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Our Researchers

Philip Kelly, Faculty Associate | In 20 October 2011, Professor Kelly (Geography) was chosen to speak about his research on the Filipino Diaspora in Canada on Parliament Hill as part of the Big Thinking lecture series. The Big Thinking lectures bring research directly to the attention of elected officials,

policy-makers, government officials, NGOs and the media. While reaching Parliamentarians, these talks demonstrate the importance of humanities and social science research in the development of public policy and in contributing to the quality of life of Canadians. Over the years, they have helped sustain the dialogue between scholars and users of research results on issues of concern to Canadians. The series is organized by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Professor Kelly’s presentation, titled “Generation Next: Social Mobility and the Children of Immigrants,” can be viewed at: vimeo.com/31370814.

Trichy Sankaran, Faculty Associate | Professor Sankaran (Music) was this year’s recipient of the Muriel Sherrin Award for International Achievement in Music at the 2011 Toronto Arts Foundation Awards. The Toronto Arts Foundation cited Professor Sankaran as a globally respected artist, composer, educator and cultural ambassador, who consistently demonstrates mastery, creativity, ingenuity, humility and devotion. Since his professional debut at age 13, he has had a prolific international performing career, appearing as a featured musician at major music festivals and cultural events in Europe, Australia, North America and Asia, including the World Drum concerts at Expo '86 (Vancouver), Expo '88 (Brisbane) and Expo 2000 (Hanover).

Tony Fang, Faculty Associate | Professor Fang (Human Resource Management) spoke to CBC News on 15 November 2011 about Canada and the trans-Pacific trade talks. "When you compare Canada and Asia, it's a matter of complementarity," said Fang. "We have oil, gas and raw materials while they have a huge population." He noted that Canada can't compete directly with Asian countries in terms of the cost of human labour so there is a need to then remain competitive by producing high-value goods. "[The] advantage of increasing resource exports to Asian countries is that it expands our contacts and expertise within those countries.... Our research found a close correlation between immigrants and trade relations with their countries of origin," he said. "They know the trade law, the languages." He also noted the important of funding for education and technology. "If we don't invest in those high-value areas now, how can we compete with those countries?"

Janet Landa, Faculty Associate | In September, Professor Landa (Economics) presented lectures to students and faculty at three universities in China: The Institute of Law and Economics at Peking University, Guanghua Law School at Zhejiang University and the International School of Financial Law at East China University of Political Science and Law. These lectures explored Professor Landa’s recent work on comparative trade Diasporas including overseas Chinese trade networks.

Michael Nijhawan, Faculty Associate | Professor Nijhawan (Sociology) was invited to speak on his SSHRC-funded research at Yale University in early November. He spoke on how Ahmadi youth engage sites, bodies and memories of violence at a conference on “New Directions in South Asian Diaspora Research: Oceans and Islands.”

Gregory Chin, Faculty Associate | Professor Chin (Political Science) was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* on 6 November 2011 in the article, “China appears unlikely to come to Eurozone’s rescue.” This article sought to explore the role of China in the developing European debt crisis. It can be accessed at: articles.latimes.com/2011/nov/06/business/la-fi-china-europe-20111107.



YCAR News | York Asia and Diaspora researchers well represented at this year's CCSEAS conference

The Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) conference, held every two years, brings together diverse scholars from across Canada and abroad to discuss topics related to Southeast Asia from a variety of perspectives. This year's conference, held at the University of Toronto, included many contributions from YCAR Associates.

The diversity of York's Asia and Asian Diaspora scholars' interests were on display this year through such presentations as **Robin Roth's** (Faculty Associate, Geography) tracing of the emergence of market-oriented livelihoods in two parks in Northern Thailand, **Lynne B. Milgram's** (Research Associate, OCAD) interrogation of the ethical implications and practices of her own research with Filipino women in the second-hand clothing industry and **Van Nguyen-Marshall's** (Research Associate, Trent University) exploration of Vietnamese student organizations.

This was a particularly strong year for highlighting the research of YCAR Graduate Associates including a look at early modern representations of the Philippines by **Margarita Sayo** (Doctoral Candidate, Political Science); an exploration of the transgenerational impact of the consumption of Filipino women's domestic and care work by **Conely De Leon** (Doctoral Candidate, Women's Studies) and a discussion of community member's perceptions of ecotourism in Northern Thailand by **Megan Youdelis** (Master's Candidate, Geography), among others.

