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Introduction

The Institute of Asian Research has had an active year. The Institute has been successful in obtaining from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council a Strategic Grant for research on globalization and social cohesion in Asia, while IAR’s Centre for Japanese Research has obtained a SSHRC Strategic Grant for research on knowledge exchanges among businesses. We have also designed and obtained approval for a new teaching program - the Master of Arts in Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPPS). This program will offer outstanding graduate students an excellent opportunity to develop policy-sensitive skills, to build on existing area studies experience. The Institute succeeded in developing a management package for Pacific Affairs thus bringing this distinguished journal under IAR administration. We continue with our outreach and community liaison activities, having hosted a number of events during the year.

When I was appointed as Director a year ago, I was both thrilled and daunted by the challenges that lay ahead. Building on the wonderful legacy left by my predecessor, Professor Terry McGee, we have seen some significant achievements this year. The Institute is a community of scholars which shares in the successes that we have had, and to which I remain indebted for continued intellectual and personal engagement. We welcome participation and joint activities with all members of the University community. We look forward to continuing to generate achievements in teaching, research and community activities.

Pitman B. Potter
Director
Institute of Asian Research
Lions’ Gate
Lion dance costumes lying serenely at the door, before the Choi Building’s own lions, after Lunar New Year festivities.
A Brief History Of The Institute

The Institute of Asian Research (IAR) was formally established in 1978, but its history reaches back to the early 1940s when Inazo Nitobe, a Japanese internationalist, came to UBC to lecture on peace. In the 1960s, Bill Holland, hounded by the anti-communist witch-hunts in the US, was recruited by UBC to head the new Department of Asian Studies; he developed the program into a major academic focus on campus. In 1970, UBC established the Institute of Asian and Slavonic Research to accommodate the growing number of faculty studying Asia. In 1977, the Chapman Committee, under the Dean of Graduate Studies, and the Winter Committee, under the Dean of Arts, established that Asianists wanted the Institute to focus on Asia, and to remain with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Thus the Institute of Asian Research, sired by two consenting committees, was born. It was housed on the second floor of the Mechanical Engineering Annex on West Mall.

The first IAR Newsletter — issued by the Interim Council of the Institute in 1977 — was a memo informing members about IAR-related activities. The memo evolved into a mimeographed newsletter, which was renamed Asia Pacific Report in 1984; it is now on its 24th volume.

The Institute became fully operational in September 1978 with the appointment of Terry McGee, formerly a senior fellow in the Department of Human Geography at the Australian National University, as director. Initially McGee encouraged the Institute to coordinate and develop UBC research projects on Asia, promote the exchange of information among Asian researchers through seminars, lectures and publications, and provide an administrative umbrella for these activities. In June 1981, the Institute moved to the Asian Centre and added to its functions the publication of Pacific Affairs — a major interdisciplinary journal on contemporary Asia which has now been published for more than 50 years. A restructured Institute — including the Centres for Chinese, Japanese, Korean, South Asia, and Southeast Asia Research — was launched in 1992. Chairs and Executive Committees of the five Centres were also elected. The expansion was supported by generous endowments raised by the 1989 UBC World of Opportunity Campaign and the university matching funds program.

McGee stepped down in 1992, and Mark Fruin was appointed Director. Fruin came to UBC from INSEAD, the European Institute of Business Administration and had been a visiting professor in policy and organization at UCLA. His policy research themes for the Institute included: 1) Human Values and Expression; 2) Culture, Learning and Behavior; 3) Political Economy and Organizational Innovation; 4) Globalism, Regionalism, and Localism; 5) Science, Technology, Environment, and 6) Policy Futures and the Asia Pacific Region. The last four constituted the Institute's Public Policy Program. Fruin also founded the Canada Asia Pacific Research Initiatives (CAPRI) — a public policy program devoted to contemporary Asian issues — as well as CAPRI Special Series publications to promote collaboration between Canadian and Asian researchers. The C.K. Choi Building for the Institute of Asian Research was inaugurated in October 1996. The next year, Canada-Australia studies became a program under CAPRI.

In 1993, the Institute's first endowed chair was awarded to Kyung-Ae Park as the Korea Foundation Chair in Korean Research. In 1994 Masao Nakamura, was appointed to the Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research. Nina Halpern was appointed to the Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research in 1995. Fruin who also held the Hongkong Bank Chair in Asian Research, resigned in 1997 and McGee served as director again. In 1998, Sam P.S. Ho was named to the Taiwan Chair in Chinese Research.

In January 1999 Pitman B. Potter, professor of law and director of the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the Faculty of Law, was appointed IAR director. Among his goals were to develop the Institute's teaching program, to strengthen its research capabilities, and to introduce flexible thematic approaches to provide students with the benefits of both disciplinary and interdisciplinary training.
Midsummer picnic
The annual gathering of friends of the Choi Building, at the nearby Spanish Banks.
III Highlights of 1999

(Details in Report of Activities).

1. Appointment of Pitman B. Potter as new IAR director

2. Award of SSHRC Strategic Grant to IAR for research on Globalization and Social Cohesion in Asia

3. Centre for Japanese Research: Japan Policy Conference, SSHRC strategic grant on R&D alliances

4. Program in Intercultural Studies in Asia: Conference on the Ramayana Culture

5. Graduate Students Network: Re-evaluating Asia - New Research Directions

6. Centre for Korean Research: Outlook Korea - Crisis and Opportunity

7. Centre for Chinese Research: Memory, Modernity, and the Millennium in Contemporary Chinese Culture

8. Appointment of Paul Evans as director of PCAPS

9. Appointment of new CCR and CISAR directors: Diana Lary and Mandakranta Bose

10. Centre for Southeast Asia Research: Conference on Emerging Southeast Asia Identities in an Era of Volatile Globalization

11. CIDA-funded project on transport and communications systems set up under IAR with the appointment of Graham Johnson as IAR faculty associate

12. A series of seminars on "Globalization and the Transformation of Asian Societies" organized by Barrie Morrison started in the fall and would continue until 2000

13. Development of teaching program MAPPS

14. Chinese Lunar New Year Festival

15. Midsummer picnic, where all the game prizes were won by members of the Centre for Korean Research

16. Terry McGee's retirement party (see photo below)
Research in the AMRC
A tutorial session organized by PCAPS for visiting researchers from Mongolia: Dashjoriin Zorigt (l), Ministry of External Relations, and Toodoi Odgerel (r), Institute for Strategic Studies.

CIRPD workshop
Members of the Chinese community in Vancouver discuss the future of civil society in China.
IV Report of Activities

Institute of Asian Research
Director: Pitman B. Potter

a Administration and Budget

The IAR has four main functions: (1) to administer the programs of the IAR and its constituent Centres (the Centres for Chinese, India and South Asia, Japanese, Korean, and Southeast Asia Research); (2) to develop interdisciplinary research programs on Asia and Canada-Asia relations; (3) to sponsor seminars, cultural events, and conferences; and (4) to promote community liaison activities concerned with Asia. A new function will be added in 2000, namely the MAPPS teaching program.

Accountability: the Institute and its five constituent Centres were established in 1992 with funding from the UBC World of Opportunity Campaign which also made possible the construction of a new building and a substantial endowment program. The C.K. Choi Building opened in 1996. In the last five years, the Institute has sponsored over 300 conferences, seminars, and workshops. It has conducted over 50 research projects and has established a network of graduate students doing research on Asia. The Institute of Asian Research has an Advisory Board consisting of prominent international scholars and business people. Since 1992, the IAR has appointed four new endowed chairs. The Korea Foundation Chair in Korean Research was filled in 1993. This was followed by the recruitment of the Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research in 1994, the Professor Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research in 1995, and the Taiwan Chair in Chinese Research in 1998. Each of the five Centres elected a Director and a Management Committee in 1992 and again in 1997. Together with the four Endowed Chairs and other IAR faculty, the Centre directors constitute the Institute Council which gives advice to the Director on major policy issues.

In 1993, the Institute launched its public policy program under CAPRI (Canada Asia Pacific Research Initiatives). Included in this program is the China Program for Integrated Research and Development (CPIRD) which brings scholars from China and Canada together in public policy workshops. Also under CAPRI was the Centre for Australian Studies (CAS) introduced in 1997 and focused on developing programs on Australia-Canada relations. In 1999, CAPRI was abolished and the IAR took over its functions.

