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The past year has been one of significant challenge and change at the Institute of Asian Research following the re-organization of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the creation of the College for Interdisciplinary Studies. My medical leave during Fall 2007 prevented me from participating effectively in Institute activities and decisions. During this time, the University relocated the College for Interdisciplinary Studies to the Choi Building and granted the Institute for European Studies permanent space there. The IAR community rose to the task and adjusted its activities to accommodate the College and IES on the first and third floors of the Choi Building, welcoming our colleagues to the Choi community. While these changes have limited IAR’s use of Choi Building space, they have also created important opportunities for collaboration and intellectual exchange. I hope that the Institute will continue to find opportunities in what appear initially to be challenges. This approach has been an important element of our success in building a thriving intellectual community devoted to teaching and research in which policy relevance is combined with local knowledge.

As the contents of this year’s annual report reveal, IAR has been continually active and successful in a wide array of research and teaching achievements. The China Environmental Studies Seminar (CESS) has gotten off to a wonderful start under the leadership of Dr. Tim Cheek. Many of our newer faculty members have become actively engaged in a wide range of important endeavours, such as the Asian Urbanism Lab (Abidin Kusno); the Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program (Tsering Shakya); the Central Asia Program and the Interdisciplinary Policy Seminar (Julian Dierkes); research initiatives on Environment, Infrastructure and Social Change in India (Milind Kandlikar); and research and teaching on Cultural Change and Social Transformation in Korea (Kyung Gu Lynn). Established faculty continue to make important contributions including Masao Nakamura’s book on Corporate Governance in Japan; Ilan Vertinsky’s work on Risk and Policy Management in China and Japan; and Kyung-Ae Park’s important work on Reunification Policies and Politics in Korea. Among the most active contributors to the IAR community are our Centre Directors, who have contributed their energy and expertise to such issues as Globalization and Economic Change in India (Ashok Kotwal); Urbanization in Asia (Michael Leaf); Trade Policy and Agricultural Development in Asia (Rick Barichello); Religion in Korea (Don Baker); Human Rights and Migration in Korea and Japan (Nam-lin Hur); Globalization and Financial Structural Change (David Edgington); and Political and Social Change in China (Alison Pitman B. Potter
Director, Institute of Asian Research
Bailey). I have been privileged to work with all of these fine colleagues over the past year, and to be continually enlivened by their productivity and commitment to the intellectual community at IAR.

The Institute has been particularly blessed with opportunities to collaborate with other departments at UBC, including the Department of Asian Studies through the TLKY Canada Foundation Program on Buddhism and Contemporary Society; Department of History through joint teaching, Department of Anthropology through collaboration on the Johal Chair appointment; and of course through a range of joint and chaired appointments with the Department of Economics, Sauder School of Business, Faculty of Law, and the Faculty of Forestry. We are also very indebted to the Department of Political Science for encouraging and supporting our graduate students in the MAPPS program. Programs being developed with the Liu Institute and other CFIS units demonstrate the potential for interdisciplinary and inter-organizational collaboration. While the activities within the Institute and the collaborative efforts between the Institute and other UBC units speak for themselves, we look forward to continually strengthening and expanding these initiatives.

This year has been a challenging year for me personally, as health issues forced me to take a leave of absence during the fall term and severely curtailed my activities since then. I resigned as Director of the Institute effective July 1, 2008, although I will continue to hold my position as Hong Kong Bank Chair in Asian Research for the next two years. Dr. Masao Nakamura, of our Centre for Japanese Research, has graciously agreed to serve as Acting Director while we mount a search for a new director. My primary research activities in the near term will involve our MCRI-funded program on Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution, as well as my role as Chair of the Canada International Council China Project. These two projects offer wonderful opportunities for policy-oriented research and teaching, international linkages, and expanded collaboration with colleagues at UBC and elsewhere. While I am sorry to be stepping down early as IAR Director, I am looking forward very much to the opportunities this will present for enlivening my research and teaching agenda. As this will be my last Director’s message, I would simply like to thank the faculty, staff, and students at IAR, the College for Interdisciplinary Studies, and in the university community more broadly for the fellowship, intellectual engagement, and personal friendship they have shared with me these past eight years. I have been immensely blessed and I can only hope to repay these kindnesses through continued productivity in teaching and research.
Two Centres went through directorship transitions in fall 2007. The Centre for Korean Research (CKR) welcomed Professor Nam-lin Hur (Department of Asian Studies) as the new Chair of its Management Committee. Professor Rick Barichello (Faculty of Land and Food Systems) joined the Centre for Southeast Asia Research (CSEAR) Management Committee as the new Centre Director.

The Centre for Japanese Research (CJR), in conjunction with the Department of Asian Studies, organized and hosted the “Takemiya Keiko Manga Festival at UBC” in September 2007.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between IAR’s Centre for Southeast Asia Research and the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia to co-organize a workshop in October 2008 on “Indonesia’s Urban Future: Directing Urban Change.”

Dr. Anand Pandian, Johal Chair in Indian Studies, organized an academic workshop on “Genealogies of Virtue: Ethical Practice in South Asia” held September 2007 in collaboration with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. This workshop focused on the ethical dilemmas scholars face while reflecting on the modernizing processes in South Asia.

The Centre for Korean Research (CKR) organized a conference entitled “Changing political and economic environment of the Korean Peninsula” in October 2007. This conference took up several issues related to Inter-Korean Summit and the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) between South Korea and North America. The former Deputy Prime Minister of South Korea, Dr. Nyum Jin, and the Canadian Ambassador to South and North Korea, Mr. Ted Lipman (also IAR’s Diplomat-in-residence in 2006-07) gave the opening remarks and the keynote speech respectively.

The Chinese Environmental Sciences and Sustainability Group (CESS), an initiative of the Centre for Chinese Research, organized an exploratory workshop on environmental issues in China with faculty discussants and graduate student paper presenters in October 2007. Due to the large audience that this event was able to draw, CESS will continue to offer workshops and other events in the coming years.

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IAR officially welcomed Senator Jack Austin in a reception held last February 2008. The Honourable Jack Austin joins the Institute as Honorary Professor and Senior Fellow as he continues to conduct his lifelong research on Canada-Asia relations. Senator Austin also looks forward to scholarly exchanges with the MAPPS students and faculty as well as leading the Institute’s newly revamped External Advisory Council.

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Master of Arts—
Asia Pacific Policy Studies Program
(MAPPS)

The MAPPS program now completes its eighth year of operation with another successful year of study and practicum placements. The IAR core faculty continues to support the program and we are particularly grateful for the support of Dr. Ian Harris, visiting TLKY Professor in Buddhism and Contemporary Society, and the Honourable Senator Jack Austin, IAR Honorary Professor. Dr. Kyung-Ae Park returned this year from her sabbatical leave as Graduate Advisor of the MAPPS Program. We are grateful to Dr. Michael Leaf, former Director of IAR’s Centre for Southeast Asia Research and Professor at the School for Community and Regional Planning for graciously coming on as acting Associate Director for Teaching since January.

The Institute of Asian Research, in collaboration with its constituent Centres and Programs not only sponsors talks but also promotes involvement in the community. The IAR Teaching Committee regards the participation of MAPPS students in IAR activities and the broader intellectual community as an important element in students’ graduate education. In order to encourage this, Participation in the IAR and Broader Intellectual Community was formally added as an activity to the MAPPS core course in the past academic year. Comments from MAPPS students from 2006 and 2007 indicate the value of student involvement in the many and diverse activities of IAR and its Centres, so it is expected that this initiative will both strengthen the MAPPS teaching program and enhance student involvement in the IAR community.

As in the past, MAPPS students organized the IAR Annual Graduate Student Conference on the theme of “Globalized Asia: Challenges and Opportunities.” This year’s highlight was the presence of Dr. Mike Douglass, Director of the Globalization Research Center and Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawai’i. Dr. Douglass gave the keynote address, entitled “Asia Unbound—Globalizing the (Un)making of Urban Histories,” as well as a second conference presentation on the various forms of “global householding” that are arising from the diverse and complex population movements within Asia and between Asia and the rest of the world. For more details on this annual conference, please refer to the following article penned by Pascale Massot, MAPPS student and a member of the Conference Organizing Committee.

Financial assistance in the form of scholarships continues through the Power Corporation of
Canada, The Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation, and in the form of research assistantships in IAR’s effort to heighten centres’ and students’ growth. Altogether, seven students benefitted with one-year scholarships and worked as research assistants in the academic year 2007-08. Our appreciation goes out to the sponsor organizations, foundations and individuals who continue to support outstanding MAppS students and IAR’s teaching initiatives.

We are pleased to note that in the current year most MAppS students have received confirmation of their Practicum placement earlier than in any past year. The internships through the Canadian diplomatic missions in China have consolidated in recent years and our students are sought after as MAPPs has consistently been able to deliver bright and energetic interns. In addition, the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, has also been steadfast in supporting the MAPPS program and this year two more interns will gain experience in foreign affairs through their placements in Jakarta.

Now in its second year, the Hung Hing Ying (HHY) Practicum 2008 scholarship has been awarded to four MAPPS students who have initiated projects 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 Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere Inc. (CARE) in Nepal.

As announced in last year’s Annual Report, the HHY Practicum 2007 scholarship recipients were placed at: the People’s Health Organization, Saheli Project, in Pune, India; The Refuge Pnan in Seoul, South Korea; West Coast Domestic Workers’ Association in Vancouver, Canada; and the Institute for Policy Analysis and Advocacy (ELSAM), in Jakarta, Indonesia. With the exception of Ms. So Young Yang, an intern with The Refuge Pnan organization whose experience was published in 2007, all other interns were involved in their projects at the time of press.

Here are the brief summaries of their work and experiences:

Ms. Noushin Khushrushahi, awardee of the HHY Practicum 2007
Internship placement: People’s Health Organization, Saheli Project, in Pune, India, June-July 2007

Saheli HIV/AIDS Karyakarta Sangh sits bang in the middle of Budhwar Peth, the most prominent Red Light Area of Pune City in India. Saheli
Sangh is the only collective of sex workers in Pune—it is also one of the foremost models on how peer education and respect for gender rights has helped to cut the number of HIV infections in brothel-based sex work by half and generate social respect for sex workers. Volunteers and researchers at the organization are initially given a warm and wise warning: “Remember, these women are not merely objects of study; do not coerce them into answers, stay with the tais at all times, and DO NOT take any pictures out in the brothels.”

I spent much of my summer heeding this advice during my practicum experience, an event made possible thanks to the generosity of the Hung Hing Ying Scholarship and the Centre for India and South Asian Research. My work there was equally split between volunteering for the organization and conducting informal research on the twin issue of HIV/AIDS and gender rights. Quite specifically, I helped set up a database for the organization's records, including an extensive list of the medical history of each sex worker at the organization. I also sat in on weekly meetings held to discuss pertinent issues faced by these women, spent time talking with and teaching the children of sex workers who were housed at the organization’s nursery, helped edit reports and statements, and engaged in discussions over what continues to be a heated topic in India—the female condom. My experience allowed me to understand the sub-culture of the Red Light Area, the issue of human trafficking, and the distinct differences that categorize brothel-based sex work; it also allowed me to analyze gender and social disparities that help contribute to the spread of disease. Moreover, my daily trips to the field, detailed observation and discussion, as well as impromptu duties (such as visits to the police stations to file complaints) provided me with a compelling real-life arena within which to critically engage with policy analysis and development.

For more information on Saheli Sangh, please visit sahelipune.blogspot.com. For more information on how to send in much needed donations, please email tejaswisevekari@gmail.com.

Ms. Virginie Francoeur, awardee of the HHY Practicum 2007
Internship placement: West Coast Domestic Workers’ Association in Vancouver, Canada, May-July 2007

I am very grateful for the support which I received from the Hung Hing Ying Foundation for my practicum. During my practicum placement, I worked as a Legal Support Coordinator at West Coast Domestic Workers’ Association (WCDWA), a non-profit organization located in Vancouver. WCDWA’s mandate is to provide legal advice and representation to foreign domestic workers in Canada in the Live-in Caregiver Program.
The Live-in Caregiver Program allows foreign nationals who meet certain criteria set out in Canada's immigration and refugee legislation to work in Canada in private homes as caregivers for children, persons with disabilities or the elderly, while living with their employers. A caregiver who completes 24 months of full-time employment within 3 years of entering Canada may be eligible to apply for Permanent Resident status. However, the program is difficult to complete because whenever caregivers want to work for a new employer, they must apply and wait for a new work permit, which can take up to 4 months. In addition, caregivers are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse since they are required to live in their employers' homes.

My main responsibility at WCDWA was to provide legal assistance to live-in caregivers concerning immigration and employment issues. I worked under the supervision of WCDWA's staff lawyer, Ms. Deanna Okun-Nachoff. The majority of my clients were from the Philippines, though some of them were from Peru, Mexico, China, and India. I assisted many clients with applications for new work permits and for Permanent Residence, both in the Live-in Caregiver class and on Humanitarian and Compassionate Grounds. I also provided support and advice to caregivers experiencing difficult working conditions. My practicum at WCDWA was a wonderful learning experience and reinforced my desire to dedicate my career to helping immigrants and refugees.

Ms. Tomoe Otsuki, awardee of the HHY Practicum 2007
Internship placement: ELSAM, Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy, Jakarta, Indonesia, June-August 2007

I worked for the re-establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (the TRC) for three months in ELSAM, a local NGO for policy-research and advocacy of democracy. ELSAM was the primary initiator for the establishment of the TRC in Indonesia in 1999. I was asked to review English literature and publications on the TRC in general, and the Indonesian TRC in particular. Then, I was assigned to conduct interviews with other NGOs (including International NGOs), individual victims/survivors, human rights lawyers and some of the former TRC commission candidates. The ultimate goal was to produce a comprehensive picture of the politics of the TRC in Indonesia. I also interviewed a few victims of the 1965-1966 massacres. Their voices are collected in the ELSAM database as testimony. ELSAM and National Human Rights Commission are still working on making a new draft bill for the TRC act. Likewise, I am working on my thesis on the politics of the TRC in Indonesia.
A busy year on campus for the MAPPS 07-08 cohort is winding down, and many of us have started to tackle the practicum or thesis component of our degrees, one more step towards fine tuning our policy development expertise. There has been some great variety this year in terms of where we are heading off for our practicum placements, ranging from East Asia to Europe. Of course those who found it hard to say no to a beautiful Vancouver summer will stay on for their summer term. Pascale Massot will be enjoying the build-up to the Beijing Olympics at the Canadian Consulate in Shanghai this summer, while Margaret Skwara explores the Asian Steppe with her hunting eagle in Almaty, Kazakhstan at the Eurasia Foundation. Both Carla Stucchi and Dennis Visser will be in Jakarta at the Canadian Embassy, and I will be joining them in Southeast Asia a little farther north, in Bangkok at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). Ravina Bains will be in the opposite side of the globe, way over in Geneva at the United Nations as well, while Darlene Foote will be working at the Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere Inc. (CARE) in Nepal, and Bonnie Lui will be keeping an eye on Vancouver for all of us, conducting her Practicum at the Fraser Institute. We will all be keeping in touch over the summer and should have some great experiences to share come fall.

There were a lot of great opportunities this year to experience some really interesting work, both in-class and during the many IAR-hosted events. The IAR Graduate Student Conference once again proved itself to be a valuable and thought-provoking event, and this year’s edition largely owes its success to the efforts of Pascale Massot, Dennis Visser, Carla Stucchi, and Bonnie Lui, who all put in a lot of hard work both setting up and running the conference. Participants were also treated to a keynote address from Dr. Michael Douglass from the University of Hawai‘i. Other notable talks and seminars over the year included visits from: Mr. Emmanuel Jimenez, Sector Director of Human Development from the World Bank’s East Asia Region; Mr. Rajat Nag, Managing Director General from the Asian Development Bank, and the World Bank Colloquium.

Those of us involved with the second Asia Pacific Policy Project on Genocide Education in Cambodia after last year’s inaugural success have continued to revisit the project. Along with our group members from SCARP, we have been working towards getting the project document finished and distributed to relevant agencies and organizations hopefully some time this year.