Issues of urban living and the city emerged as a theme of importance to YCAR associates this year with many diverse topics being explored. **Lisa Drummond** (Faculty Associate, Social Science) presented on the legacy of socialist urban planning in both Hanoi and Berlin. **Philip Kelly** (Faculty Associate, Geography) gave a paper on the experiences of class subordination by first and second generation Filipino immigrants in Canadian urban environments. The issue of how Singapore's 'gateway' strategies have greatly impacted citizen projects in this and other regions was the subject of **Jean Michel Montsion's** (Faculty Associate, International Studies, Glendon College) presentation and **Abidin Kusno** (Visiting Scholar, UBC) discussed housing schemes and their relationship to the changing power relations of post-authoritarian Indonesia. Senior Research Associate **David Wurfel** served as discussant for a panel on food sovereignty, indigenous resistance and climate change from the margins.

York's research strength in Philippines and Filipino Diaspora Studies were also evident at the Conference. **R. Patrick Alcedo** (Dance) presented research related to his SSHRC-funded project on 'Dancing Culture and Performance of Identity among Filipinos from the Central Philippines to Toronto, Canada' at a pre-conference showcase, "Cultures in the Diaspora: A Filipino Arts and Academic Showcase." The event mixed cultural performances and scholarly presentations, bringing together for the first time leading Filipino artists and academics in Canada. Skewing traditions and hybrids, it highlights how Diaspora reconfigures our realities and memories, our bodies and imaginations, our lived conditions and destinies.

Professor Kelly organized and chaired a panel on "Experiences of the Filipino-Canadian Second Generation," which is based on research by himself and student researchers for the 'Filipino Youth Transitions in Canada' project, based at YCAR. **Julia Mais** (Masters Candidate, Geography), **Ms. de Leon** and **Veronica Javier** (MSW graduate from York University) shared findings on class reproduction, labour market outcomes, caregivers and the role of religion in ethnic identity construction.

Our Associate's participation in the **Challenges of Agrarian Transition in Southeast Asia** (CHATSEA) SSHRC-MCRI project generated many new and exciting avenues for research for faculty and graduate

students. A Conference roundtable, organized by CHATSEA co-investigator **Peter Vandergeest** (Faculty Associate, Geography), explored the themes of this initiative with many of the project's researchers in attendance including Principal Investigator Rodolphe de Koninck (University of Montreal). As well, several YCAR associates who participated in the project presented separately on issues of the environment and ecology in Southeast Asia at the conference including **Melissa Marschke** (Research Associate, University of Ottawa), **Mary Young** (Research Associate, York University), **Nga Dao** (Doctoral Candidate, Geography) and **Vanessa Lamb** (Doctoral Candidate, Geography).

Professor Vandergeest and Jonathan Rigg (Durham University) have almost completed the production process for their co-edited book *Revisiting Rural Places: Pathways to Poverty and Prosperity in Southeast Asia*. The book is comprised of two introductory chapters on agrarian change in Southeast Asia, and 14 restudies in which scholars write about what they found when they returned to rural places where they had previously conducted research. In most cases the original research was from dissertation research; in the restudies the researchers addressed a series of common questions regarding pathways to poverty or prosperity, and how agrarian change had transformed these places.

Revisiting Rural Places will be published by University of Hawaii Press and Singapore University Press's series on agrarian change in Southeast Asia (based on the ChATSEA project), and it includes restudy chapters by Professor Kelly and Professor Vandergeest.

YCAR News | Asian Business and Management Programme Fall Update

ABMP Training Director Máire O'Brien shares the programme's Fall activities. It is based at YCAR.

The last few months have been quite hectic for the Asian Business and Management Programme (ABMP). On the research side, the 'Ten Years Training Chinese Officials at York University: An Evaluation' project is moving along quite smoothly. A final draft of the questionnaire has been translated into Chinese and approved by the Foreign Experts Bureau for distribution to the first set of trainees. ABMP Executive Director B. Michael Frolic has been in China for the better part of October meeting with the Foreign Experts Bureau and prospective respondents on the research project, along with past and future clients in government departments, universities and the private sector. Professor Frolic has also been accompanying York President Mamdouh Shoukri and Associate Vice-President, International, Lorna Wright, on meetings throughout China.

More information about the Evaluation project can be found at:
www.yorku.ca/ycar/programmes_projects/tracking_trainees.html.

In the Training Programme, there have been a number of training groups throughout the months of September and October. We have supported our Schulich Executive Education Centre (SEEC) partners on business programmes with the Export-Import Bank of China, the Bank of China, China Life Insurance, and the Shanghai Organization Department. In November, we will provide the same support for SEEC with a group from the Bank of Shanghai.

