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About the Centre for Global Studies...

In 1998, the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) at the University of Victoria opened its doors with a mission to conduct collaborative, policy-oriented inquiry into the impacts of globalization on a broad spectrum of inter-related issues encompassing international governance and finance, the environment, security, and sustainable development. Building on the university's existing base of interdisciplinary expertise, the Centre provides a vehicle for linking scholarship with the needs of policy-makers for concise and accessible information and analysis in response to the pressing challenges of global change.

The Centre has evolved rapidly to establish an impressive program of international research and development assistance activity. Through its innovative "centre of centres" model, the CFGS provides infrastructure and administrative support to a diverse group of associates, who operate within the following seven core focus areas:

- Division of Globalization and Governance
- International Institute for Child Rights and Development
- Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium
- Division of Technology and International Development
- International Women's Rights Project
- Canada-Iraq Marshlands Project
- Federalism and Domestic Multilevel Governance

To complement these core activities, CFGS has developed and maintains an extensive network of international partners with whom it collaborates on a project-to-project basis.

The Centre for Global Studies is financed by revenues from an endowment fund, as well as by grants from an impressive number of public and private funding sources. The latter, in particular, acts as a clear "market test" of the relevance and high quality of CFGS' work.



Vision...

Our vision is a global society that is sustainable secure and equitable.

Strategic Approaches...

- Bring together policy-makers, academics, the private sector and civil society to address the challenges of globalization
- Engage the public by promoting awareness of global issues
- Propose appropriate policy responses
- Develop a “centre of centres” model for supporting innovative globalization research
- Establish and maintain a network of counterpart international institutions engaged in cutting edge research on global issues.

Mission...

Advance understanding and action on major global issues by civil society, the private sector, governments, and international institutions. Through diverse research and international development activities, the Centre promotes collaborative policy solutions to the human, economic and environmental challenges posed by globalization.

Message from the Executive Director...



It is hard to believe that ten years have gone by since the Centre for Global Studies was created. Its original vision has been affirmed. We are living in an increasingly interdependent, unstable world, and therefore we need better forms and practices of international governance and cooperation. At this critical juncture, our mission remains to have an impact -- in other words, not just to analyze but also to influence.

By necessity we are opportunists. We locate the key deadlocks threatening the global community. We raise money on the basis of that situational analysis, find and bring together the right people to develop solutions, and gain access to decision-makers so that our ideas can be implemented.

We are very conscious of the privilege of being situated in a university, and in particular to be part of the University of Victoria. We regularly include students and graduates, as well as faculty, in our work. We are always available to colleagues and students, and our own access to them in turn enriches and improves our output.

This last year has seen a very important development with the creation of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), which has been awarded just under \$100 million by the British Columbia Government. Under the CFGS umbrella, the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC), engaging significant stakeholders both in the Province and the region (in Canada and the US), had drawn the favourable attention of the provincial government. The organizational evolution which resulted in PICS demonstrates the value of the "centre of centres" approach as an incubator for generating inter-disciplinary progress in key issue areas.

CFGS will continue to assist in the successful launch of PICS. Concurrently, CFGS will lead efforts to construct a "global deal" that will result in limiting, then reducing, greenhouse gas emissions. In a related activity, a separate CFGS project is working on mid-term energy options. This work demands real-world expertise in managing complex, multi-partite negotiations. Central to success in this case is the direct engagement of heads of government, the full inclusion of more than just the G8 countries and a commitment to excellent, even-handed preparation. Our belief is that the existing United Nations negotiating procedure will not in itself be adequate.