Personnel: Pitman B. Potter, Professor of Law and Director of Chinese Legal Studies at UBC, was appointed director of the Institute of Asian Research from January 1999 to December 2004. He was also appointed national coordinator for the 3x3 Canada-China University Consortium which facilitates innovative collaborative research among the members.

In January Terry McGee returned to a position of Professor of Geography and Professor in the Institute of Asian Research. He was on administrative leave from July 1999 to June 2000 to complete a book-length manuscript on the effects of the 1997 Asian Crisis on urbanization.

In June Sam P.S. Ho resigned as director of the Centre for Chinese Research to devote more time to research as the holder of the Chair in Chinese Research-ROC.

After his stint as director of the Centre for India and South Asia Research in June, Professor John Wood left for Gujarat in India to conduct research on water management on a one-year Ford Foundation research grant.

In July Paul Evans, assisted by Shirley Yue as projects coordinator, moved his CIDA project from York University in Toronto to UBC to assume the post of director, Program on Canada-Asia Policy Studies (PCAPS) in IAR.

Professor Kyung-Ae Park was on a 12-month study leave from July to do research on North Korea’s foreign policy in the post-cold war era.
In July Professors Diana Lary of History and Mandakranta Bose of Religious Studies were appointed directors of the Centre for Chinese Research and Centre for India and South Asia Research respectively.

In July the IAR took over the management of the journal, Pacific Affairs, with Sam Ho and Yunshik Chang serving as interim editors until a full-time faculty editor was found.

Just before Christmas members of the Centre for Southeast Asia Research paid tribute to CSEAR Director Geoff Hainsworth at a farewell party at his end-of-year retirement.

**Budget:** The IAR had an operating budget of $535,767 in 1999 of which $422,229 were for salaries of faculty and staff and $113,538 were for supplies, equipment, communication and other operating expenses. In addition, it received $1,738,441 in research grants and contracts for 1999 out of a total award of $3,959,973 in grants for projects ongoing for three years. It also received $275,162 in endowment income for its four fully funded Centres, and $5,377 from publication sales, cost recovery donations, and subscriptions. Total funds available were $2,554,770.

**Building Management:** Cost recovery rates for the use of the multi-function rooms in the Choi Building were adjusted in 1999 to encourage more Asia-related activities in the building. Total number of bookings for the year was 268, up from 196 last year. The five Centres and the various Programs under IAR held 89 seminars and workshops and 13 conferences using the conference room, the seminar room, and the lounge. Total donations received for use of the facilities was $5,568 with $1,268 going to caretaker wages. The Institute used the revenue of $4,300 to fund its annual community outreach event and to publish and distribute the Institute's newsletter, Asia Pacific Report.

**b Programs of the IAR**

**Program on Canada-Asia Policy Studies (PCAPS)**

**Director:** Paul M. Evans

In July 1999, Professor Paul Evans, along with Projects Coordinator Shirley Yue, moved to UBC from York University in Toronto to establish the Program on Canada-Asia Policy Studies under the Institute of Asian Research. The objective of the PCAPS is to commission original policy-relevant research on contemporary issues and to work with institutes and agencies around the Asia Pacific region on collaborative programs principally in the areas of political, security, and economic issues. A special focus is the emergence of new institutions in Asia and across the Pacific including formal governmental organizations, policy networks of non-governmental experts and government officials acting in their private capacities ("track two"), and civil society-based networks.

**Research projects:** Northeast Asia Cooperation Program — $1,860,000, The CIDA-funded Northeast Asia Cooperation Program (NEACP) is a three-year program to promote exchange among policy relevant institutes in Northeast Asia on key issues in regional development and economic and security cooperation. The first year of the project was administered through the Joint Centre for Asia Pacific Studies, York-University of Toronto. The program, which runs until 2001, includes a research component involving Canadian and other specialists on the pattern and prospects of regional cooperation; capacity building grants in key institutes in Mongolia, China, Pacific Russia; and support for a number of bilateral and multilateral meetings designed to advance regional institution building.

Dialogue and Research Monitor — US$50,000, Japan Center for International Exchange Dialogue and Research Monitor (DRM) is an inventory of multilateral dialogues (including governmental, academic and "track two") in a geographic area including Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific and using a broad definition of security. The purpose of the inventories was (a) to give an accurate portrait of dialogue and research activities; (b) to promote dialogue and its effectiveness by providing factual information; and (c) to provide timely information about the range of existing activities to assist organizers, funders, and officials in understanding and improving dialogue activities and, in DRM, indicating how research and dialogue can be effectively combined.

**Publications:** (See Paul Evans under Faculty report, p. 15)

Seminars and workshops: October 4-5 — North Korean academic delegation, “Building Cooperation in the North Pacific” and "Current Developments in the DPRK"; November 12 — HRH Prince Norodom Sirivudh of the Kingdom of Cambodia, "The Future of Civil Society in Cambodia." This seminar was sponsored by PCAPS and ASEAR.

Visitors: October 1-14: an academic delegation from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, comprised of Cha Jong and Ri Song Man from the Institute of International Affairs in Pyongyang and Ri Kwang Nam from the DPRK mission to the United Nations in New York, visited Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa to deepen contacts between policy-related research institutes in Canada and North Korea and to discuss bilateral and regional issues; November 11-17: the chairman of the board of the Cambodian Institute of Cooperation and Peace (CIOP), HRH Prince Norodom Sirivudh, and CIOP’s executive director, Mr. Kao Kim Hourn, visited Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa to present the prospects and dilemmas of strengthening an emerging civil society in Cambodia. November 16 to December 1: Dashjoriin Zorigt, Deputy Director, Department of Policy Planning and Coordination, Ministry of External Relations, Mongolia, and Tooodoi Odgerel, Co-editor, Strategic Studies quarterly, Assistant to Director, the Institute for Strategic Studies, Mongolia (sponsored by PCAPS and funded by CIDA as part of a bilateral support program between Canada and Mongolia’s Institute of Strategic Studies, Ministry of External Relations).

Future Directions in 2000: The first installments in the North Pacific Policy Paper (NPPP) Series will be published beginning in March 2000. Meetings are scheduled for: 14th Asia Pacific Roundtable, June 3-7, Kuala Lumpur; North Pacific Working Group Meeting, June, Ulaanbaator; Meeting of the SSRC’s Committee on Human Capital, June, UBC; 4th Canada-China Seminar on Cooperative Security in Asia Pacific (CANCHIS IV), late August, UBC.

China Program for Integrative Research and Development (CPIRD)
Director: Paul Lin

In early 1999, the China Program for Integrative Research and Development (CPIRD) at the IAR initiated talks with the Municipal Government of Beijing, China, and the Institute of Architectural and Urban Studies at Tsinghua University, Beijing, to organize an international symposium on new urban rapid transit development possibilities and their implications for Beijing’s mega-urban regional growth strategy. Last year was a landmark year for China’s national urban development and infrastructure investment policy. Whereas for two decades the country has emphasized the growth of small cities and officially discouraged mega-urban growth, last year the central government embarked on a new course to support the development of the nation’s largest cities. Among the many expressions of this policy is the new eligibility of all cities with over one million in population to build subways and light rail transit systems.

CPIRD views this change in direction as an opportunity to consider holistically some of the most fundamental problems facing urban China today, including the development of new communities; access to housing, jobs and social services; and the clarification of interests in major infrastructure development. During the last twelve months, Prof. Paul Lin, founding director of CPIRD, has been able to secure an official endorsement by the Beijing Government for the symposium, as well as sponsorship commitments by Bombardier Corp. and Canadian Pacific Corp.

Further sponsorship is being sought from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Experts in transportation, land, and community development from UBC, the City of Vancouver, the World Bank, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of California at Berkeley, the Institute of Behavioral Studies in Tokyo, and the University of Hong Kong, are among the invited participants.
The symposium, provisionally entitled "Mobility in Beijing: Rapid Transit the Integrated Development of China's Capital Region" is expected to be held in Beijing in autumn 2000. Daniel Abramson (danielab@interchange.ubc.ca) is assisting Prof. Lin as coordinator for this CPIRD workshop.