On the public sector side, we delivered programmes to the Jiangsu Organization Department (Human Resources), the Chongqing Municipal Tax Bureau (Tax Management) and the Shanghai Organization Department (SHOD) (Human Resources). With the SHOD programme, we collaborated with colleagues at the Institute for Asian Research at the University of British Columbia, where we delivered the first component of the programme. The second component was delivered at York University by faculty at Schulich. A delegation from the Vietnamese National Assembly received training in Canada's Parliamentary System.

In November, we will be rolling out programmes with the Tianjin Higher Peoples Court (Judicial Reform), the Zhejiang Organization Department (Best Practices in International Accounting) and with the Vietnamese Ministry of Science and Technology (Human Resources / Science & Technology Management).

In an effort to expand our client and partner base, we will be running a short programme on Comparative Public Sector Human Resources in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in the first week of December with clients from Vietnam.

YCAR News | YCAR welcomes new associates

This fall YCAR is pleased to welcome several new Associates to the research centre. Coming from diverse backgrounds and research interests, these individuals will help contribute to the vibrant YCAR research community.

Jean-Michel Montsion, Faculty Associate

Jean-Michel Montsion's (International Studies, Glendon College) research focuses on the implications of community-based politics in the development of gateway strategies. Working more specifically on cities marketing themselves as gateways between East and West, such as Singapore and Vancouver, Jean-Michel is interested in the evolving local and transnational community politics being influenced by increased trans-pacific migration patterns. His research looks at the evolution of Chinese community associations in both Singapore and Vancouver under soft gateway initiatives in the fields of international education and small and medium enterprises as well as the implications of these gateway initiatives on citizenship regimes across the Pacific. Currently Jean-Michel is working on developing a project on Canadian Aboriginal-Asian connections.

Mie Kyung Jae, Visiting Scholar

Mie Kyung Jae (Department of Human Counseling and Welfare, Inje University, South Korea) will be joining the Centre in February 2012. Her research is a comparison of the boycott behaviour of Korean consumers with that of various consumers in Canada including Asian immigrant communities. Mie Kyung Jae's previous research has examined the consumption patterns of urban families in South Korea with an eye towards the cultural factors that influence how cultural influences and family composition interact with consumption.

Dhirendra Prasad Thakur, Research Associate

Dhirendra Prasad Thakur's research explores the growing issue of sustainable development in aquatic resource management in South and South East Asia. Dhirendra has looked at methods of improving the sustainability of the intensive aquaculture systems (fin fish and shell fish) through technological improvements in farm waste management and conducted a project aimed at developing best management practices for intensive shrimp farming with local aqua farmers in Thailand. Currently Dr. Thakur is looking at farm certification schemes and increased industrial occupation of the aquaculture production system in Asia and its environmental and socio-economic implications.

Jooyeon Rhee, Research Associate

Previously involved with YCAR as a Graduate Associate, Jooyeon Rhee (Humanities, York University and University of Toronto) join us this fall as a Research Associate. Dr. Rhee's PhD dissertation investigated representations of gender in popular cultural productions such as serial fictions in newspapers, cinema novels, postcards and photographs produced between the mid-1900s and the late 1920s. Currently, she

is conducting her research focusing on the relationship between crime and gender in the literature and film of colonial Korea. Dr. Rhee’s translations of essays and short stories by Korean and Japanese writers such as Hasumi Shigehiko, Tatematsu Wahei, Yi Kwangsu and Hara Kenya have been published for English-speaking audiences.

Nadia Hasan, Graduate Associate

Nadia Hasan’s (PhD Candidate, Political Science) research interests include postcolonial, feminist and critical race theories, the women’s movement in Pakistan and intersections of Islam and gender. She holds an Honours BA in Economics and International Relations from the University of Toronto and an MA in Political Science from York University. Nadia has spent several years working with various NGOs in Toronto and Pakistan and has taught at the Lahore University of Management Sciences. Currently, she is working on her dissertation project on theorizing women’s agency in Pakistan.

Sophie Vögele, Graduate Associate

Sophie Voegelé (PhD Candidate, Sociology) has previously explored issues of self-conception and family interrelations among women elected to rural councils in Rajasthan and New Delhi. Sophie is currently looking at how conceptions of Othering which arise from Western conceptions of identity can be explored in the context of South Asia. Her research will utilize contributions from South Asian feminist writings, postcolonial theory and Hindi Cinema.