Finally, I want to say a word about the work of the International Institute for Child Rights and Development. It is growing by leaps and bounds. I invite you to look at the section of this report that focuses on IICRD. What could be more important than the future of the youth of the world? And what could be more important than making a difference in their prospects? This is something I am confident we are doing in CFGS.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Gordon Smith

Division of Globalization and Governance

Director, Dr. Barry Carin
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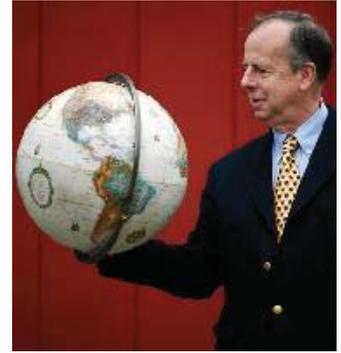
The Division of Globalization and Governance was established in 2000 to conduct critical examinations of the role of international institutions in the globalization process. In the present environment of accelerating interdependence, policy-makers face a hard dilemma: on the one hand is the widely recognized need for improved international mechanisms to guide the globalized system toward more equitable and sustainable ends; on the other, are the practical problems associated with achieving the inclusiveness and accountability necessary for ensuring legitimate and effective global institutions. Few would dispute the shortcomings of the current status quo, in which the G8 and the UN Security Council are seriously unrepresentative and apparently unreformable, and the World Bank and International Monetary Fund attempt to manage the global economic system while maintaining voting models and constitutive arrangements which are among the least democratic of the international institutions. At the same time, a review of governance models across the broader spectrum of international organizations reveals widely divergent practices and approaches to the question of what constitutes good governance at the global level.

In this program area, CFGS mobilizes a network of experts from more than 40 countries and coordinates a variety of best practice research and consultative processes in pursuit of solutions to the following questions:

- What types of institutions are needed at the global level and how can they be achieved?
- Do solutions lie in the creation of new organizations, or the reform of existing ones?
- How can global institutions, which are not elected by voters, best adhere to the democratic principles of transparency, accountability, and participation?



Projects



Breaking Global Deadlocks **Funding: \$440,000 in 2006-2007**

In 2006, Breaking Global Deadlocks was launched as the next phase of the L20 project, which comprised 21 meetings held between 2003 and 2006. Those meetings undertook a detailed examination of the proposal to expand the G8 as an international problem solving mechanism. Breaking Global Deadlocks was a quasi-simulation exercise, established by CFGS in partnership with The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), designed to field test the effectiveness of a more representative leaders' forum using the climate change deadlock as an example. Three preparatory meetings were held in Beijing, Waterloo and Paris. These meetings were attended by prominent individuals (including former leaders, sherpas, and deputy ministers) from the countries identified as potential members of a new leaders' group (the G8 countries plus China, Brazil, India, South Africa, Egypt and Mexico). A Grand Bargain was produced in May 2007 as an output from these meetings identifying draft country positions on climate change/energy security and the basic elements that could be included in a package deal to be negotiated by leaders. The Grand Bargain focuses on six elements: targets, markets, fiscal measures, research, technology transfer and infrastructure. The Breaking Global Deadlocks phase concluded in September 2007.

Widening and Deepening Global Governance **Funding: Centre for International Governance Innovation- \$300,000** **International Development Research Centre- \$300,000**

Breaking Global Deadlocks created the backbone for summit reform and paved the way for Widening and Deepening Global Governance, which commenced in September 2007. This new phase focused on expanding research results and increasing international support for those findings. Five meetings were held focusing on different target groups, including: organizations with policy research capacity, senior global opinion leaders, print and broadcast media leaders in key countries, and influential advisers to the US presidential candidates in both political parties. Meetings took place in Poets Cove (Pender Island), New York, Waterloo (CIGI 2008), Japan, and Burrowing Owl (Oliver, BC). The meetings resulted in the publishing of reports and concise papers, as well as a climate change package ("The Deal") which an expanded group of leaders (e.g. the G8+5) could be reasonably expected to promote.



Modernizing the G8 Summit Funding: 750,000 in 2008-2009

Modernizing the G8 Summit began in March 2008 and is scheduled to run until December 2009. The project will build on research results from the Widening and Deepening and Breaking Global Deadlocks phases. The objective continues to be promoting innovation in the international governance system to address a host of global problems, including but not limited to climate change. The major emerging economies -- China, India, Mexico, Brazil and South Africa -- must be full participants in key agenda setting bodies if international governance mechanisms are to be effective.