**Centre for Australian Studies (CAS)**
Acting Director: Terry G. McGee

The Centre for Australian Studies, the first in Canada, was set up at the University of British Columbia in November 1997 in collaboration with post-secondary institutions in Australia and with the support of the private sector. The Centre is a key component of an expanded program of Canada-Asia Pacific research initiatives at the Institute of Asian Research and builds on the network of academic relationships between UBC and Australian academic institutions.

The Centre has identified ten main research areas in comparative studies of Canada and Australia in which there is a well-developed faculty expertise and graduate research programs: 1) Trade and investment; 2) Planning and urban studies; 3) Food and agriculture; 4) Natural resource management with particular emphasis on water resource management; 5) Intergovernmental relations within a federal political system; 6) Tourism and leisure activities; 7) Comparative approaches of Australia and Canada to the Asia Pacific region; 8) Law and native title; 9) Literature/multiculturalism/colonialism; 10) Immigration, integration and social cohesion in Australia and Canada.

**UBC Faculty and Student Seminars**
A monthly seminar which focuses on current research presentations by UBC faculty and graduate students carrying out research on Australia. The 1999 speakers and talks include the following: September 21 — "Rethinking the Colonial Relationship in Australia" by Ravi de Costa (Swinburne University of Technology); October 17 — "The Development of Multicultural Policy in Australia" by Kevin Dunn (University of New South Wales, in collaboration with Research and Immigration and Integration in the Metropolis).

**Quarterly Seminars with Visiting Australian Scholars**
The Centre, in collaboration with the Australian Embassy in Washington, D.C. through the Australian Education Office (AEO) also hosts a Visiting Australian Scholar Speaker series. The 1999 visiting Australian scholars were: January — "WTO Related Trade and Development Policy" by Kym Anderson (University of Adelaide); April 6 — "Australian Identity Towards the Twenty-First Century" by John Goldlust (LaTrobe University); November 2 — "Of Wigs and Gowns: A Short History of Legal and Judicial Dress in Australia" by Rob Mc Queen (La Trobe University); November 30 — "The Case of John Laws" by Cate Poynton (University of Western Sydney).

**Conferences and Workshops 1999:**
May 14-15 — "Challenges to the Chinese Overseas in an Era of Financial Vulnerability in the Asia Pacific Region" University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. June 14-17 — "Immigration, Integration and Social Cohesion: Sydney and Vancouver in Comparative Perspective" University of New South Wales.

**Program in Intercultural Studies in Asia (PICS A)**
Director: Mandakranta Bose

PICS A organized a successful fundraising event and a conference on the Ramayana in February. The conference, held at the Institute of Asian Research, was jointly sponsored by CISAR and IAR and was entitled "The Ramayana Culture: Text, Performance, Gender and Iconography." Scholars from Oxford, England, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Washington and UBC participated at the conference. The conference proceedings are expected to be published by early June 2000. The conference led to a successful application for a major grant from the Peter Wall Foundation for holding a workshop on the Ramayana in June 2000.

Seminars were held by PICS A during 1999 on a regular basis. Two writer-in-residence grants were offered to two scholars, Anita Badami and Kim Sook Kang, for the period 1998-99. They each presented their respective works-in-progress in a seminar. The position of writer-in-residence for 1999-2000 has been offered to Vidyut Aklujkar, Research
Associate, CISAR. PICSA's academic program for the year began on September 14 with the launch of Kang’s book on Korean women’s writing. On October 12, Professor Patricia Morley of Carleton University gave a talk, sponsored by the Canada Council, on her recent book on Japanese women’s lives, published by UBC Press. On November 18, Usha Rajagopalan, Andrew Scholar at UBC, read from her short stories. All PICSA events were held at the C.K. Choi building.

**Asia Multimedia Resource Centre (AMRC)**

The AMRC is the computer lab from which Lisa Kwan, assisted by William Lee (hired in September 1999), provide the computer-related technical services necessary for the smooth functioning of the various research and community outreach activities of the IAR and its Centres. These primarily include advice on the purchase of hardware and/or software, installation and maintenance of equipment, the on-going updates of activities on the IAR website, the pre-press graphic design of hard-copy research publications and advertisement material, the administration of the Choi building local area network and the regular maintenance of the AMRC and administrative staff computers.

In 1999 the operating system software for the AMRC Macintoshes were upgraded to 8.6, and Netscape was upgraded to 4.7 in the fall. A high-quality laser printer and printing card machine were purchased for the AMRC. An electronic log book was created in April between Lisa Kwan and former AMRC coordinator David Floren, as well as an inventory of software and hardware for the IAR and Centre computers. Technical assistance was provided for PCAPS when the program was established in the building, including network setup and hardware installation. Two books published by the IAR were designed in the AMRC, as well as the spring and fall Asia Pacific Report and the IAR Annual Report, 1999.

The IAR web site has been maintained on at least a bi-monthly basis, which typically includes maintaining current seminars, events, activities, the faculty listing, publications, research opportunity resources, and conference schedules. In 1999 on-line guestbook and discussion pages were added as well as a section on the various cultural and ecological aspects of the Choi Building, enhancing the community outreach aspect of the web site.

**Publications**

Urban and Regional Governance in the Asia Pacific Region, edited by John Friedmann, was published in August by the IAR. It was a collection of papers presented at a workshop on metropolitan governance held in Taipei in April 1998.

A 300-page book containing findings from an extensive fieldwork in Vietnam was published in December 1999 as Localized Poverty Reduction in Vietnam: Improving the Enabling Environment for Rural Livelihood Enhancement, edited by Geoffrey B. Hainsworth, director of the Centre for Southeast Asia Research.

**Research Associates and Visiting Scholars**

**Abulimiti, Anwar** — Assistant Professor
Department of History, Xinjiang University, Urumqi, China
Research: Diaspora of the Uighur Community in China
15 September 1999 to 31 August 2000

**Chang, Namho** — Professor of Japanese Literature
Chungnam National University, Taejon City, Korea
Research: Japanese literature in Canada
15 September 1999 to 31 August 2000

**Higuchi, Atsushi** — Lecturer
Department of Economics, Kobe International University, Kobe, Japan
Research: Japan-US trade negotiations
1 August 1999 to 31 July 2000
Iida, Takafumi — Professor of Sociology  
Faculty of Economics, Toyama University, Toyama, Japan  
Research: Community formation and ethnic relation of Asian immigrants in Canada  
1 September 1999 to 1 March 2000

Kawamoto, Mitsuhiro — Senior Researcher and Analyst  
Takugin Research Institute Co., Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan  
Research: Comparative strategies of marketing places (outskirts of airports) in Asia, Canada, and the U.S.  
1 November 1998 to 31 October 1999

Kwon, Won-Yong — Professor of Urban Planning  
Department of Urban Administration, University of Seoul  
Research: Planning Theory  
1 January 1999 to 24 December 1999

Lee, Namho — Professor of Korean Literature  
Korea University, Seoul, Korea  
Research: Korean literature and culture  
1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000

Moe, Young Kee — Professor of Education and History  
Seo-Kyung University, Seoul, Korea  
Research: Writing a Korean war history book on British involvement in the Korean conflict  
1 September 1999 to 31 March 2000

Suyenaga, Kunitoshi — Professor  
Faculty of Economics, Doshiba University, Kyoto, Japan  
Research: Settling process through business activities of Japanese Canadian merchants  
1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000

Xue, Desheng — Lecturer  
Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Zhongshan University  
Research: China Urban and Regional Transportation and Communications Systems  
1 April 1998 to 31 December 1999

Community Liaison

The Institute celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year on February 16th with a food festival organized jointly by the IAR and its student group affiliate, the Pacific Rim Club, headed by Jennie Chen. The highlight of the event was a dragon dance performed in front of the C.K. Choi Building.

The annual midsummer picnic of the IAR was held in August at the usual spot on Spanish Banks. Past and future occupants of the C.K. Choi Building and friends of Asian research from the community joined the current occupants over grilled chicken wings, ribs, oysters, salmon, and corn.

Periodic art exhibits, cultural performances, and visits of high school and elementary school students interested in seeing an environmentally-friendly institution brought the wider community to IAR during the year.

Student Links

The Graduate Students Network, supported by the IAR and provided with an office in the Choi Building, had been sponsoring an annual two-day graduate students conference to get together students from UBC, SFU, UVic, and
Capilano College and exchange information on their respective research topics on Asia. In 1999 the conference was organized by Mikiko Terashima of the School of Community and Regional Planning. The conference theme was “Re-evaluating Asia: New Research Directions.” About 50 papers were presented.