Asia has once again proved to be the international hub of dynamic political, economic, and social developments in the world, and this has only made the past year all the more exciting and relevant in the MAPPS program. For those of us continuing on in MAPPS in the upcoming year there should be plenty more opportunities for stimulating discussions around the Choi Building and a new cohort of MAPPSsters to welcome. For those of us who are off to put our policy development skills to the test, the year here at the MAPPS program has been a tremendously rich and rewarding experience.
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, conference and presentations on research topics of interest to the unit are given below.

**Professor Y. Katsurayama**
Professor Yasunori Katsurayama who specializes in mathematical finance at the School of Social Sciences of Waseda University in Tokyo completed his two-year stay as a visiting professor of this unit on March 29, 2007.

**Professor H. Yoshimatsu**
We currently host another visiting faculty, Professor 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. Professor Yoshimatsu authored/co-authored a number of academic publications including the following recently published books, book chapters and journal articles:


While at UBC Professor Yoshimatsu plans to focus his research on “The Prospect of Regional Economic Integration in East Asia: Synthesising the Neorealist and Constructivist Perspectives.”

This research aims to consider the prospect of regionalism in East Asia by synthesising two major international relations (IR) theories: neorealism and constructivism. Ever since the mid-1990s, East Asian states have promoted regional cooperation/integration under the ASEAN+3 (APT) framework. By 2005, cooperation under the APT framework showed steady progress to cover seventeen sectors and have 49 mechanisms to facilitate and implement cooperative initiatives. Despite such evolutions, regional politics in East Asia is still constrained by the neorealist logic. Great power politics interplayed by the United States, China and Japan has determined the degree of distrust and cooperation in the region, and actions and policies of other smaller states have tended to be considered as bandwagoning or balancing. The major East Asian states have adhered to sovereignty largely because of their desire to maintain and strengthen national unity and collective national identity. Furthermore, the East Asian states have maintained the state’s superiority over the society in state-society relations. Given these conditions, it is necessary to think first about factors influenced by the state’s power relations and interests in examining interstate affairs in East Asia. At the same time, we need to pay due attention to the possible validity of the constructivists’ claim that norms, ideas and identity have crucial influences on international relations. Historically-developed ideas and socially-constructed norms might have discernable influences on the evolution of regional cohesion. Indeed, East Asia is characterized by vast and various diversities in terms of cultural backgrounds including religion and language, the degree of economic development as well as political systems. However, some East Asian countries have similarity in paying respect to specific ideas such as forgiveness, harmony through consultation, and co-existence with nature.

**M. Nakamura**
Konwakai Chair of Japanese Research Professor, IAR and Sauder School of Business (Please refer to page 60 under IAR Faculty.)

**I. Vertinsky**
Professor, IAR and Sauder School of Business (Please refer to page 62 under IAR Faculty.)
The APDR Program, a Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), supports research, analysis and policy proposals. It is aimed at building knowledge on cross-cultural dispute resolution (including mediation, arbitration, and court adjudication) in international trade and human rights in Canada, China, and Japan. This project addresses these concerns through collaborative research, analysis and policy development. Focusing on Canada, China, and Japan, the project tests existing hypotheses and generates new ones about selective adaptation and related concepts that inform the exchange of practices and norms about trade and human rights dispute resolution across cultures.

The second phase of Selective Adaptation Survey data collection was completed in mid-2007, and data entry and statistical analysis activities began shortly after. Close to 2400 questionnaires on issues of human rights, including housing, health and labor and on international trade have been administered in China, Japan and Canada for the second time. Phase Two was devoted to the correlative analysis of relationships between the phenomenon of selective adaptation and the factors of perception, complementarity, and legitimacy. The results from these questionnaires are being reviewed by our country teams and research groups for policy proposals and provide useful information for future studies on other cross-cultural policy issues such as the environment, health and technology.

Our knowledge dissemination activities have also continued through international conferences such as the Law and Society Association held in Berlin, Germany on July 25-28, 2007. The APDR project organized three panels. The first panel “Selective Adaptation Theory: Comparative Perspectives on Dispute Resolution” examined theoretical and methodological dimensions of selective adaptation. The second panel “Dispute Resolution in Japan: A Comparative perspective on Selective Adaptation” focused on issues of selective adaptation in the context of Japan in the areas of international commerce and human rights and were based on papers on (1) mergers and acquisitions, (2) the WTO and competition policy, (3) free trade and economic partnership agreements, (4) tobacco control and health policies, and (5) health care reform. The third panel, “Dispute Resolution in China: A Comparative
Perspective on Selective Adaptation” focused on issues of selective adaptation in relation to China in the areas of human rights, social protection and international commerce and were based on papers on (1) health care reform, (2) the effectiveness of collective labor contracts, (3) policies and responses to housing evictions in Shanghai, (4) corporate governance and (5) anti-dumping. These sessions were particularly illustrative of the dynamic of selective adaptation, combining theoretical insight with empirical data in ways that are emblematic of the law and society enterprise/discourse.

Collaboration with the Lauterpacht Centre on International law at Cambridge University and the Emerging Dynamic Global Economies (EDGE) Network in Ottawa resulted in an international policy roundtable on “Selective Adaptations and Institutional Capacity: Approaches to Treaty Compliance in International Trade and Human Rights” held on July 20-21, 2007 at the Lauterpacht Centre. This workshop provided opportunities to learn about and discuss the results of the APDR research program on local implementation of international treaty standards in trade and human rights. Presenters addressed quantitative and qualitative measures of the role of selective adaptation of international norms and institutional capacity for enforcement as key elements of treaty compliance. The workshop was one in a series of international consultations, which not only provided an opportunity for further dissemination of our research results but also generated strong intellectual support for research on the integration of trade and human rights compliance.

In June 2007, our policy outreach and dissemination strategy supported the IAR Summer Institute China program for business and policy executives who applied research knowledge generated by the APDR research program to case-based problem solving in areas of trade and human rights. The Summer Institute is an innovative environment for launching training scenarios using analysis and research tools derived from the APDR program. Evaluations from Canadian government, policy and private participants were overwhelmingly positive, noting the high quality of program design and implementation.

On the program management front, the APDR project had a challenging year. It started with Project Manager Donna Yeung’s unforeseen medical leave at the beginning of July 2007. Coincidentally, at the beginning of August 2007,
Dr. Pitman Potter, Project Director, became quite ill and was away on medical leave for a few months. With the appointment of Acting Project Manager, Rozalia Mate, the wonderful help provided by the project co-investigators and collaborators alongside Dr. Potter’s gradual return, the project activities were carried out as planned.

The project started in 2008 with a very busy agenda. Led by the Project Director, Dr. Pitman Potter, the project co-investigators came together for a brainstorming session for the MCRI Letter of Intent application submission on Phase Two of the APDR Project: “Understanding Integrated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards from a Comparative Perspective,” due January 31, 2008.

Our proposed Phase Two MCRI project involves a new program of research that applies the findings of our initial MCRI program to new and important policy and geographic areas. The proposed project represents an opportunity to apply the demonstrably valuable concepts of “Selective Adaptation” and “Institutional Capacity” to the critically important policy issue of integrated compliance with international trade and human rights standards. Building upon the achievements of our initial MCRI project that examined trade and human rights as separate examples where compliance was determined by selective adaptation and institutional capacity, the proposed Second Phase MCRI project will address the ways in which compliance with trade rule affects compliance with human rights standards and vice versa. The research networks established during Phase One are already in place and functioning well, and will support the expansion of the research to the issue of integrated compliance, and extension of the research scope to include Southeast and South Asia. By expanding our geographic reach to include Indonesia and India, we will be able to test our explanatory paradigms in regions where local implementation of international standards is made more complex by factors of post-colonialism that are largely absent in China and Japan, thus offering important comparisons for Canada. The proposed research will also rely heavily on carefully developed case studies to build understanding of local conditions for integrated compliance with trade and human rights standards that have direct relevance to Canada, not only in light of shared cultural traditions with the regions selected for study but also as applied to specific policy questions such as links between transparency and human rights enforcement, intellectual property and protection of indigenous knowledge, and economic subsidies and preservation of local communities. Thus, our proposed Second Phase MCRI project will build on our current achievements to generate important knowledge on integrated trade and human rights compliance that has clear relevance for academic and policy communities in Canada and internationally. SSHRC has just recently accepted our Letter of Intent and the formal application is due on September 1, 2008.

In spring 2008, Dr. Pitman Potter (Project Director) together with Dr. Lesley Jacobs (Project Co-investigator) have submitted a proposal to UBC Press for the publication of the Asia Pacific Legal Culture, International Law, and Globalization—a book series that revolves around research themes associated broadly with the theme of Asia Pacific legal culture, international law, and globalization. The origin of the series is the collaborative interdisciplinary research initiated by leading international scholars working on the Asia Pacific region under the auspices of the APDR program. However, it is anticipated that this book series would also include manuscripts on research themes developed outside the APDR program. The series is designed to appeal not only to the traditional markets for university press books (academic libraries, university bookstores, classroom adoptions, and sales to individual scholars) but also to readers in the policy realm and those involved with businesses in the Asia Pacific region. The basis for the books will be original empirical research as well as qualitative and quantitative analysis related to international trade and human rights. The following are three books, one single authored and the other two edited volumes, which are already well developed and could be readily available for the launch of the series:

- Ljiljana Biukovic (Law, UBC) and Pitman Potter (Law and Institute of Asian
Another forthcoming publication under the APDR project is the Changing Corporate Governance Practices in China and Japan: Adaptations of Anglo-American Practices volume, edited by Masao Nakamura and published by Palgrave Macmillan, Houndsmills, U.K. The chapters in this volume address the extent to which China and Japan adopt the U.S.-style Anglo-American corporate governance practices and also explore the reasons that might determine the extent of such transplantation of foreign corporate governance practices to China and Japan.

On March 28-29, 2008, the APDR project, together with the Institute of Asian Research and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, co-organized the “Western Development and Socio-Economic Change: Canada-China Forum,” which was held at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing. The conference brought together an impressive variety of scholars and experts in economics, sociology, law and political science from China and Canada for two days of intensive discussions on regional developments in China and Canada. The conference’s comparative approach exposed the Chinese and Canadian scholars to different interpretations and official policies in the western regions in their respective countries. The participants of this conference benefited from critical assessment of state policies and developmental pressures on the indigenous populations of these regions. This conference was a good example of collaboration between scholars from different cultural and political backgrounds united by their interest in developmental and regional issues. It demonstrated that the differences in academic terms, policies and attitudes can be narrowed down when presented clearly and supported by case studies.

In the spring and summer of 2008, the Principal Investigator together with the project team members will be working very hard on the formal application for Phase Two of the APDR Project. The Advisory Board will hold a summary session in Autumn 2008, where research findings will be presented and strategies for ongoing interaction with the policy community will be formalized. In October 2008, together with the EDGE (Emerging Developing Global Economies) Network in Ottawa, we will host a policy roundtable on “The Role of Selective Adaptation in compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Rule Regimes.” We have measures in place to continue our support for students, making the APDR project funds more accessible to a wider field of Canadian students. A key student-centered activity is the launch of our country-wide open call for graduate papers. Furthermore, we have structured a graduate roundtable for top papers to be presented in a workshop in Vancouver this coming autumn. By an adjudication process, a select group of those monographs will win a paper prize and gain exposure through publication in our occasional paper series. Further project activities include the production of additional publications and book volumes and the development of additional plans to expand the transfer of information and policy dissemination.
The Summer Institute China Program successfully launched its first full program from June 3-15, 2007, providing experiential and case-based training to nine Canadian business and government executives working on China projects. The Summer Institute China Program was pleased to receive Platinum Sponsorship from Bombardier.

The nine participants in this year’s Summer Institute China program were from: Bombardier, Transport Canada, TSI Terminal Systems Inc., Department of Foreign Affairs, TD Bank, Natural Resources Canada, Export Development Canada, and UBC Development.

The first week of the program took place at the Institute of Asian Research, and covered property, contracts, negotiations, including property and supply chains, government relations, and integrity. Program participants received seminars from instructors including Dickson Hall (Hunter Dickinson Inc.), David Fung (ACDEG Group), Gretchen Bozak (International Trade), Ilan Vertinsky (Sauder School of Business), Timothy Cheek (Institute of Asian Research), Richard Paisley (UBC Faculty of Law), and Euan Taylor (David LLP). Participants also underwent three simulations of real-life negotiations and decision-making scenarios, designed by the Summer Institute China Program, whereby participants responded to role-play actors in person, over the phone, and by email to negotiation contract clauses and solve problems.

The first week of the program was followed by a two-day retreat at a beautiful mountain resort in Whistler, British Columbia, led by William Roberts, Founder of the Whistler Forum. Participants engaged in structured discussions on broader questions of values and leadership with mentors including David Fung (ACDEG Group), Soren Harbel (BC Ministry of Economic Development), Russell Mark (RM Catalysts Ltd.), and Wu Jian (Weyerheuser), and even tried their hand at archery to draw parallels between this new sport and their China ventures.

The second week of the program was held in Shanghai, in cooperation with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) and the China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (CELAP). Susan Gregson, Consul General of Canada, Shanghai, hosted a welcome dinner for participants upon their arrival on Monday, June 11. Participants
then underwent two days of lectures and training exercises at SASS, and one day at CELAP. Participants were joined by Chinese employees of Sino-Canadian joint ventures who they worked alongside with during the various exercises and mock negotiations. The Shanghai segment concluded with a full day of site visits to the WTO Consultation Centre, Shanghai No. 2 Intermediary People's Court, and Manulife-Sinochem.

It is hoped that the Summer Institute Program will be an annual program offered by the Institute of Asian Research. It has been designed for both business and government executives, as well as non-profit and non-government organization representatives and researchers. Each of the program exercises and topics covered is relevant to both private and public sector participants, as participants will have opportunities to focus on specific business or government perspectives. The program is chaired and directed by Dr. Pitman Potter, Director, Institute of Asian Research, with support from leading business and government executives in Canada and abroad who participate both as instructors and mentors.

This program was tested on 12 experienced business and government leaders with vast experience in China during a Summer Institute Pilot China Program held last July 27-29, 2006. The program received enthusiastic and positive feedback, and many of the pilot program participants have expressed an interest to remain involved in the formal launch of the program in summer 2007.

Please visit the Summer Institute China Program website at http://www.iar.ubc.ca/programs/summerinstitute/chinaprogram/ for more information. The 2007 Summer Institute China Program is directed by Dr. Pitman Potter, and managed by Eleanor Gill.
The program has continued to focus its activities on contemporary Mongolia. The Program received a significant anonymous donation in the past year allowing it to step up its activities. In the past year, presentations in the Mongolia Lecture Series included:

- November 14, 2007. Dave McClung (Geography, UBC). “Altai Range, Northwest Mongolia (with Comparison to Other Glaciated Areas Along the Silk Road).”

Together with the Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program and the Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program, the Program organized a lecture series on “Tibet-Mongolia Links in Religion and Medicine” with funding from the Silkroad Foundation. This lecture series included the following presentations:

Vesna Wallace (Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara)

Elliot Sperling (Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University)

Julian Dierkes co-ordinates the Program and has continued to travel to Mongolia frequently. His interests are focused on the regulation of natural resources. In February the Program hosted a delegation of Mongolian academics and officials on a “Responsible Mining Study Tour” together with colleagues in the Norman B Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering, organized by the Asia Foundation.

For November 14-17, 2008, the Program is planning a major international conference on “Contemporary Mongolia—Transitions, Development and Social Transformations.” Approximately 30 participants were selected from among almost 100 proposals for the conference. In addition to research presentations, the conference will also include policy discussions and will commemorate the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Mongolia. The current Mongolian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Oyun, has agreed to participate in the conference. Brant Enterprises has stepped up as the premier supporter for the conference and we are still soliciting additional funds from companies and individuals.
Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program

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Canada Research Chair in Religion and Contemporary Society in Asia

This year, the Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program (CTSP) organized a major conference on Social-Economic Development in Tibet in conjunction with the China Tibetology Research Centre, Beijing. The conference focused on current social and economic trends in Tibet as a result of the Western Development Program launched in 2000. The two-day conference was attended by six scholars from China and eight scholars from North America. Ms. Bi Hua, Vice Director of the China Tibetology Research Centre, presented a paper on Housing Projects for Low Income Families. The participants of the conference included Professor Melvyn Goldstein, who presented a paper about the shift from a predominantly subsistence agricultural economy to a new mixed economy in which non-farm income plays a dominant role. Professor Emily Yeh's paper examined the emergence of the “Green Tibetan” through translocal and transnational projects and alliances. It touches on recent writings by some Tibetans in Tibet about why the environment is important. It includes an example of a few grassroots environmental associations in eastern Tibetan areas and what motivates the people, both Chinese and Tibetan, to be a part of these associations. The scholars from China dealt with the economic impact of the opening of a railway link between Golmud and Lhasa. Dr. Tenzin Lhundrup from Beijing presented an interesting paper on rural cooperative organization and its impact on rural household income. The conference was made possible by the support of Bombardier.