Kaitlin Weedmark-Kish, Graduate Associate

Kaitlin Weedmark-Kish (MES Candidate, Environmental Studies) is using a systems-based approach towards health and the environment in Shanghai, China and will more specifically use soft systems methodologies for interpreting and analyzing past/present storytelling by citizens of Shanghai. These stories will be used to create an understanding of how rapid economic development and urbanization has impacted the lives of Shanghai residents, specifically their health and well-being, over the past 30 to 40 years. Kaitlin will also be examining the role of power and political history on the effectiveness and implementation of environmental laws in Shanghai. Her interests, more broadly, are urban Chinese spaces, economic development, urbanization and planning.

For more information on how to become a YCAR Associate, visit:
www.yorku.ca/ycar/Researchers/apply.html.



YCAR Events | Leading international researchers discuss transformation in ecological knowledge in Asia at York University

How do rising values attached to resource extraction, cash crops and conservation marginalize the people who live in and derive livelihoods from these ecologies in Asia?

“These questions are most acute in the mountainous and costal frontier zones in Asia. Here we find both ecologies on the edge of irreversible change, and ethnic minorities and indigenous peoples who live at the physical and cultural edges of national politics,” said Peter Vandergeest (Geography).

This question was one of many discussed at an international workshop on “Changing Frontiers of Ecological Knowledge in Asia,” hosted by YCAR on 12-13 October 2011 at York. The event was co-organized by Vandergeest and Shubhra Gururani (Anthropology), co-presented by the Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability (IRIS), and funded by the Social Science and Humanities

Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), IRIS, the York Ad Hoc Research Fund and YCAR.

The goal of the workshop was to explore how the proliferation of ecological knowledge in the frontier upland and coastal zones of South and Southeast Asia may be changing environmental governance in ways that could create new inequalities, says Gururani.

A group of leading researchers from Asia, North America and the U.K discussed transformations in how ecological knowledge is being produced, travels and is used in actions that transform these ecologies. For example, the workshop highlighted the significance of the rush to convert these fragile ecologies to plantations such as rubber and palm oil, and how these processes are transforming the relevance of 'local knowledge' of ecologies that are disappearing or increasingly inaccessible as they are declared protected areas.



YCAR Photograph. Clockwise from left, back row: Jefferson Fox (East-West Center), Jean-Philippe Leblond (University of Montreal), Peter Brosius (University of Georgia), Francis Masse (York University), Timothy J. Forsyth (London School of Economics and Political Science), Michael Hathaway (Simon Fraser University), Zach Anderson (University of Toronto), Kinsuk Mitra (Winrock International India), Tania Li (University of Toronto), Peter Vandergeest (York University), Neera Singh (University of Toronto), Michael Eilenberg (Arhus University), Dawn Bazely (York University), Nga Dao (York University), Janet Sturgeon (Simon Fraser University), Vanessa Lamb (York University), Chusak Wittayapak (Chiangmai University), Melissa Marschke (University of Ottawa), Shubhra Gururani (York University), Laura Schoenberger (York University), Robin Roth (York University), Keith Barney (York University), Prateep Nayak (University of Manitoba), Khairul Chowdhury (York University).

YCAR Events | Brain circulation from Mainland China to Canada: Zha discusses CRC programme and top global researchers in Canada

“While the Canada Research Chair programme has demonstrated strength with retaining and attracting ‘rising stars,’ is it attractive to ‘shining stars’ in the same way?” asks Qiang Zha.

Zha was speaking at the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) about the preliminary findings from his research on brain circulation from Mainland China to Canada. His research focuses on the case of Canada Research Chair holders who are originally from China.

Zha, a specialist in post-secondary education in China, teaches in the Faculty of Education at York and is a YCAR Faculty Associate.

The [Canada Research Chairs programme](#) was established in 2000 by the Government of Canada in cooperation with post-secondary institutions to give Canada a competitive edge in attracting, recruiting and retaining academics who are world leaders in their respective fields of expertise.

Approximately one in eight of the foreign-born researchers taking up Canada Research Chairs (CRCs) were born in Mainland China, said Zha in his talk “What Factors Influence the Direction of Global Brain Circulation: The Case of Chinese Holders of Canada Research Chairs” on 9 November 2011. His interviews with some of these scholars point to concerns about the effectiveness of the CRC programme in attracting and retaining top global researchers in Canada.

