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### Our Researchers | News and Publications

**R. Patrick Alcedo**, Faculty Associate | Professor Alcedo (Dance) is the recipient of the Young Professional Award, which was awarded by the Filipino Centre Toronto at its Presidents' Gala on 28 April 2012. Alcedo is the first and only Filipino to have been hired as a tenure-track professor at York



University. Roland Sintos Coloma, a University of Toronto professor, was also a recipient of the Award this year. A *Munting Nasyon News Magazine* story about the Awards presentations can be accessed at: [www.mnnetherlands.com/dir/page/101866/](http://www.mnnetherlands.com/dir/page/101866/).

A story on Alcedo's research, teaching and community involvement appears in the Spring 2012 issue of *Tahanan*, a Filipino-Canadian style magazine. He speaks about his 2011 Faculty of Fine Arts Teaching Award and encourages readers to consider the Arts as not just leisure, but as career opportunities.



**Keith Barney**, Graduate Associate | Congratulations to Dr. Barney (Geography) who has been awarded York University's Faculty of Graduate Studies dissertation award for 2011. York awards a single dissertation prize each year and Dr. Barney's was chosen from among those nominated in 2011 by 38 doctoral programs. This is the first time that a Geography dissertation has won this prestigious award.

His dissertation was titled "Grounding Global Forest Economies: Resource Governance and Commodity Power in Rural Laos." His advisory committee comprised YCAR Faculty Associates Philip F. Kelly (supervisor, Geography), Peter Vandergeest (Geography) and Shubhra Gururani (Anthropology).

In July 2012, Dr. Barney took up a tenure stream position in the Australian National University's Crawford School of Economics and Government. Congratulations, Keith!



**Balbinder Singh Bhogal**, Research Associate | Professor Bhogal (Sardarni Kuljit Kaur Bindra Chair in Sikh Studies, Hofstra University) gave a talk at YCAR on 20 April 2012 on a topic of his current research, "The Animal Sublime: Rethinking the Sikh Mystical Body." While the Gurū Granth Sāhib's particular mysticism does not deny the importance of thinking and reason, it nevertheless offers a clear critique of the modern, Western, humanist, male subject whose ultimate authority rests in rational logic. The Sikh Gurūs' focus on an experiential knowledge that arises from a 'sublime animal' body offers a provocative image for Western sensibility to contemplate –

even as it recalls its own subversive voices. The provocation arises primarily because the animal body signals an alternative (and largely forgotten or repressed) epistemology.

**Nga Dao**, Graduate Associate | Ms. Dao (Geography) recently defended her dissertation, which examined the pivotal ways in which water-related development projects shape interrelated processes of agrarian change. It looks at the politics surrounding dam building in Vietnam, the relationship between the state and ethnic minority people in resources use, and the ways ethnic minorities/resettlers in the vicinity of dams have experienced and their political and livelihoods responses. Titled “Resettlement, Displacement and Agrarian Change in Northern Uplands of Vietnam,” her research found that damming rivers for power generation in Vietnam spoke to relationships between centre and periphery, highlands and lowlands, ethnic majority and minority people and that despite the government’s attempts to improve its policies, there have still been no clear guidelines on how to implement ‘good practices’ of hydropower construction, though policy had not always brought positive changes on the ground. Her research also highlights the fact that upland peasants/resettlers are not passive victims of state development projects but, rather, actively fight for their survival and autonomy with a multitude of responses ranging from coping strategies to opposition resistance against the state development apparatus. Besides the struggle between the state as patron and its clients, and between the powerful and the powerless, she said that there are also struggles among the powerless, at either individual or collective levels.



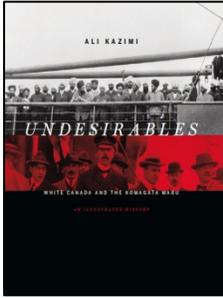
**Margo S. Gewurtz**, Faculty Associate | Professor Gewurtz (Humanities) is guest editor of two special issues of *Social Sciences and Mission*. The recently published first issue (Volume 25, Number 1-2) is devoted to China. Professor Gewurtz also wrote the Introduction, “[Missions in China: From Enterprise to Cross-Cultural Project.](#)” The second issue will appear in 2014.

