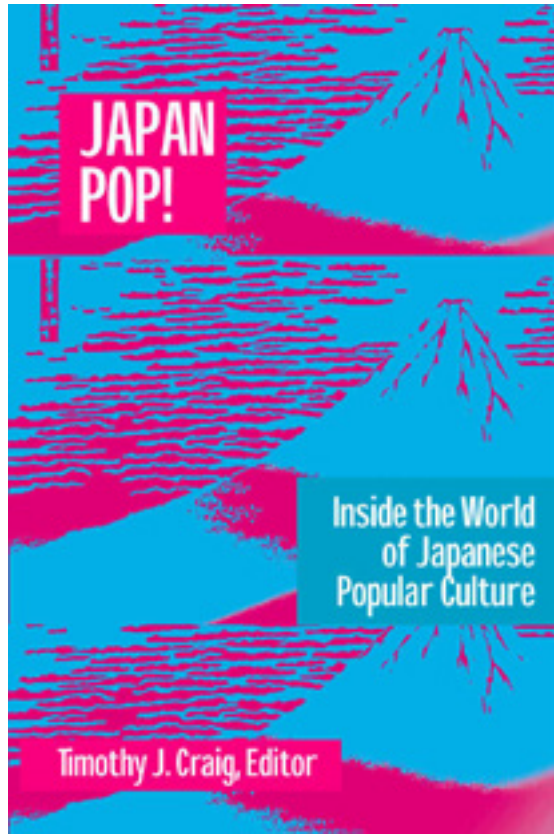
On Thursday September 19, 2002 CAPI was very pleased to host Sir Hugh Kawharu as our distinguished Dorothy and David Lam Lecturer for 2002. Sir Hugh, a Ngati Whatua elder is the former Head of Anthropology and Maori Studies at the University of Auckland and is also a recent Order of New Zealand recipient. Sir Hugh's talk, "Treaty, Tribes & Governance in New Zealand," was very well received by a diverse audience including several Pacific Islanders, as well as members of the University community and the public. This free lecture also served as the opening event for Pacific Peoples' Partnership's Pacific Networking Conference that took place at the University of Victoria on September 20 and 21, 2002. Sir Hugh's talk will be published as an Occasional Paper by CAPI in the fall of 2003. (Helen, pictured with Sir Hugh and Alec Hawke, board member of the PPP. Sir Hugh passed away in 2006.)



CAPI served as the Secretariat and host Centre for “Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses,” a joint Conference of the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies and the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, held at the UVic Cadboro Commons Conference Centre on October 26-27, 2001. The Conference's Keynote Address on “Indonesian Histories and Current Conflicts: Aceh and Other Identity Problems” was delivered by renowned UCLA historian and our 2001 Lam Visitor, Dr. Anthony Reid. Over 60 researchers and scholars from more than 20 universities and 12 countries presented papers on a range of topics. Selected papers are now being edited for CAPI publication by Helen Lansdowne, Philip Dearden and Bill Neilson [published under the same title in 2002, at right].



CAPI 2002/3 Annual Report cover illustration of Angkor Wat by Tristram Lansdowne



Japan Pop! Ask Tim Craig, CAPI's recent Japan Chair, about Japanese pop culture and he will point out that a new generation of young Americans, Europeans and Asians has grown up watching not Mickey Mouse and Bugs Bunny, but Japanese cartoons, from Astroboy, Speed Racer, Star Blazers and Robotech to Doraemon, Sailor Moon, Dragon Ball and Crayon Shin-chan. It would appear that the appetite for Japanese pop culture does not end here. Tim would know. Not only did he organize the 1997 CAPI Japan Pop Culture Conference, but Tim is the editor of the recently published work, "Japan Pop!: Inside the World of Japanese Popular Culture." This book is a collection of 17 essays presented at the 1997 conference that cover the span of popular music; comics and animation; television and film; and Japanese popular culture abroad. As the book reviewer for The Japan Times, Philip D. Zitowitz, points out, this book is "a scholarly work with enough sizzle to bridge the broad gap between academic and general audiences" and much of this is due to the editorial skills of Tim Craig. Over the past year while on sabbatical, Tim has been busy, together with Richard King from P & A, editing the next in the series of pop culture books. This next work, "Global Goes Local: Popular Culture in Asia," is due to be published by UBC Press in the near future. At this time, we at CAPI wish to thank Tim for his many contributions to CAPI's programs in his capacity as Japan Chair. Tim leaves CAPI at the end of December 2000 to return to full time commitments at the Faculty of Business. Happily, he will remain as a CAPI Associate.

- from CAPI's spring 2001 online newsletter



Richard King, UVic Pacific and Asian Studies and future CAPI Director, with Timothy Craig, CAPI Japan Chair 1998-2000; Faculty Visitor (Japan Business Relations) 1996-1997; Japan Program Associate 1997-1998; UVic department: Business, celebrating the publication of their book, "Global Goes Local: Popular Culture in Asia" (UBC Press, 2002).



David Chuenyan Lai (Uvic Geography) receiving the CAPI Asia-Pacific Service Award in 2003. Dr. Lai was known as “Mr. Chinatown” for championing Chinese history and Chinatowns across the country and was particularly instrumental in the re-vitalization of Victoria’s Chinatown, which faced possible destruction in the late 1970s, having fallen into disrepair. His 1979 report for the City of Victoria titled “The Future of Victoria’s Chinatown: A Survey of Views and Opinion” served as the foundation for the neighbourhood’s rejuvenation, which was consummated with the construction of the Gate of Harmonious Interest in 1981 under Lai’s leadership.

His many awards and recognitions included the Order of Canada, the Gabrielle Léger Award of the Heritage Canada Foundation, the Heritage Award of the B.C. government, a Victoria Leadership Award and an honorary citizenship of the City of Victoria.

Dr. Lai passed away in June 2018.



39 Victoria's Chinatown: Chinese Land Ownership, 1909

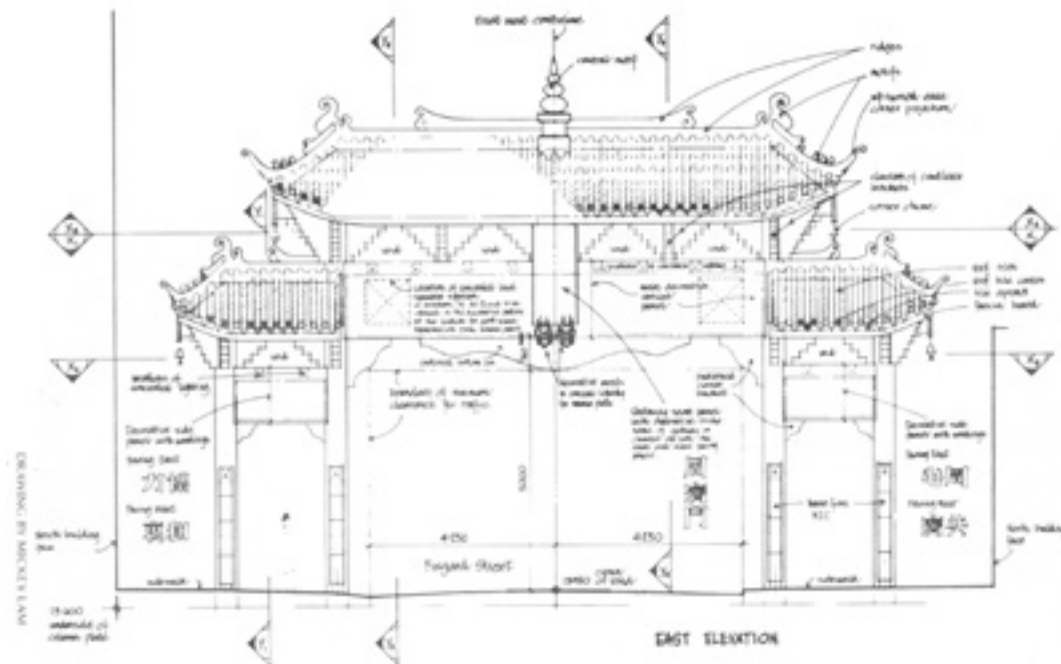
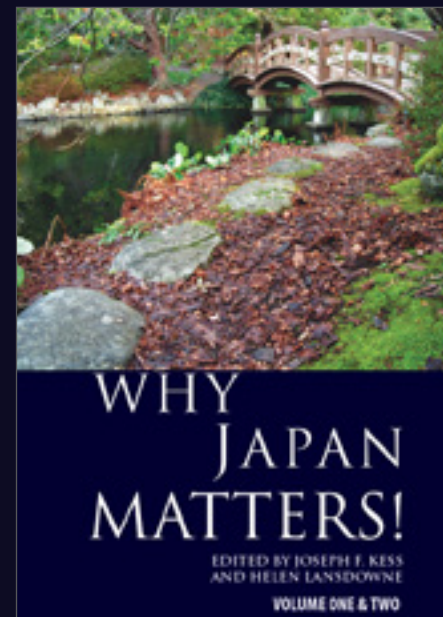


Figure 13: The final conceptual design of the gate: East elevation, September, 1980



In October 2004, CAPI hosted the Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC) annual meeting, which coincided with the 75th anniversary of the establishment of a diplomatic presence for Canada in Japan, as well as the 100th anniversary of Canada establishing a trade commission in Japan. Above, CAPI Japan Chair (2002-2007) Joseph Kess with colleagues at the conference at the Laurel Point - the keynote was delivered by H.E. Robert G. Wright, Canadian Ambassador to Japan, and the conference proceedings were published in a printed volume edited by Kess and Lansdowne (at left). Kess was a professor (now emeritus) of Uvic’s Linguistics department.



International Day 2003.



Outside the University Faculty Club, 2003. Back row, L-R: Bill Neilson (CAPI Director), Andrew Newcombe (UVic Law prof), Helen Lansdowne (CAPI Assistant Director), Heidi Tyedmers (CAPI Program Officer), Joe Kess (CAPI Japan Chair). Front row: Freda Kardish (UVic Law Secretary), Bui Thi Bich Lien (CAPI Law Visitor), Stella Chan (CAPI Secretary), and Mark Gillan (UVic Law prof).

A New Look for CAPI...

It was unanimous -- after a staff meeting last Fall all of us here at CAPI decided that it was time for a new look. While the blue globe that so many of you are familiar with had served us well for many years, as an innovative and international research and networking hub at the University we felt that it was time for an updated look. With help from the team at UVic Graphics and from a young web designer, Michal Kozakowski, with this issue of the newsletter we are very pleased to launch CAPI's new look! With a new logo, a new design and layout for our popular newsletter Asia-Pacific News as well as a new look for our website (coming soon to a computer near you!)

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CAPI Student Coordinator Danielle Edwards and CAPI Program Officer Heidi Tyedmers at the UVic Work Study Fair 2003.

CAPI Internship Program

Heidi Tyedmers

This exciting new program was created in recognition of the fact that students are increasingly turning to the field of international development as a potential area for future employment, a field that requires not only academic credentials, but also practical experience. CAPI's internships will not only allow students to apply what they have learned and to gain some "on the job" experience, but will also give them a step up in the increasingly competitive job market.