The Pacific Rim Club is the undergraduate student body affiliated with the IAR. It also has an office in the Choi Bldg. Its members assist the IAR in its various cultural and academic activities. They serve as volunteers in conferences: meeting participants at the airport, setting up the conference rooms, assisting in registration and in the distribution of conference kits. The Pacific Rim Club members and their friends organized the Lunar New Year festival of 1999 and provided all the food and beverages served at lunch in the Choi Building lounge.

c Faculty

Paul M. Evans  (See also PCAPS report under Programs of the IAR, page 12)


Terry G. McGee


Pitman B. Potter:
My activities at IAR during the past year have been focused primarily in the areas of teaching, research and administration. In the area of teaching, I chaired the Committee which produced the proposal for a Master of Arts in Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPPS) program for the Institute. This program has been approved by Faculty Senate and will be implemented in September 2000. The program will serve as a major component of IAR activities in the future.

On the research side, I designed and serve as principal investigator for the SSHRC-funded project on legal culture in Chinese urban communities. I designed and serve as principal investigator for the SSHRC-funded strategic research program awarded to IAR in 1999 on the subject of globalization and social cohesion in Asia. My research continues to generate publications and invited presentations as listed below:

Book Chapters:


Community Activities
I continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Canada-China Business Council. In this regard, I have advised the Council on matters pertaining to China's accession to the WTO and on business conditions in China. I also serve on the Board of Governors for the British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre.
Administration
I have primarily focused on the processes of obtaining research grants for IAR, designing and obtaining approvals for the MAPPS teaching program, and drafting and pursuing implementation of the Asia Strategy for UBC. I have also devoted considerable attention to recruiting and appointing new Chairs and Directors for the IAR Research Centres. We appointed new Directors for the Centre for Chinese Research, the Centre for India and South Asia Research and the Centre for Southeast Asia Research. We continue a search for Research Chairs in China, Japan, and India and South Asia. I also serve as the National Coordinator for the 3X3 Canada-China Research Consortium, involving four Canadian universities and three Chinese universities. I have also assisted the President's Office on a number of Asia-related initiatives, including visits by President Martha Piper to Asia and hosting of visitors from Asia to UBC. As well I drafted a major report to the President on an Asia Strategy for the University. I have also served on the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts.

In the administration of IAR, I am indebted to the wonderful assistance of Eleanor Laquian, without whom administration at IAR would be considerably less effective. I am also indebted to the assistance of Marietta Lao, in the area of financial management and as my personal secretary. I would also like to thank Karen Jew for her contributions not only in the area of support services for the research centres at IAR and for our community activities, but also in providing significant assistance in developing files for the MAPPS program and in assisting with the various academic search committees for Research Chairs in IAR.

Ilan Vertinsky:

d Chairs

Samuel P.S. Ho (Endowed Chair in Chinese Research-ROC)

Samuel P.S. Ho continued his research in the areas of property rights reform and township-village enterprises (in collaboration with Paul Bowles, Dong Xiao-yuan, and Fiona Macphail), as well as land use changes in the rapidly urbanizing Chinese countryside (in collaboration with George Lin). The bulk of the funding for both projects was an IDRC grant to study the transformation of rural China. Additional funding came from a UBC-Hampton Grant and UBC-CIDA Project on Transport and Communication Systems in China.

Full-scale field research on the impact of property rights reform on township-village enterprises began in 1999. During the year, Ho, his collaborators and their Chinese partners (Shandong University and the Jiangsu Provincial Academy of Social Sciences) surveyed 42 township-village enterprises and 1,050 workers in two provinces (Shandong and Jiangsu). In-depth interviews with enterprise managers will be conducted in 2000. The data generated from the surveys and interviews will be used to analyze the impact of property rights reform on wage determination in enterprises, share holding behavior of individual employees, job satisfaction, workers’ attitudes towards reform, labor market segmentation, and the social construction of work.

Field research on land use changes also commenced in 1999. A major effort was made to collect land use statistics at the two-digit classification level by county for the province of Jiangsu and by township/town for the Wuxi region. During the year, work also began to compare and analyze landsat images for the Wuxi region taken in 1987 and 1996. These two data sets will be used to map the spatial distribution of the different land uses, calculate and map the patterns of change in land use, and produce a land transformation matrix. Work is also underway to collect demographic, economic, social, and institutional data for all counties in Jiangsu and for all townships/towns in the Wuxi region. The plan is to explore statistically the relationship between changes in land use and these demographic, economic, and social variables.

Ho helped to organized an interdisciplinary conference entitled "Memory, Modernity, and Millennium in Post-Mao Culture," held at the IAR on April 9-10, 1999. He served as the Acting Editor of Pacific Affairs from June to September 1999, and with Nina Halpern edited a special issue on the Taiwan Strait for Pacific Affairs. He continued to serve on the editorial board of Pacific Affairs.


Masao Nakamura (Konwakai Chair in Japanese Research)

Masao Nakamura continued his research in the areas of Japanese technology management, and Japanese business and economic behaviour. These topics constitute the integral parts of the courses on new product development and international business he regularly teaches in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration and in the Faculty of Applied Science. Nakamura continues to serve as Director of the Centre for Japanese Research. He also serves on the editorial boards of Managerial and Decision Economics (Advisory Editor, May 1988 to date) and Scottish Journal of Political Economy (Editorial Advisory Board, December 1998 to date).


Publications: (With S. Globerman, K. Ruckman, I. Vertinsky and T. Williamson), Technological Progress and Competitiveness in the Canadian Forest Products Industry, NRCAN (Natural Resources Canada), Ottawa, 1999.


Research grants: "Exploring New Forms of R&D Alliances: The Key to the Creation of a Knowledge-Based Economy," with M. Nakamura as principal investigator and A. Nakamura, P. Potter, S. Robinson, I. Vertinsky as co-investigators, received $390,000 for 2000-2003 from the SSHRC Strategic Grant Program; and $2,000 from the BC Centre for International Education for Canada-Japan joint research workshop activities at Keio University in Tokyo.

Kyung-Ae Park (Korea Foundation for Korean Research Chair)


Service: council member, Institute of Asian Research; management committee, Centre for Korean Research; comparative politics PhD Exam Committee, Department of Political Science. Scholarly community: elected president, the Association of Korean Political Studies in North America, 1999-2000; delegate, the Canadian Delegation to North Korea (six members), December 4-11, 1999; elected Board of Directors member, the Association of Korean Political Studies in North America; executive council member, the Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section, International Studies Association; regional conference director, Korean-American University Professors Association; general secretary, Research Council on Korean Reunification; editorial advisory Board member, Korea Observer.

Pitman B. Potter (Hongkong Bank Chair in Asian Research)

(See Pitman Potter under Faculty report, page 18).
Bill Holland reminisces during a visit to the IAR

Chinese musical performance sponsored by the Centre for Chinese Research
Research Centres

Centre for Chinese Research
Director: Diana Lary

The Centre for Chinese Research aims to bring together all scholars doing research on China on the UBC campus, to provide encouragement and support for graduate students, and to reach out to Chinese communities in the Vancouver area.

CCR organizes scholarly conferences and workshops, and also brings together people to discuss subjects of immediate interest. The Centre fosters connections with the PRC, with Taiwan, and with Chinese communities worldwide.

Director’s Activities: Professor Lary presented a paper at an international conference in Taipei on Soong Mei-ling.

Research Activities
Grants: $15,000 from the Peter Wall Foundation to organize a seminar on recent Chinese immigration; a proposal to the Hampton Foundation for a research project on Chinese migration is pending.

Projects: CCR’s research projects dealt with economic and government issues: township and village enterprises in China (run by Samuel Ho); and transportation and communications (run by Graham Johnson). Projects in the planning stage include one on Chinese migration and another on Chinese religions.