Zha said that the CRC holders that he interviewed perceived the relatively egalitarian and relaxed academic culture of Canadian universities as being suitable for “curiosity-driven” research. However, they also saw this environment as posing some serious constraints for the professional advancement of top researchers. So, although all respondents said the Canadian social and cultural context had attracted them to come to and remain in Canada, few had completely ruled out leaving Canada in future.



Qiang Zha, Ruth Hayhoe and Susan Henders
YCAR Photograph

While foreign-born scholars make up 36 per cent of CRC chairholders, Zha said that close to 80 individuals were Mainland China born. The number is higher if CRC holders from Hong Kong and Taiwan are included.

Zha noted that professional considerations, along with life style questions, were very important in the decisions of Mainland China-born CRC holders to come to Canada.

Zha said he hopes that his research can help the federal government and Canadian universities improve the effectiveness of the CRC programme in attracting and retaining research talents from around the world, not limited to those from China. Canada cannot afford complacency, he asserted, but must act with urgency to expand the “pull” factors in order to overcome those constraints, especially in the face of a heated global brain race.

For more information on Professor Zha’s research, visit <http://edu.yorku.ca/faculty/index.php?dept=&mid=571550>.

YCAR Events | Solanki explores the tensions between multicultural accommodation and gender equality in India in York talk

On Thursday, 10 November, Gopika Solanki spoke to the York community on “Balancing Multiculturalism and Gender Equality: Legal Pluralism and the Adjudication of Religious Family Laws in India.”

The talk was jointly organized by: International Development Studies, Graduate programme in Socio-legal Studies, York Centre for Asian Research and the Graduate programme in Women's Studies. The talk was very well-attended drawing an engaged audience from the above mentioned programmes and saw a lively discussion following her talk.

Professor Solanki is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Carleton University. Her research interests include state-society relations, multiculturalism and citizenship, judicial politics and legal pluralism, criminal law and governance, and gender and politics.

She has been involved in the Indian Women's Movement and has worked on violence against women for many years. Her previously co-authored book, entitled "Journey from Violence to Crime: A Study of Domestic Violence in the City of Mumbai," was used widely in India by women's groups and civil society organizations to influence policy and legislative debates around domestic violence in India. The findings of this book were presented to the Group of Ministers and were also put before the Parliamentary Standing Committee that recommended India's historical legislation, The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.



Professor Solanki's current book, *Adjudication in Religious Family Laws: Cultural Accommodation, Legal Pluralism, and Gender Equality in India*, engages with the central question of resolving the tensions between multicultural accommodation and gender equality. She suggests that the shared adjudication model, developed through state-society interactions at the interface of religious family laws in India, is one possible solution to break this impasse.

YCAR Events | Scholar shares his experiences with students about the role of translation in cultural understanding

YCAR welcomed Aditya Haksar back to the University on 3 November 2011 where he spoke to students and community members about the role of translation in improving cultural understanding, not only between North and South, East and West, but also between ancient and modern, classical and contemporary aspects of literature.

Mr. Haksar is a long time student of Sanskrit literature, which he has translated into English prose as well as verse. Educated at the Universities of Allahabad and Oxford, he was a career diplomat for many years, serving as Indian High Commissioner to Kenya and the Seychelles, Minister to the United States and Ambassador to Portugal and Yugoslavia.



His latest Sanskrit translations include *Three Satires from Ancient Kashmir* by Kshemendra and *Kama Sutra: A Guide to the Art of Pleasure* by Vatsyayana, both published by Penguin India in 2011.

YCAR Photograph. Shobna Nijhawan (Languages, Literatures and Linguistics) and Aditya Haksar along with students from the 'Writings of Premchand' third-year undergrad course housed in Department of Literatures, Languages and Linguistics and part of the South Asian Studies programme.

YCAR Events | One of Embassy's top 20 foreign policy books for 2011 launched in October event

On 18 October 2011, YCAR co-hosted the Toronto book launch for *The China Challenge: Sino-Canadian Relations in the 21st Century*, edited by Huhua Cao and Vivienne Poy (University of Ottawa Press, 2011).

More than 80 guests attended the event, which was reported by OMNI News and in *Sing Tao Daily's* Toronto section. Opening remarks by Larry Alford (Chief Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries), Senator Vivienne Poy (the book's co-editor), and Chen Ligang (Consul General of P.R. China in Toronto) were followed by a series of presentations from panelists Huhua Cao (University of Ottawa), Louis Pauly (University of Toronto), Charles Burton (Brock University, and Tony Fang (York University). Discussants for the event were Ruth Hayhoe (University of Toronto) and Jennifer Junwa Lau (University of Toronto). Closing remarks for the event were provided by Joseph Wong (Director of the Asian Institute at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto), and Susan Henders (YCAR Director).