CAPI's internship program offers students the opportunity to work with non-governmental organizations in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region for a period of four to eight

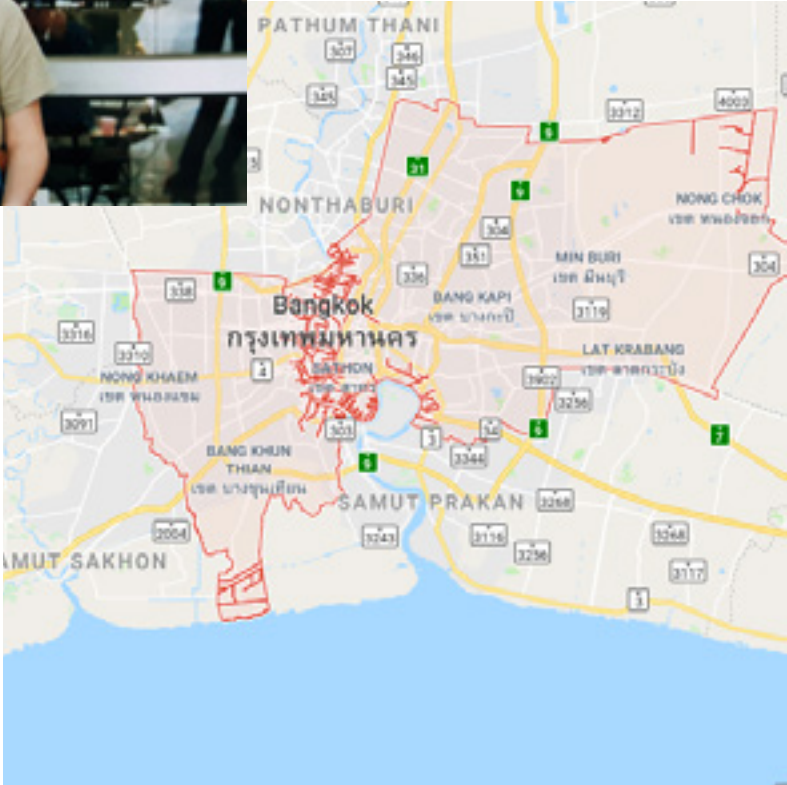
months. The program looks after all of the basic expenses associated with the internship, including travel costs and basic allowance for accommodation and food. While the key focus of the program is to offer young people valuable international work experience, CAPI also recognizes that research opportunities, network building, and language training are also significant benefits that the interns will derive through participation in the program. Host organizations also benefit by having a talented and energetic young person join their team for a few months.

- CAPI 2002/03 annual report



CAPI's first two interns in Bangkok, 2003

Shane Barter, a fourth year Political Science and History student, and Kate Vallance, a third year Pacific and Asian Studies student, worked with Forum Asia and the Asian Regional Resource Centre for Human Rights Education, respectively. Joanna Wong, a fourth year student in Pacific and Asian Studies and Journalism, also worked in Bangkok with the Foundation for Child Development, departing a few months later. Shane is now an Associate Professor of Comparative Politics and Director of the Pacific Basin Research Centre at Soka University in California and Kate is a Research Associate with UVic's Canadian Institute for Substance Use Research (CISUR).



Top and at right: CAPI's 2004 and 2005 interns, respectively, with Program Officer Heidi Tyedmers during pre-departure activities. The 2004 cohort held a reception with Victoria Member of Parliament David Anderson (above), who had served as a foreign service officer in the Department of External Affairs between 1962 and 1968.



China's recent turn to multilateralism in its foreign policy, as evidenced in both its declaratory and operational policies, has been both apparent and demonstrated in China's increasing involvement in global and regional multilateral organizations. First and foremost, this involvement has been in the economic arena, but now, in the new century, it has remarkable advanced into international security institutions. This volume records, analyses, and attempts to conceptualize this phenomenal development in Chinese foreign policy and its impact on international relations with the emphasis on China's active participation in multilaterally oriented regional security regimes.

- from the introduction



Participants of CAPI's 2004 "China's Diplomacy of Multilateralism" Conference, which resulted in the corresponding edited volume above (Routledge, 2008); newly-arrived CAPI China Chair Guoguang Wu is at far left in the photo.



2003-04 Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship recipient Nijjaporn Potikanon, MBA candidate in the Faculty of Business with UVic President David Turpin and CAPI Director Bill Neilson.

“Once completed, Nijjaporn plans to return to Thailand to work in support of her family's business, and in turn contribute to the growing economy of Kanchanaburi province where the business is based.”

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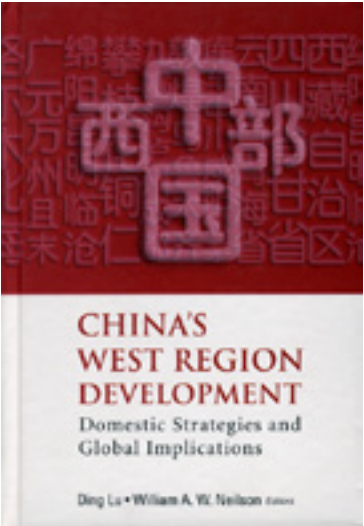
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In the last two decades, China's western inland region has largely been left out of the nation's economic boom. While its 355-million population accounts for 28% and its land area for 71% of China's total, the region's share of the national GDP is under 20%. Since 1999, Beijing has implemented the West China Development Program to boost the region's growth. To study the major domestic issues and the global implications of this program, the University of Victoria's Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives organized and hosted a multidisciplinary international conference on March 6-8, 2003. This volume of papers presented at the conference offers perspectives on the issues by leading experts of diversified academic disciplines from China, Canada, the US, and other countries.

- from the publisher



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The last time we had dinner, three weeks before his death, he patiently talked to every child who came by the table selling flowers. ‘They are our future,’ he would say.

- Bill Neilson, on the assassination of Cambodian political advisor Om Radsady (CAPI newsletter, spring 2003)

Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project (CCLSP)

Over the past year, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, along with its partner, the Parliamentary Centre in Ottawa, have been actively involved in Cambodia delivering technical assistance for the Cambodia-Canada Legislative Support Project. This bilateral, CIDA funded, five-year, 4.5 million dollar project is directed at building the capacity of the National Assembly and Senate of Cambodia and their respective Secretariats.

The CAPI arm of the program has particular responsibilities for enhancing the capacity of the Parliament and the Secretariats to effectively review, monitor and supervise government legislative proposals, including public consultation and education. In January 2004, CAPI Director Bill Neilson and Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne delivered a series of workshops in Phnom Penh focusing on Cambodia’s draft Domestic Violence legislation. In addition, during the course of the year, CAPI’s work focused on the delivery of three online legislative analysis assignments involving selected legal staff of the two Secretariats. A regional study tour was organized with the help of CAPI, sending selected legal staff to the Philippines and Thailand to engage in comparative analysis with respect to Domestic Violence and Anti-Corruption legislation.

In the coming year, CAPI’s work will continue to focus on capacity building of the Secretariat with a series of workshops to be held in July in Phnom Penh addressing report writing and comparative legal analysis, as well as an orientation for the newly elected Members of Parliament.

"Cambodia is like a play with too few actors, all of whom have to play several roles."

- Om Radsady

- from CAPI’s 2003/04 annual report





Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Hanoi, 2004 (photo: Bill Neilson)

Vietnam Legal Reform Assistance Project (LERAP)

In 2002 CAPI, along with a four member consortium of legal experts including BearingPoint LP, trade lawyer Mark Sills of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, and trade economist Murray Smith of Ticon Holdings, were awarded a bilateral, CIDA funded, five-year, 5 million dollar project to work with the Ministry of Justice in Vietnam. This past year has seen the completion of Year One of the Project's program, encompassing the delivery of technical assistance in three distinct areas: addressing WTO legal compliance, strengthening the system of civil judgment execution and improving capacity in comparative law analysis.

CAPI, in the person of the Law Chair and Director, Bill Neilson, directs the comparative law and civil judgment parts and serves overall as the chief legal services advisor to the project. Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne undertakes senior management responsibilities as the project's technical services coordinator. Also involved in the comparative law portion of the project is UVic Associate Law Librarian Caron Rollins, and UVic Law Professor and Canadian Research Chair Jeremy Webber.

During the past year, in the area of civil judgment execution, Bill Neilson assisted with conducting a baseline study of the existing civil judgment execution system in Vietnam and overseeing an informatics feasibility study. As well, CAPI was involved in the

designing, preparation and delivery of a Canadian Study Tour for senior managers of the Department of Civil Judgement Execution. In the area

In the area of comparative law analysis, technical assistance has included a series of workshops delivered by Bill Neilson and colleague Andre Braen from the University of Ottawa to selected legal experts from the Hanoi Law University and the Institute of Law Research. These workshops focused on the use of internet research resources while engaging in comparative law analysis and identifying and evaluating the complex treatment of civil liability for environmental damage plus the setting of required professional qualifications for a wide range of legal professionals in various jurisdictions.

In the coming year, programming includes the delivery of four-month Canadian study placements for four candidates from the Institute of Law Research and Hanoi Law University and continued delivery of workshops addressing the development of collaborative teacher trainer models and an advanced practical comparative methods program. Civil Judgment Execution activities will involve the development of a prototype informatics system to be tested in five provincial locations. As well, the completion of a management handbook for civil judgment enforcement operations is planned.

- from CAPI's 2003-04-annual report

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Truly, ‘small is beautiful.’ Besides, everyone still thinks we are bigger than we are, which is the best tribute of all.

- Bill Neilson, after twelve years as CAPI Director (CAPI newsletter, spring 2004)

Bill Neilson's Retirement

On Saturday June 5, 2004, sixty of Bill Neilson's friends, colleagues and family members joined him in the Terrace Room of the Laurel Point Inn to celebrate his career. The evening began at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by a special photographic presentation of Bill's much esteemed and colourful career. At this time Bill was presented with one of CAPI's two Asia-Pacific Service Awards for 2004 to recognize the deep and lasting contribution he has made to fostering knowledge of, and experience with, the Asia-Pacific region at UVic. After dinner, tributes to Bill from his many colleagues and students were read, followed by special presentations by CAPI's Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne (who wittily traced Bill's career through his time at law school, to brief but memorable stints in the movies, TV and the Banff Springs Hotel, to his time at CAPI), Bill's son Allan Neilson-Welch (who regaled the audience with anecdotes about life and travels with his father) and Acting Law Dean and long-time colleague John McLaren (who composed and performed the entertaining "Airline Bill"). CAPI Associate and former Japan Chair Tim Craig joined Bill's family to wrap up the evening with a medley of songs in Bill's honour. It was a fittingly festive, humour-filled and heartfelt send-off for a Director who in his twelve years at CAPI, and throughout his career, left a lasting impression and built many friendships.

- from CAPI's fall 2004 newsletter



Bill on the cover of The Advocate, a publication of the Vancouver Bar Association, May 1990; illustrated by Bob Banks





My chief memory of those early years, in rather confined quarters in the Law School Building, is of a feeling of energy and shared purpose. While each of the chairs had his own research agenda, organized events, and published prolifically, they were also willing to think collectively, to participate in the Centre's existing programmes, and to come up with new ways of making the Centre relevant in the University and the community as well as the wider academic world

- Richard King (personal correspondence, June 2018)



Richard King, CAPI Director 2004-2009 (UVic Archives / 1102000200)

Richard King



2006-07 CAPI Asia-Pacific Service Award celebration in honour of Dr. Hua Lin, Department of Linguistics.

Since the last Newsletter was published, CAPI has undergone the external review process required by the University every five years. This is the third such review in the Centre's history, and I am proud to report that the Review Committee expressed itself impressed with CAPI's achievements over the last few years, and our plans for the future. The Committee also offered valuable perspective from their understanding of the workings of similar centres at other universities, and had advice for us on our future development.

