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I began my one-year term as Acting Director of the Institute of Asian Research on July 1, 2008, immediately after my predecessor, Professor Pitman Potter, resigned from IAR's directorship. In this message I would like to report some of the noteworthy activities and events that have taken place recently at IAR. As Professor Potter reported in his message last year, IAR became a member of UBC's newly created College for Interdisciplinary Studies (CFIS), which is a Faculty-level academic unit of The University of British Columbia. CFIS now occupies the first floor offices of the C.K. Choi Building and took over the space management function for the building. The governance of IAR is now streamlined as an academic unit within CFIS. The composition of IAR's decision body, the IAR Council, has also changed in recent years, with more weight being given to IAR-hired faculty members as IAR continues to hire its own professors. The weight within the IAR Council of IAR's five regional research Centres (for China, India and South Asia, Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia), each of which is represented by its Centre Director in the Council, has decreased accordingly. These regional Centres have always provided a place for people interested in research on Asia from all academic units on the campus. However, facing IAR's new institutional context, our regional research Centres' statuses are no longer quite what they once were. This issue may need to receive our attention in the near future so that IAR can continue to be an attractive centre of research on Asia for all people across campus.

A number of our recent academic staff hires at IAR have been at the junior level. As they develop their academic careers at UBC over time, they also face UBC’s tenure and promotion processes. A number of our junior colleagues are just going through such processes. I am also pleased to report that Professor Milind Kandlikar was granted tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor as of July 1, 2008. On the hiring side, we are very lucky to have been able to hire Professor Jessica Main from McGill University, a new faculty member appointed as the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society. Jessica's term at UBC begins on July 1, 2009. Jessica holds a joint appointment with the Department of Asian Studies, and IAR will serve as her primary affiliation. Three of our colleagues, Professors Timothy Brook, Julian Dierkes and Paul Evans, have been on leave from UBC this year. They will be back at UBC in the next academic year.

Significant parts of IAR's operations rely on work by members of IAR committees. I thank members of all IAR committees. I wish to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, that the following committees have worked hard to cope with this year's especially heavy load: IAR's Appointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee (Tim Cheek [Chair], Timothy Brook, Abidin Kusno, Milind Kandlikar, Ilan Vertinsky); Building Committee (Alison Bailey [Chair], Julian Dierkes, Namin Hur, Abidin Kusno, Marietta Lao, Masao Nakamura, Jonathan Hayes); and Publication Committee (Hyung Gu Lynn [Chair], Tim Cheek, Rick Barichello, Masao Nakamura, Natsuko Kobayashi). I would also like to thank particularly Professor Bailey who together with Marietta Lao, has had to deal with difficult issues involving scarce space availability facing IAR on a continuing basis.

In our publication activity, Professor Lynn has been acting as the Editor of our own academic journal Pacific Affairs while its Editor, Professor Cheek, continues to serve as CFIS Associate Principal. We thank both Professors Cheek and Lynn for their valuable service.

Our Teaching Committee, consisting of Professor Michael Leaf (Chair), all IAR members who teach in our MAPPS program and Nilda Oñate (MAPPS program secretary), has been able to maintain a high level of standard for our MAPPS program, despite significantly reduced budgetary conditions for the program. We thank both Professor Leaf and Ms. Oñate for their service. Professor Leaf plans to be on a sabbatical leave from July 1, 2009. Professor Julian Dierkes will be taking over Professor Leaf’s position as
Chair of the Teaching Committee and Graduate Advisor of the MAPPS program as of July 1, 2009.

In our office, Kerry Ross, substituting for Karen Jew who went on parental leave, has joined our other office staff, Marietta Lao, Rozalia Maté and Judy Wang. We thank them for dealing with the ever increasing workload at IAR successfully. Thanks to our office staff’s diligent work, the IAR administrative office continues to operate efficiently.

As reported elsewhere in this Annual Report, members of the IAR community, including members of our regional research Centres and research Programs, continue to be productive in research and conference and other dissemination activities. While it is not possible to list all deserving contributions, I would like to congratulate Professor Potter, in particular, for his successful grant application to the Major Collaborative Research Initiative program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. This project on Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution, a continuation from its successful Phase I project, involves as its researchers faculty members from IAR and other academic departments of UBC, as well as researchers from many foreign universities and other institutions. The project will play an important role as an Institute-wide research activity for some years to come.

Finally, on behalf of the Institute of Asian Research, I would like to thank all members of the IAR community on the campus, as well as our friends and benefactors of IAR outside the campus, for their continuing support.

Masao Nakamura
Acting Director, Institute of Asian Research
(July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

Professor and Konwakai Japan Research Chair,
Institute of Asian Research and Sauder School of Business, The University of British Columbia
April 2008 – Under the Program on Buddhism and Contemporary Society lecture series, Professor Robert Thurman, America’s leading expert on Tibetan Buddhism, gave public talks on how Buddhism intersects with contemporary socio-economic and political life in Asia and throughout the world.

July 1, 2008 – Pitman Potter, IAR Director for the last eight years, stepped down due to health reasons. He continues to be affiliated with IAR as the Hong Kong Bank Chair in Asian Research. Masao Nakamura, Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research, took over IAR’s leadership for one year while a search is conducted for a new Director.

August 2008 – Search for the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation (TLKY) Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society began and was conducted over several months. The search process culminated with the appointment of Dr. Jessica Main who will officially start her term in July 2009. She will lead the research initiatives and lecture series of the Program on Buddhism and Contemporary Society as well as teach courses in IAR and the Department of Asian Studies.

Fall 2008 – Members of the Centre for Korean Research collaborated on a grant application to the Academy of Korean Studies for a research project that will span several years on a set of three themes—Korean virtue in tradition, Korean wisdom in practice, and Korean sensitivity in expression. These three themes, which require a transdisciplinary and transboundary approach, encompass both pre-modern and modern periods, and are interconnected in their function. This research grant was subsequently awarded to UBC.

November 26, 2008 – CSEAR organized and hosted a special workshop entitled “The General Election (Pemilu) and Democracy in the New Indonesia” concerning the 2009 general election in Indonesia. Speakers from Simon Fraser University, University of Chicago, Airlangga University (Indonesia), and UBC, including a special panel of UBC Indonesian students and alumni from Greater Vancouver, presented their perspectives.

November 14-17, 2008 – In commemoration of the 35th anniversary of Canada-Mongolia relations, the Program on Inner Asia hosted an international research conference entitled “Contemporary Mongolia - Transitions, Development and Social Transformations.” Co-hosted by the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, the four-day conference was made possible by generous funding from various business and non-governmental organizations.
January 2009 – Joining the Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program as the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation (TLKY) Visiting Scholar for the academic year 2008-09 was Dr. Gustaaf Houtman. During his appointment term from January to May, he taught an introductory undergraduate course in the Department of Asian Studies and a graduate seminar course under the Master of Arts – Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPPS) Program.

March 8-10, 2009 – The Festival of Kabir was held in celebration of the 15th-century mystic/weaver/poet Kabir, who sang of the ultimate and challenged the people of his time—as well as today’s society—to rethink the religious and other boundaries that bind and not divide us. This event was jointly organized and hosted by the Centre for India and South Asia Research, and the Departments of Asian Studies, Art History, Visual Arts and Theory, and Theatre and Film at UBC.

March 18, 2009 – The Centre for Japanese Research celebrated the 80th anniversary of Japan-Canada relations by sponsoring a talk by Professor Charles McMillan in UBC Robson Square on the subject of the past and future of Japan-Canada business relations. To commemorate the generous donation given by the Konwakai Foundation in 1992, a special lunch was hosted, followed by a ceremony opening the Konwakai Meeting Room on the second floor of the C.K. Choi Building.

March 19-21, 2009 – “The Changing Face of Asia: Re-emergence or Continuity?” was the central theme of IAR’s sixth annual graduate student conference. The three-day event brought together graduate students from other departments in UBC, University of Victoria, and University of Washington. Professor David Ownby from the University of Montreal delivered the keynote address.

May 4, 2009 – Centre for Chinese Research hosted a workshop on “Politics, Memory, and Dissent: May Fourth, June Fourth, and Beyond,” in recognition of significant anniversaries in China. This moving and intellectually stimulating event was co-sponsored by St. John’s College, the IAR, and the Department of History at UBC.
On its ninth year of offering, the MAPPS program is thankful for the support of alumni, current students, faculty, and staff who have played key roles in its success. In the second term of the Winter Session, MAPPS received Dr. Gustaaf Houtman as visiting scholar for the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation in Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program. Dr. Houtman is currently the editor of Anthropology Today at the Royal Anthropological Institute in London. The course he taught focused on Burma, an important country in Southeast Asia—although rarely addressed in courses or research in Canadian academia.

As in the past, MAPPS students organized the Annual IAR Graduate Student Conference on the theme of “The Changing Face of Asia: Re-emergence or Continuity?” This year’s highlight was the presence of Dr. David Ownby, Director of the Centre for East Asian Studies at the University of Montreal, who also gave the keynote speech. For more details on this annual conference, please refer to page 25 for the article written by Catherine Côté and Martin Rioux-Lefebvre, MAPPS students and members of the Conference Organizing Committee.

During the current academic year, financial assistance in the form of scholarships was made possible thanks to the Power Corporation of Canada, The Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation, and the Choi Scholarship funded by the Institute of Asian Research. To further the support of students’ graduate studies, the Institute granted research assistantship through its research centres to several MAPPS students.

In November 2008, ten MAPPS students were awarded their degrees. Among the degree recipients, one started a Ph.D. program at the University of Toronto last September, and two others were admitted to pursue Ph.D. programs in the University of Edinburgh and the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom this year. Another MAPPS graduate won the Canada-China Scholars Exchange Program to study Chinese nanotechnology policies at Peking University. Four others are currently working full-time either in China or Canada. One graduate from the combined MAPPS/LL.B. program is currently completing his articling for the Law degree component. Lastly, one graduate returned to the United States and is currently working as a consultant for a non-profit hospital, the Group Health Cooperative in Seattle, Washington. In the fall, this graduate will start post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford in the U.K. Two other recent MAPPS alumni landed jobs in British Columbia; one is working for a private company in Richmond, and the other is working at Douglas College in New Westminster.

In the 2009 spring convocation event, five MAPPS students were awarded their degrees. Two of the students received job offers to continue the work initiated during their internships. One student started his Ph.D. at UBC last January and another is going to pursue his doctoral degree in the U.S.

The IAR Teaching Committee unanimously approved Ms. Noushin Khushrushahi’s demonstrated excellence in her practicum report entitled “Rights, Realities, and Red Tape: an Analysis of the Saheli Sangh Project in India,” and Ms. Thien Phan’s demonstrated excellence in her thesis research entitled “Social Relationships of Migrants Living in Dormitories in the Process of Urbanization: A Focus on Binh Tri Dong, Vietnam.”

The Hung Hing Ying (HHY) Practicum 2009 scholarship has been awarded to a MAPPS student with a placement at the Global Environmental
Institute (GEI) in Beijing, China. GEI proposed that the student work on its Integrated Policy Project (IPP), which examines best practices for Chinese multinational firms abroad. The remaining HHY Practicum 2009 scholarships will be announced early in the summer.

In July 2009, Dr. Michael Leaf, faculty associate member of IAR and Associate Professor at the School of Community and Regional Planning, will be taking a 12-month sabbatical leave. We want to thank him for his commitment as MAPPS Graduate Advisor and IAR Teaching Committee Chair for the past three semesters.

Recipients of the HHY Practicum 2008 scholarship were placed at the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) in Geneva, Switzerland; the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) in India; the Eurasia Foundation in Almaty, Kazakhstan; and CARE in Nepal.

Here are the brief summaries of their work and experiences:

**Ms. Ravina Bains**


United Nations International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) was founded to help human rights defenders around the world access the international and United Nations human rights system. ISHR’s vision is the “development, strengthening, effective use and implementation of international and regional standards and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights.” My position with ISHR was as a UN monitoring intern. I was responsible for following the Mandate on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Philippines, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the eighth session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. I was given access to all UN meetings regarding these issues and was responsible for following plenary and informal discussions. Consequently, I was required to draft daily policy briefs articulating the issues discussed at the meetings. These daily briefs were published and distributed to NGOs in Geneva and in the field in order to keep all human rights defenders informed on the issues being discussed during the Council. I was also asked to draft an analytical piece on the eighth Council session. This analytical piece provides an overall picture of how topics were handled throughout
the Council sessions, in addition to comparing and contrasting the debates surrounding the Mandate during the eighth session with previous sessions of the Human Rights Council. My publications can be found at www.ishr.ch.

Through this opportunity, I was able to interact with ambassadors and UN officials, such as President Costea and Human Rights High Commissioner Louise Arbour. I learned about international diplomacy and the relationship between civil society and the UN. It was an amazing experience that was possible because of the support I received from the HHY Scholarship.

Ms. Margaret Skwara

Internship placement: Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia in Almaty, Kazakhstan, May-July 2008

My practicum placement was at a new destination for MAPPS students, the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) in Almaty, Kazakhstan. I was fortunate enough to be involved in an array of programs that EFCA operates, and was thus exposed to many aspects of NGO management. In the programs’ execution sphere, I was assigned as a contact point for energy companies wishing to facilitate internships for recent graduates of the Masters of Science in Environmental Management and Engineering (an EFCA project, aimed at training Kazakhstan’s future managers in the energy sector). I likewise coordinated an information gathering project, aimed at collecting youth statistics from Atyrau and Mangistau oblasts. Working with local agencies and databases, this activity sought to identify quantitative evidence for future grant writing. Moreover, I travelled to remote farming communities to monitor ecotourism programs, which are being implemented under the EFCA auspice. (The pristine nature of Kazakhstan allows farmers to supplement their income by providing the trickle of curious tourists accommodation and trekking guides. Often, the cash derived from this activity outweighs their crop revenue, ultimately raising their standard of living.) Lastly, I participated in Almaty working-group meetings aimed at assisting the Astana government on the development of corporate social responsibility guidelines. This was an especially interesting enterprise, since members from both the NGO and corporate energy sectors jointly participated in the policy-making dialogue. In the development sphere, alongside Kazakhstani colleagues, I helped to design a grant-request system for independent development projects. Since a direct funding request program was being phased out (and the Foundation nonetheless wished to maintain an “open door” for new project ideas), the new system necessitated that EFCA act as a direct link between donors and grant seekers. It needed to be transparent and required minimal human resources. Lastly, I researched new grant opportunities that EFCA was eligible to apply to.

My practicum helped me better understand the NGO industry. I learned about the realities of money flow activities from the donor to the recipient; about necessary deliberations and interested-actor consultations that are required with policy construction; and most importantly, the practicalities of social development in Kazakhstan.
Mr. Kulwindar Singh Parhar
Internship placement: UNICEF India/Knowledge Community on Children (KCCI), district of Krishnagiri, India and UNICEF India Country Office Summer Internship Programme 2008 in New Delhi, India, May-August 2008

The UNICEF internship offered an area of research, analysis, and documentation of field level intervention for children in a variety of areas. The theme was on interventions that promote social inclusion of otherwise marginalized or disadvantaged groups. The internship started in Delhi with UNICEF India orientation where graduate students from around the world had gathered. My placement was in South India examining “Out-of-School Children in Krishnagiri District” in the state of Tamil Nadu. The specific focus was on software developed by the District Collector of Krishnagiri to place children back into school. With the research framework from MAPPS and UNICEF, I departed with my group to South India where we were hosted by an NGO named SEARCH. The field work took us to the remote district of Krishnagiri. There we interviewed many stakeholders ranging from administrators, parents, children (school-going and out-of-school), teachers and volunteers to answer our research question regarding whether the software implemented by the local government level was socially inclusive. In the end, it seems that there is no straightforward answer to the question, but it cannot be denied that the software is socially inclusive in the sense that the software does not appear to discriminate against children or their families on the basis of caste, gender, mother language, or ability. With the research completed, recommendations were made that would strengthen the program and make it more viable for addressing the issue of out-of-school children in the long term.

Ms. Darlene P. Foote
Internship placement: National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in Nepal, August-October 2008

In August of 2008, I traveled to Nepal for my MAPPS practicum. The hosting organization of my practicum was the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in Nepal. NDI
MAPPS

By the end of the 22-day training course, WLA participants received their certificates and described how the training had given them the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate more actively in the constitution-making process.