Publications


Pitman B. Potter: (See Pitman Potter under Faculty report, page 18.)
Seminars

January 19 — “Urban Sustainability in China: Problems and Evaluation” by Yin Yongyuan (Sustainable Development Research Institute, UBC); February 9 — “The Chinese Technocratic Leadership, Urban Planning and Reconstruction: The Case of Shanghai” by Chen Shi (CCR, UBC post-doctoral fellow); March 4 — “Chinese Language and its Impact Upon Music” by Du Yaxiong (professor of musicology at the Chinese Conservatory of Music, Beijing); March 9 — “Images and Imaginations: The Making of the Southern Frontier in Sixteenth-Century China” by Leo Shin (assistant professor, Dept. of History, SFU); March 22 — “Sex and Text of Foot Binding” by Dorothy Ko (Rutgers University); October 1 — “China at Fifty: Reflections on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the People's Republic of China” by Graham Johnson (Anthropology & Sociology), Samuel Ho (Economics), Pitman Potter (Institute of Asian Research); October 6 — “Religious Issues in China: The Contemporary Context” by Daniel Overmyer (Asian Studies), Andre Laliberté (Political Science), Anwar Ablimit (Centre for Chinese Research); November 1 — “Local Government, Firms and Individuals: Local Economic Transformation in the Pearl River Delta - A Case Study of Shunde City” by Desheng Xue (Centre for Chinese Research visiting scholar; Center for Urban and Regional Studies lecturer, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou); November 9 — “China’s International Relations” by Duan Jin (vice-president of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, Beijing); November 10 — “Secret Trades of the Straits: Smuggling and State-Formation Along a Southeast Asian Frontier, 1870-1910” by Eric Tagliacozzo (post-doctoral fellow, Department of History, UBC); November 19 — “Local Geographies of Globalization: Rural Agglomeration in the Chinese Countryside” by Andrew M. Marton (Institute of Contemporary China Studies reader/assistant director, University of Nottingham); December 1 — “In Memoriam Gerald Segal” (Segal died in October 1999. His death cut short a brilliant career which started in Canada and led him to England where he was the senior fellow director of the International Institute of Strategic Studies. He was a trenchant and perceptive commentator on Asian affairs. His last piece of writing was an essay published in Foreign Affairs entitled “Does China Matter?” This essay was obviously meant to provoke debate, and as a tribute to Gerald Segal, CCR held a debate at a seminar on December 1st). Sponsored by the Centre for Chinese Research, Program for Canada-Asia Policy Studies, and the Institute of International Relations.

Workshops

In April, the Centre held a two-day workshop titled “Memory, Modernity and the Millennium in Contemporary Chinese Culture.” The workshop brought together a large number of people interested in contemporary and future Chinese culture, and produced free-ranging and stimulating discussions. The workshop was coordinated by Samuel Ho and Alison Bailey.

Future Directions

The CCR is considering ways to develop a full academic program focusing on Chinese Canadian Studies. It is planning a project on Asian religious groups in the Vancouver area in collaboration with other centres. The CCR hopes to develop a collaborative research project on medical and health issues in the Chinese world.
Summary: The Centre for Japanese Research had an active year promoting disciplinary and interdisciplinary academic research on Japan by UBC faculty, graduate students, and visiting scholars. CJR and its members organized and hosted a number of important Japan-related conferences on the UBC campus. February 12-13 — "CJR Interdisciplinary Conference: Japanese Business and Economic System — History and Prospects for the 21st Century"; September 8 — "Japanese Law Conference"; September 18 and 19 — "Nostalgic Journeys: Literary Pilgrimages between Japan and the West, a Conference in Honour of Professor Kinya Tsuruta"; and November 5 and 6 — "Understanding Japan in the 21st Century — A Colloquium inspired by Frank Langdon, a Conference in Honour of Professor Frank Langdon." (Professors Langdon and Tsuruta were affiliated with the CJR for many years and made major contributions to the Japan study area at UBC. The Centre was particularly pleased to honour their contributions in these conferences. Professor Kinya Tsuruta died on November 8, 1999.)

CJR-affiliated faculty members, graduate students and visiting scholars were active in Japan-related research in various disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas. The Centre was honoured that Professor Millie Creighton was awarded the 1998 Canon Foundation Prize for her research on "Pre-Industrial Dreaming in Post-Industrial Japan: Department Stores and the Commoditization of Community Traditions," published in Japan Forum, Vol.10, No.2, 1998. It also congratulated two of its PhD students, Katsura Nakano and Yoshihiko Wada, for having successfully passed the final oral examinations for their PhDs in economics and community planning, respectively. They will both take up their academic positions in Japan 2000: Nakano at Shiga University and Wada at Sapporo University.

Research Activities
The research projects by CJR-affiliated faculty being supported by this year’s research grants are the following: 1) Millie Creighton (Anthropology & Sociology), "Images of westerners in Japan"; 2) David Edgington (Geography), "Japanese electronics firms in ASEAN countries and the implications for the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement"; 3) Nam-lin Hur (Asian Studies), "War atrocities, war prisoners and slave trade, a part (Chapter 11) of a proposed book on 'War and World Order in Premodern East Asia, 1592-1598'"; 4) Takahide Niimura (Electrical & Computer Engineering), "New System Model for Deregulated Japanese Power Industry"; 5) Ilan Vertinsky (Commerce, Graduate Studies), "Why Japanese Firms are successful in inter-firm collaboration?"; (6) William Ziemba (Commerce), "Japanese golf course and membership markets."

The following CJR-affiliated PhD students have received research grants for their PhD thesis research: 1) Keisuke Enokida, Community & Regional Planning, "Sustainable development policy for Okinawa"; 2) Yuko Shibata, Anthropology & Sociology, "Cultural sharing among Japanese Canadian women"; 3) Takuya Takahashi, Institute for Resources and Environment, "Firms' responses to environmental issues: Japanese manufacturing industries"; (4) Sherry Tanaka, Interdisciplinary Studies Program, "Chupkaunkur: Indigenous history and shamanism of northern Japan"; 5) Alwyn Spies, Asian Studies, "Cultural Studies Approach to textual analysis, audience research and political economy."

Publications

Tsuneharu Gonnami: "Kanada no Nihon kenkyu toshokan kara" (From a Japanese Research Library in Canada), in Kokusai Bunka Kaikan Toshoshitsu (ed.); Nihon joho no kokusaiteki rutsu: Nihon kenkyu no kiban o kangaeru (Proceedings of the Symposium of International Flow of Japanese Information: Considering Information. Infrastructure of


Masao Nakamura: (see Masao Nakamura under Chairs report, page 20).


Ilan Vertinsky: (See Ilan Vertinsky under Faculty report, page 17).


Seminars
January 18 — CJR-IAR/Ritsumeikan-UBC Joint Research Forum on "Global Economic Change, Regions and Cities"; January 20 — "The Nature of the Financial Crisis in Asia" by Masaru Yoshitomi (vice chairman, Research Institute, Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan and Visiting Executive Professor of Finance, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania); February 1 — "Miss Nippon: Beauty, Blood, and Body in Wartime Japan" by Jennifer Robertson (University of Michigan); February 12-13 — CJR Interdisciplinary Conference: "Japanese Business and Economic System: History and Prospects for the 21st Century"; February 24 — "The Kumiya: The Wide World of a Maritime Trader in Sixteenth Century Japan" by Isao Soranaka (Department of History, University of Western Ontario); May 14 — "Current Status of the Japanese Economy" by John Sloan, (finance counselor, Embassy of Canada, Tokyo); June 11 — "Learning in Dynamic Inter-firm (keiretsu) Networks: The Efficacy of Quasi-redundant Contacts"; August 9 — "Ainu Culture and Traditions" by members of the Ainu Association of Hokkaido, Japan; August 11 — "From Segmented Markets to Integrated Markets: An Analysis of Economic Integration and Anti-dumping Law" by Professor Jota Ishikawa (department of Economics, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo); September 8 — Japanese Law Conference: "The Landrights of the Ainu People" by H. Kikkawa (Chukyo University), "The Rights of the Unborn Child Under Japanese Criminal Law" by T. Saegusa (Nagoya Gakuin University), "Subversion of Bureaucrats' Ethics in Contemporary Japan" by M. Yamaguchi (Nagoya University), "Computer Networks and Employees' Intellectual Property Rights Under Japanese Law" by K. Kuwahara (Aichi Gakuin University), "The Separation of Religion and State Under the Constitution of Japan" by S. Nakano (Aichi Gakuin University), "Informed Consent to Medical Treatment by Incapable Persons" by T. Terawasa (Setsunan University); September 18-19 — "Nostalgic Journeys: Literary Pilgrimages Between Japan and the West" a conference in honour of Professor Kin'ya Tsuruta (department of Asian Studies, UBC). "The Nostalgic Journeys of Kinya Tsuruta" keynote address by Sukeiro Hirakawa, Fukuoka Jishi Daigaku (professor emeritus, University of Tokyo); November 12 — "WTO Rules and the Conduct of Japanese Companies: Trade and Competition" by Kaz Masui (scholar in residence, Davis and Company); December 10 — "The Nature of Japanese Ingroup Relations in Contrast to Those of Indians" by Steven J. Heine (University of Pennsylvania)