Presenting ourselves for examination by objective observers required us to examine the directions the Centre has taken, and to judge how best to fulfill our responsibility to promote further research on the Asia Pacific, bring together scholars and members of the community with an interest in the region, raise the profile of the University of Victoria in Asia and the Pacific, and play our part in nurturing students and recent graduates by providing opportunities to study about, and gain experience of, this vast, populous, and diverse part of the world. Our resolution to work cooperatively with researchers across the University and beyond in collaborative projects with a regional perspective also won the approval of the External Review Committee.

There can be no question of the increasing importance of Asia: China's astonishing growth, described by that country's leaders as a "peaceful rise" but viewed with trepidation by much of the rest of the world, has been accompanied by increasing tension with a Taiwanese leadership chafing at the denial of nationhood by China and the international community. Highly publicized clashes between peasants and developers, the latter often backed by local officials, have demonstrated a social volatility that lies beneath China's economic miracle. And while business relations between East Asia's two economic giants, China and Japan, continue to prosper, the hostility between the two nations is also rising, due in part to abiding animosity and unresolved disputes dating from the Pacific War over half a century ago. Both countries are seeking to increase their regional influence through strategic economic and political alliances with ASEAN, ensuring that Southeast Asia will also have a major role to play in the developments of the next few years. CAPI has research projects planned that will examine historical and present relations between China and Japan, good governance and human rights throughout the Asia Pacific region, and China-Taiwan relations and Pacific security.

- from CAPI's spring 2006 newsletter



On August 9, 2005 Bunyan Saptomo, the new Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia and Berlianto Situngkir, Vice Consul, Information and Cultural Affairs visited the UVic campus to meet with CAPI's Director Richard King, Assistant Director Helen Lansdowne as well as Michael Bodden, Pacific and Asian Studies and Astri Wright, History in Art to discuss possibilities for future collaboration with CAPI and UVic.



Richard King, CAPI Director with 2004-5 Anand-UVic Fund Graduate Scholarship recipient Mr. Roongrojana Songprakorp, a PhD student at the University of Victoria in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.



Helen Lansdowne, Phil Dearden and Andrew Harding (with CAPI Research Associate and Camosun College instructor Peter Maidstone, below) taking part in a two-part event organized over two evenings at UVic and Camosun in response to the Boxing Day 2004 tsunami.



CAPI co-hosted King Prajadhipok's Institute's VIIIth Annual Congress 2006, which was held in the UN Centre in Bangkok, 3-5 November 2006 entitled "Thailand's Constitutional Reforms in Comparative Perspective." The Congress was opened by the King's granddaughter, and keynote addresses were given by former Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy and former Prime Minister of Thailand Mr. Chuan Leekpai. The Congress was a major event in Thailand, given the military coup on 19 September 2006 and the undertaking to draft a new constitution.

- Andrew Harding, CAPI 5-year review appendices, November 2010



“What happened in the small southern town of Tak Bai in October 2004 is still a shock to me.



In CAPI's spring 2006 "Asia-Pacific News" newsletter, UVic Political Science/Pacific and Asian Studies undergraduate student and CAPI Student Coordinator Chandler Vandergrift recounted the escalating violence he witnessed while documenting the conflict in southern Thailand as an amateur video journalist. After graduation, he continued to work in Thailand as a journalist and was seriously wounded by a grenade attack on May 19, 2010, in Bangkok, while covering the military's attempts to overrun barricades raised in and around the city centre by anti-government protesters. Chandler recovered from his injuries and now runs a security and investigations consulting company in the region.

Below: Chandler lies wounded after the grenade attack (photo: Athit Perawongmetha/Getty Images Europe). At left, a Muslim girl in Pattani province, Thailand, by Chandler Vandergrift.



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My years at the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives were probably the most meaningful of my career at UVic in trying to achieve something for us on the larger world scene. Reminding Canada of its necessary commitment to Asia in general, and Japan specifically, is something that CAPI does well, and it's gratifying to know that the Japanese government has recognized us in this way



Stella's CAPI Asia-Pacific Service Award celebration, 2006

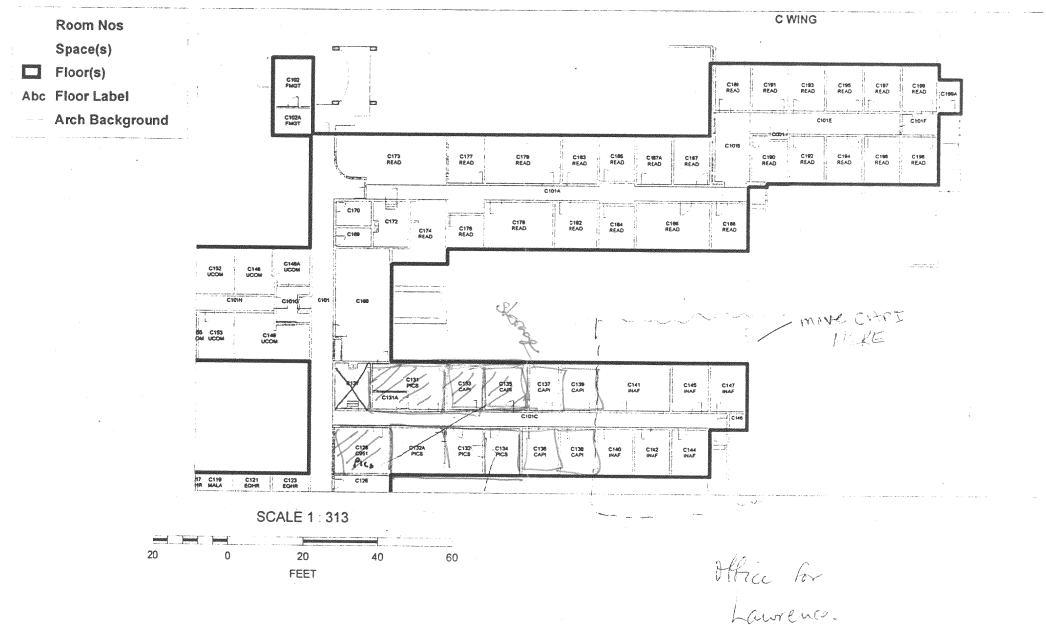
Joe Kess' retirement party, 2007



Kess upon receipt of Japan's Order of the Rising Sun (with, L-R, Hiroko Noro of UVic Pacific and Asian Studies, Jittiya Dearden and Stella Chan) - the highest honour bestowed by Japan on foreign nationals - in Vancouver on December 10th, 2008, for his "contributions to greater understanding of Japan [which] have come through all facets of his professional career. His landmark books on Japanese psycholinguistics, his acknowledged excellence as a teacher and his leadership at the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives at the University of Victoria stand out among his many accomplishments that have served to increase awareness and knowledge about Japan in Canada."

- UVic News article

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1.5.2 Physical Space

For the first 18 years of its existence, CAPI was located in the Fraser Building. CAPI and the Law School, the principal occupant of the building, were good neighbours; the relationship was beneficial to both and many of CAPI's past projects involved members of the Law School. In 2008, CAPI was moved to the Sedgewick Building because of the Law School's pressing need for space. In 2011 CAPI renovated its part of the "C" Wing of the Sedgewick Building, contributing \$230,000 to a much-needed upgrade. The front half of a hallway in the "C" Wing is CAPI's home, with a reception area, meeting room and seven offices. The other half of the hall is occupied by Communications Staff. Offices are in short supply; many offices housing more than one occupant and both the Law Chair and China Chair are without offices at the Centre. In addition, there is no room for expansion, particularly with respect to welcoming visiting scholars, post-docs, and graduate students.

- from CAPI's 2010-2015 Self-Assessment Report.

Below: Helen and Cody Poulton at the 2008 CAPI Student Symposium.



Albert Hung Chao Hong Lecture Series



Dr. James Scott
Sterling Professor of Political Science
and Professor of Anthropology,
Yale University

**State Evasion in Mainland
Southeast Asia: Why
Civilizations Can't Climb Hills**
Tuesday, 27 November, 7:30 p.m.
Human & Social Development Building,
Room A240

Presented by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

James Scott's research concerns political economy, comparative agrarian societies, theories of hegemony and resistance, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, theories of class relations and anarchism. His published work includes the influential books *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance* (1987) and *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed* (1997). In recent years, Professor Scott has been conducting research in Burma.

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Persons with a disability requiring accommodation for these lectures should call 472-4947 at least 48 hours in advance. For more information on this lecture phone 721-7020.

CAPI's Inaugural Albert Hung Chao Hong Lecture, titled "State Evasion in Mainland Southeast Asia: Why Civilizations Can't Climb Hills," was presented by Dr. James Scott, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2007.

The lecture series is named in honour of Dr. Albert Hung Chao Hong, a Chinese entrepreneur.

Dr. Hung was born in Fujian Province, China, and moved to Hong Kong during his teenage years. After graduating from middle school, Dr. Hung worked in the Philippines with his father who was in the construction business. Upon returning to Hong Kong, Dr. Hung embarked on a number of business enterprises, establishing a number of companies. Currently, Dr. Hung serves as Vice Chairman for FameG, a microelectronic company that designs and manufactures computer chips.

Dr. Hung received an Honourary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Victoria in May 2005 at a special ceremony in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Some of his other honours include being named Justice of the Peace, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR; his appointment to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference; and serving as a member of the Board of Governors for the Association of the Celebration of the Reunification of Hong Kong with China.



Douglas Johnston, 1931-2006 (photo from "The Historical Foundations of World Order: The Tower and The Arena")

Douglas Johnston obituary

Born in Dundee, Scotland, he immigrated to Canada in 1955, after graduating from St. Andrews University. He worked as an Executive Trainee at Eaton's before realizing that academia was his calling. Earning post-graduate degrees from McGill and Yale Universities, he went on to teach at the New School for Social Research in New York City, the University of Western Ontario, Louisiana State University, the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, the National University of Singapore, and the University of Victoria in a career that lasted until 1999.

Demonstrating a passion for writing, he wrote over 30 books and 90 articles in the theory and history of international law, law of the sea, marine and environmental policy studies, comparative law, modern Chinese studies and public policy issues.

He died, pen in hand, completing the finishing touches on a comprehensive history of international law. He will be remembered by his colleagues as an institution-builder through the creation of the Southeast Asian Programme in Ocean Law, Policy and Management (SEAPOL) centered in Bangkok, the Dalhousie Ocean Studies Programme (DOSP) in Halifax and the Maritime Awards Society of Canada (MASC) dedicated to student scholarships.

- from Johnston's obituary, published in the Victoria Times Colonist, May 10, 2006; in 2009, he was posthumously awarded the annual Pre-eminent Contribution to Creative Scholarship Award by the American Society of International Law for his final, monumental book, "The Historical Foundations of World Order: The Tower and the Arena," as well as his "significant contributions to the study of international law."

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Last Friday, the final working day of the old year in the lunar calendar, Stella spent her last day at CAPI. This Monday, the first day of the year of the Ox, her own birth sign, was the perfectly auspicious day for her to begin her new position at the Department of Psychology.

We are here to celebrate the more than twenty years Stella spent at CAPI. She joined the Centre as its founding secretary and was the consistent and reliable presence in the office while others came and went - directors, program chairs, assistant directors, program directors, visitors, executive committee members and associates, interns, co-op students and student coordinators, conference participants and more. Everyone she has dealt with admires, appreciates, and likes her.