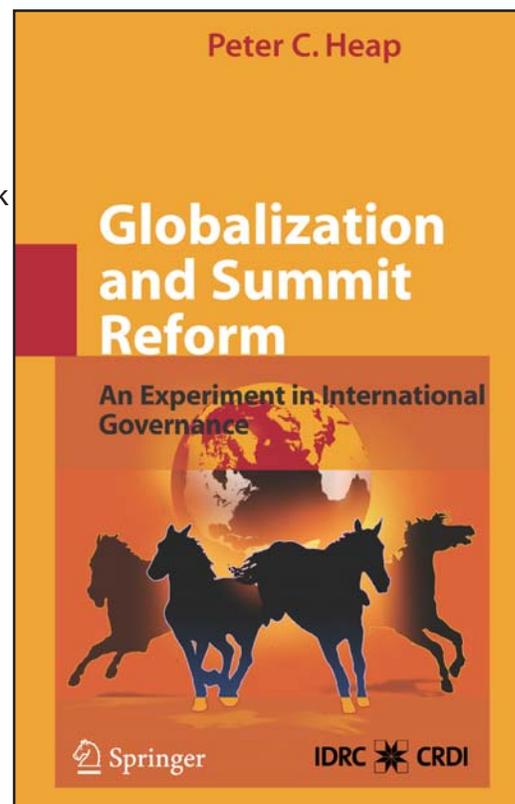
***Globalization and Summit Reform: An Experiment in International Governance* by Senior Research Associate, Peter Heap**

Peter Heap chronicles the L20 Project, an international mobilization of practical experience and specialized knowledge aimed at providing practical options for improving global governance. He recounts the origins and outcomes of the project, a three-year effort to determine

whether carefully focused and prepared meetings of a representative group of government leaders could successfully overcome political deadlocks preventing the resolution of critical global issues. The results of this pragmatically oriented research point to innovative approaches to international decision-making. The book features a Foreword by Dr. Gordon Smith, and an Afterword by the Right Honourable Paul Martin, former Prime Minister of Canada.

Book available at:
<http://www.springer.com/economics/policy/book/978-0-387-76531-0>

See www.l20.org for more info on the above projects.



Low Carbon Futures

Following an initial SSHRC-inspired framing meeting at UVIC in October 2005 to explore social challenges of transition to a low carbon society, an ambitious program of analytical support to a series of further workshops and broadly-inclusive senior working groups was designed. Over several years, these would address implementation of national and provincial initiatives linked to the global discussions described. A second workshop, on sustainable energy policy, was organized and hosted by the Lawrence Centre of the University of Western Ontario in October 2006. Unfortunately proposals for long-term program funding have been unsuccessful and the project is presently in abeyance. The year 2007 saw completion of three 'Evergreen' briefing papers sponsored by the Government of British Columbia, and preliminary planning for a 2008 summer workshop designed and organized by CFGS External Associate Ted Parson of the University of Michigan. Background on the project is accessible at <http://www.globalcentres.org/projects/lo-c.php>; information on the 2008 meeting can be found at <http://www.globalcentres.org/projects/thelonghaul.php>.

Ocean Governance and Community Based Resource Management

As part of an initiative to develop a CFGS program in Global Ecological Governance and Integrated Coastal and Oceans Management, Senior Research Associate Rod Dobell has been working on plans to link CFGS global networks to institutions for community-based management. For this purpose, CFGS partnered, through Dobell, with the UVIC POLIS Project on Ecological Governance, the Maritime Awards Society of Canada (MASC), the Institute for Coastal Resources at Vancouver Island University and federal and provincial departments to organize two small workshops during the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

The first, on Regional Oceans Governance, was held in June 2007 at Dunsmuir Lodge to explore the experience in North America, particularly on the West Coast, with respect to local realization of global or national covenants and legislation relating to oceans governance. The second, held at UVIC in February 2008, addressed implementation of the UNEP Global Program of Action on Land-Based Discharges into the Oceans (and the associated National Program of Action) through local initiatives dealing with wastewater, and specifically with respect to the highly contested question of sewage treatment in the Capital Regional District around Victoria. Presentations and background materials are accessible on the MASC website at www.maritimeawards.ca.