Visitors
CJR hosted the following CJR Visiting Scholars during the academic year 1999-2000: Tsuyoshi Toshimitsu (associate professor, Kwansei Gakuin University, economics); Atsushi Higuchi (associate professor, Kobe International University, economics); Namho Chang (professor, Chungnam National University, Daejon, Korea, Japanese); and Kunitoshi Suenaga (Professor, Doshisha University, economic history). In addition, CJR has hosted numerous short-term guests, both academic and non-academic, from Japan and other countries.
Lunar New Year festival at the Choi Building
The Centre for Korean Research was established as a constituent part of the Institute of Asia Research to carry out, coordinate and facilitate research on Korea at the University of British Columbia through multi-disciplinary approaches. Specifically, it aims to 1) intensify UBC's focus on Korea and on Canada-Korean issues; 2) develop funded research projects; 3) organize research seminars, workshops, projects, lectures, and conferences; 4) facilitate the exchange of scholars; 5) expand scholarly opportunities for graduate students; and 5) serve as a forum for interaction between the University of British Columbia and the Korean Canadian community.

Director's activities: Yunshik Chang accompanied President Martha Piper and university representatives for their annual good-will visit to Korea from October 30 to November 5, 1999. He received US$10,000 for the publication of the proceedings of the 4th Pacific and Asian Conference on Korean Studies (PACKS) which the CKR hosted. The conference volume will be ready before the 5th PACKS to be held in Beijing, China in October, 2000. In addition, Chang received the UBC SSHRC Grant $1,900 for his project "Anti-Communism and the Conservative Politics in South Korea." Chang is also completing a manuscript on Korean democracy, "The Dialectics of Democracy: Personalism, Constitutionalism and Political Development in South Korea."

Executive Committee: Donald Baker (Asian Studies), Yunshik Chang (Chair), Nam-lin Hur (Asian Studies), Eun Kyu Lee (Business Administration), Ross King (Asian Studies), Kyung-Ae Park (IAR and Political Science). Research Associate: Keum Sook Kang, College of Liberal Arts, Ewha Woman's University, who is conducting research on the connection between the maternal image in Korean mythology and contemporary novels.

Research Activities
Faculty and Graduate Student Research Grant: CKR allocated $20,450 out of the 1998-1999 budget for support of faculty Koreanists and graduate research students working on Korea. The ad-hoc committee to consider applications research grants for the Centre for Korean Research — consisting of Samuel Ho (Director, Centre for Chinese Research), Terence McGee, and Pitman Potter (Director, Institute of Asian Research) — received and evaluated applications in three categories. The following Koreanists are the recipients of this year's faculty and Graduate Research grants:


Publications


Ross King: "Sup sogui Hosu: the New Korean Language Village at Concordia Language Villages" at the 4th meeting of the AATK (American Association of Teachers of Korean), Ohio State University, August 1999;


Seminars
January 15 — "Leftist Literary Thought of Korea: Peasant Literary Discourse, Late 1920s and Early 1930s" by Carolyn So (assistant professor, Claremont McKenna College); January 18 — "But Isn’t it Sexual? The Freudian Slip Beneath the Ethnographic Gaze" by Laurel Kendall (American Museum of Natural History, New York); January 19 — "Spirited Consumption: Shamanic Practices in the Korean Economy’s Vanished Boom Days" by Laurel Kendall (American Museum of Natural History, New York); January 29 — "Restoration of Korean Forests" by K. Connie Kang (editorial writer of the Los Angeles Times); February 12 — "In Earnest: Jeong-sung-eul-da-ha-yuh" by K. Connie Kang (editorial writer of the Los Angeles Times); February 23 — "The Future of the Media" by Mi-jung Lee (co-anchor, Live at Six, Vancouver Television); March 8 — "The Continental Defensive Perimeter: Negotiating the US-ROK Mutual Security Treaty, 1953-54" by Steven Lee (department of History, UBC); March 15 — "Oops! Mistakes I Have Made in Predicting Religious Change in Korea" speaker: Don Baker (Canada-Korea Business Council Chair in Korean Studies Department of Asian Studies, UBC); March 19 — "Women & Politics in South Korea" by Kyung-Ae Park (Korea Research Chair, CKR; Department of Political Science, UBC); March 26 — "A Failed Revolution in Korean Writing: The Attempts to Latinize Korean Writing in the Soviet Far East, 1930-1934" by Ross King (department of Asian Studies, UBC); October 1 — "Kyongju’s Changing Landscape: From Saro to United Silla" by Dr. Sarah Nelson, John Evans (professor of archaeology and vice provost for research, University of Denver); October 15 — "Art and Architecture of Socialist Realism in North Korea" by Barry Till (curator, the Royal British Columbia Museum); October 20 — "Made in Korea: An Evening with Contemporary Korean Fiction Writers" reading by Pak Wan-so and Cho’e In-ho, translated by Yu Young-Nan and Bruce Fulton; November 5 — "South Korea’s Old Middle Class Neither Old Nor Necessarily Middle Class: An Analysis of the Korean Status Order" by Denise Lett (adjunct professor, department of Anthropology, University of Washington); November 12 — "Birth, Death, and Reincarnation of Shim Ch’ong: Mistress of the Spiritual Domain" by Chan E. Park-Miller (Asst. Professor, Korean language and literature, department of East Asian language and literature, Ohio State University).

Visitors
Kazuo Kuramoto (Yokohama City University, Japan), Chang Yun Hwang (Shilla University, Korea).
The Centre for India and South Asia Research (CISAR) continues to bring together faculty, research associates and students interested in the cultures, histories, and challenges of development in the subcontinent.

The newly-appointed director of the CISAR, Mandakranta Bose, assumed office in July. In September, Kamala Nayar joined CISAR as a visiting scholar from McGill University to work on South Asian women’s health. She has a postdoctoral fellowship from the government of Québec.

CISAR research associates branched out in new directions: Ken Bryant, former head of the department of Asian Studies, became Associate Dean of Arts, while Larry Preston, ex-officio member of the CISAR executive management committee, became a member of the board of directors at the Shastri Institute. In June Professor John Wood, former CISAR director, undertook a new project on water management resource, focusing on Gujurat and Andhra Pradesh. It was funded by the Ford Foundation and was part of a joint project with the Gujarat Institute of Development Research and the International Water Management Institute of Colombo.

In the summer of 1999, the Centre worked with the Institute for Resource and Environment at UBC to prepare a training program for mid-level officers and graduates in resource management. The program would be based at the Loyola College for the Social Sciences, a graduate centre of the University of Kerala. The impetus for setting up the program came from R. Sooryamoorthy, who participated in CISAR’s workshop on “The Cooperative Management of Water Resources in South Asia” (December, 1997), and Fr. Dominique George, rector of Loyola, who visited CISAR in 1998. Both have been deeply concerned by the deteriorating water situation for families in Kerala. The initial focus of the program was on drinking water, family health, and the women’s role in providing safe water. The program was expected to include studies in the flow of safe water and the dangers of pollution. Barrie Morrison served as liaison for the proposed training program.

Research Projects

In December 1999, SSHRC awarded a three-year grant to IAR for a comparative study of “Globalization and Social Cohesion” in six countries in the Asia Pacific area. A small research group was put together, including CISAR associates, to carry out a case study of globalization and its impact on social cohesion in Sri Lanka from 1970 to 2000. The group was organized by Barrie Morrison.