NDI Nepal is an international non-profit, non-government organization (NGO) with a mission to expand and strengthen democracy. One of NDI Nepal's primary goals is to promote women's participation in political processes. NDI Nepal plays a significant role in Nepal's transition to a new government. The results of Nepal's elections in April 2008 broke new ground for women's representation; there are now 190 women out of the 601 members of the Constituent Assembly (CA). These women come from different backgrounds and represent much of Nepal's ethnic and geographic diversity. As the CA moves forward to draft a new constitution, the presence of these women in committees and general sessions makes it possible for women's voices to be heard from all over Nepal. By the time I arrived, NDI was ready to launch a special training program just for the female CA members. The 22-day training course was the first tier of a larger program called the Women's Leadership Academy (WLA). The five modules of the training included topics on constitution making, human rights, parliamentary culture, federalism, working with the media and gender/social inclusion. Women from all political parties except the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) joined the program. The overall goals of my practicum were to learn more about the operations and management of NDI, and to gain some experience in programs related to political development and good governance. In order to achieve my goals, I worked with Binny Subba, the local Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) focal person, to conduct an assessment on NDI Nepal's M&E processes. We also worked together to revise and implement M&E processes for the WLA. The experiences I had and the friends that I made during this practicum were excellent complements to my MAPPS learning experience. The opportunity to observe the WLA training and to meet so many female leaders was a unique and inspiring experience. I know that I will continue to draw on this experience for years to come.
Dear colleagues, lovers of Asia, and prospective students,

In the Fall/Winter 2008 issue of the Asia Pacific Report newsletter, I wrote about what our first weeks at the Institute of Asian Research had brought us, and how MAPPS students were thrilled to be in an intellectual community where students and professors come from all over the world and from many different fields of study. Today, after two full terms of classes, papers and long nights spent reading, I hope to share with you more about our MAPPS social life, the cohesion of our group and the activities organized by our student association, MAPSSA.

In September, as we still barely knew each other, Hannah, our social activities organizer, with the support of our MAPSSA budget, decided that the best way to get to know each other was to go drink and eat at the local student pub, Koerner’s. That proved a success, and it is something we repeated throughout the first term, as the whole group had class at the same time on Tuesdays. We also organized an end-of-term dinner at a local Malaysian restaurant. During the second term, we also organized a hot-pot dinner followed by a karaoke session. Many students participated, proud to display their talents of MAPPS Idol, although the Chinese songs proved a great obstacle to many of us.

Furthermore, although those activities cannot take place regularly since everyone is busy with different papers and classes, the third floor of the C.K. Choi Building is always bustling with life. Indeed, many students have carrel desks on that floor, and with the lounge and the small kitchen provided by the IAR, many of us often have lunch or dinner together, a pleasant way to cool off from over-typing.

On a more academic note, the MAPPS program and the Institute of Asian Research at The University of British Columbia were pleased to host the 6th Annual IAR Graduate Student Conference under the theme “The Changing Face of Asia: Re-emergence or Continuity?” For this three-day event, 19 panellists from the University of Washington, the University of Victoria, and of course UBC, joined MAPPS students to discuss the changes that have occurred in Asia within the last two centuries. The conference kicked off with a keynote address by Dr. David Ownby, Director of the Centre for East Asian Studies at the University of Montreal. His talk, “Religion and State Religious Policy in Reform-Era China,” attracted a large number of students and faculty, and stirred up lively conversations among MAPPS students. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, former graduate student in the Department of History at UBC and past organizer of the IAR Graduate Student Conference. Dr. Alexander is now a professor at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside. His talk, “Japanese Beer in War & Peace: Kirin, Sapporo, and the Industrial Effects of the Command Economy, 1933-1952,” was followed by a dinner reception in the lobby of the Choi Building. Conference participants and their guests enjoyed a glass of wine along with Indonesian cuisine. Students easily defeated IAR faculty members in the annual Faculty vs. Students Jeopardy quiz, hosted by Dr. Ownby. We now know who needs to practice before next year’s event!

In addition, since March 2009, MAPPS students have been represented in the College for Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Student Association (CFIS GSA). The Association represents 600 students from 12 different institutions.
Naranzul Bayasgalan  Jason Born  Justin Carter  Jin Chien
Catherine Côté  Brendan Ebner  Jonathan Hayes  Natsuko Kobayashi
Hannah Lim  Harkamal Rai  Martin Rioux-Lefebvre
Liyan Wu  Ming Min Zhao

Photo not available:  Queenie Pan
programs scattered all over UBC campus. From next year onwards, MAPPS students will elect one of their peers to represent them at meetings, thus making sure that their concerns are heard by the administration. As of now, it has been difficult for most members of CFIS GSA to obtain Teaching Assistantships since there are no undergraduate programs in our field of study. However, the Association intends to rectify that. In addition, there will be opportunities to get involved in the publication of an interdisciplinary academic journal receiving articles from graduate students worldwide. Some of the positions might even be remunerated. In short, CFIS GSA is an organization for students, run by students. It is a great way to share our experiences and meet people, not only in meetings, but also through social events. We hope future MAPPS students will grasp this opportunity!

It has been my privilege to be chosen by my peers to represent them, and to share with you our experience of the MAPPS program this year. Many of us have already left for our summer internships, or are preparing to do so. What those internships and the future hold is uncertain, but that is what is exciting for young students. One thing is for certain: the MAPPS program has given us the tools to take on any challenge life will throw at us, and the program was a big step for us in accomplishing our diverse academic and professional objectives. More importantly, over the last months all of us have built lifelong friendships.

On behalf of my colleagues, I wish everyone a wonderful summer and many great discoveries.
IAR’s Asia Pacific Business and Economic Policy Research unit was established to promote research on issues pertinent to the economic transformation and development of Asian countries as well as their trade relations in the Pacific Rim. It also aims to facilitate participation of researchers and graduate students from IAR and other academic units to get involved in Asia related research.

The following are some of the research topics currently under investigation: foreign direct investment and trade in Asia; corporate governance mechanisms and economic development in East Asia; environmental management in Japan and elsewhere; and forest management and environment in Canada and elsewhere.

Information on our recent research activities, publications, conferences and presentations on research topics of interest to the unit are given below.

Professor H. Yoshimatsu
We hosted Visiting Professor, Dr. Hidetaka Yoshimatsu, who is a full professor at the College of Asia Pacific Studies of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Beppu, Japan, for the period February-September 2008. Professor Yoshimatsu received his Ph.D. in International Relations from the Australian National University in 1996, M.A. (with distinction) in International Studies from the University of Warwick in 1992 and LL.B. from Kyushu University in 1983.

While at UBC, Professor Yoshimatsu focused his research on “The Prospect of Regional Economic Integration in East Asia: Synthesizing the Neorealist and Constructivist Perspectives” and completed the following working papers:


(These working papers are available from our website: http://www.iar.ubc.ca/programs/apbepr.)

These papers are an outgrowth of Professor Yoshimatsu’s recent research efforts in the areas of Japan and East Asia in policy perspectives. Professor Yoshimatsu’s recently published books, book chapters and journal articles include:


M. Nakamura
Konwakai Chair of Japanese Research Professor, IAR and Sauder School of Business (Please refer to page 61 under IAR Faculty.)

I. Vertinsky
Professor, IAR and Sauder School of Business (Please refer to page 65 under IAR Faculty.)
Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Program (APDR)

Dr. Pitman B. Potter  
Principal Investigator

The Institute of Asian Research is very proud to announce that Dr. Pitman Potter’s research project application “Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution: Understanding Coordinated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards in Comparative Perspective” was successful. Over the next seven years, this new $2.5 million Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada will address the challenge of coordinating local compliance with international trade and human rights standards in the Asia Pacific region. Informed by the discoveries in the MCRI Phase I (Cross-cultural and Comparative Disputes Resolution Research) project and particularly the outcomes from the dissemination sessions for Phase I data and analysis, the Second Phase will examine conditions for coordinating local compliance with international trade and human rights standards through a cross-cultural program of research, analysis, and policy intervention.

Based on new data derived from archival, interview, and case study sources in Canada, China, Japan, India, and Indonesia, the project will test a range of hypotheses in order to develop an explanatory and predictive model that supports forecasting of coordinated trade and human rights compliance at local levels in Canada and Asia. This Phase II research involves collaboration among 54 researchers from 21 institutions in North America, Europe, Australia, and East Asia, all of whom share collaborative research experience, in part through Phase I investigations. Team members are drawn from law schools, social science departments, policy research institutes, and dispute resolution organizations, and have a wealth of interdisciplinary training and experience in cross-cultural and comparative research.

The research will be developed in two stages—the first examining general conditions for coordinated compliance with international trade and human rights standards, and the second examining the role of selective adaptation and institutional capacity in such coordination.

Stage Three of the project will involve application of research results to a range of academic, policy, and civil society discourses, and will include development of explanatory and predictive models on coordinated compliance with trade and human rights standards in cross-cultural context, preparation of research reports and publications, and development of research-based strategies for policy implementation. Research results will be widely disseminated to a range of public and private stakeholders, partner institutions, and academic and policy audiences.

Policy workshops will be held for decision makers from government, NGO, and private sector actors in Canada and internationally, who are grappling with dilemmas of integrated implementation of trade and human rights standards and are seeking comparative input from social science researchers. In addition to the standard publications and academic journals and books, dissemination of research results will continue through the APDR e-journal, websites, closed and open bulletin boards, and opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows across Canada to present papers for competition and publication. An innovative stand-alone dissemination module (the “Trade/Human Rights Interaction Module”) will be implemented and placed in key policy stakeholder facilities such as the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and selected...
government ministries, providing real-time access to research results and facilitating dialogue between policymakers and team researchers.

This type of research project is a good example of the kind of interdisciplinary research supported by the MCRI program. “The MCRI program supports leading-edge interdisciplinary research and fosters international collaboration, strengthening Canada’s leadership role in global research,” said Dr. Chad Gaffield, President of SSHRC, at the SSHRC-MCRI press release on March 16, 2009. More information on the press release is available at http://www.sshrc.ca/site/whatsnew-quoi_neuf/pr-communiques/2009/mcri-grtc-eng.aspx.
Julian Dierkes
Program Coordinator

In the past year, the Program on Inner Asia has taken several important steps toward a further institutionalization and strengthening of research on Mongolia. Most importantly, Julian Dierkes hosted a major social science research conference on contemporary Mongolia (see http://www.iar.ubc.ca/programs/innerasia/contemporarymongoliaconferencenov2008.aspx), commemorating the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Mongolia.

The conference featured 30 scholars from 11 countries. It attracted more than 100 participants and observers, making it one of the largest-ever meetings focused on contemporary Mongolia. The conference was made possible by generous funding from premier supporter Brant Enterprises, Inc., and additional support from Canadian, Mongolian and U.S. organizations (Newcom Group; The Asia Foundation; Khan Resources, Inc.; Centerra Gold; the International Development Research Centre; the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation) and several UBC units including the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. It closed with a policy roundtable on North America-Mongolia relations and on Mongolia’s development. The panel was chaired by Paul Evans (UBC) and included H.E. Gotov (Ambassador of Mongolia to Canada), Ken Sunquist (Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia, Africa and Chief Trade Commissioner, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada), the Honourable Enkhbat (Member, Great State Khural), Steven Saunders (President, North America Mongolia Business Council), and Timothy Edwards (Program Manager, Taiwan, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macao, DFAIT). Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) hosted a reception for conference participants following the policy panel.

Conference Highlights

Three themes were particularly prominent: the revival of Buddhism, mobile pastoralism, and the impact of mining on social relations. Other presentations covered diverse topics from migration, special education, and social networks, to gender in electoral politics.

It is sometimes said that Mongolia is the only state that supports nomadic herding. The most important conclusion from the conference is that herding practices and lifestyles are in significant flux. Herding is much less mobile today than often imagined; herders are ageing, grasslands are degrading in some regions, and no social organization has emerged to organize grazing rights or maintain infrastructure. All policy initiatives, including commercial activities, are affected.

Discussions about the potential for resource-based economic development focus on the government in Ulaanbaatar. But acceptance of mining and its social foundations—in informal mining camps, exchanges among stakeholders and local activists, or health challenges emanating from hazardous practices—is always local. In a democracy, local concerns matter.

Social relations are also in flux. Mongolians’ reluctance to join formal organizations as well as their reliance on networks of relatives and acquaintances is often discussed in terms of corruption. But it is also a widely practiced means for local groups to preserve benefits and livelihoods.

Individual economic migration linked to the shuttle trade with neighbouring countries represents a new form of Mongolian nomadism, significant in the form of remittances and personal mobility. At an informal level, this migration suggests the emergence of a Northeast Asian region.

Contemporary religiosity in Mongolia goes beyond a revival of Tibetan Buddhism. This revival itself is fraught with conflict within...
State-religion relations and questions surrounding native elements in Buddhist practice were given particular prominence by researchers. 

The conference achieved three main objectives: advancing scholarship on contemporary Mongolia, raising awareness of Mongolia and of research on contemporary Mongolia, and establishing Mongolian research at UBC supported by an international network. Current plans for publications based on conference publications include a conference volume with Brill, a leading academic publisher in the humanities and social sciences based in the Netherlands; a special issue of Mongolian Studies: Journal of the Mongolia Society focused on education; and individual article publications. Reports on the conference and on publications resulting are available on IAR’s Program on Inner Asia webpage.

Mongolian Students at UBC and the IAR

The audience for the contemporary Mongolia conference included most of the eight Mongolian students currently enrolled at UBC. It has been a great boost to the IAR’s Mongolia-related activities that the current MAPPS cohort has included the first Mongolian to enrol, Naranzul Bayasgalan, and that next year’s cohort will also include a Mongolian student. Julian Dierkes has also been involved in brokering contacts between UBC’s Norman B. Keevil’s Institute of Mining Engineering and mining companies active in Mongolia to sponsor the enrolment of Mongolian students in mining engineering.

Other Activities

Julian Dierkes spent two months in Mongolia in
the summer of 2008 learning Mongolian. During this time he also served as an election monitor for the June 29, 2008, parliamentary election. The international attention focused on Mongolia during the election led to several interviews for Dierkes with reports that appeared in such media outlets as Reuters TV and the International Herald Tribune. He wrote about this election in the IAR’s newsletter, Asia Pacific Report (“Post-Socialist Democracy in Action in Mongolia,” Asia Pacific Report Vol. 32, No. 1). Dierkes returned to Mongolia to observe the May 24, 2009, presidential election. For further information on the observation of the election, please visit the IAR’s website at http://www.iar.ubc.ca/programs/innerasia/mongolian2009election.aspx.

Dierkes has been elected the Vice President (External Relations) of the American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS), a non-profit educational organization that supports the development of Mongolian Studies and academic exchanges with Inner Asia. Charles Krusekopf, Professor and Program Head at Royal Roads University and an IAR research associate, heads the ACMS.

Robert Bedeski, IAR Honorary Professor, received an Honorary Doctorate from the Institute of International Studies of the Mongolia Academy of Sciences. He was also awarded a Friendship (Naraimdal) Medal by decree of the President of Mongolia. Dierkes is continuing discussions with potential donors who have been instrumental in setting up research on Mongolia at UBC through sponsorship of Program activities and the conference. The long-term goal of these discussions is the endowment of a chair for research on Mongolia and program funds.

The establishment of a Eurasia Research Group across various departments at UBC suggests the rising interest in this area of geostrategic importance and it is hoped that the IAR will participate actively in the building of interest in and research on this region.
Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program

Tsering Shakya
Canada Research Chair in Religion and Contemporary Society in Asia

Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program (CTSP) at IAR was formed with the aim of establishing a research and learning opportunity that integrates research, student training, publications, policy seminars, and public lectures. The Program developed dual visions for its activities: one which looks inward into Tibetan societies, and the other which looks outward through the lens of Tibetan wisdom and tradition. By looking inward, CTSP is a means of engaging Chinese, Tibetan, and other scholars in constructive, forward-looking policy dialogue to benefit the people of Tibet in times of rapid change. By looking outward, CTSP is a means of engaging scholars and community groups in an exploration of opportunity structures through which principles of universal responsibility, secular ethics, and contemporary policy ideals can be exercised.