The China Challenge, which addresses many contemporary issues in Sino-Canadian relations, was recently cited as "key reading for those hoping to bone up on the list of complex bilateral issues" with China by *Embassy*, and it made their top 20 list of foreign policy books for 2011.

[Embassy](#) is a weekly Canadian foreign policy newspaper, founded in 2004, which covers defence, foreign policy, development and aid, trade and security news and opinion from a Canadian perspective.

YCAR Associates whose research is included in the publication include: Tony Fang (Human Resource Management), B. Michael Frolic (Political Science), Ann Kim (Sociology), Sonny Lo (University of Waterloo), Guida Man (Sociology), Ghazy Mujahid (consultant and advisor) and Qiang Zha (Education).



Opportunity | Canada-Asia-Pacific Awards

This award will support scholars in universities or research institutes in the Asia-Pacific Region to undertake short term research, including collaborative research, contributing to the understanding of bilateral and multilateral relations between Canada and the countries of the Asia-Pacific Region. The award will assist with direct costs related to the research project, and, when a research trip to Canada is warranted, will provide assistance towards international airfare and a weekly flat rate allowance for a period not exceeding five weeks.

Awards may be granted for:

- Research projects related to Canada and Asia-Pacific relations, either with the region as a whole, or any part thereof. Although we welcome applications from all disciplines lending themselves most readily to Canadian Studies we are particularly interested in projects that have policy

relevance for Canada and Canada's foreign policy. Topics that are highly relevant to Canada's foreign policy include Democracy & Rule of Law, Economic Development and Prosperity, Environment, Managing Diversity, North American Partnership, Peace and Security.

- Interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary studies.
- Comparative studies with substantial Canadian content (33% or more).

Priority may be given to projects, which relate to Canada's foreign policy; or contemporary situations and issues which illuminate options for future developments; or which focus on Canada's bilateral relations.

The deadline is **24 November 2011**. For more information, visit: www.iccs-ciec.ca/canada-asia-pacific-awards.php.

Opportunity | NFG Visiting Fellowship and Post Doctorate Positions

The interdisciplinary NFG Research Group 'Asian Perceptions of the EU' based at the Free University of Berlin invites applications for Visiting Fellowships. Working on the perceptions of Asian elites of the European Union's foreign policy, we welcome applications from scholars from the broader field of International Relations, Global Politics and related areas. With the NFG focusing on security issues, expertise and interest in this policy area are assets.

NFG Visiting Fellows are expected to actively participate in the research activities and to contribute to the NFG's Working Paper series. Durations of Visiting Fellowships vary from one to a maximum of six months, with the fellowship covering a monthly honorarium and travel expenses.

Positions are open to non-European professors; post-docs and doctoral students in the final phase of their PhD. Applications from other Asian countries besides India and China are also encouraged.

The deadline is **30 November 2011**. For more information, visit: www.asianperceptions.eu/calls.

Opportunity | Pro-Development Initiative Grant

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is inviting applications from its Canadian and Indian member institutions for the Pro-Development Initiative Grant (PDIG). The programme is made possible through funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The objectives of the programme are:

- To reinforce the Institute's support to the development priorities concerning India; and
- To encourage and support the member institutions making a bridge between international development priorities and their academic interests.

The proposed PDIG projects may be built upon one or more of the following areas:

- Bi-national partnership development initiative with institutions
- Initiation of bi-national research project
- Development initiatives engaging member institutions and development partner organizations(s)
- Student development initiatives/opportunities (exchanges, exposure trip, etc.)

The deadline is **10 December 2011**. For more information, visit: www.sici.org/programmes/details/shastri-pro-development-initiative-grant-pdig-project-2011-12/.

Opportunity | Lal Bahadur Shastri Student Prize

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is happy to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the Lal Bahadur Shastri Student Prize. This is a prize for best papers by Canadian Students on India in Canada. Entries are invited on any topic with specific relevance to India including economics, environment, history, law, literature, politics, philosophy, social studies, humanities, science or women’s studies. Submissions from graduate and undergraduate students are welcome. This year we will be conducting a separate competition for French submissions. We will be awarding three prizes:

- Best Undergraduate Paper
- Best Graduate Paper
- Best French Paper

The Deadline is: **16 January 2012**. For more information, visit: www.sici.org/programmes/details/lal-bahadur-shastri-student-prize/.