- Richard King, CAPI fall 2009 newsletter



Stella in a June 2016 UVic News piece about her twenty-five-odd years of volunteer service at the university's convocation ceremonies (UVic Photo Services).



"Initially my law colleagues would say, 'Oh! You are not going off to Asia again?' After a year or two of schooling in the nature of the law chair, their response changed to 'Oh! You are back again!'"

- Andrew Harding (personal correspondence, May 2018)

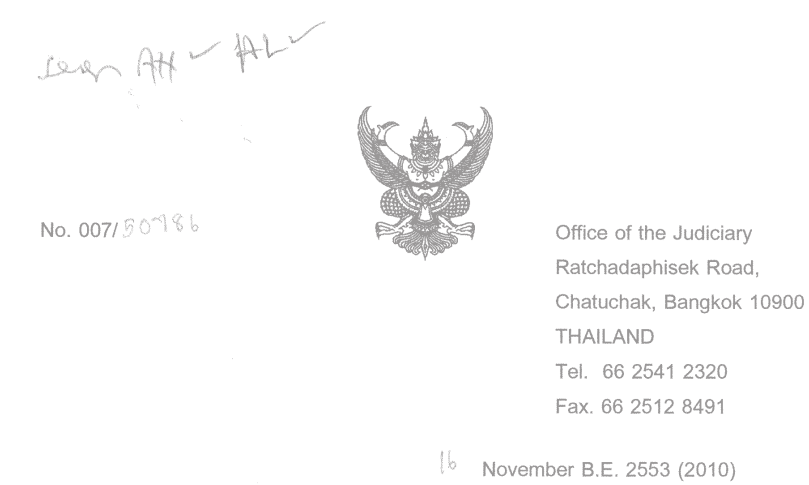
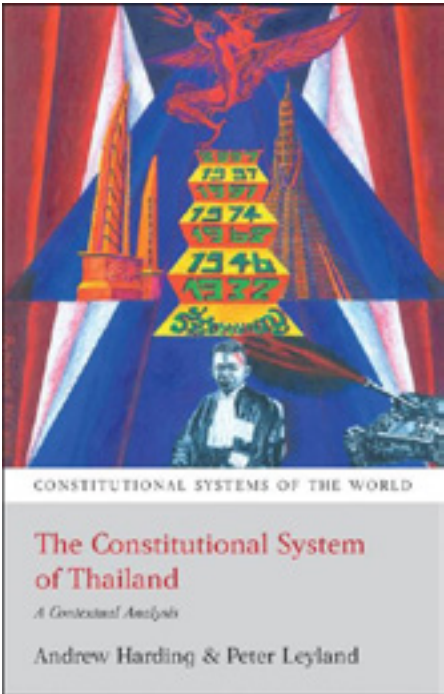


Andrew Harding, CAPI Director 2009 to 2011; CAPI Law Chair 2004 to 2011

Thai Judicial Training

In July 2008 the Faculty of Law and CAPI collaborated in delivering the first judicial training program to a group of 34 high level Thai judges. The topic of this inaugural 10-day program was “Environmental Law”. This training program was so successful that a second group of 30 judges visited in March 2009 for a shorter program on Criminal Justice, and in July 2010 the law chair directed another CAPI/ Law judicial training program involving thirty-two Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Judges from Thailand. The purpose of the visit was a two-week training program focusing on Youth and Justice designed and delivered by CAPI, under the direction of Law Chair Andrew Harding and the National Judicial Institute of Ottawa. The first week of the training program was spent in Victoria and included speakers from UVic’s Faculty of Law, Education, and Human Services as well as experts in the field of children and the law in Canada from the Provincial Government and civil society organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Victoria. The second week of the program was spent in Vancouver where the Judges received interactive training from both Provincial and Federal Court Judges, observed court proceedings at the Provincial Court and Supreme Court focusing on family cases. This was CAPI’s second training program provided to the Office of Judiciary of the Kingdom of Thailand.

- from CAPI annual reports 2009-10 and 2010-11



Dear Professor Andrew Harding,

Subject : Expression of Sincere Appreciation For Training Program

I am most pleased to learn from the delegations of the office of the Ju of Thailand which participated in the judicial training program on Juvenile & Family L be held in this year at the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, th training was the most beneficial and achieved all their objectives.

On behalf of the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand, I would like to tak opportunity to thank the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, for friendly welcome and warm hospitality accorded to the delegations as well as the effi and dedication shown by the staff of the Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, Univer Victoria. I feel certain that the training has helped our personnel enhance their capac performing their duties. I very much hope that we will have a chance of training again Center for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Wirat Chin

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Secretary – General of Office of the Judiciary

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

When we organised another Thai judicial training programme, Helen was dismayed to visit the UVic art gallery, where the reception was to take place, about 45 minutes before it was due to begin, only to find the whole place closed for renovation! Crisis being all in a day’s work for Helen, she speedily organised a downtown wine-bar venue, we fielded some BC judges wandering around campus, and Helen was able to call the bus driver, diverting the bus to the wine bar. We all turned up just on time and the judges never knew anything untoward had occurred!

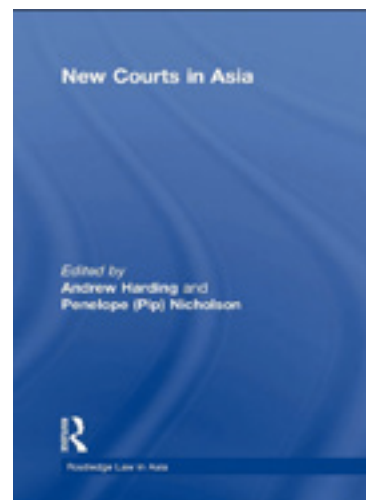
- Andrew Harding (personal correspondence, May 2018)

12. Scenario Two:

You have made arrangements at a local restaurant for the Law Firm Hosted Launch Banquet for 200 people. You arrive at the restaurant approximately 30 minutes before the registrants are due to arrive to find that the restaurant did not receive your email about the how the room should be configured – 20 tables each set for 10 people. In addition, the restaurant did not receive your instructions that you have 40 people who are vegan.

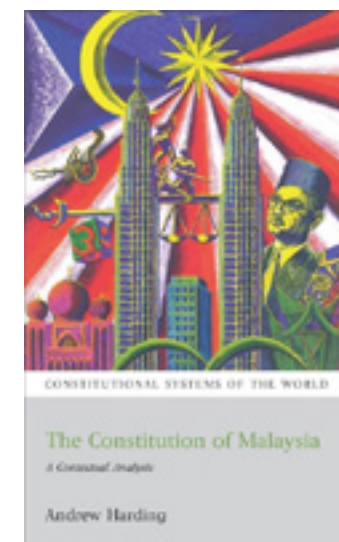
What do you do?

- CAPI interview question



I enjoyed especially at CAPI a conference on 'New Courts in Asia' in 2007, which led to a ground-breaking book of the same title, which I edited with Pip Nicholson (now Dean at Melbourne Law School). It was one of those blissful, beautiful Victorian summers, and to have so many outstanding scholars and good friends involved in that conference made me think that academic life could not get any better. I recall the rabbits poking their noses round the open door to see what was going on. Sadly, there are no more rabbits on campus.

- Andrew Harding (personal correspondence, May 2018).



Harding following his presentation at the Faculty of Syariah and Law Malaysia on "The Law, the Federal Constitution and Malaysia's Development" September 2011.

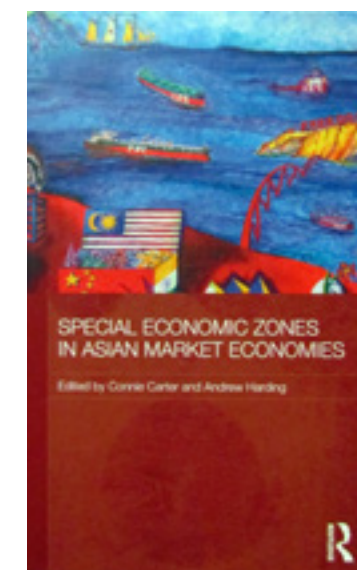


Adrian Raeside cartoon, used with permission

In February 2009, CAPI, in conjunction with the Faculty of Law of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan, organized a highly successful conference under the title "Special Economic Zones in Asian Market Economies: ['SEZAME'] What is Next for SEZs?" held at Kyushu University in Fukuoka. This project culminated in the publication of a book published in July 2010 based on the 2009 conference proceedings, *Special Economic Zones in Asian Market Economies*, published by Routledge. This publication was preceded by a CAPI Round Table, held at UVic in June 2010, involving some of the contributors to the book and including as a keynote Professor Zeng Huaqun of Xiamen University in the PRC.



Andrew Harding, CAPI Director, with Connie Carter, CAPI Associate and Royal Roads University faculty member, 2011.





Neil Burton (1941-2010) was a long-time advocate for closer Asia-Canada relations and 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 UVic.

CAPI hosts the annual Neil Burton Commemorative Lecture through a fund established in his honour.



Naga City, Philippines

The Penafrancia festival is a huge celebration every September in Naga City. The Procession starts with a statue of the virgin (a replica of the Madonna in Penafrancia Spain) being carried on foot throughout the city to a Cathedral in the center of town. At the end of the festival it's carried back to its shrine by way of a fluvial procession along the river. This photo was taken during the 300th anniversary of Naga City.

- Stephanie Ellis, 2010 CAPI intern

“Dream Team” UVic Asia-Pacific Activities in the Year 2010

Rapporteur - Jim McDavid

Constraints, trends, assumptions

- Universities are slow to change - problems are multidisciplinary - appointments are made to academic departments - creating incentives to work with each other over departments.
- Funding constraints are permanent - if university continues to try to grow, some programs must be capped, other can be given a green light, or modest growth for a range of interests. External funding requirement for growth.
- Funding, by and with the private sector important over collaboration with for example CIDA, which will likely have less available in the future.
- Assuming Canada continues to exist and there is not a radically different environment.

Definition of the Pacific Rim

- This may be expanded to include Latin American countries and those along the west coast of South America.

Attitudinal Changes

- UVic faculty and community will have to develop a more entrepreneurial approach as less funding is available from traditional sources.
- Should become “more political” and more sensitive to trends. More outward looking.
- Must be willing to look beyond own disciplinary boundaries.

- Notes on Presentations made at the CAPI Forum on Asia-Pacific Activities at UVic, October 10, 1992.

CAPI is clearly held in high regard, referred to frequently as one of UVic’s “gems” or “jewels.” Yet it is equally clear that CAPI is at a key juncture in its development and has the potential to utilize its assets in a new way as part of a re-invigorated push by the university in its Asian connections. It may be more valuable to the University and the country for CAPI in future to be perceived not as a precious stone but the enlightened hub of a neural network.

... The title of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, especially the word “Initiatives”, was ahead of its time and has recently been emulated elsewhere. To stay at the leading edge, another “I” word might be added: “Innovation.”

- CAPI Review Panel report, December 2010.



We project Asia into UVic, BC, Canada - By doing so, we also project UVic, BC & Canada into Asia.

- Andrew Harding in the winter 2009 UVic Law News



From the outset, CAPI was a dynamic and creative force with a true emphasis on the word “initiatives.” It formed a central focus around which Asian interests at UVic could coalesce, intermingle and benefit and learn from each other. Seldom was an idea pitched that included an Asian element that did not receive some support from the CAPI Director of the time. Gatherings were held on campus that attracted over 60 UVic Asianists. However the scope of CAPI was far from parochial and it became a significant centre in the Pacific Northwest regarding Asian studies. It hosted conferences, published books, participated in grant applications and was recognised as a key player on both sides of the Pacific in a wide range of Asian initiatives. The twentieth century may have been the Atlantic century but few can doubt the increased impor-

tance of the Asian and Pacific interests that now dominate many global issues in the twenty first century. It is a very fitting time for the University of Victoria to celebrate and renew its commitment to CAPI as a key knowledge generator in these challenging times.