Fragile and Failed States

In March 2007, Derek Fraser hosted a conference on "The Coordination of International Post-Disaster and Peacebuilding Missions" with roughly 30 participants in attendance including representatives of governments, international organizations, NGOs, and academics. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to improve international post-disaster and peacebuilding missions at the national and international level.

Ukraine Public Broadcasting

This ongoing project is in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation. It seeks to introduce the Ukraine to a CBC-type of public broadcaster as well as an independent regulatory agency similar to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission. The project is currently seeking funding from private foundations with an interest in supporting free and independent media.

International Institute for Child Rights & Development (IICRD)

Executive Director, Dr. Philip Cook
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Project Officer, Robert Parker, (until December 2007)
YouthScape Project Assistant, Jennifer Wheeler
Project Officer, Cheryl Heykoop
Community Youth Facilitator, Jorge Salazar
Administrative Director, Lorelle Posten (until June 2007)

IICRD is a Canadian leader in community-based, national, regional and international applications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). These applications are unique in that they provide a “culturally grounded” approach to children’s rights that build on children’s natural resiliency (strengths) as well as the strengths of families, communities and culture.



Projects

International Child Protection and Rights Consortium (ICPRC): Innovative Rights Based Approaches to Child Protection Funding: Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA), Innocenti Research Center- \$180,000.00

IICRD is the lead organization of the International Child Protection and Rights Consortium (ICPRC): a core group of researchers from the University of Victoria, Oxford University, University of California and UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre exploring the development of a new child protection paradigm.

Child Rights in Juvenile Justice: Child Rights and Participation Training in the Russian Federation Funding: CIDA- \$10,400

The Improving Services to Youth at Risk in the Russian Federation Project (YAR Project) is a four-year multi-dimensional project led by the Association of Universities and Colleges Canada (AUCC) facilitating the social integration of youth at risk and their families. IICRD has shared its child rights and youth participation expertise with juvenile justice stakeholders in Russia, including government representatives, psychologists, judges, front-line youth workers, youth leaders, and correctional staff.

Ministry of Children and Family Development Transformation Task Team Funding: British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development- \$102,000

IICRD Executive Director Philip Cook has been seconded to the British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development for 1/3 of his time to support a four year province wide transformation process led by the Deputy Minister. Philip Cook will be co-chairing the Transformation Task Team, leading a province wide assessment of What's Working for Children and Families, and assisting with a regional Indigenous service delivery plan in Northeast British Columbia.

Hear the Child: Supporting Meaningful Child Participation in Family Justice Processes Funding: Law Foundation of BC - \$50,000

Building on Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and relevant British Columbia (BC) law, IICRD project research discovered that children are being heard in only a small number of BC family court (custody/access and child protection) processes, and further, they rarely receive information to explain the court process. To help overcome these challenges, IICRD worked in partnership with dedicated family justice stakeholders in Kelowna to successfully pilot the Hear the Child interview practice, enabling children to share their views with decision makers, if they wish to do so, in family custody/access cases. IICRD is working on the project in partnership with representatives from key stakeholder groups involved in BC family justice processes such as lawyers, judges, governments, and child advocates, as well as the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC.



YouthScape – Community Based. Youth Paced.