Lecture Series

The Program organized two public lectures. Jasleen Kandhari, an Indian and Himalayan art historian and formerly a Curator of South Asian Art at the British Library, presented the artistic tradition and style of Bon and its comparison with that of Tibetan Buddhist, Mongolian and Buryatian art. Bon, the pre-Buddhist religion of Tibet, is not as widely known nor explored in the Western academic world as Tibetan Buddhism. Dr. Luc Schaedler, filmmaker and lecturer in Visual Anthropology at the University of Zurich, presented his documentary film, Angry Monk: Reflections on Tibet. It is about Gendun Choephel, a Tibetan Buddhist monk in the early 20th century, who was convinced of the importance of Tibet’s engagement with the world and modernity. Choephel’s extensive travels throughout Tibet, India and Sri Lanka enabled him to construct a historical vision of a more internationally engaged Tibet. By the time he returned from India 12 years later, he had authored a staggering number of works. His writings angered the conservative Buddhist community and he was imprisoned by the Tibetan government on suspicion that he was a Communist.

China Nationalities Language Centre (CNLC)

This project, funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the BC Knowledge Development Fund, aims to be the first multimedia research facility in Canada capable of operating in China’s written and oral minority nationalities languages. Located at the Institute of Asian Research, this facility will permit Canadian and international researchers to access China’s nationality language data and documents electronically and to conduct research interviews and collaboration through video-telecommunications and internet technologies. The CNLC project is slated for completion in September 2010. Once fully operational, it will strengthen Canada’s capability to build knowledge on China’s minority nationality areas as an essential step toward building Canada’s security, economic competitiveness, political and policy effectiveness, and capacity to promote social and cultural understanding. Tsering Shakya, Canada Research Chair in Religion and Contemporary Society in Asia oversees this project.

12th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, August 2010

The Board of the International Association for Tibetan Studies (IATS) accepted the Institute of Asian Research’s invitation to host the 12th Seminar. Preparations are underway; invitations and submission of panels for the 12th Seminar of IATS have now been officially extended. The meeting will be held at the Vancouver campus of The University of British Columbia from August 15–21, 2010. For more details on this upcoming event, please visit http://www.iar.ubc.ca/programs/ctsp/iats.aspx.
Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program

A collaboration between the IAR and the Department of Asian Studies, the Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program at UBC supports interdisciplinary teaching and research on intersections between Buddhism and contemporary socio-economic and political life, particularly (though not exclusively related) to Asia. This program bridges the historical and cultural focus of Buddhist studies with the application of Buddhist teachings to policy issues of contemporary society such as environmental protection, education, health care and human development. Housed at the Institute of Asian Research, the program is made possible by a $4 million gift from the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation.

Lecture Series
On April 27, 2008, the College for Interdisciplinary Studies (CFIS), The Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation, and the Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program presented Robert Thurman, America’s leading expert on Tibetan Buddhism, at UBC’s Chan Centre for Performing Arts. As the Je Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Columbia University, Professor Thurman holds the first endowed chair in this field of study in the U.S. He is also co-founder and President of Tibet House and President of the American Institute of Buddhist Studies. His public lecture at UBC entitled, “Buddhism as a Civilization Matrix and the Current Global Crisis,” centered on Buddhism taken in the context of the crisis humanity faces as a struggling species on an overstressed planet. To view video clips from this talk, please visit http://www.cfis.ubc.ca/main.jsp?page=473. In addition, Professor Thurman gave two more free lectures at the Ridge Theatre (“The Manjushri Connection: Relations between Tibetan and Chinese Buddhism”) and at the Tung Lin Kok Yuen, Canada Society (“The Layman Vimalakirti and the Basic Mahayana Buddhist Path”).

The Program welcomed many other speakers as well. Dr. Lauren Leve, Assistant Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, gave a lecture on “The Right Dharma for Today: Buddhist Revival and Neoliberal Reform in Post-1900 Nepal” on May 1, 2008.

The Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program supported a four-day international conference on “Contemporary Mongolia: Transitions, Development and Social Transformations” held November 14-17, 2008. One full day of this conference was jointly organized by Julian Dierkes and Tsering Shakya around the theme of “The Revival of Buddhism in Mongolia in the Context of Post-socialist Society.” To view more details on this conference, please visit http://www.iar.ubc.ca/programs/innerasia.

Mr. Levi McLaughlin from Princeton University’s Department of Religion gave a talk entitled, “How to Cultivate a Mass Movement: Buddhism, Education, and the Rise of Soka Gakkai, Japan’s Largest Active Religion.” Soka Gakkai, literally the “Value Creation Study Association,” is a Japanese lay Buddhist movement
that is not only Japan's largest active religion but also the largest active independent organization of any kind in Japan today. Mr. McLaughlin highlighted case studies that exemplify how Soka Gakkai’s origins in both Japanese Buddhism and Euro-American educational philosophies inform the lives of its grassroots practitioners. He also discussed reasons for Soka Gakkai's unprecedented growth in the postwar era and the ways that Soka Gakkai’s distinctive combination of Buddhism and modern educational ideals contributes to its continuing development as a politically active mass movement with millions of adherents.

Ms. Jessica Main, from the Department of Religious Studies at McGill University, also gave a talk entitled, “The Constitution of a Religion: Ōtani-ha Shin Buddhism as Civil Society Actor,” and discussed how the structural reforms of the Ōtani-ha Shin Buddhism practiced in Japan are congruent with norms of human rights, gender equality, and democratic procedure, and as such, contribute to the civility of society.

Ms. Stefania Travagnin, Visiting Assistant Professor of East Asian Religions from the University of Missouri–Columbia, presented the world of Taiwanese Buddhism, a multi-faceted landscape which ranges from the emergence of worldwide “Engaged Buddhist” organizations to the reinvention of roles played by nuns, and from the production of biographical cartoons on living leading masters to the mummification of eminent monks. In her talk, she unveiled a definition of Buddhist modernity in the specific context of contemporary Taiwan.

Dr. Jeffrey Hopkins, Professor Emeritus of Tibetan Buddhist Studies at the University of Virginia, has taught Tibetan Buddhist studies and Tibetan language for 33 years. He has founded programs in Buddhist Studies and Tibetan Studies and has published 40 books as well as 23 articles. He also served as His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s chief interpreter into English on lecture tours for ten years from 1979–1989. In addition, he also translated and edited 14 books by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, most recently How to See Yourself as You Really Are and Becoming Enlightened. Jointly hosted by UBC’s Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program, the College for Interdisciplinary Studies, and The Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation, Jeffrey Hopkins gave two public talks. The first one, on April 20 at the Asian Centre Auditorium, entitled “Gender, Sexuality and Tibetan Buddhism: How Sex is Used in the Spiritual Path” discussed that in Tibetan Buddhist systems, hints of a compatible relationship exist between reason and orgasmic bliss with practitioners seeking to use the blissful and powerful mind of orgasm to realize the truth and the all-good ground of consciousness. The second lecture on April 21 at the Tung Lin Kok Yuen, Canada Society entitled, “The Dalai Lama’s Blending of ‘Classical’ Tibetan Buddhism with Contemporary Outlooks,” centered on His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s latest book, Becoming Enlightened. For forthcoming video clips of these lectures, please visit www.cfis.ubc.ca/videos.html.

Search for the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society

The search for the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation (TLKY) Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society began in the fall of 2008 and was conducted over several months. The Search Committee, chaired by Tim Cheek (CFIS/IAR), was comprised of Darrin Lehman (Psychology/Faculty of Arts), Ross King (Asian Studies), Joshua Mostow (Asian Studies), Masao Nakamura (IAR), Sneja Gunew (CFIS), and Tsering Shakya (IAR). Thirty-six applications were received and reviewed for the faculty post. Three candidates were shortlisted, arrived at UBC, gave presentations, and met with Search Committee Chair, the IAR Council, and members of the Department of Asian Studies.

The search process culminated with the appointment of Professor Jessica Main who officially starts her term in July 2009. She will lead the research initiatives and lecture series of the Buddhism
and Contemporary Society Program as well as teach graduate courses in IAR and undergraduate courses in the Department of Asian Studies. Ms. Main has a B.A. in General Studies/Japanese Studies from the University of Calgary, an M.A. in Asian Religions from McGill University and is currently working towards the completion of her doctorate degree in the Asian Religions Program, McGill University, by the end of 2009. For more on Ms. Main's academic and professional background, please visit the IAR faculty page at http://www.iar.ubc.ca/aboutus/iarfacultystaff/faculty.aspx. The academic community at the Institute looks forward to welcoming Ms. Main and working with her on a number of collaborative research and academic initiatives.

**Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Visiting Scholar in Buddhism and Contemporary Society**

The Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program hosted the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Visiting Scholar, Dr. Gustaaf Houtman, for the academic year 2008-09. Dr. Houtman was in residence at IAR during the spring term. During his appointment, he undertook both research and teaching activities during the spring term. During Dr. Houtman's term of appointment, he taught an introductory course in Buddhism at the Department of Asian Studies under the Faculty of Arts. He also led a graduate seminar in the Master of Arts—Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPP) Program at the Institute of Asian Research. In addition to these teaching activities, he also delivered a number of public lectures on topics of his choice related to Buddhism and contemporary society. Below is a personal account of Dr. Houtman's teaching and learning experience during his appointment as Visiting Scholar under the Program.

**Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Visiting Scholar 2009 Report**

By Gustaaf Houtman

During my tenure at UBC, I taught Introduction to Buddhism (ASIA 250) and the graduate seminar on Buddhism and Politics in Burma (IAR515B). Both were a delight to teach. Students at UBC are highly motivated and the AV facilities are excellent. For Asia 250, I managed to arrange three visits by a Burmese and a Sinhalese monk. These visits were received particularly well by students, who asked many questions about the guests’ lives as monks. Of particular note is the student interest in contemporary Buddhism on topics such as: the saffron revolution; tree ordination; Buddhist concepts underlying Aung San Suu Kyi’s idea of “freedom from fear” and “revolution of the spirit”; introduction of meditation into prison (for which two videos were of particular interest); Schumacher’s Buddhist economics, etc.

In addition to teaching these courses, I gave six lectures/presentations: a guest lecture at Tineke Hellwig’s Southeast Asian Studies course; a brief introduction to the presentation prior to a showing of the documentary *Burma VJ*, which deals with the saffron revolution, (followed by leading the film’s subsequent discussion) at St. John's College; a paper at the UN Vesak Day in Bangkok, May 2-7, 2009 (http://www.icundv.com/seminar03.php); as well as a lecture at the UBC Department of Anthropology and another at the Humanities Centre of Oregon State University in mid-May.

I made many new friends at the Asian Studies...
Department, the Institute of Asian Research, and at St. John’s College, where I lived during this period. I would particularly like to pursue a project with Dr. Timothy Cheek on the concept of revolution in Asia (to which I can contribute research into Buddhist and vernacular Burmese ideas of revolution). I value especially the contacts I established with my colleagues in both Southeast Asian and Tibetan studies since these provided some of the best connections with my own research. Thanks especially to the help of Fay Sims, who facilitated the quick organization of events at St. John’s College. It was mainly through these events that I was able to foster ties between members of the Theravada Buddhist community in Canada and at UBC. Hopefully, this community can be drawn upon by Jessica Main, incoming Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Chair, once she teaches her course and organizes speakers and events for the Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program.

I also tried to reach out beyond the Department of Asian Studies and IAR. For example, I met scholars interested in the study of the effects of meditation on the brain. I also had lunch with John Barker, Head of the Department of Anthropology, and with other members of the Department.

My meeting with Mary Lynne Young, Head of the School of Journalism, and Candis Callison, the newly appointed anthropologist in the School of Journalism, issued a discussion that may yet bear fruit; namely how we might creatively combine anthropology and journalism. I proposed putting together a course focusing on topical issues covered in Anthropology Today. Hopefully, arrangements can be made for me to provide input into the School as this would be mutually beneficial for both Anthropology Today and the School of Journalism.

One outcome of presenting a paper at UN Vesak day was that I met Kate Crosby for the first time, who invited me to teach her course on the social dimensions of Buddhism at SOAS while she is on leave next year. We hope to work on joint projects in the future where possible. Also during my tenure at UBC, I joined a broad interdisciplinary project in Norway set up by Halvor Eifring on “Cultural Histories of Meditation.”

The above contacts will be of great value in interdisciplinary collaboration and I shall be happy to assist in fostering interdisciplinary engagement among IAR, Asian Studies, Anthropology, and Journalism at UBC should the opportunity arise.

I edited and produced the April and June issues of Anthropology Today and made several contacts which will be reflected in the future content of the journal (including contributors on the upcoming Olympic Games and an interview with Anthony Shelton on the Museum of Anthropology).

Furthermore, I met and shared experiences with the editors of Pacific Affairs for our respective journals.

In sum, I feel greatly privileged to have encountered so many interesting scholars at UBC. I can highly recommend the Institute of Asian Research and the Program on Buddhism and Contemporary Society to future scholars.
IAR’s 6th Annual Graduate Student Conference – The Changing Face of Asia: Re-emergence or Continuity?

Attendees and participants (students, faculty and guest speakers) at the 6th Annual IAR Graduate Student Conference, a three-day event focused on the theme of the changing face of Asia.

Martin Rioux-Lefebvre
Catherine Côté
MAPPs Students and IAR Graduate Student Conference Organizers

The Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia was pleased to host its 6th Annual Graduate Student Conference under the theme “The Changing Face of Asia: Re-emergence or Continuity?” For this three-day event, 19 panellists from the University of Washington, the University of Victoria and of course UBC, joined MAPPs students to discuss the changes that have occurred in Asia within the last two centuries. The conference kicked off with a keynote address by Dr. David Ownby, Director of the Centre for East Asian Studies at the University of Montreal. His talk, “Religion and State Religious Policy in Reform-Era China,” attracted a large number of students and faculty, and stirred up lively conversations among MAPPs students. We also had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, former graduate student in the Department of History at UBC and past organizer of the IAR Graduate Student Conference. Dr. Alexander is now a professor at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside. His talk, “Japanese Beer in War & Peace: Kirin, Sapporo, and the Industrial Effects of the Command Economy, 1933-1952” was followed by a dinner reception in the lobby of the C.K. Choi Building.

Conference participants and their guests enjoyed a glass of wine along with Indonesian cuisine. Students easily defeated IAR faculty members in the annual Faculty vs. Students Jeopardy quiz, hosted by Dr. Ownby. We now know who needs to practice before next year’s event! Finally, we want to thank our two guest speakers, Dr. Ownby and Dr. Alexander, every panellist and panel chair, as well as everyone else who attended. Your participation and hard work made this year’s conference a true success. We hope to see you all again next year!
It is our pleasure to report that the Asian Urban Lab has completed its project with the office of Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). The grant, which was attached to my appointment as Canada Research Chair in Asian Urbanism and Culture, has helped set up a facility to digitize a wide variety of images of Asia. Under the extraordinary management and expertise of Michael Mao at the Visual Resource Centre at Art History Department and his team of work-study assistants (which includes respectively Kathleen Wyma, Julian Hou, Sally Sun, and Jane Lee), we have digitized over 20,000 images. The range of countries in this digital asset includes China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam among others. We hope that eventually these materials could be shared to promote communication between research interests, stimulate cross-disciplinary approaches, and foster collaborative research among scholars working on both historical and contemporary aspects of urbanism and urban change in Asia.

We want to particularly thank Michael Mao for his selfless contribution in managing the process of digitization for our lab, as well as Calvin Lo for his earlier technical assistance, and Syed Hassan for his continuing care of the technical performance of the lab and the IAR server. Our thanks also go to Drs. Michael Leaf, Hyung Gu Lynn, and Terry McGee for making use of the facility for their research and to Drs. Alison Bailey, Pitman Potter and Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe for their initiatives and support in many ways. We are also grateful to the very helpful administrative support of Marietta Lao (at the IAR) and Andy Lam (at the UBC CFI office) for the lab from its inception to its current state.

As indicated in our earlier Asia Pacific Report, the goal of the lab indeed has been “to promote interchange of research and teaching materials among faculty members within the Institute and academic groups across the UBC campus.” (See our previous reports: “An Update on the Asian Urban Lab,” Asia Pacific Report, Vol. 30, No. 2 Fall/Winter 2006: 4; and “Asian Urban Laboratory,” Asia Pacific Report Vol. 29, No. 1, Spring / Summer 2005: 2.) Using our lab as a point of articulation, we have brought together faculty members across different Centres and units in UBC. We have also been able to establish long term collaboration with various research institutions and NGOs in Indonesia and the Netherlands for information exchange purposes. Such institutions include the Netherlands Institute for War Documentations, the Centropolis of Tarumanagara University, the Jakarta Arts Council, the Urban Poor Consortium and the Institute for Economic and Social Rights as well as Faculties of Architecture and Cultural Studies of University of Indonesia. In association with the lab’s activity of data acquisition, a series of workshops in both Vancouver and Jakarta either have been conducted or are forthcoming on the themes of “Visual Cultures and Ethnic Chinese in Indonesia and North America,” (UBC, 2007) “Directing Urban Change: Urban Future of Indonesia” (UBC, 2009) and “Space, Culture and Power: Identity and Civility in the Post-Authoritarian Urban Asia” (University of Indonesia, 2010).