**Ted Goossen**, Faculty Associate | Professor Goossen’s (Humanities) translation efforts on the debut issue of *Monkey Business: New Voices* from Japan was recently recognized by *Luna Park* as one of the seven best literary magazines of 2011. The magazine featured select translations of literature from several issues of the acclaimed Japanese version of the magazine.



The Luna Park story is available here: <http://lunaparkreview.com/seven-great-lit-mags-from-2011/>.

In May 2012, *Monkey Business 2* was released and once again features work by Haruki Murakami, as well as Stuart Dybek and Hideo Furukawa. Several launch events were held in New York City. For more information, visit the *Monkey Business* web site: <http://monkeybusinessmag.tumblr.com/>.



**Ali Kazimi**, Faculty Associate | Ahead of his book launch on 29 May 2012, Professor Kazimi was interviewed on film and radio and in print about the book, *Undesirables: White Canada and the Komagata Maru*. His radio interview on CBC Sunday Edition on 27 May 2012 can be heard here: [www.cbc.ca/thesundayedition/shows/2012/05/27/hour-1/](http://www.cbc.ca/thesundayedition/shows/2012/05/27/hour-1/) (interview starts around the 27 minute mark). For more information, visit <http://undesirables.ca>.

**Philip F. Kelly**, Faculty Associate | Dr. Philip Kelly's (Geography) work with the "Filipino Youth Transitions in Canada" (FYTiC) research project, based at YCAR, was highlighted earlier this year in the Toronto based *Philippine Reporter*. The research project is exploring the gap in educational and employment outcomes between first and subsequent generations of Filipino immigrants in Canada. The article is available at: [www.philippinereporter.com/2012/03/09/fil-can-youths-not-doing-as-well-as-parents/](http://www.philippinereporter.com/2012/03/09/fil-can-youths-not-doing-as-well-as-parents/).



**Jessica Li**, Faculty Associate | This February, Dr. Li served as a discussant for the seminar "Pan-Chinese Patriotism and Postwar Hong Kong's Cantonese Cinema" held at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library in Toronto.

Dr. Li's exploration of Eileen Chang's Novella, *Love in the Fallen City*, in the paper "From Page to Stage: Cultural In-betweenness of (new) Love in a Fallen City" was published in the edited volume *Eileen Chang: Romancing Languages, Cultures and Genres* (Hong Kong University Press, 2012).

**Kay Li**, Research Associate | Dr. Li presented a paper on ethnic Chinese Nobel Laureate Gao Xingjian at the Pluri-Culture and Migrant Writings: An Interdisciplinary Approach held at York University from 17-20 May 2012. She was also a member of the organizing committee for the event, which is led by Professor Elizabeth Sabiston (English).

**Valerie Preston**, Faculty Associate | Professor Preston (Geography) was interviewed for an article in the *Toronto Star* this April. The article, "New immigrants are the 'hidden homeless'" explores how low vacancy rates in Toronto are creating a particular burden on new immigrants to the city. The article is available at: [www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1155144--new-immigrants-are-the-hidden-homeless-hidden-homelessness-a-growing-problem-for-canada-s-newcomers/](http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1155144--new-immigrants-are-the-hidden-homeless-hidden-homelessness-a-growing-problem-for-canada-s-newcomers/).



**Jooyeon Rhee**, Research Associate | Dr. Rhee is the recipient of the Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship. She will spend the 2012.2013 academic year at Wittenberg University, a liberal arts college in Springfield, Ohio. At Wittenberg, Dr. Rhee will be teaching Introduction to Social and Cultural History of Modern Korea, and courses in Modern Korean Literature and Film.

Earlier this year, she received the Korea Foundation and the Northeast Asia Council Short-term Research Travel Grant.