Funding: \$212,000 J.W McConnell Foundation and United Way of Calgary and Area

IICRD has been working with the J. W. McConnell Family Foundation and the National Advisory Committee to implement a national initiative focusing on engaging young people as a process of creating more resilient communities and fostering innovative change. Through YouthScape's 'place-based' approach, the initiative strives to enhance social opportunities for young people through innovative program, policy and advocacy networks, and contribute to sustainable change through youth-led initiatives, action-based research, and capacity building. This is a four year project working in partnership with Heartwood Institute for Community Youth Development, Halifax; Boscoville 2000, Montreal; Action for Neighbourhood Change, Thunder Bay; Children for Change, Saskatoon; Child and Youth Friendly Calgary, Calgary.

Child Rights Education for Professionals (CRED-PRO)

Funding: The Oak Foundation- \$120,000

This is an international initiative designed to develop, expand, and provide educational human rights programming for professionals working with and for children across the globe in partnership with relevant professions and interested Non-Governmental and Governmental Organizations. The work of CRED-PRO is intended to foster an epidemic of respect for children, their needs, their rights, and their best interests among and through professionals who influence the lives of children, their families and communities. It is a 10 year project with many partnerships.

Child Protection Partnership (CPP)

Funding: CIDA- \$150,000

A new international partnership that combines Canadian leadership in child rights protection, law enforcement and international development with the software expertise of Microsoft will assist agencies in developing countries to fight online child exploitation. Over the next three years, CPP will draw on IICRD's human-rights based development approach to equip the law enforcement sector and other supporting services in developing countries to combat online child exploitation. The program will assist policy-makers at all levels to enforce human rights legislation and the rule of law as well as increase children and their families' access to services and legal protection. This project is in partnership with the Microsoft Corporation, the RCMP National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre, and UNICEF.

Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC)

PCIC Director, Senior Scientist, Dave R. Rodenhuis, Ph.D.
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Hydrologist, Katrina E. Bennett, M.Sc.
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River Forecast Centre Hydrologist, Markus Schnorbus, M.Sc.
Forestry Researcher, Aquila D. Flower, M.Sc. Candidate
Computer Support, David Bronaugh, B.Sc.



PCIC's mission is to stimulate collaboration and build capacity to produce practical climate information for education, policy, and decision-making in the Pacific Northwest. The Consortium informs adaptation in both operational activities and long term planning in order to reduce vulnerability to climate variability, climate change, and extreme weather events. It bridges the gap from research to applications by means of a multi-organizational Consortium supported by a core staff of multidisciplinary climate experts.

Projects

Operations and Project Support

Funding: BC Ministry of Environment- \$312,000

In 2007/2008 the BC Ministry of Environment committed to provide funds to support ongoing existing PCIC projects and operations. PCIC operates as a consortium of Government, Industry and Academic stakeholders. The Ministry of Environment funding allows PCIC to leverage funds and expand existing projects. Specific products created as a result of this funding include the online Regional Analysis Tool available at: <http://www.pacificclimate.org/tools/data/>.

Hydrologic Impacts

Funding: BC Hydro- \$200,000

The objective is to assess the impacts of climate change on water resources for hydroelectric power generation in BC and neighboring watersheds. The strategy includes a program of applied research with four projects including: Climate Overview, Diagnostic Hydrologic Modeling, Regional Climate Model Diagnostics and Synthesis and Applications. The Climate Overview is a foundation for subsequent projects. This project has been initiated with a proposal and a funded contract. A workshop has been held, and a draft report has been written. The strategy for subsequent projects is to utilize existing hydrologic research models and quantitative, diagnostic tools that have been developed in a research environment, or developed in other regions or for other applications, and apply them to sub-regions and watersheds of British Columbia.

Regional Climate Impacts

Funding: Yukon Government, NRCAN, City of Whitehorse, BC Ministry of Agriculture- \$69,500

The Regional Climate Impacts projects provide information on past and potential future climates of regions in British Columbia and Yukon. Past climate trends are based on long-term records from Environment Canada stations. Future climate projections are based on Regional and Global climate models. The purpose of these projects is to provide regional planners, engineers, and managers with information on how climate change will impact climate and hydrology. This information will help them develop and implement adaptation strategies for each region.