CISAR initiated two international academic ventures with scholars from UBC, India and beyond. The first was on women and education, launched jointly by Mandakranta Bose with Ratnabali Chatterjee, director of the Women’s Studies Research Centre at Calcutta University, and Karuna Chanana, professor at the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. The second one, initiated by Mandakranta Bose during her visit to India in December, addressed issues of peace and security. It involved two of the Centre’s research associates, anthropologist Evelyn Nodwell, and sustainability specialist Gisèle Yasmeen, who also sits on CISAR’s management committee. They worked with Navnita Chadha Behera, assistant director of Women in Security Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP) at the Foundation for Universal Responsibility, Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi.

Publications


have been published from January 1999 to the present in a series on language titled "Shabda-vedha" in Saaptaahik Sakaal, a weekly published from Pune, India.


**Katherine Hacker:** "Displaying a Tribal Imaginary: Known and ‘Unknown India.’" Museum of Anthropology, 23, 3 (Winter 1999): 5-25.

**Laurence Preston:** "Shrine and Neighborhood in Early Nineteenth Century Pune," Journal of Historical Geography (in press).

**Seminars**

**March 8** — "Men's Bodies, Women's Parts: Gender Impersonation in South Asian Theatre and Cinema" by Kathy Hansen (Rutgers University); **September 23** — "Fundamental Metaphors In Early Buddhism" by Richard Gombrich (Boden Professor of Sanskrit and Buddhism, University of Oxford, England); **September 30** — "Rethinking The Private And Public Dichotomy: The Case Of Crime Against Women" by Amrit Srinivasan (visiting Shastri fellow and associate professor, Social Anthropology Department of Humanities and Social Science, India Institute of Technology, New Delhi); **October 5** — Treading the Hallowed Halls: Women in Higher Education in India" by Karuna Chanana (professor of Sociology at Zakir Husain Centre for Education Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi); **October 30** — "Biennial meeting of SACPAN (South Asia Colloquium of the Pacific Northwest)"; **November 4** "The Limits Of Economic Nationalism In India: Economic Policy Reform Under The BJ P-Led Government" by Baldev Raj Nayar (Professor Emeritus, Political Science, McGill University); **November 15** — "CIDA’s Approach To Development Corporation" by Nipa Banerjee (senior performance analyst, Strategic Planning and Policy Division, Asia Branch); **November 23** — "Some Facets of Hindu Law" by Albrecht Wezler, (Institut fuer Kultur und Geschichte Indiens und Tibetis, Institute for the Culture and History of India and Tibet, University of Hamburg, Germany).

**Other**
The biennial meeting of the South Asian Colloquium of the Pacific Northwest (SACPAN) was held at UBC on 30 October in the conference room of the CK Choi Building. SACPAN, now in its 36th year, is a unique gathering of scholars — it has no formal organizational structure, regulations, or membership fees. Instead, it is an association of people interested in South Asian studies. Four papers were presented at the meeting: "The White Woman’s Burden: British Missionaries and Women’s Education in Nineteenth Century India," by Dr. Sakira Bose of the Department of English, UBC; "Guru English," by Dr. Srinivas Aravamudan of the Department of English, University of Washington; "The Kargil Crisis and Nuclear Mythology in India and Pakistan," by Dr. Haider Nizamani of CSAR; "Sikhism and Secular Authority: Examples from the Sikh Experience in North America," by Hugh Johnston, Department of History, Simon Fraser University. The colloquium attracted 45 academics, teachers, and graduate students from UBC, SFU, UW, and the University of Western Washington.
The past year was busy for CSEAR, which remains the only academic institution in Canada exclusively devoted to Southeast Asia. Seminars were held every two weeks during term time, with around 50 visitors from Southeast Asia. Centre members succeeded in winning a second collaborative Hampton Fund research grant on "Localized Impacts and Responses to the Economic Crisis in Southeast Asia," plus a CIDA grant through the Conference Board of Canada, looking at "Comparative Experience in the Provision of Social Safety Nets in Southeast Asia."

Other research activities included on-going participation of CSEAR faculty and student associates in the collaborative project with the Centre for Human Settlements, funded by CIDA, on "Capacity Building for Localized Poverty Reduction in Vietnam." Other members participated in a successful IAR grant application to SSHRC on "Exploring Social Cohesion in a Globalizing Era." Other CSEAR associates, faculty and students were active in a multitude of other research and publication activities.

The big event this year for CSEAR was the planning and hosting of the Joint International Conference of the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) and the Northwest Regional Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies (NWRCSEAS), which was held October 22-24, 1999. This year marked only the second time this joint venture has been undertaken — it was previously held at UBC in 1992. This time there were over 100 Canadian and American participants, plus 30 from Southeast Asia, and a dozen from as far away as Australia, New Zealand, and the U.K. A total of 104 papers were presented in 24 panels compressed into four consecutive sessions over two days. A banquet, a cultural performance, and an 'ice-melting' social dance got proceedings off to a good start on Friday evening and the cordiality and excitement kept the C.K. Choi Building and Asia Centre buzzing all weekend. A three-day research workshop (under Hampton Fund auspices) was held immediately following the conference to plan a future major collaborative research project involving UBC faculty, post-doctoral students, and colleagues in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, and Vietnam.

CSEAR commenced a 'New Series' of CSEAR Research Monographs in 1999 with the first of these (see Centre Publications below) being a book-length collection of research studies from a 1997 field research project in Vietnam, funded by a Hampton Research Grant. Three chapters outline the conceptual framework, methodological approach, and major findings, and nine chapters, written by participating graduate students, summarize their particular research focus. Three more monographs containing papers selected from the CCSEAS/NWRCSEAS Conference were being edited for publication in April 2000.

At the end of December, Geoff Hainsworth retired as CSEAR Director. However, he will remain actively involved with research projects and advising graduate students. A new director should be on board by March 2000.

Research Projects

Publications
Indonesia Escape Dualistic and Dichotomous Development? (From Bonanza Rent-Seeking to Broad-Based Participation),” in Drew Duncan and Timothy Lindsey (eds.) Indonesia After Soeharto: Reformasi and Reaction, Victoria, B.C.: Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, 1999, pp. 29-58.


Seminars
February 10 — "Fiction Journalism and History to the Recent Course of Events in Indonesia" by Seno Gumira Ajidarma (Indonesian author); March 3 — "Ringgit, Sex and the Internet: Economics, Politics and Culture in Contemporary Malaysia" by Shamsul Baharudin (dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universiti Kebansaan, Malaysia); March 5 — "Indonesia: Walking the Tight Rope to the Rule of Law" by Tim Lindsey (Professor of Law, University of Melbourne and Visiting Professor, Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria); March 25 — "Media and Democratization in Southeast Asia: A Philippine Case Study" by Sheila Coronel (executive director of the Philippine Centre for Investigative Journalism); April 14 — "The Future of East Timor: Domestic and International Consequences" moderated by Irman Gurmilang, Lanti, David Webster, and Michael Leaf; April 19 — "The Potential of Coastal Settlement in Supporting Tourism for Poverty Eradication in East Java" by Happy Ratna Santosa (visitor from Indonesia); May 3, 4, 5 — "Localized Poverty Reduction in Viet Nam Conference"; September 21 — "Population, Development and Environment: The Rural Areas of Cebu City, Philippines" by Felisa Etemadi (Professor of Political Science, UP-Cebu); October 1 — "Community-Based Ecotourism: Theory and Reality" by Dachanee Emphandu (NWRCSEAS visitor from Thailand, sponsored by CAPI UVic); October 4 — "The Role of the Philippine Media in a Still-Maturing Democracy" by Ellen Tordesillas (leading Filipina journalist and recipient of the Marshal McLuhan Fellowship Award).

Visitors
V Future Directions

a Personnel

The search for candidates for three new chairs in the IAR started in December 1999. The three advertised positions to be filled by July 2000 are: Professor Louis Cha Chair in Chinese Research, Keidanren Chair in Japanese Research, and Asa and Kashmir Johal Chair in India Research. The Chair in India Research will be a joint appointment with the Department of Anthropology and Sociology with the Chair contributing equally to both units. All three new positions require candidates with a Ph.D. to be eligible for appointment at the rank of Associate Professor with tenure. With three new chairs bringing its roster of endowed chairs to eight, in addition to its regular faculty, the Institute of Asian Research will have one of the largest pool of multidisciplinary talent researching Asia in North America.

b Teaching Program

The development of the IAR’s teaching program started in 1999. It has been approved by Senate. Beginning in Fall term 2000, the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia will offer a new program: Master of Arts in Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPPS). The program provides advanced training in research and analysis on policy issues relevant to the Asia and Pacific regions, to graduate students preparing for positions in government departments, non-profit organizations, private sector enterprises, and as preparation for academic doctoral programs.