More individually, the lab has helped me with the completion of my research, which relied on the acquisition and production of visual materials. In addition, the collection of images at the lab has made possible a range of contributions including teaching and community service, such as the public display of “Guardhouses in Java,” for the 10th Anniversary of ExplorAsian 2006 at UBC. The display continued to be a showpiece for the Asian Library throughout the year. Taking all these activities into account, it can be said that the lab has taken a great leap forward from a centre for digitization into an arena for the study of urbanism. Perhaps for this reason, the initial architect of the lab, Dr. Michael Leaf, has already envisioned a new name: the Centre for the Study of Asian Urbanism (CSAU).
The above achievements are just a few examples of how the Asian Urban Lab might be able to contribute to our individual researchers and to the larger community in the university and beyond. We could think high by imagining that the lab could eventually develop into an important Canadian node in the various networks of academic and policy research institutes in Asia and around the world which have interests in Asian urban change. We could think broadly beyond our current collaboration with the Visual Resource Centre of the Department of Art History, to see the benefit of merging with various institutions in UBC, such as the Asian Library, the Asian Section of the Museum of Anthropology, the Urban Studies Program, or the Liu Institute for Global Studies. With a mission to actively collect and digitize a wide variety of images of Asia, the merger could be of benefit to a broad range of individuals with an interest in Asia, including those in the fields of business, policy, urban planning and architecture, migration, urban community and advocacy, the media, and culture. To achieve these ambitions, we would be aiming at the establishment of the lab as a Digital Images of Asia Database or as a Documentation Centre with permanent documentation and a team of librarians and staff in charge of collection, categorization, thematic organization, training, and program development. Such a Centre would facilitate access to the database and would work to establish networks with Canadian individuals and institutions as well as international documentation centres for the benefit of all sectors interested in Asia.

If all of the above seems beyond the stretch of our little lab, we could instead think modestly, as we have been doing so far, by simply using the lab as a facility for organizing our own image collection, regularly updating it and making it easily accessible for our individual or collective research purposes. The clear step for this approach is to continue welcoming faculty members who would like to have their visual materials digitized. What we would ask is merely a (partial) financial contribution to support the appointment of a student to help with the faculty members’ own collection. This student, under the supervision of Michael Mao, would digitize, meta-tag, and contextualize the images, placing them in a digital imagery repository which could be conveniently retrieved for purposes of research and teaching.

Thus, in this post-CFI life of the Asian Urban Lab, there are various possibilities for the lab’s future directions, ranging from grand to modest practices, from exploration to contribution.

The CFI grant has helped us set up the infrastructure and established the links necessary for the basic operation of the lab. With the completion of this stage, it is time for me to step down as director in order for a new leadership to emerge with fresh energy, new initiatives, and funding. Regardless of what the future might hold for the Asian Urban Lab, it will continue to remain open for all of us and Michael, Syed and I will continue with dedication to offer our support in any way we can. The future of the lab depends on all of our contributions in order for it to grow as a collective enterprise of the Institute and an important venue for collaboration with other units on campus.
Back in the mid-1990s when I was teaching in the then Department of Religious Studies at UBC, I noticed a list of local religious organizations kept behind the desk at the department office. The list had been compiled for the use of students in Religion 100. What it immediately suggested to me was a great alternative to the standard term paper; students instead could do original field research and learn an entirely different set of intellectual and social skills.

Most of the list was devoted to Christian religious groups, but the few pages of Asian groups caught my eye. The multicultural nature of our area seemed an open invitation, warmly extended as the students were to find, to a deeper understanding of the society we were in the process of becoming.

After I had moved to Langara College, Dan Overmyer (Professor Emeritus, Asian Studies) came to give a talk entitled “Why Study Religion: an Academic and Personal Discussion, with Illustrations from Chinese Religion and Philosophy” and received a copy of the list, now grown from a dozen or so to over 300 Asian religious organizations and sites throughout B.C. Dan suggested turning the list into a book. Together with Don Baker, we conceived of the intellectual scope and methodology, wrote up the objectives, got approval and funding from the Institute of Asian Research, UBC (which also matched some funds from Langara College and Simon Fraser University), and recruited local scholars to contribute chapters to the book.

The book, *Asian Religions in British Columbia*, is to be published this year by UBC Press. The editors, Don Baker, Dan Overmyer, and myself, hope that this will be a significant addition to the understanding of the history and society of British Columbia seen via the complexity, variety, and tremendous cultural reservoir of its Asian religious groups. We hope it will be of use to scholars, teachers, policy-makers, and the inquiring citizens of our province.

The editors wish to acknowledge the support of the Institute of Asian Research, Simon Fraser University, and Langara College, as well as the hours of study and miles of travel by the contributors, and the helpful hand of UBC Press Senior Editor, Emily Andrew. Finally, the book could not come to fruition without a generous publishing subvention of the Universal Buddhist Temple (世界佛教会) as a contribution to the scholarly study and to the understanding of our multicultural society (not of course as an endorsement of the multitude of practices contained in the book).
The Institute of Asian Research welcomed the Year of the Ox by holding its annual Lunar New Year festivities at the C.K. Choi Building on February 2. To give the festivities a lively and spirited start, the Vancouver Chinese Lion Dance Inc. performed a traditional lion dance at the front entrance and foyer of the building. For the first time, an additional ceremonial step was added to the lion dance—that of having the top officials of IAR (Acting Director, Masao Nakamura) and CFIS (Associate Principals, Sneja Gunew and Tim Cheek) dot an eye on the lion at the start of the dance, symbolically awakening the spirit of the lion and thereby giving it life, power, and might. A second dance and demonstration was held in front of an audience of elementary school children who were all naturally enthralled by the lion’s movements, its brightly colored costume, and the loud, rhythmic beat of the drum, copper cymbals, and gong.

An Asian festivity is never complete without music and food. Professor Emeritus Alan Thrasher led the UBC Chinese Music Ensemble from the School of Music and played tea music using classical Chinese musical instruments like the pipa, erhu, yangqin, and di zì. Their musical performance transformed the Choi Building lobby into a veritable teahouse with people eating, chatting, and meeting up with friends. Food booths offered traditional Southeast Asian and Sri Lankan cuisine as well as a variety of Asian desserts. A special dessert was added courtesy of Jim Placzek, IAR Research Associate and Consul General Kosit Chatpaiboon of the Royal Thai Consulate, who arranged to provide platters of handmade, artful desserts made out of mung beans and rice flour that were miniature reproductions of a variety of tropical Thai fruits. These desserts (pictured on page 30) were a hit with the lunchtime crowd, even if they looked too good to consume.

Joanna Christy and Ivan Hendrawan taught and led the demonstration on the angklung, a musical instrument made out of two bamboo tubes attached to a bamboo frame, which originates from Indonesia. Several pieces of the angklung were lent to the Institute by the Indonesian Consulate General (courtesy of Pak Singgih Yuwono, Indonesian Consul for Information, Social and Cultural Affairs) thereby making it possible for the public to try out the instruments for themselves. The base of the angklung is held with one hand while the other hand shakes the instrument rapidly from side to side—causing a repeating note to sound.

Acknowledgment also goes out to Ms. Megumi Ogura who facilitated a card-making workshop for the public. Everyone who attended this class left with their own handmade card, featuring adorable pig and cow caricatures. Our gratitude also goes out to several MAPPS students as well as graduate students affiliated with IAR’s Centres and Programs who volunteered their time and were assigned to various tasks such as setting up and decorating, manning the Asian desserts and tea booths, ushering various groups of performers and audiences, and cleaning up after the event. Without these volunteers’ help, the Lunar New Year festivities would not have been as smoothly orchestrated or efficiently run.
1. Ivan Hendrawan demonstrating how the angklung instrument is played.

2. Sneja Gunew, CFIS Associate Principal, dotting the eye of the lion to “awaken its spirit.”

3. Participants displaying their handmade cards at the end of the cardmaking session.

4. A close-up shot of delicate, handmade delicacies made specially for the event by the Royal Thai Consulate chef.

5. UBC Chinese Music Ensemble playing melodious tea music for the lunchtime crowd.

6. At the entrance of the Choi Building, the “awakened lion” is flanked by Tim Cheek, CFIS Associate Principal and IAR faculty, and Masao Nakamura, Acting IAR Director.
Once again, the Centre for Chinese Research has had a very busy year with a great variety of activities, including one major international workshop, several roundtables, meetings with visiting delegations, a number of co-sponsored events, and many seminars and talks on a whole host of topics.

The CCR's Brown Bag Lunch seminar series continues to be a success, celebrating the wealth of Chinese scholarship on campus, and we have also been able to benefit from the good fortune that has brought so many interesting guest speakers to UBC and Vancouver.

Conferences / Workshops
2009 is a year of significant anniversaries in China and the CCR's Spring Workshop, “Politics, Memory, and Dissent: May Fourth, June Fourth, and Beyond,” was organized in recognition of this significance. The workshop, organized by Alison Bailey (Centre for Chinese Research), Christopher Rea (Asian Studies), and Timothy Sedo (History) drew a large audience and was acclaimed as both moving and intellectually stimulating by participants and audience alike. Divided into five sessions, including three panels, one dialogue and one roundtable spread over one day, the workshop was sponsored by the CCR, with generous support from St. John's College, the IAR, and the History Department at UBC. Speakers and discussants included Wu Guoguang (University of Victoria), Timothy Cheek (UBC), Ban Wang (Stanford), Josephine Chiu-Duke (UBC), Timothy Brook (UBC), Pitman Potter (UBC), Diana Lary (UBC), Christopher Rea (UBC), Tsao Hsingyuan (UBC), Alison Bailey (UBC), Kong Shuyu (Simon Fraser University), Richard King (University of Victoria), David Luesink (UBC), Leon Rocha (Cambridge University), Robert Brain (UBC), Fan Fa-ti (SUNY, Binghampton), Alexander Woodside (UBC), Leo Shin (UBC), and Tsering Shakya (UBC).

Roundtables, Seminars, and Talks
In mid-September, the CCR hosted a roundtable discussion with members of a delegation from the Central Committee Party School on the first leg of their visit to Canada as part of a three-year partnership with Rights and Democracy (Montreal) to promote the exchange of views on human rights and democracy. UBC participants included Drs. Mark Warren, Yves Tiberghien, Maurice Copithorne, Timothy Cheek, and Pitman Potter. The CCR is very grateful to Professor Pitman Potter and Rights and Democracy for facilitating this meeting. The following week, Professor Gregory Chin, York University, gave a talk on “Party Reform in China: Promoting ‘Leadership Science’ and Management Innovation.”

In early October, the CCR co-hosted with the Sauder School of Business a roundtable and public talk by Mr. Khalid Malik, United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in China since 2003. Mr. Malik’s talk was entitled “Why has China grown so fast for so long? Prospects for the future.” In late October, the CCR, in conjunction with St. John's College, held two screenings of films linked to the upcoming visit to UBC of four major Chinese writers, Liu Qingbang, Liu Zhen, Ge Fei, and Bai Ye, who gave readings and talked about their work. This visit was arranged through Yan Li of the Confucius Institute in Waterloo and marked the final part of a tour of Canadian universities in Ontario and British Columbia.

In November, the CCR had two talks; one on the Shanghai Expo and Canadian links by James
Mitchell, Special Advisor, Business Promotion and Liaison for Canadian Heritage; and the other by Professor Chih-yu Shih, National Taiwan University, on his new oral history project on Asian Chinese Studies.

In January, Dr. Li Zhanwu, Honorary Research Associate in the CCR, gave a talk on “China’s Economy in the Global Financial Crisis: Development, Directions, and International Implications.”

Both February and March were very busy for the CCR. In early February, the CCR was involved in a Dialogue on the Asia Pacific Gateway with St. John’s College, The Netherlands Consulate, and Community Partners for Internationalization, Office of the Associate Vice-President, International, at UBC. Another jointly hosted event in February was the talk by Dr. Jean Pfælzer, University of Delaware; and Dr. Patricia Roy, University of Victoria, on “The Forgotten War Against Chinese North Americans.” This event was sponsored by the Departments of English, History, Canadian Studies, and U.S. Studies, the Centre for Chinese Research, St. John’s College, and the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia. At the end of February, the CCR was delighted to be involved in the visit to UBC of the famous author Yu Hua, hosted by the Department of Asian Studies, with some support from the CCR.

In early March, Dr. David Kelly, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, gave a talk at the CCR entitled “Uncertainty, Governance and Rights: Intellectual Strategies and Conflicting Frameworks.” The following day, Dr. Jeremy Paltiel, Carleton University, spoke on “Old State—New Shoes: China Steps into the Role of Global Power.” The China Environmental Sciences and Sustainability Group (CESS) held a small workshop with speakers Drs. Milind Kandlikar (IAR) and Hisham Zerrifi (LIGI) to discuss climate change issues in China and India as well as future cooperation plans. On the same day, the Centre for Chinese Research, the Department of Asian Studies, and St. John’s College presented a talk by Professor Bonnie S. McDougall (most recently Advisory Editor of Renditions), Research Centre for Translation, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Unofficial Translation Transactions.” Dr. McDougall was here to participate in the Peter Wall Institute’s Exploratory Workshop on Translation and Authority, partly sponsored by the CCR. In mid-March, a Vice-Presidential delegation from the Central Party School visited the IAR as part of a program run by Doug Henderson of the Canada School of Public Service. The delegation took part in a roundtable with UBC faculty, organized by Timothy Cheek, CCR.
In early April, the CCR hosted a session by speakers connected with the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy in the People's Republic of China, entitled “Work of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR) in China and Recent Criminal Justice Reforms.” Participants in the session included Dr. Kathleen Macdonald, Acting Executive Director, ICCLR; Dr. Wang Shuiming, Associate Professor, South China Normal University School of Law and University of Victoria Faculty of Law Visiting Scholar; and Ms. Annemieke Holthuis, Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section, Department of Justice Canada.

In late May, the CCR, with the generous support of the IAR’s MCRI project, under the directorship of Professor Pitman Potter, presented a session entitled, “China’s Regulatory Response to Non Payment of Wages in China: New Law and its Implementation,” by Professors Sarah Biddulph and Sean Cooney of the Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne; and Professor Ying Zhu, Faculty of Economics and Commerce, University of Melbourne, Australia. The CCR also hosted a talk by Dr. Liu Bo, Nankai University, on Contemporary Chinese Art and Artists. The Centre for Chinese Research would like to thank Professor Yeh Chia-yi, Emerita Professor, Department of Asian Studies, for arranging this talk.

The CCR’s Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series 2009, which celebrates UBC’s wide-ranging Chinese research with talks by UBC faculty from a variety of disciplines, took place throughout the spring term. The series began this year with a talk by Emeritus Professor Graham Johnson: “Frogs at the Bottom of Five Wells: Continued Transformation and Change in the Pearl River Delta Region of Guangdong Province.” This talk was followed by another, entitled “Reconstructing the Identities of Chinese-Canadians Across the Pacific: Personal Endeavours and Institutional Depositories” by Eleanor Yuen, Head of the Asian Library. In March, Dr. Pitman Potter, IAR and Faculty of Law, spoke on “Charter 08: Challenges and Opportunities for the Party/State.” Later in March, Dr. Yongyuan Yin (AIRD, Forest Resources) talked on “Can China be an International Leader in Combating Global Climate Change?” In April, Dr. Christopher Rea, Department of Asian Studies, spoke on “How to Know if You ‘Stink of Duck Poop’: Illustrated Slang Dictionaries in Shanghai Dailies, 1900s to 1940s.” The final talk of the academic year in the seminar series was by Dr. Timothy Brook (St. John’s College) on “Dragon Spotting.”

Other Events
The Institute of Asian Research joined this year with the Asian Library and the Department of Asian Studies to host an Open House, “Asia Voilà,” to celebrate Asian cultures, food, languages, and research on Asia. As part of the activities, some of the IAR’s MAPPS students presented their recent projects, mostly China-related research, in an afternoon session open to the public.