In November 2007, the Chinese Consulate Office in Vancouver requested the CTSP to host a visit by the delegation of Chinese scholars and officials. Professor Ilan Vertinsky, Acting Director of IAR, welcomed the visiting scholars. The delegates gave a presentation to the MAPPS students and provided a lively discussion on the current situation in Tibet.

In addition, the Program organized two interesting lectures. Dr. Jan Magnusson of Lund University, gave an insightful talk on the “Contemporary Baltistan Movement and its Trans-Himalayan Implications.” The Baltis are a Tibetan-speaking community in Pakistan. The talk focused on the recent social development in the western Himalayas and the emergence of the so-called Baltistan Movement and the revival of Balti culture in Pakistan and India in the past two decades. In March 2008, Daniel Winkler from Washington visited IAR and gave a lecture on the mushrooming fungi market on the Tibetan Plateau. The talk focused on how recent improvements in communication and the increased commodification of natural resources in addition to globalization have caused a mushrooming of the fungus industry. The market is dominated by Yartsa gunbu (Caterpillar fungus, Cordyceps sinensis), which accounts for over 95% of the fungi market value. In Tibet, it contributes 40% to the rural cash income.

CTSP together with Professor Julian Dierkes (IAR) and Professor Craig Janes (Health Sciences, SFU) organized a lecture series on Tibet-Mongolia Links in Medical and Religious Practices. In March
2008, Professor Elliot Sperling of Indiana University presented a paper on The Tibeto-Mongol Treaty of 1913 and its significance. In 1911, after the collapse of the Qing Dynasty, Tibet and Mongolia declared independence and signed a treaty of friendship and recognition of each other’s independence. Recently, the treaty has come to light with the opening of the archive in Ulaanbaatar.

CTSP continues to engage with the Canadian business community. For the past years, the Program has been convening a meeting of Canadian Business and local groups concerned with developments in Tibet. The meeting provided a forum for concerned groups to exchange views and also discussed social development strategies for Tibet being developed by Bombardier and Agriteam Canada.

The Program, together with the administrative staff at IAR and our shared Systems Administrator, Syed Hassan, has also been busy over the past year coordinating the establishment of the China Nationalities Language Centre (CNLC), funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the BC Knowledge Development Fund (BCKDF). CNLC, which aims to be the first multimedia research facility in Canada capable of operating in China’s minority nationalities languages, will strengthen Canada’s capability to build knowledge on these areas and promote social and cultural understanding. Actual renovation of the third floor space in the C.K. Choi Building began in May 2007 and was completed in early September 2007. CNLC has also acquired and set up computing equipment and software over several months in fall 2007 and early 2008. It will also proceed with additional purchases of server and storage support systems in the summer of 2008. Once the CNLC becomes fully operational, it will provide an interactive research environment that will greatly expand the productivity and effectiveness of research and knowledge building on China’s minority nationalities areas.
Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program

The Program on Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program is supported by a $4 million gift from The Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation. Currently housed at the Institute of Asian Research, the Program, a collaboration between the IAR and the Department of Asian Studies, supports interdisciplinary teaching and research on intersections between Buddhism and contemporary socio-economic and political life, particularly (although not necessarily exclusively) to Asia. The Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program at UBC 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.

Lecture Series
The Program, operating under the guidance of an interdisciplinary academic council that includes colleagues from the Department of Asian Studies, the Institute of Asian Research and other UBC departments, continues to support teaching, research projects, public lectures and symposia on Buddhism and its role in contemporary society. Over the past year, Professor Guang Xing, the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Visiting Professor in Buddhism and Contemporary Society from January to June 2007, gave a talk in late May on “The Relevance of Buddhism to Modern Society.” Jointly collaborated with the Silkroad Foundation, IAR’s Program on Inner Asia and the Contemporary Tibetan Studies Program, a lecture series entitled “Tibet-Mongolia Links in Religion and Medicine” was launched. Professor Manduhai Buyandelgeriyn (MIT Anthropology) reported on the “Representation of Buddhism in Arts, Culture and Cinema during Socialism in Mongolia” in November 2007. She discussed how Buddhism continued to thrive in the cultural field despite the state socialism in Mongolia having propagandized against religion and brought about religious cleansing in the 1930s and 1940s. Dr. Elliot Sperling (Indiana University’s Central Eurasian Studies), featured speaker in mid-March 2008, gave a talk on “The Tibeto-Mongol Treaty of 1913 and its Significance.” Dr. Sperling touched on the shared cultural and historical relationship between Tibet and Mongolia for centuries. After the collapse of the Qing Dynasty, Tibet and Mongolia declared independence and signed a treaty of friendship and recognition of each other’s independence. His talk explored the significance of the Tibet-Mongol treaty of 1913. Dr. Gustaaf Houtman, editor of Anthropology Today, gave two lectures on Buddhism in Burma—lectures that were a joint collaboration between the Program and the Centre for Southeast Asia Research.

The College for Interdisciplinary Studies, 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 the Performing Arts on April 27, 2008. Professor Thurman is the Je Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Columbia University, holding the first endowed chair in this field of study in the United States. He is also co-founder and President of Tibet House, and is President of the American Institute of Buddhist Studies. In his talk entitled “Buddhism as a Civilization Matrix and the Current Global Crisis,” Professor Thurman discussed Buddhism in the context of the crisis humanity faces as a struggling
species on an overstressed planet. To view video clips from his talk, please visit http://www.cfis.ubc.ca/main.jsp?page=473.

**TLKY Canada Foundation Visiting Professor in Buddhism and Contemporary Society**

In January 2008, the Program officially welcomed Professor Ian Harris as the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Canada Foundation Visiting Professor in Buddhism and Contemporary Society, appointed from January to May 2008. Professor Harris was a Senior Scholar at the Becket Institute, St. Hugh’s College, Oxford (2001–4) and is currently Professor of Buddhist Studies in the Division of Religion and Philosophy, University of Cumbria, Lancaster. He is the author of *Cambodian Buddhism: History and Practice* (2005) and *Buddhism Under Pol Pot* (2007) as well as of many articles on various aspects of Theravada Buddhist ethics and politics. Co-founder of the UK Association for Buddhist Studies and editor of *Buddhism and Politics in Twentieth Century Asia* (1999) and *Buddhism, Power and Political Order* (2007), he is currently engaged in a Leverhulme Trust-funded research project on Buddhism and politics in pre-Pol Pot Cambodia.

Professor Harris led a Master of Arts—Asia Pacific Policy Studies Program seminar course (IAR 515B) on Buddhism and Contemporary Society in the spring term. This course examined major trends in Asian Buddhism from the mid-19th century to the present, with a particular emphasis on the rise of Buddhist modernism and associated movements of social and political change. He also taught ASIA 250, an undergraduate course in the Department of Asian Studies. This course entitled, *Introduction to Buddhism*, examines the origins, basic teachings, and development of Theravada, Mahayana, and Tantric traditions, their historical spread first through Asia and later the world, as well as Buddhism in contemporary societies. In late February, he gave a public lecture entitled “Buddhism in Extremis: The Fate of the Buddhist Order under Pol Pot.” In this lecture, he discussed how the Buddhist monastic sector (sangha) was virtually extinguished during Democratic Kampuchea (1975-79). Yet the number of monks who met their doom under the Khmer Rouge regime may have been significantly less than has formerly been claimed. His talk reassessed previous calculations, investigated their ideological underpinnings, and offered a historical overview of the gradual liquidation of institutional Buddhism in Cambodia.

A search for the Tung Lin Kok Yuen (TLKY) Canada Foundation Chair in Buddhism and Contemporary Society will be conducted over the summer and fall months of 2008. The holder of the Chair will lead the TLKY Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program, while teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Buddhism, and Religion and Public Policy. The Chair will also organize an annual public lecture and convene an annual conference on Buddhism and Contemporary Society. For a full job posting, please visit our website at www.iar.ubc.ca.
5th Annual IAR Graduate Student Conference: “Globalized Asia: Challenges and Opportunity”

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2007-08 MAPPS Student

The 5th annual IAR Graduate Student Conference took place February 28th-March 1st, 2008 at the Institute of Asian Research, UBC. The conference, entitled: “Globalized Asia: Challenges and Opportunities,” provided the opportunity for graduate students and faculty from a multitude of backgrounds who shared an interest in the Asia-Pacific region to meet and exchange ideas, in an atmosphere of collegiality and interdisciplinarity.

Dr. Mike Douglass, Professor in the Urban and Regional Planning Department and Director of the Globalization Research Center at the University of Hawai’i, gave the keynote address. His talk, entitled “Asia Unbound—Globalizing the (Un)Making of Urban Histories,” exposed the realities of the rapid development of mega-projects in Asia. According to Dr. Douglass, the projects, some of the world’s tallest buildings, global business districts, shopping malls for global consumption, and massive edge cities and gated housing estates, are “breaking” the social, architectural and cultural fabric of these places and creating “cities without histories.” At the same time, stimulated by globalization forces, Dr. Douglass observes the rise of civil society attempting to reclaim urban spaces both through direct actions and the electoral process. Dr. Douglass’ talk was attended by a very dynamic audience, and the open forum session was lively and insightful.

Dr. Douglass also chaired a roundtable at the end of the Graduate Conference, entitled “Global Household and East Asia—Phantom or Phoenix?” It reviewed the complexities of Asian global households and the manners in which they spread across borders. Reactions to both events were extremely positive as Dr. Douglass’ research sparked interesting discussions. The students in IAR’s Master of Arts-Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPPS) Program were extremely happy to have had the chance to interact with Dr. Douglass on these issues and wish to thank him for coming to this annual conference.

On February 29th and March 1st, four graduate student panels were held: a panel on China’s rise and its positioning in the new global order (chaired by Dr. Diana Lary), a second panel on developmental challenges for Asia (chaired by Dr. Paul Evans), a third panel on media and globalization (chaired by Dr. Alison Bailey) and finally a fourth panel on past and present global flows (chaired by Dr. Michael Leaf).

Issues as diverse as the state and civil society relations in China (Guoxin Xing, SFU), transnational marriages in Thailand (Sirijit Sunanta, UBC), the Asia Pacific Gateway (David Chan, APFC), Philippine Nurse Migrations (Mark Lawrence Santiago, UBC), 16th Century Japanese Pirates (Maria Petrucci, UBC), community responses to the Kobe earthquake (Etsuko Yasui, UBC), anti-talibanisation in Pakistan (Arsalan Butt, SFU) and Alcan’s Utkal Alumina project in Orissa, India (Noah Quastel, UBC) were presented by graduate students and representatives from Simon Fraser University, The University of British Columbia and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.
The backgrounds of the presenters were diverse and included Ph.D. and MA students from the Departments of Communications, Geography, Planning, History, Women and Gender Studies and the Institute of Asian Research.

Three MAPPS students gave presentations: Bonnie Lui presented her paper on “The Impact of the Olympic Movement in East Asia and its Implications for Environmentalism in China,” Pascale Massot presented a paper on “Nam Theun Two: Decision Making Process and Development” and Kulwindar Singh Parhar presented his paper on “Cinema and Hindu Politics in India.” This experience was invaluable and we are all grateful for having been given the opportunity to present our research to an audience composed of academic peers, professors and members of the public, as well as address their queries.

The 2008 IAR Graduate Conference organizing committee was formed of Bonnie Lui, Pascale Massot, Carla Stucci and Dennis Visser, with the help of Dr. David Edgington and Dr. Michael Leaf, who all worked very hard to make this happen. The Committee also thanks Ravina Bains for her help with campus publicity and all the MAPPS students and IAR faculty who supported the committee members during the conference. This annual conference would not have been possible without the help of the UBC sponsors: the Institute of Asian Research, the Choi Emerging Opportunities Endowment Fund and the Urban Studies Program (Department of Geography). Thank you to everyone who helped make the 5th Annual IAR Graduate Student Conference a great success!
February 15, 2008 marked the day when the Lunar New Year festivities took place in the Choi Building. Having skipped IAR’s annual traditional celebration in 2007 to give way to the Centres’ 15th anniversary celebration, everyone agreed that it was time to bring favorable feng shui back to the building. To start it grand, loud and energetic, the 2008 lunar new year celebration commenced with lion dancing performed by the Tiger Martial Arts Club.

A celebration is not complete without food and music. Food booths selling Indonesian, South Asian cuisine and Korean desserts participated in the event. Even visiting professors from the Centre for Korean Research took part in the day’s festivities by helping out with the Korean dessert booth together with their spouses.

Acknowledgment goes out to the Tzu Chi Canada Foundation for putting up a Chinese paper cutting exhibit and demonstration. The public tried the art of paper cutting to come up with symbolic cutouts to welcome spring. The atmosphere in the C.K. Choi Building was further enlivened with music performed by the UBC Chinese Music Ensemble led by Dr. Mei Han of the UBC School of Music.

With the public’s response to and enjoyment of these festivities, the year of the rat is definitely off to a good and auspicious start.
The Honourable Jack Austin joins UBC and the Institute of Asian Research

The Honourable Jack Austin joins UBC and the Institute of Asian Research (IAR), providing students in the Master of Arts-Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPPS) graduate program with over 30 years of his experience in Canada-Asia relations. He will also conduct ongoing research at IAR on the Canada-China relationship.

Austin’s real-world experience will no doubt inform the MAPPS students as they tackle the five thematic streams in the graduate program: Economic and Social Change; Security; Gender and Development; Governance and Human Rights; and Infrastructure Policy. Professor Austin looks forward to learning as much from his students as he shares with them. “I have been fortunate enough to have travelled and learned a tremendous amount about Canada-Asia relations over the past five decades, but I expect I’ll be the one learning the most from my students, given how informed and engaged these students are. The MAPPS program draws the finest students from around the world and I expect to be challenged at every turn,” he says from his third floor office in the C.K. Choi Building, where the MAPPS program is housed.

The depth of Professor Austin’s experience is impressive. In his roles as Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources in Ottawa (May 1970-May 1974), Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau (May 1974-August 1975), the Minister of State for Social Development in Prime Minister Trudeau’s Cabinet (September 1981-June 1984), and a member of the Senate of Canada (August 1975-March 2007) representing British Columbia. Professor Austin developed extensive relationships with, and knowledge of, Canada-Asia relations, with the focus of his efforts on China since 1970.

As a Federal Deputy Minister, Professor Austin was a member of the first official visit team to China following the exchange of diplomatic relations in October 1970 and established during the June 1971 meetings in Beijing. Hosted by Premier Zhou Enlai, these bilateral relations included technical visit exchanges in mining, oil and gas, and forestry.

Since that time, Professor Austin has held a number of roles in Canada-China relations including both official duties and business-to-business activities. In 1983 as Federal Minister for Expo’86, he negotiated China’s attendance in Vancouver and hosted the first state visit to Canada by a Chinese Premier, Zhao Ziyang, in January 1984.

From 1993 to 2000, Professor Austin served as President of the Canada China Business Council which represents over 300 Canadian
companies doing business in China. He created and organized the first Team Canada visit to China in November 1994 led by Prime Minister Jean Chretien and included nine provincial Premiers, three territorial leaders, and over 350 Canadian business executives. Follow-up meetings were held in Montreal (1995) led by Premier Li Peng; in Shanghai (1996) led by Prime Minister Chretien; in Toronto (1997) led by President Jiang Zemin; in Beijing (1998) led by Prime Minister Chretien and in Toronto (1999) led by Premier Zhu Rongji. These diplomatic and business activities brought Canada-China relations to a higher level.

During the 1997 Toronto meeting between Prime Minister Jean Chretien and President Jiang Zemin, it was agreed that a parliamentary relationship should be established between the National Peoples Congress and the Parliament of Canada. As a Senator, Professor Austin organized and became Founding Co-Chair of the resulting Canada-China Legislative Association from 1998 to 2003.