- UVic Geography’s “Hot Shot” professor (Globe & Mail, 2013) Philip Dearden (personal correspondence, August 2018). Dearden has been a dedicated “Asianist” and CAPI collaborator since the Centre’s early days. Above, in 2011, he is pictured leading a group of undergraduate UVic Geography students on a “field school” to India co-ordinated by CAPI and Geography, where they worked with Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) to learn about community development and conservation.



Some of CAPI’s friends and associates (left to right, from top):

John Price, UVic History
 Reeta Tremblay, UVic Political Science
 Marlea Clark, UVic Political Science
 Jonathan Manthorpe, journalist
 Julia Baum, UVic Biology
 Isabel Lloyd, former BC deputy minister, CIDA, UN
 Catherine Morris, UVic Law
 Gregory Blue, UVic History
 Supriya Routh, UVic Law
 CAPI team, 2012
 Ken MacKay, marine biologist

CAPI table at the Asia Pacific Foundation’s 25th anniversary in 2010, including James Boutilier, Maritime Forces Pacific, Donna Greschner, UVic Law, and Art Wright, former diplomat



Guoguang Wu, CAPI China Chair 2004 - present

Guoguang Wu is Professor of Political Science, Professor of History, and Chair in China & Pacific Relations at the University of Victoria, Canada. Born in China, he worked in Shandong Province in the late 1970s as a young farmer and, then, a factory worker, and in the late 1980s in Beijing, after graduating from Beijing University, as an editorialist of the People's Daily, China's largest newspaper, and a policy advisor and a speechwriter to China's Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang. After 1989 he was sequentially appointed a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, a Luce Fellow at the East Asian Institute of Columbia University, and, after gaining a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University, an An Wang Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Fairbank Center of Harvard University. He also has experience of teaching at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and being a visiting professor at the National University of Singapore. His main

research interests follow two tracks: political institutions of China and its transformation in comparative perspectives, and political economy of capitalism and its globalization. His research articles have appeared in the leading academic journals such as: Asian Survey, China Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Contemporary China, Pacific Review, Social Research, and Third World Quarterly. He is author of four books, editor/coeditor of five volumes, and author and editor of more than a dozen Chinese books, some of which are translated and published in the French, Japanese, and Korean languages. He sits on boards or editorial boards of more than a dozen of academic/policy institutions and international academic journals. He is also a leading public intellectual widely acclaimed in the Chinese-speaking world.

- from Amazon.com



For me, the most powerful of [our international conferences] during the time was the conference commemorating former Chinese Communist Party General Secretary and Premier Zhao Ziyang, removed from office shortly before the army drove student demonstrators and their supporters from Tian'anmen Square on June 4th, 1989. Zhao spent the remaining years of his life under house arrest. For the conference, Wu Guoguang, who had been one of Zhao's brilliant young group of advisors in the 1980s, brought together scholars and former colleagues to reflect on what might have been if the reformist Zhao had assumed full national leadership.

- Richard King (personal correspondence, June 2018)

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It's jungle politics. The party does not play the game by its own rules.

- on the nature of the Communist Party of China's process for determining leadership positions on the occasion of the 19th National Congress, NPR.org news, October 17, 2017

[The Chinese government officials] just think those decisions about Lai Changxing [at the time, one of China's most wanted criminals who was living in Canada] ... are not judicial decisions but political decisions, because all decisions in China are political decisions

- Globe and Mail, December 1, 2009,

[Li Peng's Tiananmen diary] has clearly revealed that Deng was the proposer and decision maker of enacting martial law in parts of Beijing in 1989. And he gave the final approval to the 'ground clearing' operation in Tiananmen Square on June 3.

- The New York Times, June 4, 2010



Guoguang Wu in a screenshot from the 1995 documentary film "The Gate of Heavenly Peace" about the 1989 protests at Tiananmen Square.

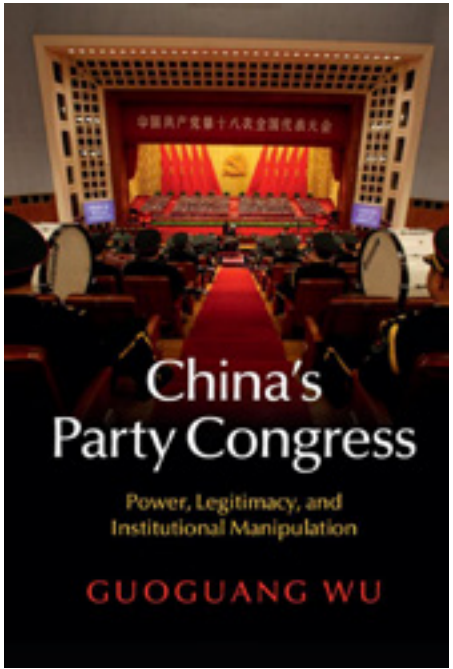
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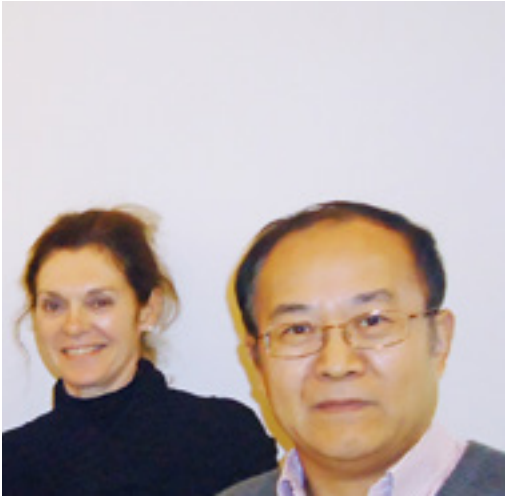


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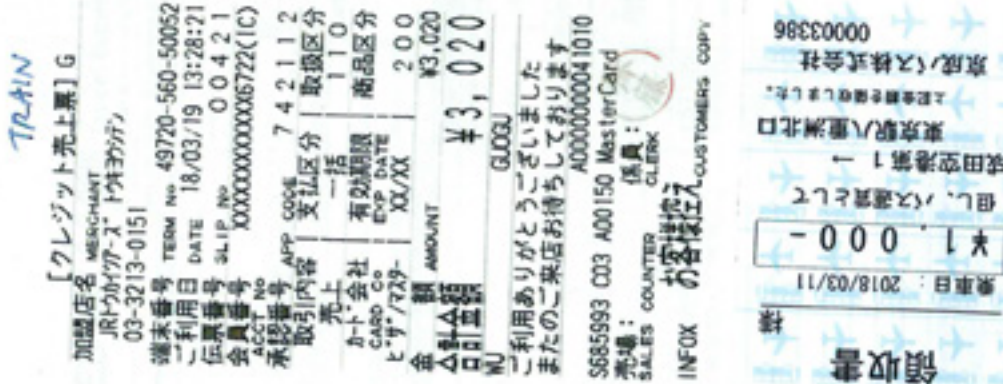
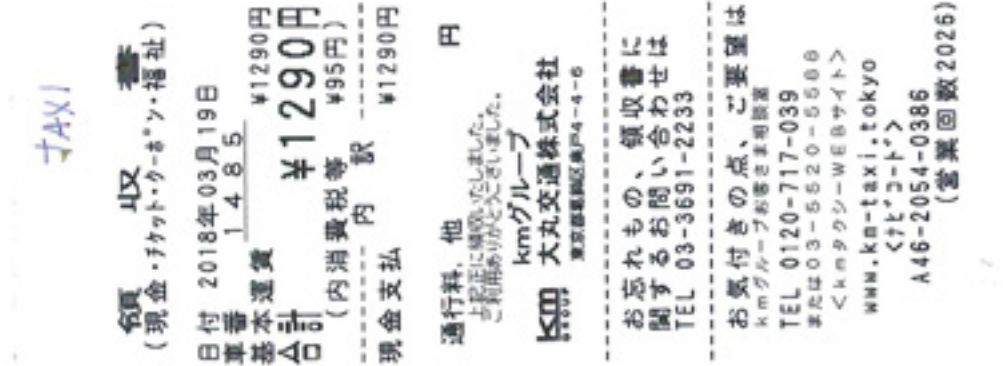
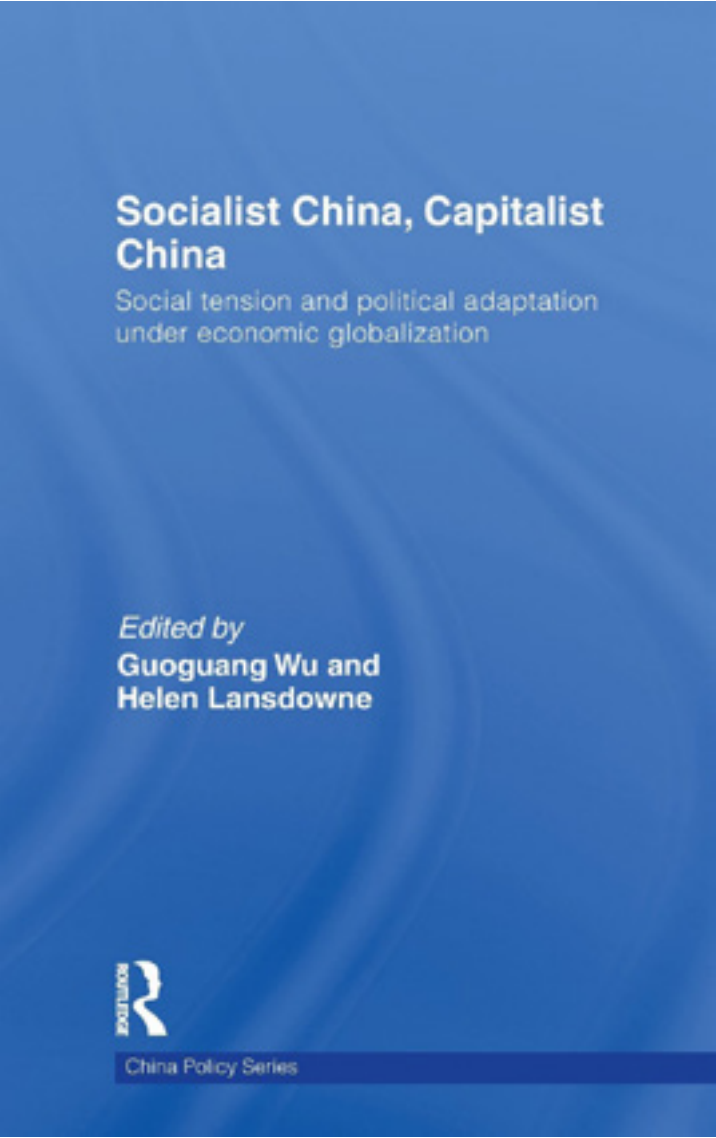


In 2008 the China program organized its fifth symposium since the China Chair [Guoguang Wu] joined the Centre in 2004. The symposium, “Foreign-Domestic Linkages in China’s International Behaviours”, was held from April 24 to 25, 2008.