Opportunity | Insight Development Grants

Insight Development Grants support research in its initial stages. The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. Funding is provided for short-term research development projects, of up to two years, proposed by individuals or teams. Insight Development Grants proposals are expected to respond to the objectives put forward in the call for proposals for the [Insight](#) programme. The objectives of the Insight programme are to:

- build knowledge and understanding from disciplinary, interdisciplinary and/or cross-sector perspectives through support for the best researchers;
- support new approaches to research on complex and important topics, including those that transcend the capacity of any one scholar, institution or discipline;
- provide a high-quality research training experience for students;
- fund research expertise that relates to societal challenges and opportunities; and
- mobilize research knowledge, to and from academic and non-academic audiences, with the potential to lead to intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact.

Proposed projects may involve, but are not limited to, the following types of research activities:

- case studies;
- pilot initiatives; and
- critical analyses of existing research.

The internal York deadline is **18 January 2012**. The Agency deadline is **1 February 2012**. For more information, visit: www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subsventions_de_developpement_savoir-eng.aspx.



Upcoming Event | The 1911 Revolution in China: A photo exhibit by Francis Stafford

November | Scott Library | York University

Throughout November, the Scott Library will host an exhibition of rare photographs of the 1911 Revolution taken by Francis Eugene Stafford, an American who worked as a photographer and printer for the Commercial Press, the first modern publishing organization in China. Stafford took numerous pictures of scenes from Wuhan to Shanghai, including the establishment of the Hubei Military Government and the confrontation between revolutionary and imperial troops. This series of photos offers a rare visual documentation of people's lives in villages and towns, showing traditional dress and customs.

Professor Joshua Fogel, Canada Research Chair in the History of Modern China and YCAR Faculty Associate, opened the exhibition with a lecture on revolutionary figure Dr. Sun Yat-sen on 7 November 2011.

The exhibition will run until the end of November on the fifth floor of the Scott Library. Admission is free.

Upcoming Event | Launch of CASSA's 'Brown Canada' Project

Friday, 18 November 2011 | 6 to 8pm | Scarborough Civic Centre | 150 Borough Drive | Scarborough

The Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) is launching a new project titled 'Brown Canada' aimed to document and celebrate the history of various South Asian communities in Canada during the twentieth century. This project will be aimed at documenting our struggles, our accomplishments and our milestones during the past century. Since the project focuses on various South Asian communities during the twentieth century and since we wish to pay dedicated attention to all forms of diversity within South Asians, we will need the support of many of you to make it a huge success. The first four months of the project will be focused on Komagata Maru and its impact on South Asians in the early part of the century.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Farhat Hasan at farhat@cassa.on.ca.

Upcoming Event | A Pedagogy of Decolonization: Reflections on Rabindranath Tagore, Antonio Gramsci and Frantz Fanon

Monday, 21 November 2011 | 2:30pm | 674 Ross South | York University

The Department of Political Science at York will host a talk by Himani Bannerji, renowned scholar of Marxist, Feminist and anti-racist thought and committed activist. In 2005, Professor Bannerji was awarded the Tagore Memorial Prize for her book *Inventing Subjects: Studies in Hegemony, Patriarchy and Colonialism* (Anthem Press, 2002). Other books that she has co-authored and edited include: *Unsettling Relations: The University as a Site for Feminist Struggle* (1992); *Returning the Gaze* (1993); *Thinking Through: Essays in Marxism, Feminism and Anti-Racism* (1995); and a book of essays on culture and politics, *The Writing on the Wall* (2001). Bannerji has also published two volumes of poetry, *Doing Time: Poems* (Toronto: Sister Vision, 1986) and *A Separate Sky* (Toronto: Domestic Bliss, 1982). Her most recent book is *Demography and Democracy* (Canadian Scholars Press, 2011).

Upcoming Event | Pearl Harbor 70 Years Later: Understanding the True Intent behind the Japanese Attack

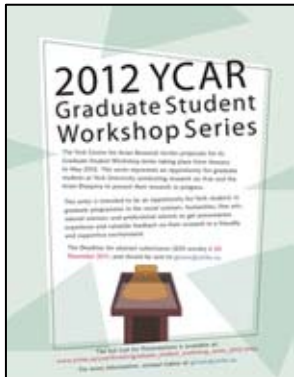
Thursday, 1 December 2011 | Noon to 1:30pm | DeWolfe 306 | Canadian Forces College | 215 Yonge Boulevard (Yonge St. and Wilson Ave.)