On December 12th, 2003, as a Senator, Professor Austin was appointed to the Federal Cabinet of Prime Minister Paul Martin, where he served until that Cabinet resigned on February 6th, 2006. Professor Austin held the Cabinet post of Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senior Privy Councillor and Acting Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Peoples. In January 2005, Professor Austin accompanied Prime Minister Martin on an official visit to Japan and China. He also was a member of the Canadian WTO Ministerial Negotiating Team at the Hong Kong Conference in December 2005.

Professor Austin was born in Calgary, Alberta on March 2nd, 1932. He is a graduate of the University of British Columbia, (B.A. ’54; LL.B. ’55) and Harvard Law School (LL.M. ’57), and pursued Doctoral studies at Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley. He taught at the law school of the University of British Columbia (1955-56 and 1957-58) and received an honorary degree, Doc. Soc. Sc. from the University of Macau (East Asia) in 1987, along with the Rt. Hon. Pierre E. Trudeau, for services to the Canada-China relationship.

Currently, Professor Austin serves as an international business advisor to Sternpartners, a private capital investment group based in Vancouver, B.C. and will soon head a newly revamped External Advisory Council of the Institute of Asian Research.
The Centre for Chinese Research had an extremely busy and productive year, with three major workshops, two lively seminar series, and a variety of other events. The revamped CCR web pages on the newly launched IAR website provide details of the range of people and activities (past, present and future) involved in the Centre and in Chinese studies at UBC.

Workshops
The CCR organized three major workshops between September 2007 and May 2008. In October, the Chinese Environmental Sciences and Sustainability Group (CESS) hosted an exploratory workshop on environmental issues in China. Focusing on recent research by graduate students including Guo Li, Tashi Tsering and Jack Hayes, the workshop drew a large audience, including faculty discussants. In November there was an international workshop, “Taiwan Democracy: Regional Implications and Comparative Perspectives,” with generous funding by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy and support by TECO. Participants included Professor Ho Szu-yin (National Cheng-chi University, Taiwan), Professor Yen Liang-kung (NCCU and at present visiting faculty at the CCR/IAR as part of the new exchange programme between the IAR and NCCU), Professor Josephine Chiu-Duke (Asian Studies, UBC), Professor Mark Warren (Politics and the Centre for Democracy, UBC), Professor Maurice Copithorne (Law, UBC), Professor Timothy Cheek, IAR, and Professor Paul Evans, Asia Pacific Foundation and UBC. Dr. David Lee, Director General of the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Organization in Ottawa, gave the keynote speech at lunch at the Peter Wall Institute. In May 2008, the CCR held a very successful workshop on the Beijing Olympics: “Staging the Beijing Olympics: Visions, Tensions, and Dreams.” This workshop, held in the Asian Centre Auditorium, drew an audience of almost 100 people from academic, community and government circles, including Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) representatives. Jeffrey Wasserstrom, University of California, Irvine, was the highly engaging keynote speaker. Other speakers included Joseph Weiler, Arun Mohan (UBC), Tracey Kinney (Kwantlen), Hyung Gu Lynn (UBC), Jennifer Hubbert (Lewis and Clark), Zhao Yuezhi (SFU), Kingsley John Edney (Melbourne), Tsering Shakya (UBC), Tom Grunfeld, (SUNY-Empire State College), Carole Samdup (Rights and Democracy), Lee Taedong (University of Washington), Bonnie Lui (UBC), and Jessica Chen (Vancouver City Hall). Thanks are due to the discussants, Abidin Kusno, Amy Hanser, Pitman Potter, and John Friedmann, and
to the sponsors, the CCR, the IAR, the Urban Studies Program, St. John’s College at UBC and Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Fuller details of the workshop can be found on the new IAR / CCR website and we hope to post video footage of selected panels and speakers at a later date.

Seminars and Talks
The Centre for Chinese Research launched a new brown bag lunch seminar series in 2007 to celebrate Chinese research at UBC and the range of topics and speakers only revealed the tip of the iceberg. The series began with a talk by Professor Timothy Brook, History Department, Principal of St. John’s College, and concurrently at Oxford University, entitled “Unwarranted Conversations: Reconstructing the Post-War Trial of Liang Hongzhi.” Professor Li Duanduan, Asian Studies, talked on “Learning Chinese as a Heritage Language: An Identity Issue” in October, and Professor Jing Zhichun, Anthropology, on “Human & Social Dynamics of Early Bronze Age China” in November. In January 2008, Professor Daniel Overmyer (Professor Emeritus, Asian Studies and CCR) spoke on recent findings by Hebei scholars on the connections between local religious practices and society in rural North China today: “Festivals, Markets and Mediators in Rural North China: New Reports by Hebei Local Scholars.” There were two speakers in March: Dr. Hisham Zerriffi, Ivan Head South/North Research Chair in the Liu Institute for Global Issues, who spoke on “Energizing the Countryside: Distributed Rural Electrification in China” and Dr. Leo K. Shin, Asian Studies and History, on “Why Are We Picking on a Song-Dynasty (960-1276) Martyr?.” In April, Professor Chris Lee, English, gave the last of this academic year’s Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series’ talks on “Reading Eileen Chang [Zhang Ailing] as an (Asian) Americanist.”

The CESS Group organized two talks in the spring of 2008: a talk in March by Professor Earl Drake, former Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China (1987-90) and current Adjunct Professor at the David Lam Centre for International Communication at Simon Fraser University. Professor Drake has worked as Project Director for the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) since 1990 and spoke of his experience with the council. At the end of March Dr. Yin Yongyuan, Senior Researcher with Environment Canada’s Adaptive & Impacts Research Division, now based at UBC’s Department of Forestry, gave a talk entitled “China 2012—Probing the Potential for Sustainable Development,” which explored issues of climate change and the impact on China’s poverty-stricken Western regions.
The CCR had a number of other talks and events throughout the year, relying on the fortunate serendipity of visitors passing through or based in Vancouver willing to share their knowledge and expertise on things Chinese. In early October the CCR organized a talk for MAPPS students by Dickson Hall, Director, Corporate Development, Asia, Hunter Dickinson, and his colleague, Deirdre Riley, Manager, Stakeholder and Environmental Affairs, on sustainable mining practices in Western China and Tibet. Mr. Hall, recently profiled in the *Vancouver Sun*, has had a lengthy career in business in China. Later in October the CCR hosted a book launch and talk entitled *Fieldwork Connections: The Fabric of Ethnographic Collaboration in China & America*, (University of Washington Press in conjunction with UBC Press) by Bamo Ayi, Stevan Harrell, and Ma Lunzy. Bamo Ayi is Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Department, State Nationalities Commission, and Professor of Philosophy at Central Nationalities University, Beijing. Stevan Harrell, a frequent visitor to UBC, is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington. Ma Lunzy, Deputy Director of Liangshan Minorities Research Institute, was unfortunately unable to join the other speakers.

In February 2008, the CCR hosted an unusual and visually stunning poetic event by the well known, award-winning Quebec novelist, playwright, poet, and translator, Robert Majzels, and his collaborator, Dr. Claire Huot, author of two highly regarded books on contemporary Chinese culture (*La Petite révolution culturelle*, 1994; *China’s New Cultural Scene*, 2000). Dr. Huot was Canada’s cultural counselor in Beijing from 2000 to 2002. The event was entitled “85 read: Ghosts of Chinese Poems—experiments in the reception of classical Chinese poetry into English from writing to visual text to video to installation and from author to translator to performer to spectator.” February also saw a very well-attended “Dialogue on Hong Kong Basic Law,” with a talk by Mr. Alan Hoo, QC, Hong Kong SAR Basic Law Steering Committee member and Chair, Basic Law Institute. Professor Pitman Potter, IAR Director, acted as respondent. This event was co-hosted by the CCR and Community Partners for Internationalization, Office of the Associate Vice-President, International, with generous sponsorship by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Canada. In mid-May Dr. Stephanie Hemelryk Donald, Professor of International Studies, Director, Institute for International Studies, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, talked on “Global Beijing: *The World* Is A Violent Place,” a discussion of the award-winning Chinese director Jia Zhangke's film *The World*.

In response to the tragic natural disasters in Burma (Myanmar) and Sichuan the CCR and the Centre for Southeast Asian Research held a joint forum in late May: “UBC-IAR Forum on the Sichuan Earthquake and Burmese Cyclone: Observations, Reflections and Actions.” The forum drew a range of speakers and audience from the academic and community worlds, including Stephanie Chang, Canada Research Chair in Disaster Studies, UBC, Alison Bailey, UBC, Bob Anderson, SFU, Maria Hla Tin (Voices From Burma), and George Chandler, Red Cross. Abidin Kusno acted as discussant and chair. The focus of the discussion was on the types of responses and responsibilities of different interest groups and how to move forward after such terrible events.

**People**
The CCR is delighted to welcome two visiting scholars to the Centre this academic year: our old friend and colleague Professor Yen Liang-kung, NCCU, who is returning for a third visit, and Professor Huang Lang-wen, Department of Sociology, Soochow University, Taipei, who is working on Chinese migration patterns, particularly in relation to young migrants from Taiwan to Vancouver.

The China Studies Group (CSG) remains very active with Professor Amy Hanser as new coordinator. Meetings replete with coffee, cookies and good discussions still take place at St. John’s, courtesy of Professors Tim Brook and Henry Yu. The graduate student CSG off-shoot Wangshe organized this year by Huang Xin (Women’s
Studies), continues to be productive. In other graduate student news, the CCR is delighted to congratulate recipients of the Chiang Ching Kuo Fellowship this year: Tim Sedo (History), Hui-ling Lin (Women's Studies) and Mary Ngai (Asian Studies). Jack Hayes is to be congratulated for completion of his Ph.D. and new appointment. Congratulations are also in order for Professor Timothy Cheek who has been appointed Associate Principal of the College for Interdisciplinary Studies, now joining us on the ground floor of the Choi Building. Dr. Cheek will continue to play a role in the IAR and CCR but inevitably will be spending more time in his new administrative position. Professor Pitman Potter will be stepping down from his position as Director of the IAR at the end of June but will remain closely linked to the Institute and the CCR.

Unfortunately, the CCR has been considerably affected by the recent changes in the space allocation of the Institute of Asian Research whereby we have lost office and desk spaces on the third floor for senior research fellows (Professors Lary and Overmyer, both extremely active scholars), visiting scholars, and graduate students. The CCR’s space on the second floor has now become home to four graduate students as well as Tim Cheek and Alison Bailey—an arrangement which works well but still does not entirely address the problem of hosting visiting scholars and more senior academic colleagues.

In other sad news, the CCR would like to express its condolences to Professor Sam Ho, former director of the CCR, on the loss of his wife, Sharon Ho. The life of Jackie Garnett, (Pacific Affairs), someone many of us in the Choi Building remember with deep affection, was celebrated in a beautiful memorial meeting organized by Karen Jew.

The CCR is happy to announce the recent hiring of a new professor of modern Chinese literature, Christopher Rea, who will be joining Asian Studies this year and will begin teaching in the spring of 2009. There are hopes of other new hires being made in different Chinese studies fields quite soon—UBC’s China studies are first-rate but attrition inevitably creates large holes in certain vital areas.

Finally, CCR would like to thank many people for their help and support this year. Marietta Lao worked incredibly long hours to get the new IAR website up and running, and Gary Wang (Asian Studies) helped enormously in designing the graphics for the new CCR portion of the site. Karen Jew is always ready to help in all aspects of event planning and resources. The CCR Management Committee has been as stalwart as ever: Tim Cheek, Diana Lary, Catherine Swatek, Eleanor Yuen and Jing Zhichun all contributed to the life of the CCR in many ways. Many thanks also to CSEAR colleague Abidin Kusno whose collaborations with the CCR on a number of events have been invaluable. Several graduate students have contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Centre, particularly Tim Sedo and Tom Woodsworth, whose creativity, technical expertise and patience are gratefully acknowledged here.
Current Projects
The following list of topics exemplifies the diversity of research undertaken by the members and research associates of CISAR during the year:

- Sikh History (Murphy)
- Atmospheric Pollution in Indian Cities (Kandlikar)
- Regulation of Genetically Modified Technology in India (Kandlikar)
- Signifying Gender in Ramayana Performances (Bose)
- Anand-Ramayana (Aklujkar)
- Construction of ‘Varna’ in Sanskrit Epics (Sathaye)
- Social Capital and Institutional Performance in Maharashtra (Anderson, Francois and Kotwal)

Nehru Award
The annual competition for the most promising research proposal in Indian studies sponsored by Dr. Devendra Goel took place in October 2007. There were nine excellent proposals adjudicated by a committee of three UBC faculty members and the Nehru Award was given to Heather Frost (Geography) for her proposal on “Getting By High: The Untold Stories of Punjabi Youth in Surrey, B.C.”

Symposiums and Conferences and Distinguished Lecturers

Genealogies of Virtue: Ethical Practice in South Asia
September 6-8, 2007
This conference was organized in collaboration with Peter Wall Institute of Advanced Studies, UBC by Anand Pandian. The keynote address was given by Dipesh Chakrabarty (University of Chicago) on “Empire, Ethics and the calling of History.” The conference spanned four sessions over two days. The session themes and the speakers in the respective sessions were as follows:

Moral Traditions and the Making of Ethical Subjects
- Charles Hallisey, ‘Relevance’ and Moral Action in Theravada Buddhism
- Daud Ali, The kosa as Artifact: Thoughts on the History of Ethics in Medieval India
- Leela Prasad, The Tacit, the Embedded, and the Experienced: Ethics and its Narration
Lineages of Pedagogy
- Emma Flatt, Advising the Son: Creating a Javanmard in the Service of the King
- Avril Powell, Old Books in New Bindings: Influencing Ethics Through Education in Colonial India
- Bhavani Raman, Learning Recollection in the Tinnai School in Nineteenth Century South India
- Barney Bate, Naladiyar in the Bajar: Protestant Textuality and the Tamil Public Sphere

Ethics and Modernity
- Ritu Birla, The Value of Market Values: Capitalism, Ethics, and the Modern Subject in India
- Rakesh Pandey, Ethical Cultures and the Science of Ethics in Colonial India
- Ajay Skaria, Living by Dying: The Obligation of Satyagraha
- James Laidlaw, Appropriation and Constructive Reenactment in the

Anthropology of Ethics: Contemporary Interactions between Jainism, Environmentalism, and Animal Liberation

Ethics and Politics of the Everyday
- Veena Das, Ethics and Dispositions: Everyday Life as the Claim of the Other
- Craig Jeffrey, Contesting Corruption: Improvised Politics and Economics of Virtue Among North Indian Student Populations
- Lawrence Cohen, Ethical Publicity, Commitment and the Problem of Offense

Prem Goel Memorial Lecture
February 28, 2008
This year’s Prem Goel Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Parimal Patil on the following topic: “In Search of Scriptures—Vedic Interpretation in Classical India.”

Parimal Patil is John A. Loeb Associate Professor of Humanities at Harvard University. He is a philosopher and intellectual historian of religion who is interested in South Asian intellectual practices and their relevance to much broader issues in The Study of Religion,
Philosophy, and Area Studies. He is particularly interested in Indian Buddhism, its intellectual history in Southern Asia and Buddhist, Hindu and Jaina debates in aesthetics, epistemology, metaphysics and philosophy of language. His current work includes a book-length project on one such debate during the "final phase" of Buddhism in India and articles on Sanskrit narrative literature, epistemology and philosophy of language. More recently, he has become interested in classical South Asian literature and literary theory. Other research and teaching interests include: contemporary method and theory in the study of religion; Euro-American philosophy of religion; Sanskrit language, literature, and poetics; and Hindu studies.

Report on SACPAN
February 29–March 1, 2008
South Asian Colloquium of the Pacific Northwest (SACPAN) is a jointly organized annual event that alternates between the University of Washington and the University of British Columbia. This year it was hosted by the Centre for India and South Asia Research in the Institute of Asian Research at The University of British Columbia. The first day offered a forum for presentations by twelve graduate students on four different themes: Global Environment and Public Health; Knowledge Production in South Asia; Representing the Difference; and Political Society: Unraveling and Reconfiguring the Indian State. David Geary, a Ph.D. student (Anthroplogy, UBC) took on the responsibility of organizing the graduate student part of the conference. On the second day of the conference, six eminent invited scholars in different disciplines presented their research on wide ranging topics related to South Asia. Parimal Patil (Sanskrit, Harvard) opened the proceedings with the examination of how it is that we know the history of Buddhist philosophy. Sanjay Subrahmanyam (History, UCLA) presented a colorful account of an assault by Bernard Picart on world religions that could be perhaps characterized as an attempt to bring in radical enlightenment. Akeel Bilgrami (Philosophy, Columbia) spoke about Gandhi’s unique approach to the writings of the enlightenment. The afternoon session began with Purnima Dhavan (History, University of Washington) presenting 18th century Sikh history of the divided loyalties in Punjab. Next, Patrick Heller (Sociology, Brown) spoke on the challenges of decentralization in South India. The conference ended with Tsering Shakya (CTSP/IAR, UBC) speaking about India in the imagination of Tibet.