Forest Pests

Funding: BC Ministry of Forests and Range- \$88,090

The Forest Science Program project examines the impact of projected climate change on spruce and Douglas fir forests in British Columbia. High-resolution downscaled databases of historical climate and projected climate change have been created for use in ecological and economic modeling. Bioclimatic envelope modeling uses historical climate data to model a species' spatial distribution. Bioclimatic envelope models are being used to define present and future climatic suitability for Douglas fir, Engelmann spruce, hybrid spruce, and white spruce. These tree species are susceptible to attacks by western spruce budworm, which infests Douglas-fir, and spruce bark beetle, which infests all three spruce species. The relationships between historical climate data and outbreaks of these forest pest species are examined to enable modeling of the impact of projected climate change on outbreak frequency and magnitude. Bio-economic modeling is used to determine the economic impact of the effects of climate change on forest health and to assist forest management decision-making.

ClimateBC

Funding: BC Ministry of Forests and Range- \$ 43,000

ClimateBC is an empirical downscaling tool that has been widely used in BC. PCIC has been working with the developers of the tool at the University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, and BC Ministry of Forests to provide access to a high resolution gridded dataset created using the ClimateBC software. Additionally, PCIC is providing the latest climate model scenarios for incorporation into the next version of ClimateBC.



Division of Technology and International Development

Director, Dr. J. L. Littlepage, PhD
Associate Director, Patricia Summers, MSc, PMP
Research Associate, Steven Cross, PhD, Dept. of Geography
Research Associate, Mark Flaherty, PhD, Dept of Geography

The mission of this Division is to encourage the participation of University of Victoria faculty in international development projects dealing with global issues of governance, security and sustainability, and to provide technical services and assistance to members of the University community engaged in the implementation of international development projects.

Projects

Southern Ocean Education and Development Project – SOED Funding: Canadian International Development Agency- \$107,932

Technology and International Development is the lead organization in a tri-lateral community development project which improves the capacity of Mozambique to educate and promote marine sciences while sustainably developing marine resources. The project is improving food security and reducing poverty in rural coastal communities through the provision of equitable community based training programs and establishment of micro-enterprises. This project is in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique), Ministry of Fisheries - Department of Aquaculture (Mozambique), Federal University of Santa Catarina (Brazil), and the State Extension Agency - EPAGRI (Brazil).

Coastal Community Development in Bahia and Pernambuco, Brazil

World Fisheries Trust and the Division of Technology and International Development at CFGS are co-managing the Knowledge Exchange for Equity Promotion (KEEP) project in close partnership with the Federal Special Secretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Brasilia. The project focuses on improving food security and providing employment to impoverished fishing communities in the northeast of Brazil. The project is increasing the capacity of government and communities to co-manage their marine resources, providing the technology necessary to establish alternate sources of income and addressing public health issues through improved product processing. This project is in partnership with World Fisheries Trust (Lead - Canada), Special Secretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Brazil), State extension agency Bahia Pesca (Brazil), Federal University of Bahia (Brazil), Federal Rural University of Pernambuco (Brazil), Larvi Aquaculture Ltda. (Brazil), Federal University of Santa Catarina (Brazil), Vancouver Island University, and the University of Manitoba.

International Women's Rights Project

Director, Susan Bazilli
Student, Chloe Raxel
Student, Kate MacDonald

IWRP was founded in 1998 to strengthen the capacity of women's NGOs and to influence the implementation of international human rights standards, for the benefit of women, through research and evidence-based advocacy. The IWRP is currently affiliated with the Centre for Global Studies and operates on a project-by-project basis, with funding from private and governmental sources.

Projects

Lived Rights Lecture/ Launch of Canada's World **Funding: UVic President's Office- \$3,500**

The annual Lived Rights Lecture (LRL) is given by an internationally recognized human rights advocate. It was held in January 2008 and the speaker was Shauna Sylvester. Sylvester chose the LRL to launch Canada's World (CW), a national initiative engaging Canadians to rewrite the story of Canada's role in the world. IWRP hosted several small focus groups on campus on Canada's World and IWRP student Chloe Raxlen coordinated the gender focus of CW.