The conference was generously funded with \$35,000 by external supporters, and featured the presentation of ten papers by scholars from China, Hong Kong, Australia, the United Kingdom and North America. The China Chair also joined the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast 2008 Annual Conference, organizing two panels on China’s relations with Asia, and legal reforms, and chaired two panels as well.

In the summer of 2008, a volume of papers from the China program’s June 2006 symposium, “Zhao Ziyang and China’s Political Future”, was published by Routledge. Another conference volume based on an October 2006 conference organized by the China program, “Socialist China, Capitalist China: Social-Political Conflicts under Globalization”, was also accepted by Routledge for publication. This constitutes three volumes in the past two years to be published under the co-editorship of Guoguang Wu and Helen Lansdowne; and as with past volumes, manuscript preparation was greatly assisted by Stella Chan, CAPI Secretary.

- from CAPI’s 2007/08 annual report





Helen at a partner university in Shanghai.

They are an exceptionally dedicated and effective team that would be the pride of any academic unit in North America. Helen Lansdowne was described in various interviews as “amazing,” “terrific,” “dynamic,” and “indispensable.”

Everyone recognizes the tremendous capacities of Ms. Lansdowne, and the committee praised her for her full-time dedication (even though we learned that she is in fact part-time) . . .

- CAPI Review Panel report, December 2010.



Helen Lansdowne, CAPI Director 2012 - 2014; Associate Director 2009 - present; Assistant Director 1998 - 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "H. Lansdowne".



Above: An edited volume based on the CAPI conference "Perspectives on China's Transition" held September 27-28, 2013, at UVic.

Top left: Helen and Sharmin Ahmed, former visiting grad student at CAPI, in studio at CBC Radio Victoria with host Gregor Craigie to discuss the Rana Plaza tragedy, 2013;

Left: Japan Chair Mary Yoko Brannen, Japan Chair Assistant Natasha Fox, Communications Officer Catherine Dooner and Associate/Acting Director Helen Lansdowne.

Facing page, bottom: Helen observing local agricultural workers in the Shan States of Myanmar.



"The CAPI Faculty Research Grant has enabled me to conduct interviews and archival research in Hong Kong and mainland China for my ongoing research on gender, migration and precarious labour in China. I have published a few articles and book chapters based on this CAPI-funded research."

- Dr. Feng Xu (UVic Political Science; above in blue t-shirt), recipient of a 2013 CAPI Faculty Research Development Grant



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2013 CAPI Interns Elena Lopez (centre) and Corey de Vries (second from right) spent six months with Center for Migrant Advocacy in Quezon City, Philippines. Here, they are pictured with friends at Mt. Pinatubo.

With the dismantling of CIDA and as a result, the loss of our program funding, CAPI needed to come up with some creative ways to keep our program going. With the continued support of the Centre, we were able to fund six student placements from May to November 2014.

-2013-14 annual report



Mary Yoko Brannen (CAPI Japan Chair from 2012 - 2016) with Stephen Jarislowsky

As a result of activity undertaken with the Peter B. Gustavson Business School at UVic during 2010, arrangements have been finalized for the filling of the CAPI Japan Chair, following a gift of one million dollars from the Jarislowsky Foundation. This will enable the appointment of an outstanding scholar to the CAPI Jarislowsky Chair in Japan/ East Asian Studies, which will be shared between CAPI and the Business School. Thanks are due to Stephen Jarislowsky, the Business School and its Dean, Professor Ali Dastmalchian, in joining CAPI to make this initiative possible. The position will be advertised shortly and will be filled by July 1, 2012.

-from CAPI's 2009/10 annual report

Mary Yoko Brannen

Much effort this year culminated in the “Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement & the Politics of Engagement” conference. This was the 10th annual conference of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and the first to be held on the west coast of Canada. The title and theme was purposefully chosen to highlight the complexities surrounding the forced movements of people in all parts of the world. Bringing together scholars, activists, civil society members and policy makers, our hope was to create opportunities for discussions concerning the hierarchies of displacement, the multiple causes of forced migration and the various ways that strategies for movement and resettlement play out.

- from CAPI’s 2016/17 annual report



Above: An art exhibit featuring pieces by North Korean refugee youth as part of art therapy at Yeo-myung School in Seoul, South Korea, was on display as part of the “Forgotten Corridors” conference.

At right: The research team for the “Southeast Asian Women, Migration and Family in the Global Era” project led a three-day “Master Class” in migration studies in May 2014 titled “Family Entanglements, Migration and Media.”



In June 2015, the MMP’s interdisciplinary steering committee hosted a conference entitled “Migration and Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond.” The conference served as the launch of “Migration, Mobility & Displacement” (MM&D), the first-ever open-access scholarly journal on migration and mobility in the Asia-Pacific region, published by CAPI. Under the editorial leadership of Dr. Feng Xu (UVic Political Science) and an international advisory board, the inaugural issue of the journal presented boundary-pushing articles by five leading scholars, as well as a video interview with migration activist Harsha Walia, and a photo essay by Jakarta-based documentary photographer Andri Tanbunam.



At right: Jessica Ball (UVic Child and Youth Care) and project collaborator Harriet Beazley (University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia) disseminating results to stakeholders in East Lombok.



Below: CAPI Visiting Faculty Scholar Leslie Butt (UVic Anthropology) anchored the research core of CAPI’s Migration and Mobility Program (MMP) from 2012 to 2017, leading two multi-year projects investigating the experiences of migrant Indonesian families. Above, 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”.



Landscapes of Injustice



During the 1940s, Canada enacted mass displacement and dispossession of people on racial grounds, a collective moral failure that remains only partially addressed. Japanese Canadians lost their homes, farms, businesses, as well as personal, family, and communal possessions. Landscapes of Injustice is dedicated to recovering and grappling with this difficult past.

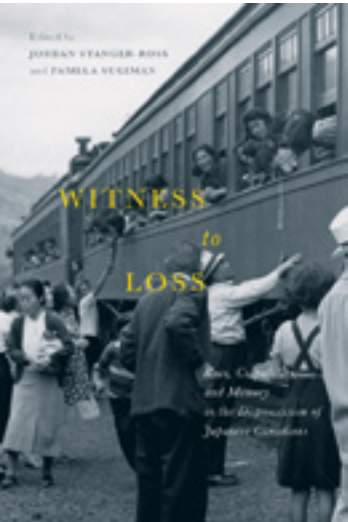
- Landscapes of Injustice website

Housed at CAPI and led by UVic Department of History associate professor Jordan Stanger-Ross, Landscapes of Injustice (LOI) is a seven-year, multi-partner research project exploring the forced dispossession of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War.

Four years into its mandate, the project has activated a robust national community of practice, including researchers, educators, curators, elders, and students, and garnered an impressive amount of local (e.g., the Times Colonist, Georgia Straight), national (CBC, National Post, Globe and Mail, Toronto Star), and international (NHK, Japan’s national broadcast organization) media coverage for its work.

At left: LOI has been active in campaigning to reconstruct a Japanese Teahouse in Esquimalt-Gorge Park to replace the one that was destroyed through neglect, looting, and vandalism during the war.

Below: Dr. Henry Shimizu giving a presentation to grade 7 students at Lansdowne Middle School about his experiences in New Denver internment camp, October 2014.



Top: Sam Yamamoto, Mary Kitagawa, and Jean Kamimura relating personal experiences of their internment in the 1940s during an event at the Vancouver Public Library, January 2017.

Above: Hide Hyodo-Shimizu research scholarship recipient Hikari Rachmat with Landscapes of Injustice Project Director Jordan Stanger-Ross (L), Project Manager Mike Abe (R), and National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) Executive Director Ken Noma at the project team’s annual “Spring Institute,” Victoria, April 2015.

“Witness to Loss: Race, Culpability, and Memory in the Dispossession of Japanese Canadians” (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2017) edited by Stanger-Ross and project collaborator Pamela Sugiman.

Sub. P. O. 9,
Edmonton, Alta.
July 31, 1944

The Right Honorable The Minister of Justice,
Justice Building,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

During May of this year I received notification that my property at Haney, B.C. had been sold for the sum of \$1406.98 to the Director, Veterans' Land Act. My property there consisted of seventeen and a half acres of land and other household goods of which I am enclosing a list, which I valued at the total sum of \$4500. The Custodian has not at any time requested my sanction of dispose of my property and had he done so, I would have been most reluctant to sell it, as it has been my livelihood for the past seven years and through hard work I had been successful in making an income to approximately \$3500. per year which I expended to put two of my children through university as doctor and dentist respectively. In order that my two remaining children, who are dependent upon me, receive the same privilege as their two older sisters, it was my desire to return to my home at Haney and endeavour, as in the past, to obtain sufficient independence to enable them to complete their education, one as an optometrist and my only son as electrical engineer.

I came to Canada in 1907 and was allowed the privilege of Canadian Citizenship on December 22, 1914. This, to me, was the most gracious opportunity given by the country of my adoption. Through it, I realized an ambition I had desired since landing on this continent, that of being able to raise a family of Canadian sons and daughters. The opportunities given me by Canada, sir, have never been abused by me or any member of my family.

I am now fifty eight years and feel that I cannot start again from the bottom. My health is failing, and as previously pointed out, my desire after hostilities have terminated, was to return to my home at Haney and continue where I left off upon evacuation during October 1942.

As you will see, sir, the disposal of my property for the sum stated has caused me a loss of over \$3000. in actual cash value and also the loss of a home I had spent years to build up to a point of security for my wife and my children. My wife and I have been Canadian subjects for thirty years. It does not seem just that as Canadians my family should be deprived of a home which to us meant more than just a home. It was to us, the foundation of security and freedom as Canadian citizens.



Landscapes of Injustice researchers uncovered a trove of long-lost letters written by interned Japanese-Canadians to representatives of the Canadian government during World War II in protest of the forced sale of their private belongings.



Marton with CAPI Research Assistant Gordon Wang Guodong doing fieldwork in China.



Andrew Marton, CAPI Director 2014 to 2017

Andrew Marton

My earliest memories of CAPI came as a Masters student here at UVic in the late 1980s, then in the early 1990s as a PhD student at UBC. I had the opportunity to participate in CAPI sponsored events which provided opportunities for students and early career scholars to share their research on China and to interact with senior scholars of Asia from across the region. CAPI's reputation for leadership in undertaking world-class multi-disciplinary research, sponsoring life changing student internships in Asia, and delivering outstanding leadership and research training programs were well established when I stepped in as director 25 years later.

Highlights during my tenure as director included the moving vignettes and powerful images showcasing research experiences of our student interns, contributing to CAPI's youth and early career leadership training programs focused on building cross-cultural understanding with Asia, travelling with UVic's new president on his first visit to China, and participating in no fewer than thir-

ty CAPI sponsored local and international knowledge mobilization events.

Embedded in the details of these many activities are important outcomes with profound impact on our insights and understanding of the Asia Pacific, and on our students and young scholars. As I reflect on my own experience – as a student, young scholar then later as CAPI director – I can say for many of us who undertake research and teaching on Asia here at UVic, at the core of what we do is a deep desire to open the eyes of our young students and scholars to the opportunities which come with the study and understanding of the Asia Pacific. It was an honor and privilege to work with colleagues in CAPI, and our many local and global partners, to contribute to that vitally important endeavour.

- Andrew Marton, CAPI Director 2014-2017 (personal correspondence, August 2018). Below: Marton with a group of visiting Chinese university students taking part in CAPI's China Youth Leadership Program.