The Canadian Forces College welcomes Angelo N. Caravaggio, Ph.D. as part of their 2011/2012 Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series. Lieutenant-Colonel Caravaggio, Director, Centre for National Security Studies, will speak on “Pearl Harbor 70 Years Later: Understanding the True Intent behind the Japanese Attack.”

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dr. Maja Catic at catic@cfc.dnd.ca.



Call for Presentations | YCAR Graduate Student Workshop Series for Winter 2012



The York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) invites proposals for its Graduate Student Workshop series taking place from January to May 2012. This series represents an opportunity for graduate students at York University conducting research on Asia and the Asian Diaspora to present their research in progress to graduate students and a York faculty member. This series is intended to be an opportunity for York students in graduate programmes in the social sciences, humanities, fine arts, natural sciences and professional schools to get presentation experience and valuable feedback on their research in a friendly and supportive environment.

Guidelines for Submissions

- Deadline for abstract submissions for the 2012 Graduate Student Workshop series is **20 December 2011**, and should be sent to Gabor at gjozsa@yorku.ca.
- Presentation proposals should include a title and a short abstract of 250 words. Proposals should be related to research concerning Asia or the Asian Diaspora.
- Students should also provide a short list of two or three potential York faculty members that they would like to comment on their research at the seminar. Please also indicate whether you have already approached the faculty members about this possibility. Note that each workshop presentation will have only one faculty member discussant.
- Submissions should also include a selection of dates between January and April 2012 when the student is UNAVAILABLE to present, to assist us with scheduling the event.

Questions regarding submission or this series can be directed to ycar@yorku.ca.

Call for Papers | 2012 Cornell Southeast Asia Program Graduate Conference

The Cornell Southeast Asia Program invites submissions for its 14th Annual Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference, hosted by the Kahin Center for Advanced Research on Southeast Asia at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on 2-4 March 2012.

We welcome submissions from graduate students at any stage engaged in original research related to

Southeast Asia. Papers related to a wide variety of subjects are encouraged. We hope to attract a wide-range of submissions focused on themes that are currently of greatest interest to graduate students. The Cornell Southeast Asia Program's Graduate Committee will review the abstracts, select presenters, and organize sessions by theme. In order to aid this process of thematic organization, we ask that you please include at least two keywords summarizing your presentation. Selected authors will present their work as part of a panel at the conference and paper abstracts will be included in the conference programme.

The deadline is **10 December 2011**. For more information, visit:
<http://seap.einaudi.cornell.edu/node/11229>.

Call for Proposals | AAS/SSRC Dissertation Workshop

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) are pleased to announce plans for the first jointly organized AAS/SSRC Dissertation Workshop titled "Rewriting History: Nationalism, Identity, and the Politics of the Past," which will be held in conjunction with the March 2012 AAS annual conference in Toronto.

Radical and conservative scholars, novelists and biographers, governments, education ministries and tourist agencies are all writing and rewriting national histories and narratives. The attempt to strengthen or legitimate specific interests has entailed the rediscovery, reinterpretation and even the reinvention of values and identities, past social forms, victories and defeats, as well as natural and human trauma. Rewriting the past and creating heritage are of course ancient and seemingly universal phenomena, raising difficult questions about what we can know and the politics of historical writing. Issues of rewriting history are not limited to the concerns of historians; they are as salient to anthropologists, political scientists, specialists on religion, cultural studies and others across the humanities and social sciences. The goals and modes of these reinterpretations may be scholarly, political and/or popular. Clearly, all across Asia the past is not dead.

This workshop is intended to bring together doctoral students, regardless of citizenship, in the humanities and social sciences who are (1) developing dissertation proposals or are in early phases of research or dissertation writing; and who are (2) also dealing with the kinds of issues mentioned above in the context of contemporary or historic Asian states and societies.

The workshop will be scheduled for the days immediately preceding the 2012 AAS annual conference in Toronto, 12 to 15 March 2012. Pending receipt of outside foundation funding, participants also will be invited back for a post-fieldwork workshop.

Applicants need not have advanced to candidacy but must have at least drafted a dissertation research proposal. Applications are also welcome from doctoral students in the early phases of writing their dissertations. Application instructions and forms will be available on the SSRC website (www.ssrc.org) by December 1, and must be submitted by **3 January 2012**.

For further information, visit www.ssrc.org/fellowships/aasworkshop/.

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