Hari and Madhu Varshney Lecture Series 2008
The 2008 Varshney Conference at the University of British Columbia, entitled “Performing Culture in South Asia: New Technologies, Texts, and Traditions,” was held on March 27-29, 2008. Arranged by the Centre for India and South Asia Research and made possible through a generous grant from Hari and Madhu Varshney, this academic conference brought together a diverse, interdisciplinary group of scholars from around the globe to discuss the impact of new technologies, new cultural contexts, and new social/religious identities on the modes of traditional performance in South Asia. The conference featured two days of academic presentations (March 28 and 29), one plenary session—an evening screening of Shabnam Virmani’s documentary, Hadh Anhadh: Journeys with Kabir and Ram (March 28)—as well as a classical Hindustani vocal performance by Matthew Rahaim (March 27).

The first evening of the conference, March 27, featured a welcoming reception and a classical Hindustani vocal performance by Matthew Rahaim (University of California, Berkeley), a student of Vikas Kashalkar (Pune), accompanied by Mohan Bhide (harmonium) and Adheesh Sathaye (tabla).

In the morning session of March 28, Heidi Pauwels of University of Washington (Seattle) presented a comparative study of the phenomenon of ‘eve-teasing’ in medieval Hindi devotional poetry and Bollywood film, entitled “Enacting Eve-teasing: Messages from Movies and Mythology.” Her paper was followed by Philip Lutgendorf.
of the University of Iowa, who presented a comparative study of the representations of Ram-lila in modern Hindi film, entitled “Ramayana Remix: Some Innovative Adaptations, Observed.”

The afternoon session of March 28 featured Linda Hess (Stanford University), whose paper engaged in a discussion of how new media and new audiences have impacted the performance traditions of Kabir poetry in central India. The last paper of the day was presented by Kirin Narayan of the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Narayan discussed the impact of new media recordings and the internet on the markedly ‘folk’ traditions of women’s songs in the Himalayan foothills of the Kangra valley.

The evening of Friday, March 28, featured the Plenary Session of this year’s Varshney Conference, a special advance screening of Hadh Anhadh: Journeys with Kabir and Ram, a fantastic new documentary on the oral performance traditions of Kabir’s poetry in central India and Pakistan, by Shabnam Virmani of the Shrishti School of Art and Design, Bangalore, India. Scholars and general spectators alike found the film to be engaging, moving, and poignant, and this well-attended and successful event was followed by a stimulating discussion with the filmmaker.

The morning session of the second day, Saturday March 29, featured a panel dedicated to the role of performance in Punjabi literary and cultural traditions. In a paper entitled, “Prayer, Song, and Ethics: Notes on Sikh Performances in Unhappy Circumstances,” Michael Nijhawan of York University spoke on the role of the performance of dhadi music and the nitnem daily prayers among a Sikh diasporic community in Germany. This was followed by a presentation entitled “Shrine Musics: Multiple Forms and Contexts,” by Virinder Kalra of the University of Manchester on the role of the shrine as a performance context for Qawwali and other music on both sides of the border in the Punjab. The final paper of this session was an investigation by Nicola Mooney of the University College of the Fraser Valley into the changing role of bhangra performance in diasporic Sikh communities, entitled, “Chak de Phatte: Performance and the Construction of a Jat Sikh Rural Imaginary.”

Saturday’s afternoon session was focused on the role of performance in South Asian musical traditions. Dard Neuman of the University of California, Santa Cruz, presented a paper entitled “Craft Techniques and Formations of Knowledge in Hindustani Music,” exploring how techniques of learning and practice among Hindustani musicians impact the ways in which they theorize their own musical traditions. Sharmadip Basu of Syracuse University then presented a paper entitled “American Tunes in Calcutta Airs: Folk/Rock Subculture in a Postcolonial Metropolis,” an investigation of the channels of cultural exchange between Sixties American youth culture and the same in India, particularly in Calcutta. Matthew Rahaim of the University of California, Berkeley, then discussed the significance of gesture in the performance of Hindustani classical vocal music, in a paper entitled “Gesture and Melody in Indian Vocal Music.” The final presentation of the conference was a paper by Anna Schultz of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, entitled “You Can Put it in any Air: Disarticulations of Repertoire from Style in Indo-Guyanese-American Temples.” Schultz’s study focused on the impact of Hindi film songs on the religious performance traditions within diasporic Indo-Guyanese temples in the United States.

The Varshney Conference was successful in bringing together a diverse group of scholars on South Asian performance to UBC, from as far away as Bangalore and Lahore. What emerged was a special blend of thoughtful and engaged research alongside truly poignant and moving films, music, and texts that made this an unforgettable weekend. We hope to garner support for a more elaborate, community-oriented festival of Virmani’s documentaries and performances from the Kabir singers themselves, to be held in March 2009 as part of their planned North American tour.
The Centre continued to celebrate its 15th anniversary in the calendar year of 2007 with a number of events linked to government, business and the Japanese community in Vancouver. In September, CJR arranged a workshop on “Regional Sustainability in Japan and Canada” in collaboration with Ritsumeikan University, and organized the “Keiko Manga” festival in conjunction with the Asian Studies Department, UBC. Keiko Takemiya is a famous mangaka (cartoonist) in Japan. The festival included a number of events including a book signing at the UBC Bookstore, displays of her art work, and public lectures on campus as well as at UBC Robson Square. CJR was particularly pleased to join with the Japanese–Canada National Museum (Nikkei Heritage Centre) in Burnaby which also opened a shōjo manga exhibit in the same week. Public lectures by Professor Takemiya were supported by President’s Advisory Committee on Lectures. As a memory of this event, Keiko Takemiya kindly donated one of her original art works to the Centre. Our anniversary events were capped by a workshop in November on the B.C. government’s recently released Japanese Marketing Advisory Report (JMAG Report). Panelists included the Minister of Economic Development (Hon. Colin Hansen) and the Consul General of Japan (Seiichi Otsuka). A summary of this event is held on our Centre’s web site at http://www iar ubc ca centres cjr cjr15thanniversaryspecialevents aspx.

During the year we also held a number of seminars and hosted a visit from the Hon. Yasuko Ikenobo Member of the House of Representatives Senior Vice-Minister, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Our visiting scholars this year included Dr. Masamichi Kawano (School of Economics, Kwansei Gakuin University); Dr. Takamoto Mori (College of Policy Sciences, Ritsumeikan University); Dr. Soun-Ju Ahn, (Department of Japanese Language and Literature, Seoul Women’s University); Dr. Yasunori Doi (Faculty of Business Administration, Ritsumeikan University); and Dr. Ki-hak Nam (Department of Japanese Studies, Hallym University).

The Centre continued to assist faculty and graduate students with its small grants program, and also supported books published during the year by CJR Faculty Associates Yves Tiberghien (Entrepreneurial States: Reforming Corporate Governance in France, Japan and Korea, Cornell
University, 2007) and Jennifer Chan (Another Japan is Possible: New Social Movements and Global Citizenship Education, Stanford University Press, 2008).

As always, 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 hardworking CJR Work-Study Project Assistant, Phoebe Ogawa.

Research activities
The Centre supported the following research projects through its small grants program:

**CJR Faculty Associates**
- Millie Creighton (Anthropology) “The Global Article 9 Conference in Japan”

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

**Visiting Scholars**
- Dr. Masamichi Kawano (School of Economics, Kwansei Gakuin University), April 2007–April 2008, conducted research into international trade and regional development.
- Dr. Takamoto Mori (College of Policy Sciences, Ritsumeikan University), June–September 2007, conducted research into regional networks for sharing information between universities and local communities in Japan and Canada.
- 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. Yasunori Doi (Faculty of Business Administration, Ritsumeikan University), August 2007–April 2008, conducted research into urban public transportation in Canadian cities.
- Dr. Ki-hak Nam (Department of Japanese
Studies, Hallym University), January 2008-February 2009, conducting research into Kamakura Bakuhu’s political thoughts on military prestige and soothing administration.

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Peter Nosco, Asian Studies
John Ries, Sauder School of Business

CJR Work-Study Student Project Assistant
Phoebe Ogawa, Undergraduate Program, French and Political Science

Seminars/Workshops/Other Events

October 12, 2007. “The Greatness of The Tale of Genji,” Royall Tyler (Visiting Fellow in the Japan Centre in the Faculty of Asian Studies, Australia National University), co-sponsored with Asian Studies, UBC.


March 20, 2008. “The Korean Wave or Hallyu in Japan: Studies in Political and Cultural Relations between Japan and South Korea,” Susumu Kohari (Shizuoka University); “Contradictory Images of the Divided Korea in Tourism: the case of the DMZ Tour,” Yukie Hirata (Dokkyo University) (co-sponsored with the Centre for Korean Research).


This past year the Centre coordinated and hosted a number of excellent guest talks and ongoing research activities. One of the highlights was the conference entitled “Korea NGO activities and Perspectives for a Better World,” which was held on May 2, 2008. As part of its participation in a T. J. Park POSCO Foundation-funded program to provide sabbaticals for mid-level NGO officials from Korea, the CKR hosted the annual conference of the ten POSCO fellows spending the 2007-08 academic year engaged in research at five different universities in North America. POSCO fellows from Stanford University, Columbia University, George Washington University, Indiana University, and UBC presented papers dealing with subjects that included human rights, pan-Asian solidarity, grass-roots movements, and long-term prospects for a more just society. In addition, Paull Shin, vice president pro tempore of the Washington State Senate, presented a keynote address on “From Seoul to Olympia: The odyssey of a Korean-American politician.”

There was also a leadership change at the Centre: Donald Baker (who served as Centre Director for six years) stepped down and Nam-lin Hur was appointed as the new chair in November 2007.

Research Activities
Some of the featured research activities include:

Donald Baker (Asian Studies) continues to study Korean beliefs and values, past and present.

The University of Hawai‘i Press recently published his Korean Spirituality. Also, the Korea Herald recently included his “The Transformation of Religion in Korea” in its recent book Insight into Korea. And Yonsei University included his “The International Christian Network for Korea’s Democratization” in a recent book on the democratization movement of the 1970s and 1980s. Over the past year, he also published articles in the Sungkyun Journal of East Asian Studies, the Journal of Asian Studies, Acta Koreana, and Pacific Rim Report from the Center for the Pacific Rim of the University of San Francisco. He is currently finishing a book on Tasan Chŏng Yagyong (1762-1836) and the early Korean response to Christianity. In addition, he is preparing a study of history writing during the Chosŏn dynasty. A book co-edited with former CKR director Yunshik Chang, Korea Confronts Globalization, will be published soon by Routledge. Another book he co-edited with Dan Overmyer from the Centre for Chinese Research and Larry DeVries from Langara College on Asian religions in British Columbia is currently under review by the UBC Press.

Bruce Fulton (Asian Studies) had two books published in 2007-08, a revised and expanded edition of Land and Exile: Contemporary Korean Fiction and There a Petal Silently Falls: Three Stories by Ch’oe Yun, along with two more books accepted for publication, two story translations published and one refereed article published. He had a
residency with Ju-Chan Fulton and author Ch’oe Yun at the Banff International Literary Translation Centre, the first residency awarded for a translation from any Asian language. He also organized and chaired panels at both the annual AAS conference and the annual WCAAS conference and joined the editorial board of the new Korean literature journal *Azalea*. He also brought authors So Hajin and Kim Young-ha to UBC in November 2007 as part of his annual Korean author tour.

Nathan Hesselink (Music) was guest editor and contributor to a special issue of *The World of Music* (volume 49.3, 2008) titled “Music and Politics on the Korean Peninsula.” He also published the article “SamulNor, *Wŏn-Pang-Kak*, and Cosmological Didacticism” (*Yearbook for Traditional Music* 39: 140-61, 2007).

Franklin Rausch (Ph.D. candidate, Asian Studies) presented his papers “Violence, Religion and the State in Korea: The Great Persecution of 1801” at the Indiana University Religious Studies Graduate Conference on March 21, 2008 and “Conflict over Catholic Educational Policy in the Late Chosŏn Dynasty” at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting on April 6, 2008. He is currently conducting research on Hwang Sa-yŏng’s *Silk Letter*. He has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for his dissertational research in Korea.

Jane Lee (M.A. candidate, Centre for Women’s and Gender Studies) conducted research on the emerging geographical space of “Koreatown” located in Coquitlam. In particular, she has examined historical, social, and political factors that contribute to the emergence of “Koreatown” and how this acts as a social space where articulations of nationhood, citizenship, neoliberalism, and multiculturalism become produced, maintained, and contested within contexts of globalization. She presented a paper entitled “Footnotes on Hannam: Searching for Diaspora, Community, Home, and Belonging in Greater Vancouver’s ‘Koreatown’” at the 2007 Annual UBC Centre for Women’s and Gender Studies Graduate Symposium.

The Centre for Korean Research and the Centre for Japanese Research co-hosted an international workshop February 22-23, 2008 on “Popular Culture Flows in Northeast Asia.” This project was organized by Hyung-Gu Lynn (IAR) with the support of the Japan Foundation, the Asia Research Fund, and the two Centres. Participants from South Korea, Japan, Israel, Hong Kong, the United States, and Canada gathered to analyze the effects of transnational flows of popular culture and the meanings of concrete practices of reception in the region.

Three participants in the above project, Professors Iwabuchi Koichi (Media Studies, International Christian University), Kohari Susumu (International Relations, University of Shizuoka) and Hirata Yukie (Interdisciplinary Studies, Dokkyo University) also gave separate talks in March 2008 for seminars sponsored by the Centre for Korean Research and the Centre for Japanese Research.
Research Support
The Centre supported the following research projects to faculty members and graduate students through its research enhancement grants program: Donald Baker (Asian Studies)—“A translation-research project on ‘Western Learning’”; Millie Creighton (Anthropology)—“Korean transnational consumer and popular culture flows in Asia”; Jennifer Chun (Sociology)—“The symbolic politics of labor: Organizing immigration and women workers in Korea and the United States”; Si Nae Park (Asian Studies)—“Late Chosŏn fictional narratives and kamun sosŏl”; Dafna Zur (Asian Studies)—“The invention of childhood and literature for children in Korea: A historical and critical approach.”

Visiting Scholars
- Ahn, Young-Sang (Korean Thoughts, Korea University): “Studies on Sungho’s school in the process of conflict and fusion between Western and Eastern Culture.”
- Chun, Jungok (Easy Access Movement for People with Disabilities): “Gender and empowerment for disabled people in Korea.”
- Chung, Hyung Ji (Tourism and Food Service, Osan College): “Changes in dine-out culture in modern Korea.”
- Ha, Jiyoung (Institute of International Affairs, Seoul National University): “Ways to invigorate international academic exchanges in Korean studies.”
- Han (Yoon), Kyoon-Ja (Sociology, Korea National Open University): “Public opinion in the USA about Korea.”
- Kim, Chang-Ho (Independent scholar): “Strategies of communication and friendship between Canada and South Korea.”
- Kwak, Cha-Seop (History, Pusan National University): “Reception and appropriation of modern western discourses in Korea: A study on translations, 1900-1910.”
- Kwon, Wook-Dong (Sport and Leisure Studies, Daegu University): “New paradigms of Korean physical education and sports with respect to modern physical education standards.”
- Kyun, Oh (Prime Minister’s Office of Korea): “Resolving conflict and establishing peace on the Korean peninsula with a special focus on the peaceful settlement of the North Korean nuclear question.”
- Lee, Beom Seok (Japanese Language and Culture, Catholic University): “Prosodic features of bilingual speakers of Korean and English.”
- Lee, Hyo-Gul (Oriental Philosophy, Andong University): “Ui-Sang’s Hwaom philosophy and T’oegye’s Neo-Confucianism.”
- Lee, Jung Yeon (Human Ecology, Mokpo National University): “Planning of Korean family culture contents based on maritime culture resource.”
- Lee, Kangbaek (Beautiful Store): “Distinctive donor administration strategy & charity shop administration.”
- Levkowitz, Alon (East Asia, Haifa University): “Relationship of equals: The evolution of Korea as an independent ally vis-à-vis the United States.”
- Mah, Insub (Political Science, Sungkyunkwan University): “Recent ideological change in the public and its influence on North Korea policy in South Korea.”
- Moon, Young-suck (International Studies, Kangnam University): “Religious aspects of Juche thought.”
- Park, Kwang-Soo (Won Buddhism, Wonkwang University): “Comparison of the epistemological approach of Buddhism with the discoveries of cognitive Science.”
- Park, Kyu-tae (Japanese Culture, Hanyang University): “Korean culture in Japan.”