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A key highlight of the past year was the very successful Five Year Review process, which culminated in May 2016 with Senate approval of Centre Status for CAPI for the five-year period 1 July 2016 through 30 June 2021. A panel of distinguished reviewers found that CAPI had “...established itself as one of Canada’s leading university-based hubs for Asia-Pacific related activities both in research and teaching [and were] ... pleased to recommend enthusiastically that its status at UVic should be continued.

- CAPI 2015-16 Annual Report

Left, top: Marton with 2016 Anand-UVic Fund Scholarship winner and Applied Theatre grad student Thiptawan Uchai, from Bangkok.

Left, middle: Marton in conversation with Victor V. Ramraj after an informal presentation by the latter, November 2015.

Below: A poster for a CAPI-hosted talk by former CBC Asia Bureau Chief Patrick Brown and Harvard Lecturer and Author, Rowena He on the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Protests.




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The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives presents:

Tiananmen Square Protests: A Reflection - 25 Years On



With former CBC Asia Bureau Chief, **Patrick Brown** and Harvard Lecturer and Author, **Rowena He**

Harry Hickman Building, Room 110
University of Victoria
12pm - 2pm, May 30, 2014

In the spring of 1989, millions of citizens across China took to the streets in a nationwide movement against government corruption and authoritarian rule. What began with widespread hope for political reform ended on June 4, 1989, with martial law being imposed, and the army firing on unarmed citizens in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. The scale of army mobilization and casualties was unprecedented in modern day China. To respectfully mark the 25th anniversary, CAPI is bringing together two experts on China whose lives were forever changed by the tragedy. Former CBC Asia

Bureau Chief Patrick Brown was in Beijing covering the student protests days before June 4th, and he has a unique perspective on reporting the events for the CBC. Author and scholar, Rowena He, was born and raised in China. Her talk will be based on her new book, *Tiananmen Square: Voices of the Struggle for Democracy in China*, which intertwines her own experiences with the accounts of three student leaders exiled from China in the aftermath of the military crackdown. There will be time for questions, and refreshments will be provided.

For more information visit www.capi.uvic.ca or call 250-721-7020

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In Memoriam: Dr. Martha Farrell

Dr. Martha Farrell, a long-time associate of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) and the School of Public Administration, was killed May 13th, 2015 in a Taliban terrorist attack on the Kabul guesthouse where she was staying. Farrell was in Afghanistan with the Aga Khan Foundation leading workshops on gender and anti-violence for Afghan locals and government officials.

Farrell was a director of the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), an India based non-profit with a long history of collaboration with the university. Over the years, Farrell has developed many personal and professional connections with the UVic community and programs.

Budd Hall (Public Administration, Anthropology) has known Farrell for 25 years. Of his friend, Hall reflected, “Martha Farrell was a joyful, courageous, strong and principled woman. She was a national leader of the movement against violence against women, a great friend of the University of Victoria and will be with us always in our hearts.”

Hall shares the UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education with Farrell’s husband and President of PRIA Dr. Rajesh Tandon who received a honorary Doctorate of Laws from UVic in 2008.

Farrell helped develop community development courses for the School of Public

Administration and has been adjunct faculty both here and at Royal Roads where she was scheduled to teach later this summer.

PRIA has welcomed students from CAPI’s International Internship Program where CAPI interns had the privilege of working with Farrell directly. Robyn Fila, internship program manager says that “Martha was an incredibly strong, intelligent and inspiring woman, who’s work had a huge impact on many people’s lives.” CAPI will be sending two interns to PRIA this summer.

In 2011 and 2012 Phil Dearden (Geography, CAPI Associate) collaborated with Farrell and PRIA in developing and leading field schools for the department of Geography, taking students to India to explore issues of community governance, women’s empowerment, resource use and management and conservation. Of his experience in India, Dearden says “Martha and Rajesh were such an inspiration to the students on both the 2011 and 2012 India field schools. Lively, warm, welcoming, funny, grounded and so very helpful both to me and the students. It is difficult to imagine PRIA as the vivacious place it was without seeing Martha at the centre of it all.”

Farrell’s death is a tragedy that has brought home to UVic the reality of the violence happening in many places around the world. All who knew her or her work will miss Farrell’s leadership, inspiration, courage and dedication.

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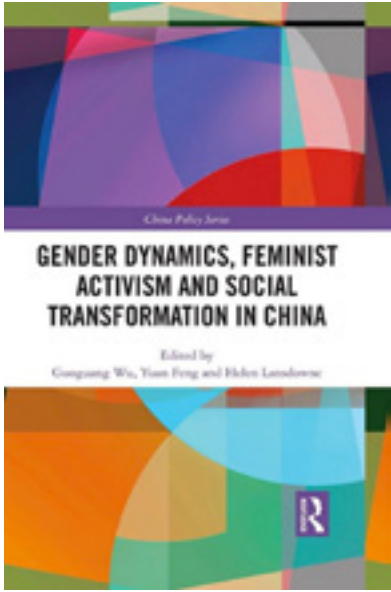
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Sarah Close Humayun,

In response to your correspondence dated February 7, 2017; the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

Engendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women’s Rights and Feminist Activism
April 7-8, 2017
University of Victoria
Victoria, BC

The information provided to the CBSA states there will be approximately 50 attendees of which 50% are foreign to Canada. The event is open to the general public with no sales of merchandise taking place.



At left: This collection of essays is an outcome of a symposium held at the University of Victoria on April 7-8, 2017 titled “Engendering Social Transformation in China: Gender Dynamics, Women’s Rights, and Feminist Activism.”

“This book explores the extent to which women have been initiators, mobilizers, and driving forces of social transformation in China. The book considers how conceptions of women’s roles have changed as China has moved from state socialism to engagement with capitalist globalization, examines the growth of women’s gender and sexual consciousness and social movements for women’s rights, including for marginalized social and sex/gender groups, and discusses women’s roles in society-state interactions, including many forms of social activism, cultural events, educational innovations, and more. Overall, the book demonstrates that women have not simply been passive receivers of the consequences of the forces of global capitalism, but that they have had a profound, active impact on social transformation in China” (Routledge 2018).



Top: Andrew Marton welcoming participants to the 11th International Conference on Chaozhou Studies at UVic, August 17-19, 2015, which brought together Chaozhou scholars from across China, Southeast Asia and the US.

Above: Students from UVic’s Applied Theatre program, led by incoming CAPI Queen Elizabeth Scholar Taiwo Afolabi (Nigeria), perform an interactive workshop on the issues of global refugee and migrant movements during UVic’s annual IdeaFest, 2016.



China Youth Leadership Program

With two successful years under its belt, CAPI continues to deliver the China Youth Leadership Program welcoming nearly 400 participants to Victoria and the University of Victoria [for week-long trainings]. The 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. Between September 2015 and June 2016 CAPI hosted 362 participants from China. For the purpose of optimizing participants' learning outcomes, students were taught by faculty, CAPI Associates, and PhD candidates from Pacific and Asian Studies, Fine Arts, History,

Geography, and Political Science, as well as participated in field trips with various CAPI's community affiliates. The CYLP is in partnership with the Union of Northern International Universities, a union of 16 universities in China, eight of which send students to take part in the CYLP on a regular basis. With the dedicated effort of CAPI staff, the community stakeholders and the Chinese partners, the CYLP has drawn overwhelming attention and positive testimonials. The number of students has risen steadily from under 30 to 50+ in each CYLP group as well as an increasing number of partner universities. After another fruitful year, reinforcing strong ties with CAPI's partners at home and abroad, the CYLP clearly illustrates CAPI's dedication to its vision and objectives.

- from 2015-16 annual report



CAPI's Internship Program at 15

Since its inception in 2003, the CAPI internship program has sent 171 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.



“Asia is awake

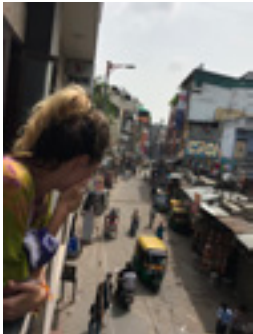
- Robyn Fila, who is often busy putting out fires half way around the world while the rest of the CAPI team sleeps.

Below: CAPI internship Program Manager Robyn Fila with Sumaiya Islam from Bangladeshi Ovhibashi Mohila Sramik Association (BOMSA) at the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2016.



"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 (top left), who spent seven months in India on with Participatory Research in Asia.



Once a CAPI intern, always a CAPI intern
- CAPI internship Program Manager Robyn Fila



Victor speaks to the inaugural cohort of students at Bhutan's first law school, Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law during a visit in August 2017.



Victor V. Ramraj, CAPI Director 2017 - present; Law Chair 2014 - present

Victor Ramraj



A New Director

The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives is delighted to welcome Victor V. Ramraj, Professor of Law at the University of Victoria, as its new Director.

Dr. Ramraj joined the University of Victoria in July 2014, after 16 years at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Since 2014, he has been a Professor of Law and Chair in Asia-Pacific Legal Relations, and served as the Director of Graduate Studies at the Faculty of Law.

As he takes on the Centre Director role, Dr. Ramraj will draw upon his many years of research on the Asia-Pacific region, and his international leadership experience, including five years as Vice-Dean for Academic Affairs at the NUS Law School and a one-year secondment as Co-Director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLs) in London, England. Upon his arrival at UVic, Dr. Ramraj convened two major international events in 2015, the Asia Desk Forum and the Transpacific Aviation Law and Policy Conference, and launched a CAPI Roundtable Series, Southeast Asia in Global Context. This past year he successfully received a half-million dollar grant from the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships- Advanced Scholars fund for a project, Regulating Globalization in South and Southeast Asia, to bring doctoral, post-doctoral, and early career scholars to the University of Victoria from partner institutions in Bhutan, Cambodia, India, and Vietnam, and to send Canadian researchers to Asia. Dr. Ramraj's research has been published on five continents. His current research focuses on comparative constitutional law and transnational regulation, both with an emphasis on Asia.

Dr. Ramraj will continue his to serve as CAPI's Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Chair and Professor in the Faculty of Law as he takes up the reins at CAPI.

- announcement of the confirmation of Victor V. Ramraj as CAPI's seventh Director.



Facing page: "The Right-Side-Up Map of Southasia"

"For parallel identities in Southasia, beyond the nation-states . . . this map, the work of artist (and cartographer!) Subhas Rai, is Himal Southasian's response to the nation-state centred discourse that has all of us in its grip . . ."

- from himalmag.com





QES-Advanced Scholars Program

Nima Dorji (a senior lecturer from Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law in Bhutan), Ratana Ly (a researcher with the Center for the Study of Humanitarian Law in Cambodia), and Kan Pongboonjun (a law instructor at Chiang Mai University, Thailand) are all undertaking their PhD studies in law at UVic through the Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Advance Scholars (QES-AS) Scholarships program organized by CAPI and UVic Law.