Applicants to the program must satisfy the admissions requirements of the UBC Faculty of Graduate Studies. Applicants should have a sufficient background in area studies and/or social sciences to permit advanced research and analysis on policy issues relevant to the Asia and Pacific regions. Preference will be given to applicants who have received formal training in one or more languages (other than English) of the Asia and Pacific regions. Applicants must satisfy the English language admission standard set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Summary of the Program
Working under the guidance of a Faculty Supervisor, each student will pursue the following program:

1. Completion of the Core Course, IAR 500: Perspectives and Methods in Asia Pacific Policy Studies (6 credits);

2. Completion of an additional 18 credits of elective coursework selected by the student and the Faculty Supervisor from across the UBC calendar by reference to one of the following Thematic Streams: (a) Economic and Social Change; (b) Technology and Environment; (c) Security; (d) Women and Development; (e) Governance and Human Rights; and

3. Completion of a Master’s Thesis IAR: 520 (12 credits) or a Practicum, IAR: 525 (12 credits).

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Research Program

In 1999, the Institute of Asian Research obtained from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada a strategic grant to study globalization and social cohesion in Asia. The project will be implemented in 2000. The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada has joined the project as a policy partner to participate in the research and policy analysis. Research institutes in Asia, including the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Singapore’s East Asian Institute and the Centre of Asian Studies at the University of Hong Kong will also join in the research.

The project will generate data, analysis, and policy proposals on the ways in which social cohesion is affected by the interplay between globalization and local social, economic, and political conditions. It will entail the collection and analysis of archival and field data to build a set of matrix profiles for Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea and Sri Lanka. The project will examine the interaction among three categories of project variables: 1) reception of globalization, namely the extent to which material and ideological features of globalization are evident in local communities; 2) local differentiation, namely the extent of conformity and diversity in social, economic and political relations in local communities; and 3) social disorder, namely the instances and circumstances of breakdowns in social order in local communities.

The project will generate policy proposals on globalization and social cohesion for dissemination to interested stakeholders in Canada and Asia.

It is hoped the project will strengthen understanding of the policy requirements for building and protecting social cohesion in Asia and in Canada. The project has the potential for significant impact on the intellectual discourse of social cohesion, as well as aiding policy makers in pursuing sustainable development policies aimed at protecting social cohesion under conditions of globalization.

The Project’s Principal Investigator is IAR Director Pitman B. Potter. Leading APFC’s team is Chief Economist and Vice President for Research Yuen Pau Woo. A program of stakeholder policy briefings will be presented during the final year of this research project. Information is available through the IAR and APFC Web sites.

For updates on other research projects, please see the IAR website at http://www.iar.ubc.ca
Research Directions
Pitman B. Potter

The Institute of Asian Research serves as a major focal point for Asia-related research at UBC. We are adding a new teaching program, the Master of Arts in Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAPPS), beginning Fall 2000. Just as the MAPPS program focuses on issues such as economic and social change, technology and environment, women and development, governance and human rights, and security, so too do the research activities of the Institute reflect policy-relevant interests. We currently have research projects ranging from poverty alleviation in Vietnam to women and development in India, as well as projects supported by SSHRC strategic grants in the areas of globalization and social cohesion in Asia and sharing of business knowledge among companies in Asia. The Institute strives to build an environment in which a community of scholars can work together in interdisciplinary and interregional projects. Collaborations among our various research centres and between research units in IAR and other units at UBC will continue to be a major focus of our work. As a University-based research institute, we are privileged to have access to the wealth of academic resources associated with the University. We are also building links with outside organizations. For example, the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada acts as our policy partner in the globalization and social cohesion project. The Shastri Institute serves as a major supporter for our Centre for India and South Asia Research. The Canada-China Business Council is a regular participant in seminars offered by the Centre for Chinese Research. These sorts of community engagements are an important element of our research program.

Research generated at IAR is made available to broader communities in a variety of ways. The Institute has published several monographs, and we are strengthening our relationship with UBC Press to build a vehicle of publication of IAR manuscripts. IAR currently administers the prestigious journal, Pacific Affairs, which publishes peer-reviewed articles by scholars around the world. The Institute is launching a policy paper series and an occasional paper series which will be disseminated in print and in electronic format to communities of scholars across North America and the world. As well, the IAR seminar series and the seminars organized by the research Centres provide scholars with opportunities to discuss work-in-progress with colleagues in an informal setting.

Future activities in the IAR’s research program will continue to focus on policy-relevant research on contemporary Asia. Among the topics being pursued are the role of religion in contemporary Asia, issues of health policy in Asian communities, security arrangements in Asia, legal and political change, and social and economic transformation. The Institute serves as a community resource to generate knowledge through research in a variety of fields, disciplines, and methodology. Field research is combined with research in the extensive archival collections of UBC and other libraries. Interdisciplinary collaborations within IAR and between IAR scholars and colleagues in other units at UBC and in other universities and communities remain an important part of the IAR research agenda. Through this process, we hope to continue to contribute to building knowledge in Canada about Asia.
Urban and Regional Governance in the Asia Pacific
Edited by John Friedmann. Paperback, $12.00.

Urban and Regional Governance in the Asia Pacific explores the challenges to urban and regional governance posed by the emergence of large mega-urban regions in the Asia Pacific region. The problems presented to policy makers in these large city regions are unprecedented and there are virtually no relevant theories that offer a guide to the future. Therefore governments are forced to experiment with new government structures that can manage these sprawling urban regions. Case studies of Sydney, Vancouver, Seoul, Pusan, Osaka, Singapore, and Taipei are presented by experts from the region. John Friedmann summarizes the lessons that these studies provide and argues for new policy responses based upon the developments in these Asia Pacific urban regions.

The Silent Debate: Asian Immigration and Racism in Canada
Edited by Eleanor Laquian, Aprodicio Laquian and Terry McGee. Paperback, $24.95.

The Silent Debate looks at Asian immigration to Canada, particularly to Vancouver and Toronto, and its socio-economic and political impact on Canadian society. It examines these issues from the receiving as well as the sending countries’ points of view. In addition, it compares the Canadian experience with those of other countries with large Asian populations such as the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Joseph Ejercito “Erap” Estrada: The Centennial President
By Aprodicio and Eleanor Laquian. Hardcover $34.95; paperback, $24.95.

The Centennial President is a personal behind-the-scenes account of the exciting campaign that elected Joseph Ejercito “Erap” Estrada as the 13th President of the Republic of the Philippines. The book explains how and why he won the presidency. It details the strategies, the events and the people responsible for Estrada’s stunning political victory in the May 1998 elections. Most important of all, it provides intimate details and insights on the character and personality of the man who will lead the Philippines within the next six years.
Design for the Next Millennium:
The C.K. Choi Building for the Institute of Asian Research
Edited by Eleanor Laquian. Hardcover $29.95; paperback $19.95.

Design for the Next Millennium marks the official inauguration of the C.K. Choi Building and takes up three themes. The first section, Campus Greening, deals with the design and processes to create an environmentally sensitive building. The second section of the book, Institution Building, deals with the history of the Institute, fund raising, new organization and structure, and research activities focusing on the culture, history and development of Asian societies. The final section, Global Networking, describes how the Institute and UBC are pursuing their vision and mandate to internationalize their programs with linkages and joint research projects with institutions in the Asia Pacific region.

The Empowerment of Asia:
Reshaping Global Society

The Empowerment of Asia approaches empowerment from different perspectives. It deals with broad components of the empowerment of Asia and presents evidence of its process at a sub-regional level. The authors emphasize the need to critically evaluate the more macro discourse concerning the empowerment of Asia as it actually occurs at the level of national units.

Pacific Encounters:
The Production of Self and Other

Pacific Encounters, a collection of essays in the history and theory of discourse, contact, exploration and travel is concerned with how travellers, sojourners and immigrants construct the people and places they find abroad. It also considers the ways those observers and the text they produce are themselves constituted by the process of figuration in which they are implicated. The collection is of interest to readers in literary studies, geography, history, political sciences, sociology and anthropology.
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