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The Centre for Chinese Research welcomes Dr. Li Zhanwu, formerly of Beijing Normal University and now a resident in B.C., as an honorary research associate 2008-2009. We are also honoured to number amongst us Senator Jack Austin, Honorary Professor, IAR. We also welcome Dr. Carla Nappi who will be joining the Department of History in July 2009 as a scholar of late imperial China, with a particular focus on the history of medicine. Professor Timothy Cheek remains seconded to the College for Interdisciplinary Studies as Associate Principal. Professor Timothy Brook has made the welcome decision to return to UBC after two years of
moving between here and Oxford University. The Centre would like to congratulate Mr. Timothy Sedo for accepting the position of Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of History, McGill University. Tim Sedo has played an invaluable role in the CCR for several years as a (woefully underpaid) graduate assistant and creative co-organizer of many major CCR events. He will be greatly missed but we are all very pleased at his appointment.

The CCR would also like to congratulate Professor Pitman Potter for receiving the highly prestigious Major Collaborative Research Initiative grant, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for an almost unprecedented second time. The project is entitled “Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution: Understanding Coordinated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards in Comparative Perspective.” The Phase Two MCRI project over the next seven years involves an important expansion of Phase One work (SSHRC-MCRI funded grant on “Asia Pacific Disputes Resolution: Cross-cultural and Comparative Disputes Resolution Research”). It applies the paradigms of Selective Adaptation and Institutional Capacity to the critically important issue of coordinated compliance with international trade and human rights standards. Based on new data derived from archival, interview, and case study sources in Canada, China, Japan, India, and Indonesia, the project will test a range of hypotheses in order to develop an explanatory and predictive model that supports forecasting of coordinated trade and human rights compliance at local levels in Canada and Asia.

On a sadder note, the Centre for Chinese Research would like to express deep sadness at the passing of Dr. Edgar Wickberg, a great scholar of Chinese migration and a major supporter of the CCR. Ed will be dearly missed by all those who knew him, as his two memorial services (one held at St. John’s College) attest. He was a wonderful teacher, researcher, colleague, and friend.

In other news, the China Studies Group, ably led by Dr. Amy Hanser and hosted at St. John’s College, continued its regular collegial peer discussion of work by China scholars at UBC (and also by newcomers to Simon Fraser University: Professors Yang Jie and Jeremy Brown). UBC China graduate students continued their own peer review discussion group, Wang She. In addition, two regular documents reading groups continued: one on Ming documents and the other on Republican materials. Professors Tim Cheek (CCR) and Jeremy Brown (Simon Fraser University) began a new reading group to discuss new books of interest to China scholars.

The Director of the Centre for Chinese Research would like to express thanks to the Management Committee for all their support this year. Members this year include: Timothy Cheek, Amy Hanser, Jing Zhichun, Diana Lary, Pitman Potter, Catherine Swatek, Yves Tiberghien, and Eleanor Yuen. Thanks are also due to the front office staff including Marietta Lao, Judy Wang, and Kerry Ross, and special congratulations to Karen Jew on the adoption of her new daughter, Carissa.
The academic year 2008–2009 brought some changes to the Centre for India and South Asia Research (CISAR). Ashok Kotwal, the current Director of CISAR, was on academic leave for the year 2008–2009. Milind Kandlikar was promoted to Associate Professor, and served as the interim director of CISAR during Dr. Kotwal’s absence. Finally, Anand Pandian, who was on leave from UBC in 2007–2008, resigned from the position of Johal Chair in Indian Studies.

Events, Conferences, and Workshops
After the busy and eventful schedule in Spring term of 2008, when we held three major conferences—the SACPAN conference, a Punjabi Literature Conference, and a Folklore and Performance Conference—the fall term of 2008 was less hectic. The CISAR ran a vigorous seminar series with several speakers. CISAR associate faculty, Dr. Hasanat Alamgir, spoke on worker health and safety in Bangladesh, and in particular on worker health impacts of the shipbreaking industry in Chittagong (October 10). Professor Prafulla C. Kar, Director of the Centre for Contemporary Theory, Baroda, spoke on “Modernity and its Contexts” (October 15). CISAR also sponsored the UBC visit of Professor Partha Chatterjee from Columbia University. Professor Chatterjee gave a talk on “The Black Hole of Empire,” where he focused on British India but also dealt more generally with modern empires (October 17).

CISAR also sponsored a major event organized by the RAGA (Race, Autobiography, Gender and Age) Center based at the Centre for Women’s and Gender Studies at UBC in November. A group of South Asian academics, activists and community groups organized a week-long series of events in November 17–23, 2008, to mark over one hundred years of South Asian presence in Canada. The events included academic colloquia and roundtable discussions, public debates, and documentary screenings on a wide range of topics from representations of South Asians in the media, to resistance of South Asian women to domestic violence and South Asian contributions to Canadian society.

The dominant event in the Spring term of 2009 hosted by CISAR was the Festival of Kabir, a celebration of the 15th-century mystic/weaver/poet Kabir, who sang of the ultimate and challenged the people of his time—as well as us today—to rethink the religious and other boundaries that bind and not divide us. The event was held over March 8–10, 2009, and included academic talks, movies, and a concert all surrounding the life, work and contemporary influence of Kabir in South Asia. Speakers included Christian Novetzke from the University of Washington, who spoke on the genesis of devotion, and Valerie Ritter from the University of Chicago, who talked about the pleasure of word in Kabir’s proverbs. Four movies directed by the acclaimed film-maker Shabnam Virmani were shown, followed by question and answer sessions with the director. The movies bring together the experiences of a series of journeys in quest of this 15th century mystic poet in our contemporary world. Details of the Kabir project led by Ms. Virmani can be seen at www.kabirproject.org. The highlight of the festival was a concert of Kabir songs by a troupe led by the masterful Dalit folk singer Prahlad Tipanaya and his troupe on March 10th. The concert was attended by nearly two hundred students, faculty, and community members, and was a resounding success.

In addition to the Kabir event, CISAR co-
hosted a number of talks, including ones by Virender Kalra (Manchester) at the International Bhangra Conference, Kirin Narayan (Wisconsin) on comparing fiction and ethnography, and Kathy Hansen (Texas) on mythological theatre in India.

**People**

CISAR affiliated faculty and students were successful in receiving awards in 2008-2009. Conor Reynolds (Ph.D. student, RMES) received a Commonwealth Doctoral Fellowship for his study on air pollution in India, while Kieran Findlater (Ph.D. student, RMES) received an NSERC Canada Graduate Fellowship for his work on land use and biofuels in India; he also received a Shastri Student Excellence Award. Julia Freeman (Ph.D. student, RMES) received a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship for her work on analyzing controversies over GM cotton in India. Professor Anne Murphy will be Senior Research Fellow with the American Institute for Indian Studies in 2009-2010 and will be based in India during the coming academic year.
The Centre arranged a wide variety of events and seminars this year involving visiting scholars and UBC faculty. In November, the Japan Foundation generously sponsored a CJR special workshop with five other Directors of Centres of Japanese Research/Studies from the Pacific/West Coast of North America to discuss the future of Japanese research. One outcome of this workshop was an agreement to start a network of Centres of Japanese Research/Studies among UBC, University of Washington, Portland State University, University of Hawaii, University of California at Berkeley, and University of California at Los Angeles. This network will involve sharing research and speaker opportunities. The Centre also welcomed a new scholar to UBC this year: Jessica Main, scholar of Ōtani-ha Shin Buddhism. Her appointment as the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society is jointly held in IAR and Asian Studies.

In March, we helped celebrate the 80th anniversary of Japan-Canada relations by sponsoring a talk by Professor Charles McMillan in UBC Robson Square on the subject of the past and future of Japan-Canada business relations. The Centre convened this public talk in cooperation with the Konwakai Japanese Business Association of Vancouver and other groups. To commemorate the generous foundation donation by Konwakai to the Centre and to UBC (made back in 1992), a special lunch with Konwakai Directors was held with UBC Vice-President Stephen Owen, together with a ceremony opening the ‘Konwakai Meeting Room’ in the C.K. Choi Building. A photo on page 38 shows Professor Masao Nakamura (Konwakai Research Chair) and Mr. Yasuyuki Amakusa (President, Konwakai Japanese Business Association of Vancouver) at the ceremony of the newly opened Konwakai Meeting Room.

The Centre assisted faculty and graduate students with its small grants program, and during the year we were also pleased to support the Canadian Society for Asian Arts in a seminar on “The Tale of Genji and the Making of Modern Japanese Femininity” by Joshua Mostow in October. In November, CJR also joined with the Consul General of Brazil in Vancouver to screen the film Gaijin – Love Me As I Am. Our visiting scholars this year included Dr. Patrik Ström (Department of Human and Economic Geography, University of Gothenburg), Ms. Abby Loebenberg (Herford College, University of Oxford), Mr. Eisuke Shimo (Graduate School of Letters, Hokkaido University), Dr. Kazuhiko Noguchi (School of International Politics, Tokai University), Dr. Ryunoshin Kamikawa (Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University), and Dr. Norifumi Kawahara (Department of Geography, Ritsumeikan University).

The CJR Management Committee and Faculty Associates provided sage advice in the running of the Centre affairs and timely help with various events. For more information on their individual scholarly activities, please visit the Centre for Japanese Research web site (http://www.iar.ubc.ca/centres/cjr/). Thanks are also due to our hard working CJR Work-Study Project Assistants, Phoebe Ogawa and Nathan Hwang.

Research Activities
The Centre supported the following research projects this year through its small grants program:

CJR Faculty Associates
• Dr. Millie Creighton (Anthropology) “The Global Article 9 Conference in Japan”
Professor Masao Nakamura, Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research and Mr. Yasuyuki Amakusa, President of Konwakai (Japanese Business Association of Vancouver) pose in front of the Konwakai Meeting Room. The newly installed wooden plaque inscription reads: “Commemoration of the opening of the Konwakai Meeting Room, Centre for Japanese Research, March 2009.”

CJR Graduate Students
• Takeshi Hamamura (Ph.D. program, Psychology) “Origin and Fate of Individualism-Collectivism Differences: U.S.-Japan Comparison”
• Gergana Ivanova (Ph.D. program, Asian Studies) “Sei Shonagon’s Pillow Book in the Shunsho Bunko Collection”

Visiting Scholars
• Dr. Soun-Ju Ahn, (Department of Japanese Language and Literature, Seoul Women’s University), September 2007-August 2008, conducted research into cultural differences among Korean, Japanese, and English-speaking countries.
• Dr. Ryunoshin Kamikawa (Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University) September 2008-August 2009, conducted research into the political economy of structural reforms in Japan.
• Dr. Norifumi Kawahara (Department of Geography, Ritsumeikan University) September 2008-March 2009, conducted research into the development of the Japanese-Canadian landscape gardening industry in Vancouver.
• Ms. Abby Loebenberg (Rhodes Scholar in Anthropology, Herford College, University of Oxford), September 2008-June 2009, conducted research into the popularity of Japanese animation and television toys amongst Western children.
• Dr. Ki-hak Nam (Department of Japanese Studies, Hallym University), January 2008-February 2009, conducted research on Kamakura Bakuhu’s political thoughts: military prestige and soothing administration.
• Dr. Kazuhiko Noguchi (School of International Politics, Tokai University), August 2008-March 2009, conducted research into the impact of the rise of China on the Asia Pacific security structure and the possibilities for Japan-Canada security cooperation.
- Mr. Eisuke Shimo (Graduate School of Letters, Hokkaido University), May 2008–April 2009, conducted research into new Japanese immigrants in Vancouver.
- Dr. Patrik Ström (Department of Human and Economic Geography, University of Gothenburg), January 2009–May 2009, conducted research into the internationalization of Japanese knowledge-intensive services in East and Southeast Asia.

CJR Management Committee
Millie Creighton, Anthropology
Julian Dierkes, CJR Associate Director/IAR
David W. Edgington, CJR Director/Geography
Joshua Mostow, Asian Studies
Masao Nakamura, IAR/Sauder School of Business
Peter Nosco, Asian Studies
John Ries, Sauder School of Business

CJR Work-Study Student Project Assistants
Phoebe Ogawa (until January 2009), Undergraduate Program, French and Political Science
Nathan Hwang, Asian Studies

Seminars/Workshops/Other Events
October 24, 2008. “Industry Clusters and Transnational Networks: Japan’s New Directions in Regional Policy,” Dr. Richard Child Hill (Sociology, Michigan State University) held in conjunction with the Urban Studies Program, UBC.
November 19–21, 2008. “The Challenge of Studying Japan: Workshop on Japanese Studies,” (discussion with five other Directors of Centres for Japanese Research/Studies in the Pacific/West Coast of North America, Mr. Seiichi Ohtsuka, Consul-General of Japan in Vancouver; and UBC faculty and graduate students), supported by the Japan Foundation.
November 24, 2008. “Japanese Immigration to Brazil,” (special showing of the film Gaijin - Love Me As I Am) held in conjunction with the Consulate General of Brazil in Vancouver; and Community Partners for Internationalization, Office of the Associate Vice-President International, UBC.
January 16, 2009. “Japan’s Highly Successful Natural Resources Based ‘Big Push’,” Dr. Masao Nakamura (IAR Acting Director, Konwakai Chair of Japanese Research, UBC).


March 9, 2009. “U.S.-Japan Relations under the Obama Presidency: Implications for East Asia,” Dr. Yoshihide Soeya (Director of the Institute of East Asian Studies, Keio University) co-hosted with Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver, the Centre of International Relations, and the Liu Institute, UBC.

March 13, 2009. “Canada-Japan: Where Are We?, Where Are We Going?” Dr. Charles McMillan (Schulich School of Business, York University) held as part of the Canada-Japan 80th Anniversary celebrations together with the Konwakai Japanese Business Association of Vancouver, the Kiyukai-Vancouver Japanese Business Association, Vancouver Mokuyokai Society, Japanese Women’s Business Association, the Japan-Canada Chamber of Commerce, and the Canada-Japan Society of BC.


April 3, 2009. “Japanese-Canadian Fishermen - Pioneers, Old Boats, Ice Hockey and a Few Other Things,” Dr. Paul Kariya (Geography, Trinity Western University).

April 30, 2009. “Whatever is Going to Happen to Japan’s Higher Education System?” Dr. Roger Goodman (Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford).
In December 2008, the Centre for Korean Research was awarded a five-year Korean Studies Institution Grant from the Academy of Korean Studies for its multi-year project entitled “Back to the Basics of Korean Studies: Virtue, Wisdom, and Sensitivity in Korea.” This project concentrates on a set of three themes—Korean virtue in tradition, Korean wisdom in practice, and Korean sensitivity in expression—for its programs of research, education, and international exchange during the period of 2009–2013. These three themes, which require a transdisciplinary and transboundary approach, encompass both pre-modern and modern periods, and are interconnected in their function. They will be explored from various angles year after year.

In examining the interplay of virtue, wisdom, and sensitivity that has shaped the contours of Korean culture and society, each year the CKR Project selects target subjects relevant to these three themes and executes its coordinated programs of research, education, and international exchange. Its primary goal is to establish cutting-edge standards of world-class research, education, and international exchange that would lead the “Go Global” vision of 21st century Korean studies in Canada and the world. Currently, four yearly projects are in progress.

In terms of organization, Nam-lin Hur (Asian Studies) was appointed as the Director for the term of 2009–2013.

Research Activities
Some of the featured research activities of CKR faculty include:


Dr. Jennifer Jihye Chun (Sociology) published “The Limits of Labor Exclusion: Redefining the Politics of Split Labor Markets under Globalization,” Critical Sociology 34: 433–452 and “Legal Liminality: the Gender and Labour Politics of Organizing South Korea’s Irregular Workforce,” Third World Quarterly 30(3): 535–550. She was also an active participant in scholarly meetings. Her presentations included “Grassroots Immigrant Women Workers’ Leadership: Case Study of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates in the California Bay Area” at the Low-Wage Work, Gender and Migration
Dr. Millie Creighton (Anthropology) was engaged in Korean studies while continuing to pursue research on Japan. Her invited presentations related to Korea included “Drama Tourism, Pop Culture Romance and Korea-Japan Relations: Exploring the Influence of the ‘Korea Boom’ in Japan” at the Conference on Social Issues and Social Policy (Korea University, July 2008) and “Ethnic Erotics Confront Nationality, Gender, and Racial Hierarchies: Exploring the Impact of the ‘Korea Boom’ in Japan and Japanese Drama Tourism to Korea” at the South East Regional Asian Studies (SERAS) meetings (Emory University, January 2009). She was invited as Honorary Visiting Researcher, January-June 2009 to The Chinese University of Hong Kong and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Asian Heritage Month Society.