The Granny Project **Funding- routed through IWRP-SA**

The Granny Project was launched in Johannesburg March 2008. The African premiere of the Great Granny Revolution, a documentary on African grandmothers caring for their aids orphaned grandchildren, in partnership with Canadian grandmothers. The city of Johannesburg Social Development passes policy on support for grandmother-headed households based on IWRP advocacy.



Access to Justice for Rural Women Funding-routed through IWRP SA

Access to Justice for Rural Women is a two year project focusing on increasing access to justice for rural women in Kgomo-Kgomo in South Africa's North West Province. The project is funded by USAID and the Canadian High Commission through the Senakangwedi local partner.

Constitute!

Constitute is an educational DVD on constitution building and law reform in Canada, South Africa, Rwanda and Afghanistan, being created in partnership with the UVic Faculty of Education, Faculty of Law, and the BC Teacher's Federation. This project is currently in progress.

Open Society Institute

IWRP was contracted by the Open Society Institute to undertake a review of human rights documentation software in the Philippines, Kenya, Burma, Thailand, Hong Kong and South Africa.

IWRP Founder and former Co-Director Marilou McPhedran became the Chief Commissioner for the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission on January 1, 2008. Marilou McPhedran was appointed Principal of the Global College at the University of Winnipeg in June 2008.



Canada-Iraq Marshlands Initiative (CIMI)

Director, Dr. Steve Lonergan
Student, Celeste Dempster
Student, Keith Holmes
Student, Patrick Richmond
Funding: CIDA- \$2,000,000

The Canada-Iraq Marshlands Initiative (www.iraqimarshlands.com) is a project that links the University of Victoria, through the CFGS and the Institute for Dispute Resolution, with key university, government and tribal leaders in the southern Iraqi Marshes. The southern Iraqi Marshes are the largest wetlands in southwest Asia and have been recognized as one of the world's most exceptional ecosystems. Located just north of the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, they are considered by many to be the cradle of civilization and, quite possibly, the site of the biblical Garden of Eden. In 1988 an estimated 500,000 people lived in the Marshes. Between 1989 and 2003 there was a deliberate draining of the wetlands by the Iraqi government that resulted in significant ecological, social and economic impacts to the region. By 2000, the surface area of the Marshlands had been reduced to 14% of its original size and the human population declined to under 100,000. The international community and the Iraqi people have placed great emphasis on the restoration of the Iraqi Marshes as part of the overall reconstruction of Iraq. Canada is playing a major role in this effort through the CIMI project, and in addition to UVic, partners include the University of Waterloo, The Fraser Basin Council in Vancouver and various Iraqi institutions, including universities, governorate councils and the national Ministries of Water and Environment. The goal of the project is to help strengthen the social, environmental, economic and institutional bases of southern Iraq to facilitate further restoration and development of the region. The project - which runs until at least 2010- is funded by CIDA and led by Dr. Steve Lonergan (CFGS and Department of Geography).

Former Extent of Marshlands



Federalism and Domestic Multilevel Governance

Director, Dr. Harvey Lazar
Student, Tina Parbhakar
Student, Edward Pullman

Projects

International Health Regulations

Senior Research Associate, Dr. Harvey Lazar

Funding: No funding through CFGS (Queens University)

The project is co-led by Harvey Lazar (Co-Principal Investigator). It is examining the extent to which federal countries have governance systems in place to successfully implement new International Health Regulations that came into force in 2007. A key event was a September 2006 international workshop with high level public health officials from large federations (including US, Russia, India, Australia, and Canada), from two unitary states for comparative purposes (China and France), senior officials from the World Health Organization and an expert on public health in Africa. In 2007-08, the project concentrated on developing and expanding its website (<http://www.queensu.ca/iigr/conf/Arch/06/06-2.html>) as a source of basic information relating to the challenges that federal countries must overcome, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, conference presentations, and writing for the popular media with a view to enhancing public awareness of the obligations that state parties have assumed for managing and controlling communicable infectious diseases. One specific focus of these publications was to bridge the gap between developed and developing countries since the latter frequently lack the basic capacity to meet their obligations relating to disease surveillance and reporting. Funding has been through the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Canadian Federalism and Public Health