Seminar Series and Conferences
On October 26, 2007, the CKR organized a conference entitled the “Changing Political and Economic Environment of the Korean Peninsula,” which featured eight speakers and attracted more than 120 people in the audience. The conference focused on several issues related to Inter-Korean Summit and the FTAs between South Korea and North America. Dr. Nyum Jin, Former Deputy Prime Minister of South Korea and Mr. Ted Lipman, Canadian Ambassador to South and North
Korea gave opening remarks and a keynote speech, respectively. Two panels included the following talks by six presenters:

- “U.S.-ROK Alliance and Differing U.S. and ROK Approaches,” David Straub, Stanford University
- “Summit Politics and Inter-Korean Relations,” Kyung-Ae Park, UBC
- “Progress at the Six Party Talks and the North Korean Nuclear Issue,” Balbina Hwang, Senior Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific, Department of State, USA
- “Korea-Canada Free Trade Agreement and Beyond,” Soontaik Hwang, Minister, Embassy of South Korea, Canada
- “Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement: Its Significance and Challenges Ahead,” Seok-Young Choi, Minister, Embassy of South Korea, USA
- “The Future of the Kaesong Industrial Complex and Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation,” Scott Rembrandt, Korea Economic Institute, Washington, DC


March 20, 2008. Susumu Kohari (Shizuoka University) “The Korean wave or Hallyu in Japan: Studies in political and cultural relations between Japan and South Korea.”
March 20, 2008. Yukie Hirata (Dokkyo University) “The contradictory images of the divided Korea in tourism: The case of the DMZ tour.”
April 17, 2008. Wangbae Kim (Yonsei University) “Nostalgia and Anxiety: The social change of Joseonjok (Korean-Chinese) village in rural China.”
The 2007-2008 academic year marked the beginning of Centre for Southeast Asia Research (CSEAR). Rick Barichello from the Faculty of Land and Food Systems joined the Centre as new Director. An expert in Southeast Asian agriculture, Dr. Barichello has a long standing acquaintance, via collaborative research and teaching projects, with numerous scholars in prestigious universities in North America as well as high level policy makers in Southeast Asia, especially Indonesia. CSEAR thus has a Director with historical links to personages and institutions in both Southeast Asia and North America, and who is enthusiastic in expanding the CSEAR program.

As the Centre moves forward, the staff at CSEAR would like to thank Michael Leaf who has led CSEAR for seven years and built a solid basis for the Centre to continue its activities. His work to develop CSEAR has had wide impact in making the Centre known to various institutions in Southeast Asia, as one of the main locus for research on Asian urbanism. Michael Leaf remains a much-valued member of CSEAR and IAR. Activities this year emphasized how important his work as Centre’s Director has been over the past years.

Research Activities
A seminar series hosted by CSEAR indicate that the themes this year were religion, urbanism and disasters. Working together with the different centres in the Institute, CSEAR hosted discussion forums on natural disasters and their implications on politics and social life in the region. In October, in cooperation with Centre for India and South Asia Research, Philippe Le Billon from the Liu Institute for Global Studies spoke on disaster, conflict and peace, using the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami as his case study. In May, in conjunction with Centre for Chinese Research, CSEAR hosted a discussion forum entitled: “Sichuan Earthquake and Burmese Cyclone: Observations, Reflections and Actions” with speakers including Stephanie Chang (CRC in Disaster Studies), Alison Bailey (Centre for Chinese Research), Bob Anderson (Communication, SFU), Maria Hla Tin (Voices from Burma) and George Chandler (Red Cross). The forum drew a remarkable audience including Chinese and Burmese communities, representatives from humanitarian organizations, and a member from the House of Commons. Natural disasters could arguably be human made, and attempts to prevent them from taking place demand both
regional and global approaches. In between these two forums on natural disasters in Asia, CSEAR hosted a talk by Chris Bennett (Food and Resource Economics), an expert on Indonesian political economy and environmental sustainability, titled “Deferred Deforestation and Indonesian Forest to Reduce Global Warming: The Challenge of Holding on to Carbon without Releasing Carbon.”

CSEAR is grateful to Professor Tsering Shakya for his initiative to arrange Dr. Gustaaf Houtman, Deputy Director of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, to give a series of talks on Buddhism in Burma. In November, Dr Houtman delivered two lectures titled “A Saffron Revolution in Burma? Buddhist backgrounds to Burmese politics” and “On Samatha and Vipassana: Some case studies from Burma and the socio-political implications of their practice.” Also in February, Dr. Ian Harris, the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Visiting Professor on Buddhism and Contemporary Society, gave a talk on “Buddhism in Extremis: The Fate of the Buddhist Order under Pol Pot.” This series of talks emphasized the important connection between religion and social change in Asia.

Each year, CSEAR holds talks on urbanism in Asia. In November, Emeritus Professor of Geography and former Director of IAR, Terry McGee gave a talk titled “From Beijing to Denpasar: Journeys in Search of Southeast Asian Urbanization.” In this well attended presentation, Terry McGee talked about his coauthored new book, “China’s Urban Space: Development under Market Socialism” and the implications of findings of the book to the writing of a new book on Southeast Asian urbanization. In conjunction to the urbanism theme, with the generous support from Elvin Wyly, director of UBC Urban Studies Program, Abidin Kusno (CSEAR) organized a symposium for students of his graduate seminar titled “The City and the National Imagination.” Papers included cities in China, India and Southeast Asia with keynote address by Goran Therborn, Director of the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies, who presented “Modern Nations and Their Capitals: A Eurasian Comparison.”

In regards to the Centre’s commitment to developing scholarships on urbanism in Asia, CSEAR is pleased to report that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between CSEAR and the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia to co-organize a workshop
in October 2008 in IAR on “Indonesia’s Urban Future: Directing Urban Change.” Four speakers from Indonesia are expected to participate in a two-day workshop focusing on the attempts of social groups to represent and transform the city and the implications on identity formation in the post-Suharto Jakarta. The Indonesian Consulate in Vancouver has been an important partner of CSEAR in setting up workshops and producing proceedings of conference. The most recent seminar proceedings titled *Arts, Popular Culture and Social Change in New Indonesia* (based on a conference held at IAR on November 24, 2006) has just come out with Michael Leaf served as the editor. CSEAR looks forward to continuing the mutually beneficial partnership with the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia.

The Centre had two distinguished seminars on the Philippines that opened and closed this academic year. In October, Salvacion ‘Inday’ Espina-Varona, Editor-in-chief of the weekly news magazine *Philippine Graphic* and winner of the 2007 Marshall McLuhan Fellowship and the Jaime V. Ongpin Award for Excellence in Investigative Journalism, opened the CSEAR’s lecture series by continuing the Centre’s tradition with a talk titled “Lives in Conflict: A Presentation on Acts of Human Rights Violation in the Philippines.” In this talk, Ms. Espina-Varona discussed issues around journalism including extrajudicial killings, child soldiers and women. Ending the spring term in May, Eleanor del Rio-Laquian and Aprodicio A. Laquian spoke about their recent book, titled *Seeking a Better Life Abroad: A Study of Filipinos in Canada (1957-2007)* in a seminar called “Filipinos in Canada after 50 Years.” The Laquians presented their findings from their 2006 nationwide survey of Filipinos in Canada and ended with a discussion by Leonora Angeles from the School of Community and Regional Planning who is also a member of CSEAR Management Committee. Sponsored by Dahong Pilipino (The Filipino Canadian Community and Business Directory), the seminar drew large audiences from members of the Philippine communities in Vancouver.

The Centre is pleased to announce that, beginning October 1st, Dr. Clarence Aasen has joined the Centre as an Honorary Research Associate. From 1971 until 1988, Dr. Aasen was a Professor of Architecture at Carleton University in Ottawa. In 1988, he was appointed Chair and Professor of Architecture and Design at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand—a position he held until June 2006. At Victoria University, he also served as Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Founding Head of the School of Design and was a founding member of the University’s Asian Studies Institute. He currently lives and works in Vancouver. Dr. Aasen’s research has focused on the architecture and urbanism of the ethnic Chinese of Southeast Asia; material artefacts associated with ethnic displacement, reconstruction and identity formation processes; and the history of Southeast Asian urbanization processes, particularly in terms of the aesthetic, cultural and geo-political processes involved.

CSEAR is currently working on a number of initiatives to support future research activities in the Centre. Among others, CSEAR has been participating in the search for funding and the organization of the next Council for Southeast Asian Studies Conference chaired by Tineke Hellwig. The Conference will take place at UBC in October 2009 in part to honor the outstanding contributions of Professor Alex Woodside to the study of Southeast Asia. In this and other venues, Ms. Hannah Lim, joint LLB/MAppS student, has been an active project assistant for CSEAR this year.

**Seminars and Lectures**


November 22, 2007. “From Beijing to Denpasar: Journeys in Search of Southeast Asian Urbanization.” Terry McGee, Emeritus Professor of Geography, UBC.


Centre Directors

C. D. ALISON BAILEY
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Director, Centre for Chinese Research (Please refer to page 54 under IAR Faculty)

RICK BARICHELLO
Director, Centre for Southeast Asia Research

Leave
Study Leave, April 2007-August 2007; Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of South East Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore (Medical Leave, retinal detachments, three surgeries during period September-December 2007)

Publications


Presentations and Conferences


Teaching
FRE 340 – International Agricultural Development
FRE 490 – Agricultural and Resource Policy Analysis
IAR 500 – Perspectives and Methodologies of Asia Pacific Policy Studies (One week’s lectures)

Continuing Education
Invitation to speak to workshop for Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and related officials involved in trade policy on topics of trade policy and negotiations, Beijing, July 2007.

Graduate Student Committees
Jacek Puchala, Postdoctoral Fellow, Krakow Agricultural University, Krakow, Poland
Alex Sterelyukin, Agricultural Economics, M.Sc.
Lejiu Zhang, Agricultural Economics, M.Sc.

Service to the University
IAR Council/CSEAR Directorship
Faculty of Land and Food Systems, Colleagues Committee for Re-appointment of Professor Sumeeet Gulati, 2007-2008 (Chair)

Faculty of Land and Food Systems, Food and Resource Economics Group: Chair, Search Committee for CRC Chair Appointment, December 2007-July 2008

Food and Resource Economics (FRE) Group: Undergraduate Advisor to students in Food Market Analysis (Food Nutrition and Health), 2001-2008 (ongoing)

Service to the Community

Canada Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, 1999-present

Member, Editorial Board, The Estey Centre Journal of International Law and Trade Policy, 2000-2008

Other Services


Discussant of four papers on China’s Agricultural Trade and Prospects, International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium Summer Symposium, Beijing, China, July 2007.

Grants

Awards and Distinctions
Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, selected as Fellow 2008

DAVID W. EDGINGTON
Associate Professor of Geography; Director, Centre for Japanese Research

Publications


Presentations and Conferences


Current Research
Rebuilding Kobe after the Hanshin Earthquake, SSHRC and Japan Foundation funded.

Japanese Tourism in Canada, HSS funded. Japan and the Greater China Circle, SSHRC funded (with R. Hayter, SFU).

NAM-LIN HUR
Chair, Centre for Korean Research

Publications


Presentations and Conferences

February 20, 2008. “A Style of...
CENTRES

Confucian Politics during the Reign of King Sŏnjo in Chosŏn Korea,”
Center of Korean Studies, University of Michigan.
May 9, 2008. “Kinsei no kokusai kankei to Kirishitan: Nihon to Chōsen no hikaku o chūshin ni,” Center of Japanese Studies, Rikkyo University, Japan.

Current Monograph Projects
“Food and Diplomacy: War and Wartime Politics in Premodern East Asia, 1592-98”
“Survival and Corruption: War and Wartime Society in Premodern East Asia, 1592-98”

Service to the University
IAR Council

ASHOK KOTWAL
Professor of Economics; Director, Centre for India and South Asia Research

Publications
With Ramaswami, B. “Growth and Poverty—Experience of India and Mexico.” Completed under a contract with Inter American Development Bank. (In progress.)

Current Research
“Social Capital and Institutional Development” a SSHRC project with Patrick and Siwan, the first part of the project (data collection) is almost completed. We expect all the data to be in by the end of May.

Teaching
ECON 255 – Understanding Globalization
ECON 442 – Issues in Economic Development (co-taught with Patrick Francois)
ECON 541 – Development Economics (two guest lectures)

Graduate Student committees
Aditi Bhargava, Economics, B.A.
Wenhui Fan, Economics, Ph.D.
Anirban Mukherjee, Economics, Ph.D.
Sourabh Paul, Economics, Ph.D.
E. Shashidharan, RMES, Ph.D.

Service to the University
Advisory Committee on India Strategy
Executive Committee, Department Committee Member, LEAD Initiative Liaison with Regional Colleges, Department
Search Committee for the Chair of Interdisciplinary Programme
External Review Committee for the Department of Asian Studies
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department
IAR Council

Service to the Community
Associate Editor, Pacific Affairs
Referee, Journal of Economic Growth
Referee, Journal of Economic Inequality
Referee, Journal of Development Economics
Referee, Pacific Affairs
Promotion and tenure assessments,

University of Virginia, Department of Economics
Promotion and tenure assessments, UBC, IAR
Thesis Defense Examiner, Yajie Liu, UBC
Executive Council (Canadian Members), Indo-Canadian Shastri Institute

Grants
“Process of Trickle Down,” Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, $6,000
“Social Capital and Institutions in the Process of Development,” SSHRC

Research Contracts
“Growth and Poverty Decline in Mexico and India,” Inter-American Development Bank, $10,000

Awards and Distinctions
Elected as Senior Fellow of BREAD (Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development)
Killam Teaching prize 2007-08.

Other
As a Director of the Centre for India and South Asia Research, I organized a major interdisciplinary conference (South Asian Colloquium of Pacific Northwest) in February 2008 and assisted in organizing another one (Performance and Culture in South Asia) in March 2008.

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Faculty

Alison Bailey  Timothy Brook  Timothy Cheek  Julian Dierkes  Paul M. Evans

Milind Kandlikar  Abidin Kusno  Masao Nakamura  Anand Pandian  Kyung-Ae Park

Pitman B. Potter  Tsering Wangdu Shakya  Ilan Vertinsky

Photo not available:

Hyung Gu Lynn
C. D. ALISON BAILEY
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Director, Centre for Chinese Research

Publications


Guest editor, Renditions Vol. 70 (November 2008): Violence in Ming and Qing Literature. (Editor's Introduction: "Writing Violence").

"Reading Between the Lines: Representations and Containment of Disorder in Late Ming & Early Qing Legal Texts." Under review for Ming Studies.

A Shield for a Pillow: A Cultural History of Filial Revenge. Book manuscript in progress. University of Hawai'i and Brill have both expressed interest.

Scene extract from Pu Songling's drama "The Cold and the Dark" (17th century); vernacular short story by Ling Mengchu, "Against Autopsy" (17th century), forthcoming, in Renditions 70 (2008).