Dr. Nathan Hesselink (Music) won the Lee Hye-gu Award (best research conducted on a Korean music topic), awarded by the Korean Musicological Society, the top such honor awarded, and for the first time to a non-Korean, in 2008. He also published a book chapter entitled “Coming to the City: SamulNori and 1970s’ Korean Music Culture” which was included in Mandang Yi Hyegu paksapackusongch’ük nonmunjip (Essays on Music Offered to Dr. Lee Hye-ku in Honor of His Hundredth Birthday), ed. Hwang Junyeon et al, 661-91 (Seoul: Minsogwôn, 2008).
Research Support
The Centre supported the following research projects of faculty members through its research enhancement grants program: Jennifer Jihye Chun (Sociology)—“Organizing at the Margins: Labor Politics and Globalization in South Korea and the United States” (Cornell University Press); Nathan Hesselink (Music)—“SamulNori: The Rebirth of Korean Itinerant Troupe Performance Culture”; Insun Lee (Asian Studies)—“Elementary Korean Workbook” (Tuttle Publishing Co.); Hyung Gu Lynn (IAR)—“Dichronoscope: Chinese Perceptions of South and North Korea”; Kyung Ae Park (IAR)—“Food Crisis, Women’s Changing Economic Roles, and their Implications for Women’s Status in North Korea”; and graduate students who were awarded the Graduate Student Research Grant, including Avram Agov (History, Ph.D.), Hyuk-chan Kwon (Asian Studies, Ph.D.), Jane Lee (Women’s Studies, M.A.), Franklin Rausch (Asian Studies, Ph.D.), and Elena Yugai (History, M.A.).

Visiting Scholars
Each year the CKR serves as home to the largest number of visiting Korea-scholars in Canada from many parts of the world. These scholars include academics, NGO activists, mass media experts, government officials and graduate students. The visiting scholars in 2008-09 and their research topics are:

- Chang, Byung-Inn (Chungnam National University): Comparison of social status of women in traditional Asia.
- Cho, Namwook (Seoul National University): Korea’s encounter with the West in the 19th century.
- Cho, Seog Yeon (Chonbuk National University): A study on the transmission process and development aspects of Korean traditional musical instrument.
- Chung, Hyung Ji (Osan College): Changes in dine-out culture in modern Korea.
- Ha, Jiyoung (Seoul National University): Ways to invigorate international academic exchanges in Korean studies.
- Jeong, Hee-Seon (POSCO Fellow): Volunteer activities in Canada.
- Jeong, Jin-Ho (Korea Labor Institute): Effect of wage seniority on the employment of older workers and non-regular workers.
- Kang, Hyun Min (Korea University): Comparative analysis on the operating system of university sport.
- Kim, Si Wuel (Konkuk University): Consumer education plan for multiple cultural families; focused on Canadian support system of multiple cultural families.
- Kim, Young-jin (Sungkyunkwan University): Colonial nationalism in Korea, 1920s.
- Kim, Young Soon (Inha University): Multicultural society and cultural urbanism.
- Ko, Geel Hwan (UiDuk University): Translation of “I Am You.”
- Ko, Jung Hyoo (Pohang University of Science and Technology): Institute of Pacific Relations and the Korean problem, 1925-1945.
- Kwon, Wook-Dong (Daegu University): New paradigms of Korean physical education and sports with respect to modern physical education standards.
- Lee, Beom Seok (Catholic University): Prosodic features of bilingual speakers of Korean and English.
- Lee, Sang Jin (Korea National Open University): A study on the humour (or laughter) manifested in the modern Korean
narrative and a study on Japan and Japanese discourse in Toji from a postcolonial perspective.

- Mah, Insub (Sungkyunkwan University): Recent ideological change in the public and its influence on North Korea policy in South Korea.
- Park, Hong-gyun (Sunchon National University): Supply chain management and logistics in Korea.
- Park, Kwang-Soo (Wonkwang University): Comparison of the epistemological approach of Buddhism with the discoveries of cognitive science.
- Park Bong, Jeong Sook (POSCO Fellow): Anti-discrimination act in Canada.

Seminar Series and Conferences
On October 18, 2008, the CKR organized a Korea Foundation sponsored workshop entitled “Heroes and Hero-Making in the Aftermath of the Imjin War” which featured the following three presentations:

- Min-Woong Lee (The Naval Academy of Korea): “Yi Sunsin: The Hero of Naval Battles in the Imjin War”
- Ji Young Jung (Ewha Womans University): “Nongae: War and a Heroine in the Imjin War”

This past year, the Centre hosted a number of exhilarating guest talks and coordinated ongoing research activities:

February 25, 2009. In-Sup Han (Law School, Seoul National University): “The First Year Experiment of New Jury Trial in Korea (ROK).”
February 27, 2009. Sun Joo Kim (Harvard University): “Local Strategies of Integration in Late Chosŏn Korea.”
The Centre for Southeast Asia Research (CSEAR) had a particularly active and productive year in terms of seminars, conferences and research. Two main conference events were held, one in November 2008 and one in March 2009, plus a schedule of 12 seminars from May 2008 to March 2009. Throughout the year, the Centre also participated in discussions and activities with various consular-general offices for Southeast Asian countries in Vancouver, particularly with the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia.

Workshops/Conferences
Of the two major conference events, the first was a special workshop on November 26, concerning the 2009 general election in Indonesia. It was made timely by the widespread enthusiasm concerning the country’s election and the relatively peaceful process it engendered, despite predictions after the fall of Suharto of a difficult and slow transition to democracy in Indonesia. “The General Election (Pemilu) and Democracy in the New Indonesia” featured speakers with wide experience in Indonesia from Simon Fraser University, University of Chicago, Airlangga University (Surabaya, Indonesia), and UBC, including a special panel of UBC Indonesian students and alumni from Greater Vancouver to represent their perspectives.

The second major event was a three-day conference entitled “Indonesia’s Urban Future: Directing Urban Change,” held March 4-6, 2009. Like the Pemilu workshop in November, the urban conference was sponsored jointly by CSEAR and the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia. It featured Professor Christopher Silver from the University of Florida as the keynote speaker, panelists Sri Palupi (Institute for Economic and Social Rights, Jakarta), Professor Jo Santoso (University of Tarumanagara, Jakarta), Marco Kusumawijaya (Jakarta Arts Council, Jakarta), and two representatives from the City Government of Jakarta, Ir. M. Suhadyoko and Ir. Priyadi Priyautama Ignatius. UBC Professors Terry McGee, John Friedmann and Michael Leaf were also discussants on the presentations.

Research
The research program at the Centre featured two books and an important editorship. Abidin Kusno’s book entitled Ruang Publik, Identitas, dan Memori Kolektif: Jakarta Pasca-Suharto (Public Space, Identity, and Collective Memory in Post-Suharto Jakarta) was published in Yogyakarta by the Ombak Press in 2009 (compiled and edited by Manneke Budiman, translated by Lila Kurnia, University of Indonesia). In addition, Tineke Hellwig’s new book, written and organized with co-editor Eric Tagliacozzo, titled The Indonesian Reader: History, Culture, and Politics, was published by Duke University Press, also in 2009. Manneke Budiman was named as the editor of new book series, Kota, Kata, dan Kuasa (City, Texts, and
Power) by the Ombak Press in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. In addition, Centre associates published a number of papers in journals and books, and gave numerous invited presentations that can be seen in their activity reports elsewhere in the IAR Annual Report.

Awards
The Centre is proud to note two significant awards received by its members in the 2008/2009 year. First, Terry McGee, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geography and long-time CSEAR member and ex-director of IAR, has been awarded the Vautrin Lud International Geography Prize for lifetime contribution to geography. It is awarded to one recipient a year, and is considered the top international award in Geography. Past recipients include Peter Haggart, David Harvey, Dorren Massey, Peter Hall, and Yves Lacoste. The award is named after the French scholar Vautrin Lud who is credited with naming the New World “America” after Amerigo Vespucci. The award is presented each year in October at the International Geography Festival held in France in the birthplace of Vautrin Lud. Terry is the first Canadian to be awarded the prize since it was established in 1991.

Second, Rick Barichello, CSEAR Director, was named a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society at the organization’s Annual Meeting in July 2008. He is the 29th person to be so designated in the more than fifty year history of the Society, and he is the first recipient from British Columbia.

Seminars
The schedule of seminars included a mix of longer term academic research and current issues, and covered the usual range of academic disciplines. They are listed chronologically.

May 22, 2008. Stephanie Chang, UBC; Alison Bailey, CCR, UBC; Bob Anderson, Simon Fraser University; Maria Hla Tin, Voices from Burma; and Geroge Chandler, Red Cross; “The Sichuan Earthquake and Burmese Cyclone: Observations, Reflections and Actions.” Sponsored by the IAR, CCR, and CSEAR.
October 27, 2008. Nanette Garcia Dungo, University of the Philippines, Diliman, “The Identity of the Filipino Migrant at the Nexus of Postcolonial Discourse and Globalization.”
November 5, 2008. Erlinda Castro Palaganas, University of the Philippines, Baguio, “Gender and Health Issues in Indigenous Communities in the Cordilleras of the Philippines.”
January 16, 2009. Inez Hollander, University of...
February 12, 2009. Kenneth George, University of Wisconsin–Madison, “Ethics, Anxiety, and Qur’anic Art: Episodes from Indonesia.” Co-sponsored by CSEAR and the UBC President’s Advisory Committee on Lectures.

Other Activities
CSEAR has been involved in several events organized by local Southeast Asian consulates and their associated communities. In June 2008, CSEAR members contributed to a special farewell reception held for Bunyan Saptomo, departing Indonesian Consul-General in Vancouver. The book launch on May 20 involved a large number of attendees from the Greater Vancouver Filipino community and its local organization, Dahong Pilipino.

Two CSEAR members were involved in key roles at a Student Debate Contest sponsored by the Consulate General of Indonesia on October 26. This contest was held to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Indonesia’s Sumpah Pemuda (Youth’s Oath) with Abidin Kusno as moderator and Manneke Budiman as one of the adjudicators.

Collaboration
The Centre has worked to develop good working relationships with a number of organizations that specialize in various aspects of Southeast Asian research and affairs. As noted previously, CSEAR works closely and productively with the staff at the Consulates General of several Southeast Asian countries. This relationship is most active with Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia to sponsor conferences and bring Indonesian scholars and students to Canada. We continue to work on plans to extend this relationship to programs for future years. In addition, we work together with the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore on a regular basis, and have initiated or explored further contacts with universities in the region, including the National University of Singapore, Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and the Asian University Network in Bangkok.

Staff
During the year, we hosted Jim Placzek, Honorary Research Associate, at CSEAR. The Management Committee of CSEAR has included Manneke Budiman (Asian Studies Ph.D. student), Tineke Hellwig (Asian Studies), Abidin Kusno (IAR), Michael Leaf (SCARP, IAR), and Rick Barichello (Land and Food Systems).
C. D. Alison Bailey
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Director, Centre for Chinese Research
(please refer to page 51 under IAR faculty)

Presentations and Conferences

Teaching
AGSC 250 - Land Food and Community I
GRS 497 – Directed Studies in Global Resource Systems
FNH 497 – Directed Studies in Food Nutrition and Health
FRE 306 – Introduction to Global Food Markets
FRE 340 – International Agricultural Development
FRE 420 – Trade and Domestic Policy in Global Food Markets
FRE 490 – Current Issues in Food and Resource Economics

Graduate Student Supervision
Lejiu Zhang, AgEc, M.Sc.
Kai Liu, AgEc, M.Sc.
Adam Soliman, AgEc, M.Sc.
Stephen Peplow, ISLFS, Ph.D.

Service to the University
Director, Centre for Southeast Asia Research (CSEAR), Institute of Asian Research; September 2007 – IAR Council, September 2007 – 2012
Food and Resource Economics Group, Chair, Search Committee for CRC Chair Appointment, December 2007 – 2008
Canadian Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, 1999 – 2009

Service to the Community
Board of Directors, Southeast Asian Archaeologies, Ltd., Vancouver, March 2008 – present.

Grants

Awards and Distinctions
Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, Fellow, 2008
David W. Edgington
Associate Professor, Geography; Director, Centre for Japanese Research

Publications
Book manuscript: Reconstruction after the Kobe Earthquake. Approved by UBC Press. Forthcoming.

Presentations and Conferences
June 2008. “Japanese Electronics Firms in Taiwan,” CRSA Meeting, University of Laval, Quebec City.

Teaching
GEOG 281/ASTU202 - Canada, Japan and the Pacific Rim
GEOG 468 - Canada and the Pacific Rim
GEOG 481 - Geography of Japan
GEOG 520 - Asian Urbanization

Graduate Student Supervision
Bao-Xi Wang, Geography, Ph.D.
Tom Woodworth, Geography, Ph.D.

Graduate Student Committees
Joe Sulmona, Geography, Ph.D.
Patrick Oabel, Geography, Ph.D.
Jeff Wubs, Geography, Ph.D.
Laura Tate, SCARP, Ph.D.

Service to the University
Director, Centre for Japanese Research, IAR
IAR Council
Chair of Ph.D. Examination Committee: Chia-Chun Hsieh, Business Administration and Martin Guhn, Human Development, Learning and Culture
University Examiner, Ph.D.
Examination Committee of Kaori Yoshida, Asian Studies
External Examiner, M.A. Examination Committee of Siobhan Oliver (Geography, SFU)

Grants
“Urban Governance Issues in Japan,” SSHRC, $110,000
“The Challenge of Studying Japan and...
Opportunities for West Coast/Pacific Connections in North America,”
Japan Foundation Grant, $11,500

Military Hiatus: What Happened to Chosŏn Korea in 1596?” Oriental
Institute, University of Oxford.
March 19, 2009. “Military Duty in
Late Sixteenth-Century Chosŏn
Korea: A System for Everything but
March 22, 2009. “Military Authority
and Divine Country: The Guiding
Principles of Foreign Relations in
the Tokugawa Regime,” Selwyn
College, University of Cambridge.
April 4, 2008. “Monarchy and a New
Vision of the Japanese State in
the Hideyoshi Regime,” The AAS
Annual Meeting.
oegyo wa kunsaryŏk ch'anggang
ŭ Yŏgyo chŏngch'ihak,” 2008
SNU Kyujanggak international
conference.

Teaching
ASIA 521A - Readings of the Kirishitan
documents
ASIA 314 - Premodern Japan
ASIA 410 - International Relations in
Premodern East Asia
ASIA 587 - Chosŏn society

Graduate Student Supervision
Hidemi Shiga, Asian Studies/Arts, Ph.D.
Oleg Benesch, Asian Studies/Arts, Ph.D.
Eiji Okawa, Asian Studies/Arts, M.A.

Service to the University
Director, Centre for Korean Research,
December 2007 – present
IAR Council

Milind Kandlikar
Associate Professor, Institute of Asian
Research, Liu Institute for Global Issues;
Acting Director, Centre for India and
South Asia Research
(please refer to page 56 under
IAR Faculty)
C. D. Alison Bailey
Assistant professor, Institute of Asian Research; Director, Centre for Chinese Research

Publications
“Reading Between the Lines: Representations and Containment of Disorder in Late Ming and Early Qing Legal Texts.” *Ming Studies*. Forthcoming, Fall 2009.
Co-translated with Bonnie S. McDougall. Extracts from chapters 3-5 from Pu Songling’s “The Cold and the Dark” (17th century); in *Renditions* Vol. 70, 2008, 68-88.

Presentations and Conferences
March 2009. Panel convenor. Translation and the Canon Session, Translation and Authority Workshop, Peter Wall Institute, UBC, Vancouver.

Teaching
IAR 515A – Chinese Film and Identity
IAR 515K – Pre-Modern Chinese Law

Graduate Student Committees
Hyuk-chan Kwon, Ph.D.
Mary Ngai, Ph.D.
Rosanna Sze, Ph.D.
Leif Olsen, Ph.D.
Courtney Loo, M.A.
Vickie Yau, M.A.
Earl Naismith, M.A.
Gary Wang, M.A.
Marie O’Connor, M.A.
Joshua Stenberg, M.A.