Funding: No funding through CFGS (Queens University)

This project is co-funded by CIHR and Health Canada and Lazar is Co-Principal Investigator. It focuses on mapping the gaps and overlaps between orders of government in Canada in such areas as drinking water, air quality, immunization, food safety, and blood supply. The output will be a series of peer-reviewed papers by team members and an edited volume, for which Lazar is co-editor.

Cross-Provincial Comparison of Health Care Policy Reform in Canada **Funding: No funding through CFGS (Queen's University)**

This is a multi-year project on the barriers to health care reform in Canada co-funded by CIHR and Health Canada. Lazar is Principal Investigator. A Cross-Provincial Comparison of Health Care Policy Reform in Canada is based on 30 case studies (complete) with the same six health reform issues studied in five provinces. Early research results were presented at academic conferences and current work is focused on extracting key results.

Canadian Fiscal Federalism

Funding: Canadian Millennium Scholarship Fund- \$25,000

This theme entailed different research activities. The largest was focused on examining the extent to which specific-purpose cash transfers from the federal government to the provinces resulted in reductions in provincial spending for the same purposes. It was supported by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. It resulted in a peer-reviewed research paper released in 2007-2008 and a book chapter to be published in 2008-09.

A second activity entailed writing a chapter on Canadian Fiscal Federalism for a forthcoming Oxford University Press textbook on Canadian Politics. A third was writing a peer-reviewed paper on the effects of fiscal federalism on relations between provinces in the Canadian West and Quebec.

Comparative Studies of Cities in Multilevel Governance Systems

Funding: SSHRC (University of Western Ontario)

This was the last stage in a multi-year project comparing the role of cities in multilevel systems of governance in 10 different countries. This resulted in an edited volume co-edited by Lazar.



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Financial Report 2007-2008:

A. Accounts 2007/08	Revenues	
	Uvic Endowment	\$223,112
	Office Expense Contributions	\$50,000
	Total Revenue	\$273,112
	Expenditures	
	Salaries and Benefits	\$222,017
	Operational Costs	\$48,284
	Total Disbursements	\$270,301
	Operating Surplus	\$2,811

B. Project Funds Raises 2007-2008		
Widening and Deepening	IDRC	\$300,000
	CIGI	\$300,000
ICPRC: Innovaativr Rights Based Approaches to Child Protection	CIDA	\$180,000
Child Rights in Juvenile Justice	CIDA	\$10,400
Ministry of Children and Family Development Transformation Task Team	BC Ministry of Children and Family Development	\$102,000
Hear the Child	Law Foundation of BC	\$50,000
Youthscape	J.W McConnell Family Foundation and United Way of Calgary and Area	\$212,000
Child Rights Education for Professionals	The Oak Foundation	\$120,000
Child Protection Partnership	CIDA	\$150,000
PCIC Operations and Project Support	BC Ministry of Environment	\$312,000
Hydrologic Impacts	BC Hydro	\$200,000
Regional Climate Impacts	Yukon Government, NRCAN, City of Whitehorse, BC Ministry of Agriculture	\$69,500
Forest Pests	BC Ministry of Forests	\$88,090
Climate BC	BC Ministry of Forests and Range	\$43,000
Southern Ocean Education and Development Project	CIDA	\$107,932
Lived Rights Lecture Series	Uvic President's Office	\$3,500
Canada-Iraq Marshlands	CIDA	\$2,000,000
Canadian Fiscal Federlism	Canadian Millennium Scholarship Fund	\$25,000
Total Project Funds		\$4,273,422



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