Presentations and Conferences


May 2008. Main organizer, workshop on "Staging the Beijing Olympics: Visions, Tensions, & Dreams." Service to the University

Director, Centre for Chinese Research, IAR, 2004–

Member, search committee, Modern Chinese Literature, Department of Asian Studies, 2007–2008

Member of three Ph.D. committees (Asian Studies: pre-modern Chinese literature & Buddhist studies)

Member of four M.A. committees (Asian Studies: pre-modern and modern Chinese literature & film); one completion May 2008; co-supervisor for one

Member, Sessional Faculty Task Force, Asian Studies, 2008–

Member, Focus Group, CIFS May 2008 Compiler and editor of CCR web pages for new IAR website 2008

Member, Renditions Editorial Board 2007–

Keynote speaker and IAR representative (on behalf of Dr. Pitman Potter and Dr. Diana Lary), Canada-China Forum on Western Development and Socio-Economic Change, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, PRC March 2008

Guest editor, Renditions, special volume on violence in Ming and Qing literature, forthcoming November 2008

Chair, IAR Liaison Committee

Chair, IAR Equity Committee

Member, IAR Teaching Committee

TIMOTHY BROOK
Republic of China Chair in Chinese Research

Publications


Presentations and Conferences
May 23, 2007. “Guanyu ‘hezuo’,” (The problem of ‘collaboration’), History Institute, Social Sciences Academy, Shanghai.
May 24, 2007. “Ou–Mei de Handi he Zangchuan fujiao yanjiu,” (The study of Chinese and Tibetan Buddhism in the West), Department of Religious Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai.
May 25, 2007. “Jindai xifangren yanzhong de Zhongguo lingchi,” (Lingchi from Western imagination to Chinese law), Department of History, Fudan University, Shanghai.
December 6, 2007. "Max Weber, Yu Ying-shih, and the Confucian Commercial Ethic: Where was the State While All This was Going On?" INALCO, Paris.
March 18, 2008. “Why is that Man Wearing that Hat? The Challenge of World History,” Department of Geography, UBC.
Graduate Student Supervision
Desmond Cheung, History, Ph.D.
Sonam Chogyal, History, Ph.D.
Noa Grass, History, Ph.D.
Ching-hua Huang, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Heidi Kong, History, Ph.D.
Yoel Kornreich, History, Ph.D.
Timothy Sedo, History, Ph.D.
Malcolm Thompson, History, Ph.D.
Fred Vermote, History, Ph.D.
Dewei Zhang, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Service to the University
Member, UBC Press publications board
Principal, St. John’s College
Service To the Community
Member, Executive Committee, Vancouver Institute
Editorial Board, Brill Handbook of Oriental Studies, Leiden
Editorial Board, International Journal of Asian Studies, Tokyo
Editorial Board, Pacific Affairs, UBC
Editorial Board, Shihlin (Historical studies), Social Sciences Academy, Shanghai
Reviewer, Oxford University Press
Reviewer, University of California Press
Reviewer, University of Hawai‘i Press
Reviewer, University Press of America
Reviewer, American Historical Review
Reviewer, Canadian Bulletin of Medical History/Bulletin canadien d’histoire de la médecine
Reviewer, English Historical Review
Reviewer, International History Review
External examiner, City University of Hong Kong (February 2008)
External examiner, Department of History, Brown University (December 2007)
External examiner, Humboldt Prize, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn (November 2007)

TIMOTHY CHEEK
Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research

Publications

Chinese Visions on a Planetary Scale.
Conference volume with Geremie Barmé and Gloria Davies. In progress.
“Mao’s Rectification Writings from the Perspective of Begriffsgeschichte.” Article ms. based on conference presentation. In progress.

Presentations and Conferences
February 20, 2008. “Making Sense of
FACULTY

Mao in Contemporary China,” Fairbank Center, Harvard University. February 27-9, 2008. “New Directions in Historiography of Republican China,” a workshop based on readings at the archives of the Hoover Institution, convened by Dr. Wen-hsin Yeh and held at Stanford University and University of California-Berkeley.

Teaching
IAR 500 – Perspectives and Methodology module (co-taught with M. Kandlikar)
IAR 515M – Intellectuals and Public Life in Eastern Asia
IAR 515Q – Directed readings: Modern Chinese Press and Propaganda
HIST 563 – Methodology and Sources in Chinese History

Graduate Student Supervision
Anna Belogurova, History, Ph.D.
Darlene Foote, MAPPs
Xin Huang, Gender and Women’s Studies, Ph.D.
Heidi Kong, History, Ph.D.
Yoel Kornreich, History, Ph.D.
Nick Simon, History, Ph.D.
Carla Stucchi, MAPPs
Huiyu Wu, MAPPs
Zan Zhang, MAPPs

Graduate Student Committees
Gerhard Brauer, Education (Chair, Graduate exams)
Jack Hayes, History, Ph.D.
David Luesink, History, Ph.D.
Dominic Yang, History, Ph.D.
Zhansui Yu, Asian Studies, Ph.D.

Service to the University
Editor, Pacific Affairs
Acting Director, Institute of Asian Research (January to June 2007)
Acting Associate Director for Teaching, Institute of Asian Research (September 2006 to June 2007)
Associate Director, IAR Centre for Chinese Research
IAR Council
IAR Publications Committee
IAR Teaching Committee
IAR Liaison Committee
Associate Faculty, Department of History, UBC
Associate Faculty, Centre for Research on Women’s Studies and Gender Relations, UBC

Service to the Community
Editorial Board, The China Journal (Canberra), 2007–
Editorial Board, Issues and Studies (Taipei), 2004–
Editorial Board, Historiography East & West (Leiden/Vienna), 2003–
Editorial Board, China Information (Leiden), 1998–
Member, Editorial Board of the Publications Committee, Association for Asian Studies (USA), 1996–

Other Services
Honours Thesis supervision, History, primary supervisor for Lars Neufeld thesis on medical history of Shanghai in early 20th century (for completion April 2008)
Honours Thesis supervision, History, second supervisor for Andrew Ball thesis on post-modern turn in historiography (for completion April 2008)

Grants
“Public Intellectuals in China,” SSHRC, $76,016
“China Environmental Sciences and Sustainability,” IAR, $4,500

JULIAN DIERKES
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Keidanren Chair in Japanese Research

Publications


Presentations and Conferences

Service to the University
Associate Director, Centre for Japanese Research
Co-ordinator, Program on Inner Asia

PAUL M. EVANS
Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Co-CEO and Chairman of the Executive Committee, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Paul Evans continues to be on secondment to the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada for the period, April 2007 to March 2008.

MILIND KANDLIKAR
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research, Liu Institute for Global Issues
Publications

Presentations and Conferences
October 2007. Invited speaker at the Agricultural Biotechnology in India Roundtable, South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Teaching
IAR 500 – Perspectives and Methodologies of Asia Pacific Policy Studies (Infrastructure Policy module; co-taught Perspectives and Methodology module with Tim Cheek).
RMES 500T – Biofuels for Transport: Science, Policy and Politics of an Emerging Energy System

Graduate Student Supervision
Jen Ardiel, RMES, M.Sc. (co-supervised with T. Satterfield)
Kieran Findlater, RMES, M.Sc. (co-supervised with T. Satterfield)
Julia Freeman, RMES, Ph.D. (co-supervised with T. Satterfield)
Kim Jones, RMES, M.Sc.
Bonnie Lui, MAPPs
Conor Reynolds, RMES, Ph.D. (co-supervised with T. Satterfield)
Arvind Saraswat, RMES, Ph.D.
Margaret Skwara, MAPPs
Phil Torio, MAPPs

Graduate Student Committees
Jason Barton, Land and Food Systems, Ph.D.

Other Services
Gave assistance and guidance to the following supervised students to win fellowships and awards:
Beaudrie and Findlater were awarded NSERC scholarships (1 CGS and 1 NSERC-Doctoral)
Reynolds won a prestigious doctoral award from the American Air and Waste Management Association
Freeman won a Pacific Century Scholarship

Grants
“Biotechnology Regulation in India,” with T. Satterfield, SSHRC, $34,019
“A Capacity Building Program for the Global Environment,” University Investment Fund, $63,000
“Alternative Fuels in Indian Transport,” as co-investigator with B. Badami, SSHRC, $45,000
“Clinical Drug Trials in India,” as co-investigator with V. Kamat, UBC
Freeman won a Pacific Century Scholarship
ABIDIN KUSNO
Canada Research Chair in Asian Urbanism and Culture

Publications


Presentations and Conferences


February 4, 2008. “Exemplary State: Governing Urban Subjects in the New Indonesia,” York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR), Faculty of Social Sciences, the Urban Institute, and the Department of Geography, York University, Toronto.


March 1, 2008. “Stealing Twilight: Jakarta Bay, the Pioneer and the Last Frontier,” The Origin and Future of Southeast Asian Coastal Cities: Link, Layering, and Transformation, Asian Research Institute, National University of Singapore.


Teaching

IAR 500 – Economic and Social Change Module
IAR 515C – The City and the National Imagination

Graduate Student Co-Supervision

Manneke Budiman, Asian Studies, Ph.D.
Sun Dong, MAPPS
Jason Hülgefort, Architecture, M.Arch.
Lakhbir Jassal, MAPPS
Danielle Labbe, School of Community and Regional Planning, Ph.D.
Hannah Lim, MAPPs
Pascale Massot, MAPPs
Tomoe Otsuki, MAPPs
Jenny Pace, Art History, Ph.D.
Irfan Sonowala, Interdisciplinary Studies, Ph.D.
Hamish Stewart, MAPPs
Soyoung Yang, MAPPs
Zan Zhang, MAPPs

Service to the University
Co-Director (with Dr. Alison Bailey), CFI-funded Asian Urbanism Lab, IAR
Acting Director, Centre for Southeast Asia Research, IAR, (September-December 2007)
Council Member, IAR
Committee Member, Building, Liaison, and Teaching Committees, IAR
Committee Member, Centre for Southeast Asia Research, IAR
Committee Member, Urban Studies Program
MAPPs Graduate Admission Committee
University Examiner, Ph.D., Michelle Kooy, Geography
Architectural Studio Critic of Professor Mari, School of Architecture

Service To the Community
External Ph.D. Examiner, Eka Permanasari, Department of Architecture and Urban Design, University of Melbourne, Australia
External Ph.D. Examiner, Dikmen Bezmez, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, State University of New York
External Reviewer, Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Architectural Education
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Planning History
Editorial Advisory Board Member, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies Book Series, University of Wisconsin Press
Paper Reviewer for Panel on “the Politics of Space” for the 96th Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Annual Meeting, Houston, March 27-30, 2008
Reviewer for proposals for “Architecture and Cultural Studies” Workshop, University of Indonesia, August 26-27, 2008

Grants
“Re-making Jakarta,” SSHRC Standard Research Grant, $68,700
Visiting Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies, Uppsala University, March-June 2007

HYUNG GULYNN
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research; AECL/ KEPCO Chair in Korean Research

Publications


Presentations and Conferences

Teaching
IAR 500 – Perspectives and Methodology of Asia Pacific Policy Studies
IAR 506 – Culture and Globalization in the Asia Pacific

Graduate Student Supervision
Kyung-hyo Chun, Anthropology, Ph.D. (co-supervised)
Shantini James, MAPPs
Noushini Khushrushahi, MAPPs
Shiho Maeshima, Asian Studies, Ph.D. (co-supervised)
Carla Stucchi, MAPPs
Kaori Yoshida, Asian Studies, Ph.D. (co-supervised)

Service to the University
Associate Editor, Pacific Affairs
IAR Council
IAR Teaching Committee
IAR Publications Committee
IAR Equity Committee

Service To the Community
Member, Association for Asian Studies
Member, American Historical Association
Reviewer, Journal of Japanese Studies
Reviewer, History & Memory
Reviewer, Pacific Affairs
Grants
“Popular Culture Flows in NE Asia” Workshop, Japan Foundation, US$13,000
“Popular Culture Flows in NE Asia” Workshop, Asia Research Fund, US$20,000
“Migration in the Japanese Empire,” Kyushu University, Research Center for Korean Studies, US$25,000

MASAO NAKAMURA
Konwakai Japan Research Chair; Professor, Institute of Asian Research, Sauder School of Business

Publications

Presentations and Conferences

Referee, IEEE Transactions on Power Systems
Referee, International Business Review
Referee, International Journal of Managerial Finance
Referee, Journal of Banking and Finance
Referee, Journal of Financial Intermediation
Referee, Journal of Institutional Economics
Referee, Journal of Modelling in Management
Referee, Journal of the Operational Research Society

Grants


“Time-to-market, new product development and technology-based multinational firms: implications for competitiveness,” SSHRC, $87,905, 2005-2008, on-going

“Asia Pacific program on cross-cultural and comparative research in disputes resolution,” co-investigator with P. Potter, SSHRC, $2.5 million, 2003-2009, on-going

“Measuring the price and quantity of labour,” SSHRC at the University of Alberta, A. Nakamura, principal investigator with co-investigators M. Nakamura and E. Wiewert, $180,000, 2004-2008, completed

ANAND PANDIAN
Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Research, Department of Anthropology; Johal Chair in Indian Studies

Professor Pandian has been on unpaid leave from July 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008.

KYUNG-AE PARK
Associate Professor, Institute of Asian Research; Korea Foundation Chair

For most of the academic year 2007-08, Professor Park was on leave.

PITMAN B. POTTER
Director, Institute of Asian Research; Professor, Institute of Asian Research, Faculty of Law
Publications
Co-edited with Biukovic, L. Business Law in Asia. Invited by Butterworth’s.
Presentations
Teaching
IAR 500 – Perspectives and Methodologies of Asia Pacific Policy Studies (Governance and Human Rights module)
IAR 515Q – Sustainability and Governance in China (co-taught with Timothy Cheek)
Law 336C – Chinese Law
Graduate Student Supervision
Susanne Duska, ISGP, Ph.D.
Wenwei Guan, Law, Ph.D.
Emily Lee, Law, Ph.D.
Harry Wang, Law, Ph.D.
Graduate Student Committees
Erin Williams, Political Science, Ph.D.
Sophia Woodman, Sociology, Ph.D.
Service To the University
Director, Institute of Asian Research (on administrative leave Spring 2007, on medical leave Fall 2007)
IAR Appointments, Teaching and Research Committees
Faculty of Law, Appointments Committee
Faculty of Law, Graduate Committee
Presentations to various donors
Service to the Community
Board of Directors, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada
Board of Directors, Premier’s Asia Pacific Trade Council
Board of Directors, BC International Commercial Arbitration Centre
Board of Directors, Canada-China Business Council
Editorial Board, China: An International Journal
Editorial Board, China Quarterly
Editorial Board, Hong Kong Law Journal
Editorial Board, Pacific Affairs
Reviewers, (H.K.) Research Grants Council
External Examiner: Hong Kong University; City University of Hong Kong
Other Services
Consultant, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
Ordained Minister (Deacon) Anglican Church of Canada Diocese of New Westminster
Grants
“Chinese Law and Policy on Taiwan, Tibet, Xinjiang,” SSHRC, $89,000
“Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution in Asia Pacific,” SSHRC, $2,499,730
Awards and Distinctions
Faculty Alumni Research Award 2008
TSERING WANGDU SHAKYA
Canada Research Chair in Religion and Contemporary Society in Asia
Publications
Presentations and Conferences
March 2007. Organizer, Canada Tibet Business roundtable meeting with Bombardier and Tibetan NGOs and community groups.
March 2008. Panelist, “Writing Tibet, Auto/biographies of Tibetan Women,” Centre for Women’s and Gender Studies, UBC.
Speaker, “Tomorrow’s International Scene lecture, Tibet: Past and Present,” for UBC Continuing Studies, Robson Street campus.

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

Graduate Student Supervision
Sonam Chongyal, History (co-supervised with Leo Shin)
Susanne Duska, ISGP (co-supervised with P. Potter)
Frank Rausch, Asian Studies (co-supervised with D. Baker)
Tamar Scoggins, Anthropology (co-supervised with A. Bloch, and J. Barker)
Tashi Tsering, Institute for Resources, Environment & Sustainability (co-supervised with H. Schreier)
Almas Zakiuiddin, Gender and Women’s Studies (co-supervised with D. Currie and H. Zaman)

Graduate Student Committee
Kulwindar Parhar, MAPPS
Lakhibir Jassal, MAPPS
Irfan Sonawala, SCARP

Service to the University
Fundraiser and Convener for the “2010 International Association of Tibetan Studies” conference
IAR Teaching Committee
Tung Lin Kok Yuen Lecture Series Committee
Buddhism and Contemporary Society Committee
Ph.D. Examiner to Jack Hayes, History

Service to the Community
Organized meetings between Canadian businessmen operating in Tibet with Tibetan community groups
Reviewer of grant applications, “Oral and Festival Traditions of Western Tibet,” for the Executive Board of the Austrian Science Fund

Grants
“Economic and Social Development in Tibet” conference, Bombardier, $20,000
“2010 International Association of Tibetan Studies” conference, University of Lausanne, $10,000

ILAN VERTINSKY
Professor, Institute of Asian Research, Sauder School of Business, and Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability

Publications


Presentations and Conferences


Teaching
BAIM 503 – Issues in International Trade Policy
Shanghai summer program 2007 (Sauder School of Business)
Academic Director

Graduate Student Supervision
Victor Cui, Sauder Ph.D.
Qianqian Du, Sauder Ph.D.
Craig Mayberry, IRES Ph.D.