Service to the University
Director, Centre for Chinese Research, IAR, 2004 –
Sessional Faculty Task Force, Asian Studies, 2008 –
Compiler and editor of CCR web pages for new IAR website 2008.

Renditions* Editorial Board 2007 –
IAR representative, UBC Asia Open House (Asia Voilà!) organizing committee, 2009.
Chair, IAR Liaison Committee
Chair, IAR Building Committee
IAR Equity Committee
IAR Teaching Committee

Other Services

Timothy Brook
Republic of China Chair in Chinese Research

Publications

March 2009. Panel convenor. Translation and the Canon Session, Translation and Authority Workshop, Peter Wall Institute, UBC, Vancouver.

Presentations and Conferences
April 25, 2008. “Luxury Consumption and the Making of Taste in Late-Ming China: Buyer and Dealer in the Art Trade, 1609-16,” Cosmopolitanism, Consumer Culture, and the Making of...


Current Research
Ecological history of the Yuan and Ming dynasties
Historiography and the problem of time
Wartime collaboration and postwar judicial practice in the 20th century

Teaching
History 597 – Topics in Comparative History

Graduate Student Supervision
Desmond Cheung, History, Ph.D.
Noa Grass, History, Ph.D.
Heidi Kong, History, Ph.D.
David Luesink, History, Ph.D.
Tim Sedo, History, Ph.D.
Malcolm Thompson, History, Ph.D.
Frederik Vermote, History, Ph.D.

Graduate Student Committees
Anna Belogurova, History, Ph.D.
Ching-hua Huang, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Maria Petrucci, History, Ph.D.
Craig Smith, History, Ph.D.
Dewei Zhang, Asian Studies, Ph.D.

Service to the University
Editorial board, UBC Press
K.D. Srivastava Book Prize Committee
Promotion and Tenure Committee, IAR

Service To the Community
Executive committee, Vancouver Institute

Awards Received

Timothy Cheek
Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research

Publications


Presentations and Conferences
April 15 and 17, 2008. Invited lecturer. “Mao, Historians and Popular Attitudes in Contemporary China,” City University of Hong Kong, and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.


Current Research
“Public Intellectuals in China,” with Xu Jilin, Gloria Davies, and Geremie Barmé, 2006-2009
“Thought and Society in Contemporary China,” IAR, UBC, 2002-present
“CESS—China Environmental Sciences and Sustainability,” co-convener with Hisham Zerrifi and John Friedmann, CCR, IAR, UBC, 2006-present
“Chinese Visions: Public Intellectuals in China,” with Xu Jilin, Gloria Davies, and Geremie Barmé, 2007-10

Graduate Student Committees
Netina Tan, Political Science, Ph.D.
Dominic Yang, History, Ph.D.
Wei-ting Guo, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
David Luesink, History, Ph.D.

Service to the University
Associate Principal, College for Interdisciplinary Studies, June 2008-current (60% appointment)
Associate Director, Centre for Chinese Research, IAR, UBC, 2003-present
Associate Faculty, Department of History, UBC, 2004-present
Associate Faculty, Centre for Research on Women’s Studies and Gender Relations, UBC, 2004-present
Grants and Scholarships Committee, Faculty of Graduate Studies, 2006-present
Teaching Committee, IAR
Chaired two hiring committees: China History (Fall 2008); Tung Lin Kok
Yuen Canada Foundation Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society (Winter 2009)
Case Development for Fundraising,

Confucius Institute review for VP Research (Winter 2009)

Service to the Community
Association for Asian Studies

CASA-Canadian Asian Studies
Association Editorial Board, Journal of the Canadian Historical Association (Ottawa), 2007 – present
Editor, Pacific Affairs, on leave during 2008-09 while working at CFIS
Editorial Board, The China Journal (Canberra), 2007 – present
Editorial Board, Issues & Studies (Taipei), 2004 – present
Editorial Board, Historiography East & West (Leiden/Vienna), 2003 – present
Editorial Board, China Information (Leiden), 1998 – present
Grant Reviewer, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, China grants, March 2009
Grant Reviewer, Association for Asian Studies, CIAC grants, March 2009
Grant Reviewer, AAS Levenson Prize Committee fundraising, 2008-09
Grant Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, 2005 – present
Promotion and tenure review (external): New York University, 2008
Vice-Chair, China and Inner Asia Committee of the Association of Asian Studies (an elected position), 2008-09 (becoming chair, 2009-10)

Other Services
Honours Thesis supervision, Department of History, primary supervisor for Jim Wu thesis on experiences of reform in Shanghai in the 1980s, (completed April 2009)
Guest lecturer to various classes at UBC and Simon Fraser University in History and Political Science

Grants
“Public Intellectuals in China,” SSHRC, $76,016

Julian Dierkes
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Keidanren Chair in Japanese Research

Publications


“Supplementary Education: Global Growth, Japan's Experience, Canada's Future.” Education Canada, Fall 2008 (Vol. 48, No. 4): 54-58.


Co-authored with Matthias König.


“Mongolians' Interactions with Each Other and with Natural Resources.” Edited volume currently finalizing for submission to Brill.

“Guilty Lessons? History Education in Japan and the Germanys Since

Faculty 53
1945." Monograph accepted for publication in "Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute," Columbia University, under contract to be published by Routledge (to be submitted by May 1, 2009).

Presentations and Conferences

Graduate Student Supervision
Bern Haggerty, Law, Ph.D.
Sophia Woodman, Sociology, Ph.D.
Mark Neighbor, MAPPs

Graduate Student Committees
Robin O'Day, Anthropology, Ph.D.
Margaret Skwara, MAPPs
Michiyo Hayase, Educational Studies, M.A.

Service to the University
Associate Director, Centre for Japanese Research, Coordinator, Program on Inner Asia
Associate Editor, Pacific Affairs
Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Institute Partnerships, December 2008 – present
College for Interdisciplinary Studies, Curriculum Committee, January 2007 – June 2008
Chair, College for Interdisciplinary Studies, Curriculum Committee, March 2007 – June 2008
Graduate Council, September 2006 – June 2008
April 2008 presentation to North America Mongolia Business Council
Funding for contemporary Mongolia conference (> $50k)
Full Scholarship for Mongolian MAPPs student ($20k * 2 years)
Organization of Mongolia visit for AVP International, Craig Klafter

Service to the Community
Reviewer, University Press of Kentucky
Reviewers, Journal of Curriculum Studies
Reviewer, American Sociological Review
Reviewer, Poetics
Peter Koven for National Post on the financial situation in Mongolia January 21, 2009 (newspaper interview, background)
Mark Lloyd (freelance journalist) on coal mining regulation in Mongolia December 3, 2008
Peter Koven for National Post on post-election mining opportunities in Mongolia July 3, 2008 (newspaper interview, background)
Lindsay Beck for Reuters on "Mining template not ideal for Mongolia, investors" June 28, 2008, distributed July 7, 2008 (news agency, background and quotes; carried by International Herald Tribune and others)
Kerry Gold for Globe and Mail on "A $700,000 house (hapilly) divided" May 27, 2008, printed August 6 2008 (newspaper, background and quotes)
Daniel Morton for The Georgia Straight on "Stressed students pushed to breaking point" March 25, 2008, published April 24, 2008 (weekly paper, background and quotes)
Gillian for CBC Radio One's "On the Coast" on alternative house ownership models in Vancouver, aired August 6, 2008 (radio, background and quotes)
Sung Rae Park for Korean Broadcasting Service's "Global News Scene" on Mongolia July 9, 2008, aired July 13, 2008 (TV interview, background and quotes)
Tyra Dempster for Reuters on "Mongolia's untapped minerals" June 28, 2008, aired on July 3, 2008 (TV interview, background and quotes)
American Center for Mongolian Studies, UBC Representative, Board of Directors, January 2006 – present

Other Services

Grants
"Choice, Curricula, and Cram Schools: Diversity in the Japanese Shadow Education Market," SSHRC, $100,686

Conference on "Contemporary Mongolia," Brant Enterprises, Ltd., $20,000
Conference on "Contemporary Mongolia," Centerra Gold, Inc., $2,000
Conference on "Contemporary Mongolia," The Asia Foundation, $8,000
Conference on "Contemporary Mongolia," Khan Resources, $5,000
Conference on "Contemporary Mongolia," Newcom Group, $5,000
Conference on "Contemporary Mongolia," International Development Research Centre, $5,000
Conference on "Contemporary Mongolia," Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, $600 and four nights accomodation for seven speakers
Conference on "The Revival of Buddhism in Mongolia in the Context of Post-Socialist Society," The Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation, $15,500

Publications
"Canada and Global China: Beyond Engagement." (Working title, book-length manuscript in progress with first draft expected in June 2009.)

Paul M. Evans
Professor, Institute of Asian Research, Liu Institute for Global Issues; Co-CEO and Chairman of the Executive Committee, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada


“Canadian Contributions to Track Two Diplomacy in Asia.” Commissioned by the Asia Pacific Foundation and to be published in the International Journal. (In progress.)

“Thinking About Chinese World Order: A Fifty-Year Perspective on John Fairbank and Wang Gungwu.” Commissioned by the East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore, for a conference and edited volume. (In progress.)


“What Asians Think About Canada.” Commissioned by the editors of the Canada Among Nations annual volume. (In progress.)


Presentations and Conferences


“What’s Next in Canada-India Relations: Strategic Partnership or Niche Arrangements?” Centre for International and Development Studies, Chandigarh.


“China and the West,” China in the Shifting World Order, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo.


October 30, 2008. Chair and panelist.


Panel on “North America-Mongolia Relations,” Contemporary Mongolia: Transitions, Development and Social Transformations, UBC.


December 11-12, 2008. Panelist and paper presenter: 'First Experts’ Meeting of the North American
Dialogue,” Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus.
February 12, 2009. “Asia Pacific Gateway: Just in Time or Just too Late?” Vancouver Transportation Club.
February 20, 2009. “Why We Need a National Strategy,” and “Removing Obstacles to Canada-India Cooperation in Higher Education,” Banff Centre.
March 21, 2009. Chair and panelist. “Gender and Development in Asia,” Institute of Asian Research, UBC.

Graduate Student Committees
Susanne Duska, ISGP, Ph.D.

Mrinalani Menon, Political Science, M.A.
Netina Tan, Political Science, Ph.D.

Service to the University
Member, Director Search Committee, Liu Institute for Global Issues, 2007-2008
Principally around the Jack Austin Chair in Asian Economies, a joint venture of the Foundation and Simon Fraser University

Service to the Community
Involvement in proposals while at the Foundation to federal agencies including DFAIT, Western Economic Development, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, provinces of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec; several private sector companies.
Member, International Advisory Board, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (Jakarta), 1999 – 2007.
Member, Advisory Council to the Canada-Korea Society (Ottawa), 2004 –
Member, International Board, Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (Brasilia, Australia), 2008 –
Senior Associate, The Asia Institute, Solbridge School of Business (Daejeon, Korea), 2008 –
Member, The Pacific Review, 1995 –
Member, Pacific Affairs, 2000 –
Associate Editor, 2005 –
Member, The Chinese Journal of International Politics (Tsinghua University), 2006 –
Member, The Global Responsibility to Protect (University of Queensland), 2008 –
Senior Advisor to the Board, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Other Services
Extensive interactions with senior officials and parliamentarians in Canada and Asia
Involvement in several Canadian and international working groups and networks

Publications
Yu Arai, Land and Food Systems, M.A.

Service to the University
Director, Environment Program, Liu Institute 2005 – present
Acting Director, Centre for India and South Asia Research, 2008 – 2009
Promotion and Tenure Committee, IAR, 2008 – 2009
Faculty Search Committee, IRES, 2009
Advisory Council, IAR, 2004 – present
Teaching Committee, MAPPS program, IAR, 2004 – present
Research Committee, IAR 2006 – present
Nehru Humanitarian Fellowship Award Committee, 2006 – present
Executive Committee, Centre for India and South Asia Research, IAR 2004 – present
Graduate Admissions Committee, MAPPS program 2006 – present
Graduate Admissions Committee, Bridge program 2009
Olav Slaymaker Scholarship Selection Committee Chair, 2005 – present
Technical Advisory Committee, Presidents Climate Change Initiative, 2007 – present

Service to the Community
Member, Society for Social Studies of Science
Member, Society for Risk Analysis
Reviewer, Global Environmental Change
Reviewer, Climatic Change
Reviewer, Environmental Science and Technology
Reviewer, Atmospheric Environment
Reviewer, Energy Policy
Reviewer, Journal of Cleaner Production
Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Reviewer for Standard Research Grant
Reviewer, Olav Slaymaker Fellowship
Reviewer, Nehru Humanitarian Award

Other Services
K. Findlater was awarded an NSERC CGS scholarship (and is shortlisted for the prestigious Vanier Fellowship)
P. Teehan was awarded an NSERC CGS scholarship and a Bridge fellowship
C. Reynolds won the prestigious Commonwealth Fellowship
J. Freeman won a SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship
Primary supervisor and mentor to two Post-Doctoral Fellows at UBC:

• Andy Grieshop (IRES) joined in October 2008
• Jane Lister (Liu Institute) joined in March 2009 as a research associate and will become a post-doc on April 15th

Grants
“Biotechnology Regulation in India,” SSHRC, $34,019
“A Capacity Building Program for the Global Environment,” University Investment Fund (UBC), $32,000
“Alternative Fuels in Indian Transport,” SSHRC, $45,000
“Climate Science, Equity and Development,” UBC Hampton, $31,000
“Alternative Fuels and the Automobile,” Auto 21 NCE, $47,500
“Center for Nanotechnology in Society,” National Science Foundation (U.S.), $25,000
“Center for Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology,” Center for Nanotechnology in Society, $35,000
“A Technological Assessment of Emissions from Indian Autokirshaws,” Centre for Health and Environmental Research, $5,500

Awards and Distinctions
$2000 best paper award given by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies in Japan based on submissions to the Better Air Quality 2008 conference.

Abidin Kusno
Canada Research Chair in Asian Urbanism and Culture; Associate Professor, Institute of Asian Research

Publications


“Homogeneity in the Postcolonial Space?” in Homogeneity of Representations, Ed. Modjtaba Sadria for the Aga Khan Award for Architecture Knowledge Construction Series. (In progress.)


“Stealing Twilight: Jakarta Bay, the Pioneer and the Last Frontier.” For Inter-Asia Cultural Studies. (In progress.)


“Ruang Publik, Identitas dan Memori Kolektif: Jakarta Pasca-Suharto.”


April 12, 2008. Speaker. "Narrative, Memory and History in Indonesian Arts, Media and Culture," The Yale Indonesian Forum Workshop, Luce Hall, Yale University, New Haven.

May 12–13, 2008. Member of the steering committee. Staging the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics: Visions, Tensions, and Results, CCR, IAR Workshop, UBC.


June 28, 2008. Co-executive coordinator. Urban Hegemony, Agrarian Societies and Governance in the Global South, UBC Graduate student Symposium, part of the Wall Summer Institute for Research Workshop, UBC.

October 25, 2008. Moderator. The "Youth Debate," Commemorating the 80 Years of the Oath of the Youth (Sumpah Pemuda), Vancouver.


February 27–28, 2009. Speaker and discussant. "Homogeneity in the (Post)colonial Space?" The Aga Khan Award for Architecture

Knowledge Construction Workshop II: Homogeneity of Representations, Wedgewood Hotel, Vancouver.