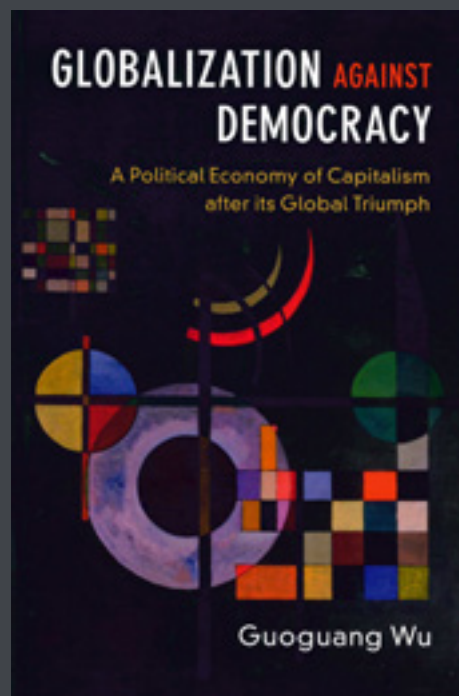
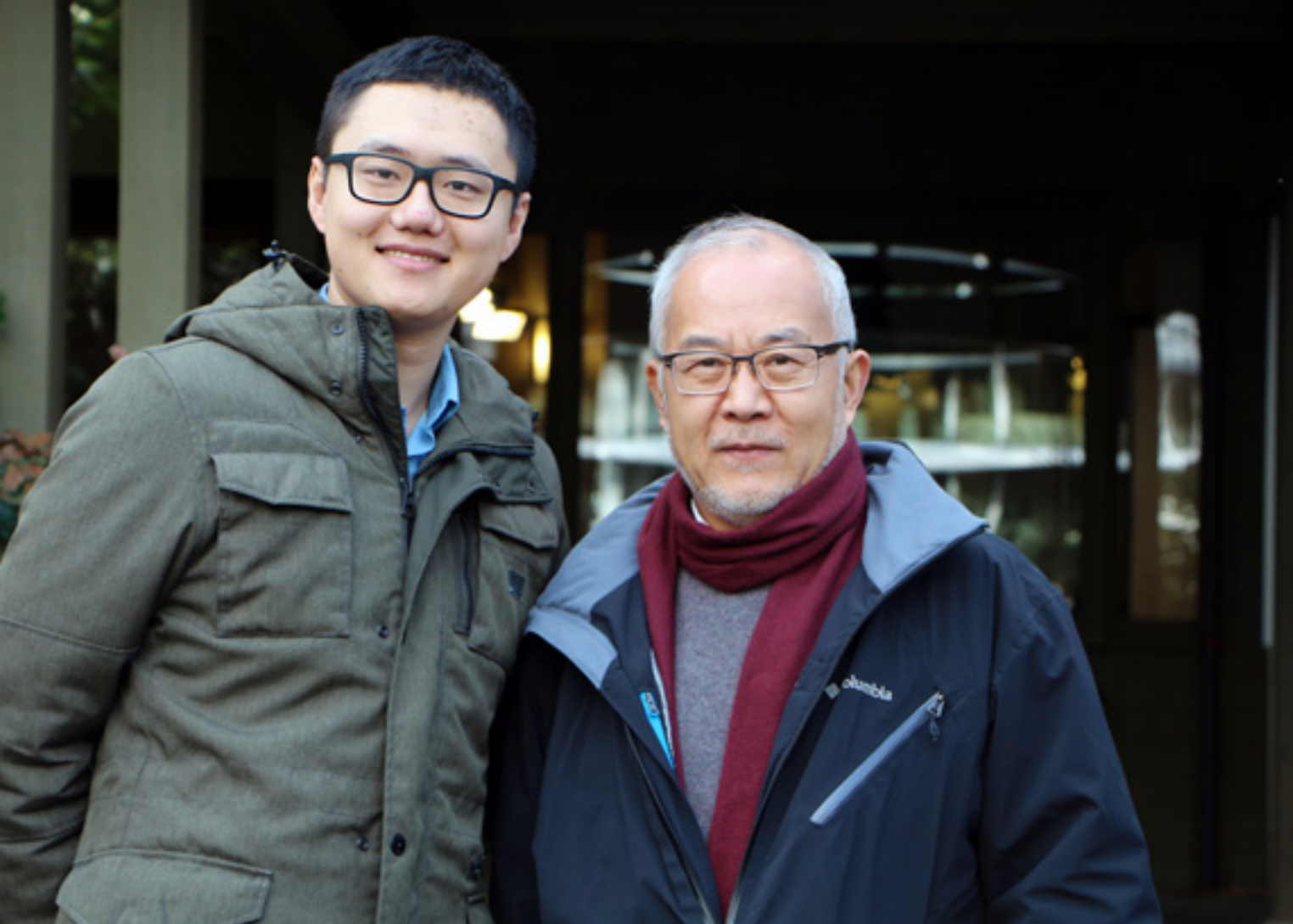
All told, the QES-AS program will bring thirteen advanced scholars whose work focuses on South and Southeast Asia to the University of Victoria to create lasting impacts both at home and abroad through cross-cultural exchanges encompassing international education, discovery and inquiry, and professional experiences. It will also send five Canadian post-doctorate early career scholars to the region to develop valuable experience and build skills and networks in Canada and South and Southeast Asia (including UVic Law profs Supriya Routh and Pooja Parmar, who each spent a couple of months in India and Bhutan, respectively, in summer 2018).



QES-AS scholars Sushmita Pati and Sunayan Ganguly, faculty members from Azim Premji University, India, arrived at CAPI in May 2018 for a three-month visit to focus on their scholarly work.

Leading lawyers, academics and policy-makers from 11 countries on four continents—Chile, Columbia, the US, Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, India and Australia—came together for an in-depth look at recent legal developments in Asia and their relevance to the Americas. Hosted by CAPI and the Faculty of Law, the first Asia Desk Forum provided a unique opportunity for private and public sector lawyers with an Asian dimension to their practice to extend and deepen their knowledge of cutting-edge legal issues through a series of workshops, panels, and lectures. - from CAPI's 2014/15 annual report.





Above: CAPI China Chair Guoguang Wu with Tony Huiquan Zhang, assistant professor of sociology at St. Thomas More College (University of Saskatchewan), after Zhang's presentation titled "The Rise of Princlings in China: Career Advantages and Collective Elite Reproduction," December 2018.

At left, Wu's 2017 book "Globalization Against Democracy: A Political Economy of Capitalism After Its Global Triumph" (Cambridge University Press).

Facing page, top: Victor and Helen with Petronila P. Garcia, Philippine Ambassador to Canada, and consular officials at CAPI's fall 2018 welcome back reception at the University Club.

Facing page, below: CAPI's fourth "Roundtable on Southeast Asia in Global Context" discussing "Canada and Southeast Asia: Exploring challenges and opportunities, November 9, 2017.





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CAPI Visiting Faculty Scholar Cody Poulton (UVic Pacific and Asian Studies) brought a three-day conference, “The Nonhuman in Japanese Culture and Society: Spirits, Animals, Technology,” to life with CAPI in September 2018. Above, he and distinguished Japanese-German author Yoko Tawada perform a bilingual reading from her book “Memoirs of a Polar Bear.”

Facing page, below:

Victor with long-time CAPI Associate and prominent Thai businessman Jingjai Hanchanlash, Robyn Fila and CAPI friend and Asian business consultant Paul Stinson outside the University Club following a talk by Dr. Hanchanlash on Thailand’s role in ASEAN, 2018.

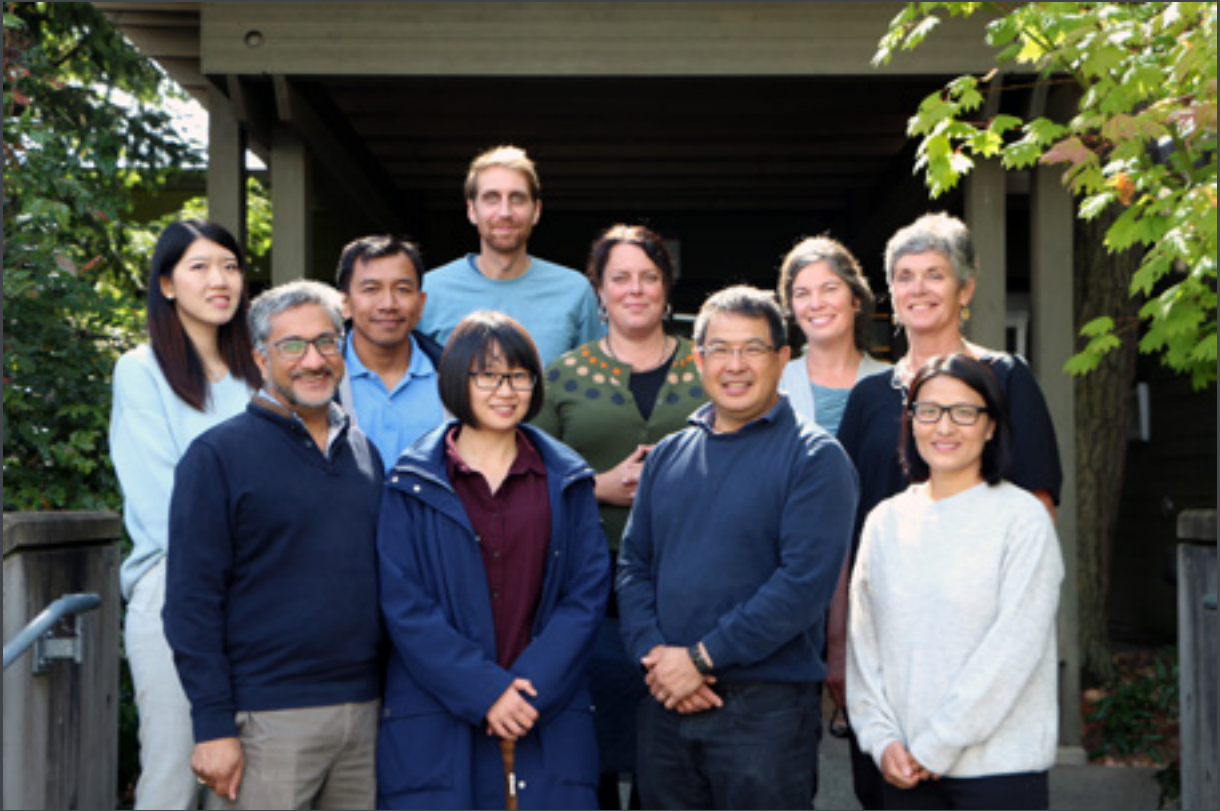


In 2018, CAPI Senior Research Fellow Neilesh Bose (UVic History; second from left, above) brought his “Global South Colloquium” (GSC) program under the CAPI banner, which seeks to “centre the Global South into ongoing conversations about the making of the modern world - a focus not divided by geography but placement within global histories and practices.”

The above photo was taken following a GSC talk by Ken Pomeranz, professor of Modern Chinese History, University of Chicago, September 5, 2018, titled “Beyond the “Great Divergence” Debate: What Have We Learned About the Origins of Modern Economic Growth?”



CAPI Senior Research Fellow and former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos Phil Calvert introduces a panel on “Accountability for Human Rights Violations: Perspectives on Myanmar, North Korea, and Beyond,” October 2018. The panel featured International human rights experts Dr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, a UN Independent Expert on violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and Mr. Phil Robertson, Deputy Director of Human Rights Watch’s Asia Division. The session was moderated by Dr. Susan Breau, UVic Dean of Law.



CAPI core staff, September 2018

Back row, left to right: Keren Huang, Program Coordinator, CAPI China Youth Leadership Program (CYLP), Kan Pong-boonjun, visiting QES-AS scholar / UVic Law PhD student, Jonathan Woods, CAPI Communications Officer, Robyn Fila, Internship Program Manager, Katie Dey, Office Administrator, Helen Lansdowne, Associate Director.

Front row: Victor V. Ramraj, Director, Qian Liu, CAPI Event Coordinator and CYLP Program Assistant, Mike Abe, Landscapes of Injustice Project Manager, and Kezang Wangmo, Project Manager, Queen Elizabeth Advanced Scholars (QES-AS) Project.