Graduate Student Committees
Matthew Au, Law Ph.D.
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Budget
For fiscal year 2007-2008, the Institute has a total operating budget allocation of $458,799. From this total operating fund, $63,035 was set aside for non-salary operating expenses; $7,600 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. Overall budget to support non-salary expenses for the Institute and the two Centres experienced a significant reduction due to the 5.2% university-wide budget cut to the general operating purpose funds and a fund shift from non-salary to faculty salary budget to support a faculty salary top-up. Funds to support research activities, projects, workshops, and visiting fellowship programs totaled $719,455. Research funds were largely derived from various agencies, namely: the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Japan Foundation, POSCO Foundation, Canada Foundation for Innovation, Asia Research Fund and other private donors and foundations. Funds for the Choi Emerging Opportunities Endowment, four endowed Centres and the Tung Lin Kok Yuen Endowment for Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program totaled $240,811.

Personnel
Special thanks go to a number of IAR faculty who took up the challenging role of acting administrative head for the Institute during the summer and fall of 2007. Michael Leaf, IAR faculty associate, was the Acting Director of IAR from mid-August to September. Ilan Vertinsky took on the dual role of being both the Acting IAR Director as well as the Associate Director for Research from October to December.

After six years as Director of the Centre for Korean Research, Professor Donald Baker stepped down to return to full-time teaching in the Department of Asian Studies. Dr. Nam-lin Hur, also from the Department of Asian Studies, assumed responsibility for chairing the Centre’s Management Committee in the fall of 2007.

The Centre for Southeast Asia Research also experienced a transition in the Centre’s directorship. Michael Leaf, Associate Professor at the School of Regional and Community Planning, and the former CSEAR Director for the last seven years passed on the torch to Rick Barichello, Associate Professor with Faculty of Land and Food Systems, on September 2007.

Dr. Anand Pandian, Johal Chair in Indian Studies and Assistant Professor of Anthropology resigned on June 30, 2008. Before resigning, he organized a number of conferences at the Institute of Asian Research and was actively involved with activities at the IAR and the Centre for India and
South Asia Research. Despite his resignation, he continues to look forward to collaborating with the Institute as an academic colleague and affiliate. He is now based in Baltimore, Maryland USA.

Dr. Pitman B. Potter, IAR Director for the last eight years steps down as of July 1, 2008 due to health reasons. The Institute is ever grateful to Professor Potter for having led major changes and development in its teaching and research programs as well as carrying out an expansion of its faculty and staff personnel. However, he will still continue to be actively involved in IAR activities and programs as the Institute’s Hong Kong Bank Chair in Asian Research. Dr. Masao Nakamura, Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research, will take on the role of IAR’s Acting Director while a search is conducted for the next IAR Director.

Acknowledgment goes out to Dr. Kyung-Ae Park who led the IAR’s Teaching Committee for close to three years since the academic year 2004-2005. As the Associate Director for Teaching and the MAPPS Graduate Advisor, she made numerous contributions to the MAPPS Program by successfully increasing the number of courses the program offered, developing links to donors to establish a three-year scholarship funding, and further improving and streamlining faculty and program support services for the students. Dr. Michael Leaf, IAR faculty associate member and former Director of the Centre for Southeast Asia Research, takes over the role of Associate Director for Teaching and MAPPS Graduate Advisor as of July 1, 2008. He looks forward to “rejoining” the IAR, this time in a different role and capacity in which he will be more involved with IAR’s teaching program and mandate.

A note of congratulations goes out to Tim Cheek, Professor and the Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research at IAR, for his most recent additional appointment at UBC. Dr. Cheek takes on the role of Associate Principal, Teaching and Strategic Initiatives at the College for Interdisciplinary Studies (CFIS) starting in July 2008. Dr. Cheek looks forward to joining the leadership team at CFIS to lend support to CFIS Principal, Michael Burgess, and to help move the College forward.

Ms. Eleanor Gill, MAPPS alumna, was appointed Summer Institute China program Manager in May 2006. Assisting with the strategic planning and development of the program and responsible for its execution, she provided excellent day-to-day management of the Program. Her appointment ended in July 2007 as she decided to settle down to a new life in Toronto, Ontario.

A new addition to the IAR staffing complement is Mr. Syed Hassan who joined IAR in July 2007 as the Computer and Systems Support Technician. He is jointly appointed with
other units under the College for Interdisciplinary Studies (CFIS). He provides user and system support, network server administration and computer operations support. He also assists in the research of technologies, software applications and technical configurations to meet equipment needs.

Ms. Donna Yeung, Manager of the Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Project for the last three years, took a leave due to medical reasons on July 1, 2007. Ms. Rozalia Mate filled in as Acting Project Manager for the next six months.

One of the administrative staff members at IAR, Ms. Rozalia Mate, at the start of the calendar year 2008 officially assumed the position of Manager, Research and Program Development. Having joined IAR in February 2004, she was initially hired as Finance Clerk and ably took on the Acting Administrator role when the IAR Administrator took a six month personal leave. In her new position, she will provide program support with particular responsibility for assisting the IAR Director and Associate Directors in the identification and development of opportunities for growth and expansion in the Institute’s education and research programs. She will also facilitate promotion of the Institute’s educational programs and research initiatives; performing research on potential funding sources for the Institute’s various programs and activities; as well as managing selected research projects.

Ms. Png-chu (Judy) Wang joined the IAR family in March 2008, filling in the Finance Clerk vacancy. Ms. Wang had recently completed a Diploma program in Financial Management from Langara College when she came to IAR. Prior to this, she completed a B.A. program in Public Finance from the National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan. As Finance Clerk, she provides financial and administrative clerical support to IAR. The IAR community wishes both Ms. Mate and Ms. Wang all the best in their new roles at the Institute.

The IAR and the rest of the UBC community is saddened by the loss of Ms. Jackie Garnett, long time Managing Editor of Pacific Affairs (PA). Ms. Garnett passed away on March 10, 2008 after a long and astonishingly cheerful battle with cancer for many years. She has worked for UBC for more than 25 years, earned her BA degree from UBC in 1984, and joined PA in 1989. She kept PA going through difficult transitions and brought about the electronic publication phase for the journal. Her friends and family fondly remember that she oftentimes expressed her love for her work, her colleagues, and her surroundings in the UBC campus despite personal and professional obstacles and challenges. Jackie remained true to herself always—never failing to protect our natural world and local wildlife. Her unique lilting and high-pitched voice has been silenced in the hallways and lobby of the C.K. Choi Building but her spirit lives on among us who will continue to recall and cherish the friendship, laughter, values and memories she left behind in each one of us.

The administrative staff of the Institute is composed of:

- Eleanor Gill, Summer Institute China Program Manager (up to July 2007)
- Syed Hassan, Computer and Systems Support Technician (from July 2007 onwards)
- Karen Jew, Assistant to the Director
- Marietta Lao, Administrator
- Rozalia Mate, Acting Administrator (January to June 2007)/ Acting Manager for the Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Project (July to Dec 2007)/ Manager, Research and Program Development (from January 2008 onwards)
- Nilda Oñate, MAPPS Graduate Program Secretary
- Png-chu (Judy) Wang, Finance Clerk
- Donna Yeung, Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Project Manager (up to June 2007)

In spite of numerous staffing challenges and directorship transitions during the year, the IAR staff remained steadfast in carrying out its administrative duties.

Special thanks to the work study and summer student assistants who assisted the Institute during the academic year 2007-2008. Jeffrey Cheung, Amy Kao, Clara Yiu and Ava Zhang provided much needed assistance and support to the administrative office and the MAPPS graduate program.
1: Erin Williams, MAPPS alumna and UBC Ph.D. student (Political Science) was one of the paper presenters at the forum. 2 and 3: One of the sessions at the “Western Development and Socio-Economic Change: Canada-China Forum” held March 28–29, 2008 in Beijing, PRC. 4: Korean desserts sold at the Lunar New Year celebration. 5: UBC Chinese Music Ensemble. 6 Pacific Affairs staff (from left to right): Tim Cheek, Nick Simon, Fremma Esquejo, and Carolyn Grant. 7. Pacific Affairs booth at the Association for Asian Studies Meeting.
Future Directions

Pitman B. Potter
Director

During the coming year the Institute will focus on a strategic plan based on the collaborative vision developed by the IAR Council at our retreat held in June 2008. Among the priorities identified are the following:

• Strengthening collaborative projects involving the various IAR Centres and Programs. Examples include building linkages among the IAR Centres on the Religion and Contemporary Policy Program, expanding links among the IAR Centres in areas of policy research, teaching and community programming, expanding joint seminars and research presentations.

• 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. The Institute will continue to give significant attention to the TLKY Canada Foundation Program in Buddhism and Contemporary Society, in cooperation with the Department of Asian Studies.

• 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.

The Institute will continue to give attention to a number of substantive research themes in the coming year, including the Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Project, the China Environmental Studies Project, the Central Asia Project, and the Religion and Contemporary Society Program. Each of these has initial start up funding and more substantial long term funding is being pursued. These projects offer significant potential for building important new knowledge about Asia that is relevant to Canadian interests and communities. As well, each of these projects offers significant potential for expanding collaboration among IAR Centres and Programs, and expanding collaborative links between IAR and other UBC units.

The Institute will give significant attention to expanding the infrastructure foundation for the CFI—funded Asian Urbanism Lab and the Chinese Nationalities Language Lab.
Pacific Affairs

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Pacific Affairs is an independent quarterly international review of Asia and the Pacific published by the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia. It is one of the top international peer-review journals on contemporary Asian affairs in the world. We publish about twenty research articles and in excess of two hundred book reviews each year. Subscriptions include most of the world’s major academic institutions and governments concerned with Asia.

The generous and energetic contributions of all our Editorial Board members in refereeing articles and promoting the journal among colleagues continue to be essential to the reputation of the journal. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our board members for their services. During the past spring 2008, three editorial board members stepped down after many years of service: Mandakranta Bose, Diana Lary, and Christine Wong. We are grateful for their contributions. We also welcomed new Editorial Board members: Allan Carlson, Cornell University; Chae-Ho Chung, Seoul National University; Amy Hanser, University of British Columbia and Kellee Tsai, Johns Hopkins University.

Our Publishing Assistant, Fremma Esquejo, continued to keep the book reviews flowing, while Jack Hayes was a model of efficiency in managing the stream of article submissions as the Editorial Assistant. We were also well-served by our superb team of work-study students: Ben Addis, Parmida Zarankambar, Kyle McLeod and Nicco Bautista.

The sixth William L. Holland Prize for the best essay for Vol. 80 was awarded to Hy V. Luong’s “The Restructuring of Vietnamese Nationalism, 1954-2006,” (80:3) [Fall 2007]. The Prize honours the memory of Bill Holland’s dedication to thorough, engaged, and accessible scholarship. The prize was announced in the Summer 2008 issue (81:2).

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Jackie Garnett (July 9, 1945 –March 10, 2008)
It is with great sorrow we inform the friends of Pacific Affairs and the Institute of Asian Research that Ms. Jacqueline Garnett, long time Managing Editor, died on Monday 10 March 2008. She fought a long and astonishingly cheerful battle with cancer for many years. To the end, Jackie was with her friends, concerned about our natural world and local wild life, always full of good cheer.

Two memorials were held for Jackie’s many friends and family members. On April 24th a lovely afternoon tea was served in her beloved C.K. Choi Building for the Institute of Asian Research to colleagues and friends across UBC campus. The hundred plus people who attended are testimony to the many lives she touched in her life. IAR Director, Pitman Potter, welcomed the group to the memorial gathering and gave a fitting tribute to Jackie’s contributions to Pacific Affairs (PA) and UBC during a span of over 25 years. This was followed by touching testimonies from Tim Cheek, Terry McGee and Diana Lary who all shared experiences and memories they had of Jackie. One of the IAR staff members, Karen Jew, created a slideshow presentation of Jackie’s photos from various stages of her life, which left hardly a dry eye in the room. Attendees in the group also shared personal experiences and memories of how Jackie championed and valued the life of even the littlest creature.

A second memorial was held at her home in Ladner on July 5 for family and old friends. E-mailed messages and letters from Saskatchewan, United Kingdom, Ottawa, and Nova Scotia were read and shared at this gathering.

Jackie’s lilting and high-pitched voice has been silenced but her spirit lives on among us who will cherish the friendship, laughter, values and memories she left behind. More photos of the Choi Building memorial gathering for Jackie can be seen at www.iar.ubc.ca/resources/multimedia/photogallery.aspx.

William Holland (December 26, 1907–May 8, 2008)
William Lancelot Holland, former Secretary-General of the Institute of Pacific Relations and professor emeritus of the Department of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia, died after a brief illness on May 8, 2008, in Amherst, Massachusetts, USA, at age 100. We are greatly saddened by the passing of one of the pioneers in the study of Asia and one of the primary architects of Pacific Affairs.

A native of New Zealand, Holland worked with the Institute of Pacific Relations from 1928 until 1960. The Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) was established

The late Jackie Garnett.
in 1925 as a private non-partisan forum for the promotion of mutual understanding among nations of Asia and the Pacific Rim through discussion, research, and education. IPR’s programs of conferences, research projects, publications, and its quarterly journal *Pacific Affairs* contributed to the expansion of the field of Asian Studies. The Institute conducted its affairs through autonomous national councils. The International Secretariat was based in Hawai‘i until it moved to New York City in 1933.

Holland held positions as Research Secretary; American IPR Executive Secretary and editor of its periodical, *Far Eastern Survey*; IPR Secretary-General and editor of its journal, *Pacific Affairs*. In the early 1950s the United States Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws (the McCarran Subcommittee) alleged that the IPR was open to communist influences. In addition, former *Pacific Affairs* editor Owen Lattimore was indicted for perjury in an appearance before the subcommittee. Although neither of the charges was substantiated, the surrounding negative publicity seriously impaired the operation of the Institute.

The IPR also lost its tax-exempt status as an educational body and waged a five-year battle to have it restored. The final judgment in 1959 affirmed that, contrary to the allegation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in 1955, the Institute had not engaged in the dissemination of controversial and partisan propaganda, and had not attempted to influence the policies or opinions of any government or government officials. Nonetheless, the legal battle plus the loss of much foundation funding left the Institute depleted of funds and it dissolved in 1960.

Holland accepted the offer of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, to become the head of the newly created Department of Asian Studies, and to bring *Pacific Affairs* with him. He joined the faculty in 1961 and through his leadership and discernment, helped build UBC into a leading center for research on Asia. He became professor emeritus in 1972, continuing to edit *Pacific Affairs* until 1978. In 1989 the University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws.

In 1934, he took a Masters degree at King’s College, Cambridge University, in economics, studying with John Maynard Keynes among others. In 1944, he became an American citizen, so that he could become acting director of the Office of War Information in Chungking, China.

In 1990, following his wife’s death, he moved to Amherst, Massachusetts, to live with his only child, Patricia G. Holland, and her husband, Robert F. Winne. He continued to travel widely. He grew fond of the North Amherst Library, and in 1993 funded the building’s renovation.

His recollections were published in 1995 in Tokyo as *Remembering the Institute of Pacific Relations: The Memoirs of William L. Holland*. They were edited and introduced by Professor Paul F. Hooper of the University of Hawai‘i. Holland’s papers, including those of the IPR, are at Columbia University, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Hawai‘i. In 2003, he established the William L. Holland Prize for the best article published each year in *Pacific Affairs*.

He is survived by his daughter and her husband, his granddaughter, Lucy Barber of Washington, D.C., his grandson and wife, Jonathan and Kristin Lieber of Portland, Ore., and many relatives in New Zealand and Australia.

His qualities of integrity, breadth, balance, consideration, and generosity assure William Lancelot Holland an affectionate place in the memories of us all—colleagues, friends, and all those who have been the fortunate beneficiaries of his ethical, intellectual and administrative legacies.
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