Teaching
IAR 500 – Perspectives and Methodologies of Asia Pacific Policy Studies
IAR 508 – The City and the National Imagination
Ph.D. Tutorial meeting

Graduate Student Supervision
Tomoe Itsuko, MAPPs
Lakshibir Jassal, MAPPs
Zan Zhang, MAPPs
Irfan Sonawala, Interdisciplinary Studies, Ph.D.
Hannah Lim, MAPPs
Ming Min Zhao, MAPPs
Harkamal Rai, MAPPs
Queenie Pan, MAPPs

Graduate Student Committees
Manneke Budiman, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Danielle Labbe, School of Community and Regional Planning, Ph.D.
Jenni Pace, Art History, Visual Studies and Theory, Ph.D.
Jan-Henrik Friedrichs, History, Ph.D.
Heidi Kong, History, Ph.D.
Lachlan Barber, Geography, M.A.
Fang Xu, Anthropology, M.A.
Service to the University
Co-Director, CFI Funded Asian Urban Lab, IAR
Management Committee, Centre for Southeast Asia Research
LAR Council
LAR Appointment, Promotion and Tenure (APT) Committee
LAR Teaching Committee
LAR Building and Liaison Committees
Urban Studies Committee
Museum of Anthropology Asia Committee
Advisory Committee for International Partnership, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies
Organizing Committee for 2009 Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference at UBC

Service To the Community
Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies
Member, Committee for International Initiative, Journal of Architectural Education
Member, Canada Asian Studies Association (CASA)
Member, Canada Southeast Asian Studies Association
Reviewer and endorser Jo Santoso’s "Architectur-Kota Java: Kasus, Kultur dan Kuasa, Jakarta: Centropolis"
Manuscript Reviewer for "Bijragen tot de Taal-, Land-En Volkenkunde" (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)
Manuscript Reviewer for "Society and Space"
Manuscript Reviewer for "Pacific Affairs"
Manuscript Reviewer for "Journal of Architectural Education"
Reviewer of papers for the 96th Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Annual Meeting, March 27–30, 2008
Reviewer of papers for the 1st "Architecture and Cultural Studies Workshop," University of Indonesia, August 26-27, 2008
Reviewer of a Standard Research Grant, SSHRC
Member of Editorial Board, Journal of Planning History
Member of Editorial Board, Book Series on "Kota, Kata dan Kuasa," Ombak Press, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
University Ph.D. Examiner, Simon Springer, Department of Geography
University Ph.D. Examiner, Sirijit Sunanta, Women’s and Gender Studies
University Ph.D. Examiner, Michelle Kooy, Department of Geography
External Ph.D. Examiner, Dikmen Bezmez, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, State University of New York

Awards and Distinctions
Nominated by students for Killam Teaching Prize for Graduate Instruction

Hyung Gu Lynn
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research; AECL/KEPCO Chair in Korean Research

Publications
Ordine bipolare: Le due Coree dal 1989


Presentations and Conferences
May 12, 2008. Invited panel presenter.
November 11-13, 2008. Invited panel presenter. “Cultural Power Asia: Producing Culture,


Teaching
IAR 500 – Gender and Development Module
IAR 506 – Globalization and Culture in the Asia Pacific
IAR 515 – Migration and Gender

Graduate Student Supervision
Kaori Yoshida, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Carla Stucchi, MAPPS
Jeonghye Son, Asian Studies, M.A.
Shiho Maeshima, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Kyu-ho Chun, Anthropology, Ph.D.
Heejung Son, History (State University of New York – Stony Brook), Ph.D.
Nicholas Hall, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Catherine Coté, MAPPS
Natsuko Kobayashi, MAPPS
Liyan Wu, MAPPS

Service to the University
Director, Gender and Development Stream in MAPPS
Chair, Publications Committee, IAR
Vice Chair/Director, Centre for Korean Research
Executive Council, IAR
Teaching Committee, IAR
Publications Committee, IAR
Equity Committee, IAR
Management Committee, Centre for Korean Research
Management Committee, Centre for Japanese Research
Acting Editor, Pacific Affairs, July 1, 2008 – present
Associate Editor, Pacific Affairs, January 2002 – present

Service to the Community

Presentations and Conferences

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Teaching
COMM 490 – Directed studies on International Business and Logistics
COMM 498 – International Business Management
COMM 548 – Directed studies on Multinational Firms and Government Policies in the Asia Pacific
IAR 512 – Directed studies on Multinational Firms and Policy Issues in Asia Pacific

Service to the University
IAR’s Acting Director (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009)
IAR Council
IAR Building Committee
FOGS / CFIS Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee
IAR Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee
Graduate Council representative for the Sauder School of Business
Co-Director of IAR’s Asia Pacific Business and Economic Policy Research Unit

Service to the Community
Editorial Board, Managerial and Decision Economics (MDE)
Editorial Board, Corporate Board: Role, Duties & Composition
Referee, Energy Journal
Referee, Journal of the Operational Research Society
Referee, Corporate Governance: An International Journal
Referee, IEEE Transactions on Power Systems

Grants
"Understanding Coordinated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards in Comparative Perspective" co-investigator with P. Potter, SSHRC, $2.5 million, 2009–2015


Current Research
Political opportunity structures in North Korea
Defectors and their implications for the North Korean regime

Teaching
IAR 500 – Security Module
IAR 515 – Issues in East Asian Diplomacy

Graduate Student Supervision
Justin Carter, MAppS
Martin Rioux-lefebvre, MAppS
Dennis Visser, MAppS
Wallace Yuen, MAppS
Robert Sullivan, MAPPs
Kulwindar Singh Parhar, MAppS

Service to the University
Chair, Equity Committee, IAR
IAR Council member
Management committee, CKR

Service to the Community
Editorial Board member, Pacific Focus
Editorial Advisory Board member, Korea Observer

Publications
"Food Crisis, Women's Changing Economic Roles, and their Implications for Women's Status in North Korea." Submitted to Journal of Asian Studies, under review.


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Associate Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Korea Foundation Chair
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The Korea Times Daily, Interview on Succession issue in North Korea, October 24, 2008
Reviewer, Pacific Affairs
Reviewer, Journal of International Affairs
Appointed by premier Gordon Campbell as a member of the Korea Market Advisory Group, Asia Pacific Trade Council, Government of British Columbia

Grants
“Emerging Issues of North Korean Foreign Policy,” Academy of Korean Studies, $18,000
“North Korean Foreign Policy,” Hwajung Foundation, $10,000
“North Korean Women and Food Crisis,” CRK, $3,000


Presentations

Teaching
IAR 500 – Governance and Human Rights Module
IAR 515I – Policy project in Asia – Pacific Studies
Law 334 – Introduction to Asian Legal Systems / Chinese Law
Law 337 – Trade & Investment in the People’s Republic of China

Graduate Student Supervision
Susanne Duska, ISGP, Ph.D.
Wenwei Guan, Law, Ph.D.
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Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada
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Editors, China Legal Development Yearbook
Editors, China: An International Journal

Publications

Pitman B. Potter
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Other Services
Consultant, Borden Ladner Gervais L.L.P.

Grants
“Coordinated Compliance with Trade and Human Rights Treaties,” SSHRC, $2,500,000
“Canada-China Policy Review,” Canada International Council, $200,000
“Coordinated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards,” SSHRC MCRI Start-Up Grant, $20,000

Awards and Distinctions
Faculty of Law Alumni Research Award April 2008
Senior Fellow: Asia Pacific Foundation March 2009

Tsering Wangdu Shakya
Canada Research Chair in Religion and Contemporary Society in Asia; Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research

Publications
“Protests and Re-assertion of Tibetan Nationalism.” China Perspectives (HK) Fall 2009 issue. (In press.)
Introduction to Shunian xueshi hou, Yunchen Wenhua, Taiwan 2009. (In Chinese.)
Book Review: Introduction and preface to El Tibet trenea el su silencio de l’escriptora tibetana confinada a Pequin, Tsering Woeser. (In Spanish.)

Presentations and Conferences

Teaching
IAR 515E – Contemporary Tibet: Identity, Development and Conflict
IAR 515P – Religion and Public Policy

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Chair of Annual Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Lecture Series on Buddhism and Contemporary Society
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Advisory Board of International Association of Tibetan Studies
Director of Tibet Times, (Tibetan Language Newspaper) India
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American Association of Asian Studies
Consultant, “tibet: 50 Years After the Fall,” Examiner, Susanne Duska, Ph.D., Internal Reviewer, American Association of Asian Studies
Consultant, “tibet: 50 Years After the Fall,” Examiner, Jack Hayes, Ph.D., Internal Reviewer, American Association of Asian Studies
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Advisory Board of International
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Committee
Museum of Anthropology, Asia Committee

Other Services
Tashi Tsering has been awarded the annual Cosmos International Graduate Travel Award for the 2008/09 academic year.
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Provided advice to local NGO, The Trans-Himalayan Aid Society, Vancouver, BC on development projects in India and China.

Publications
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BAMS 530 – Global Manufacturing Management
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St. John’s College Academic Committee Member
Centre for Japanese Research, Management Committee Member
IAR Council
IAR Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee
Academic Director, Sauder Shanghai Summer Studies Program

Service to the Community
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Member, Academy of Management
Member, IPMN
Member, AIB
Reviewer, JCCM
Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Forest Research
Reviewer, IPMJ
Reviewer, International Journal of Forest Research
Reviewer, Canada Chairs – College of Referees – Member
Reviewer, SSHRC Committee 15 – Member
Reviewer, SSHRC Standard Grants Application Assessor
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Editorial Board, The International Public Management Journal
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Other Services
Consultant, Provincial Degree Quality Assessment Board, Member,
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Grants
“Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Program: Understanding integrated compliance with international trade and human rights standards in a comparative perspective,” co-investigator with P. Potter, SSHRC/ MCRI, $2,500,000
“Optimizing Forest Land Management under Overlapping Multiple Resource Tenure,” NSERC, $75,000
“The Geography of Entrepreneurial Success,” SSHRC, $117,000
“Design of New Institutions,” NCE/SFM, $743,000
“Selective Adaptation,” SSHRC/MCRI, $2,000,000
“Economics of Aboriginal Land Use Activities,” NCE/SFM, $160,000

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For the fiscal year of 2008-2009, the Institute had a total operating budget allocation of $493,953. From this total operating fund, $71,714 was set aside for non-salary operating expenses; $9,238 was allocated towards the operating budget for the Centres for Chinese Research and Southeast Asia Research, and the balance was used on faculty and staff salaries. Funds supporting research activities, projects, workshops, and visiting fellowship programs totaled $701,545. Research funds were largely derived from various agencies: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Japan Foundation, United Nations Development Programme—Global Environment Facility, POSCO Foundation, Hampton Research Fund, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, and other private donors and foundations. Annual fund allocations for the Choi Emerging Opportunities Endowment, four Centre Endowment funds and the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Endowment for Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program totalled $241,986. These funds supported various program and research initiatives at the Institute.

Personnel
The Institute of Asian Research, by way of a reception held in October at the Thea Koerner House, expressed profound gratitude and appreciation to Professor Pitman B. Potter, IAR Director, who stepped down on July 1, 2008, after serving as its administrative head for eight years. Friends, colleagues, students, alumni, and supporters of the Institute all gathered to honor Dr. Potter who led the Institute through a period of fruitful growth and development in its teaching and research programs as well as an expansion of faculty and staff, leaving a legacy for the IAR community to carry on. Professors Emeriti Terry McGee and Diana Lary, alongside IAR faculty Alison Bailey and Tim Cheek each spoke of their reflections and appreciation of Dr. Potter as Director, colleague, and friend. The attendees were also treated to a performance of Professor Potter’s Grateful Dead cover band, Dustcover. He continues his affiliation with the Institute as the Hong Kong Bank Chair in Asian Research and as the Principal Investigator of a multi-million dollar, seven-year grant awarded by the Major Collaborative Research Initiatives Program under the Social Sciences Research Council of Canada on “Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution: Understanding Coordinated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards in Comparative Perspective.”

Dr. Masao Nakamura, Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research, stepped in as IAR’s Acting Director until June 30, 2009. The IAR Council expresses its gratitude to Professor Nakamura for taking over the leadership of IAR for one year. Meanwhile, a search is being conducted for the next IAR Director.

Dr. Michael Leaf, IAR faculty associate member and former Director of the Centre for Southeast Asia Research, took over the roles of Associate Director for Teaching and MAPPs Graduate Advisor on July 1, 2008. He welcomed the opportunity to “rejoin” IAR but this time in a different role and capacity—one in which he was more involved with its teaching program and mandate. Together with the IAR Teaching Committee, a number of significant changes were made to the MAPPs curriculum, including the establishment of a new joint program between MAPPs and the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP). Details on the latest joint program offering from MAPPs can be found at www.iar.ubc.ca/mapps.

Dr. Timothy Cheek, Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research and Professor at IAR, was appointed as Associate Principal—Teaching and Strategic Initiatives at the College for Interdisciplinary Studies (CFIS) in July 2008. Dr. Cheek joins the leadership team at CFIS to lend support to CFIS Principal, Michael Burgess, and to help move the College forward.

Ms. Rozalia Maté, former Manager, Research and Program Development at IAR, will assume the new position of Project Manager of the Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution, MCRI Phase II project.
as of April 2, 2009. In her new role, she will lend support to Dr. Pitman B. Potter, Principal Investigator of said project, as well as coordinate various project activities.

In mid-February, IAR’s Assistant to the Director, Ms. Karen Jew, received her lifelong dream of motherhood. After years of patiently waiting through the adoption process, she was finally given the green light to proceed to China to pick up her baby girl. She is taking a one-year parental leave from March 2009. IAR hosted a reception at the C.K. Choi Building to wish her well as she prepares to undertake her most important and challenging new role as mother to Carissa.

Ms. Kerry Ross joined IAR in late March 2009 to fill a void in the administrative staffing complement. Ms. Ross comes to the Institute with a Bachelor’s Degree in Anthropology from the University of Victoria. Before joining IAR, she worked as Scheduling Coordinator at the BC Dispute Resolution Practicum Society (BCDRPS) where she handled the scheduling for over 60 mediators in five locations and responded to inquiries from the public regarding the mediation process. Prior to the position she held at BCDRPS, Ms. Ross also worked as an ESL instructor in Seongnam-shi, Korea. Her passion and interest for Asia led her to travel to China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines.

The IAR community wishes both Ms. Maté and Ms. Ross all the best in their new roles at the Institute.

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IAR’s future directions for its academic development will continue to focus on the following three areas that were previously identified as priority areas:

(1) Strengthening collaborative projects involving various IAR Centres and Programs. Examples include the following: building linkages among the IAR Centres on the theme of religion and public policy; expanding links among the IAR Centres in areas of policy research; teaching and community programming; and expanding joint seminars and research presentations.

(2) Expanding collaborative projects with other units at UBC. This might include expanded research and teaching initiatives with departments in the Faculties of Arts, Law, Medicine, and the College for Interdisciplinary Studies. Joint teaching programs and research programs will be a welcome addition to this effort. Another example is the Program in Buddhism and Contemporary Society, in cooperation with the Department of Asian Studies. Our newly hired Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Chair (Professor Jessica Main) will be situated in this research Program.

(3) Enlarging the IAR graduate teaching program. This will include expansion of the existing MAPPS program and consideration of establishment of a doctoral program. Furthermore, discussions are ongoing concerning collaboration with other units on the establishment of an Asia Pacific and international policy program. Along these proposed lines, we plan to implement a significant revision in the MAPPS program in the near future.

IAR is already engaged in a number of activities that reflect these priorities. They include Professor Potter’s MCRI Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Project funded by SSHRC and Professor Edgington’s Conference on Japanese Immigration and Foreign Workers funded for the Centre for Japanese Research by the Japan Foundation. Both projects involve researchers from multiple research Centres as well as researchers from other UBC units and other universities elsewhere.

While our basic priorities above remain unchanged, we also recognize the need to adjust these priorities over time in response to the changing UBC environment facing IAR. Current tight financial conditions at UBC are also forcing IAR itself to reorient some of its academic plans as well as priorities. In the April 8, 2009, meeting of the IAR Council it was decided that IAR will reorient itself towards the CFIS-wide goal of establishing a policy and governance school of some sort within the College for Interdisciplinary Studies. At this time, implications of this IAR Council decision for IAR operations are not clear, but some adjustments to our priorities might become necessary.

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The continued contributions of all the Executive Committee and Editorial Board members in refereeing articles and promoting the journal through various academic associations, conferences, and colleagues have been crucial to the maintenance of the reputation of the journal. We also continued our strong presence at the Annual Conference of the Association of Asian Studies in Spring 2009, and were successful in renewing the journal’s SSHRC grant.

Our Publishing Assistant, Fremma Esquejo, continued to keep the book reviews flowing, while Erin Williams was a model of efficiency and thoroughness in managing the article submissions as the Editorial Assistant. Nick Simon also helped in this capacity for a couple of months. We were also well-served by our superb team of work-study students: Kyle McLeod, Marcis Siy, Catherine Côté and Nicco Bautista.

The seventh William L. Holland Prize for the best essay for Vol. 81 was awarded to Alan Smart and Josephine Smart, for their article “Time-space Punctuation: Hong Kong’s Border Regime and Limits on Mobility,” (81:2) [Fall 2008]. The Prize honours the memory of Bill Holland’s dedication to thorough, engaged, and accessible scholarship. The prize will be announced in the Summer 2009 issue (82:2).

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