Dr. Rhee is also quoted in an 8 April 2012 *National Post* article titled "Riding the Korean Wave." The full article is available here: [www.nationalpost.com/Riding+Korean+Wave/6423926/story.html](http://www.nationalpost.com/Riding+Korean+Wave/6423926/story.html).

**Michael Stainton**, Research Associate | Mr. Stainton's "More Treasures Preserved Abroad: New Mackay Letters in the Presbyterian Archives" is part of a recent publication edited by Clyde R. Forsberg Jr. (Aletheia University). The publication is titled *The Life and Legacy of George Leslie Mackay: An Interdisciplinary Study of Canada's First Presbyterian Missionary to Northern Taiwan (1872-1901)* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012).



**Peter Vandergeest**, Faculty Associate | Professor Vandergeest's (Geography) new article, "A New Extraterritoriality? Aquaculture Certification, Sovereignty, and Empire" was published online in June in *Political Geography*. His co-author is Anusorn Unno (Thammasat University) who worked with Vandergeest on his Privatizing Environmental Governance project, based at YCAR.

The paper outlines how transnational eco-certification can reinforce longstanding global relations of domination through the creation of eco-certification empires that have much in common with colonial-era extraterritorial empires. Specifically, the authors show how the territorial practices in the Aquaculture Stewardship Council's standards for shrimp aquaculture replicate aspects of the legal extraterritoriality of the colonial period, and how these new forms of extraterritoriality create disaggregated and variegated sovereigntyscapes.

**David Wurfel**, Senior Research Associate | Dr. Wurfel gave the keynote address at the Philippine Political Science Association's 50th anniversary meeting in Cagayan de Oro at Xavier University on 12 April 2012. His talk focused on the history of political science in the Philippines and the challenges that Filipino political scientists face today.

"It's very important for Filipinos to have a critical eye on what foreign policies can do," he said in response to an audience comment on the Philippine-US relations in the light of the perceived decline of the US economy given the financial crisis and the increasing aggressiveness of China. He also emphasized the importance of merging values with goals to maintain the real essence of political science, which now has become not about politics but more about strategies and statistics. The conference theme was "Building on the Past, Reflecting on the Present and Charting Future Directions in Studies on Philippine Politics." Read more at: [www.sunstar.com.ph/cagayan-de-oro/local-news/2012/04/13/university-hosts-international-political-science-confab-216143](http://www.sunstar.com.ph/cagayan-de-oro/local-news/2012/04/13/university-hosts-international-political-science-confab-216143).



### **YCAR News | YCAR welcomes new Director and bids farewell to dedicated outgoing Director**

Philip F. Kelly has been appointed to be the next YCAR Director and began a five-year term on 1 July 2012.

Kelly is Associate Professor in Geography, a talented researcher focusing on the Philippines and Philippine-Canada labour migration, and an associate of YCAR since its establishment in 2002.

“We are really very fortunate that he has agreed to take on this leadership role,” said Susan Henders (Political Science), who has served as YCAR’s Director since January 2008.

Professor Kelly has served on the YCAR Executive Committee, played a key role in designing the core course for the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies, and established and leads the Philippines Studies Group. His SSHRC-funded research project "Filipino Youth Transitions in Canada" is based at YCAR and he was co-investigator in the "Challenges of Agrarian Transition in Southeast Asia" (SSHRC-MCRI), in which York University, through YCAR, was a partner.

“It is an honour to be taking over as director of YCAR,” said Kelly. “Susan Henders is handing over a Centre in very good health, with many active projects, an engaged community of scholars, and a high profile around the world,” said Kelly.

With your help as our community of affiliates, he hopes to continue to nurture YCAR's collegial culture and its prominence as a hub for Asian studies within and beyond York.

“Over the coming months, I hope to speak to as many of you as possible about the events and projects that we might pursue,” said Kelly.

If you have thoughts about the direction of the Centre or future projects or activities, please contact Professor Kelly at [pfkelly@yorku.ca](mailto:pfkelly@yorku.ca).

“It has been an honour and a pleasure to be the Director of YCAR,” said Henders. “I've felt privileged to have the opportunity to work with and help support the research of such a talented, interesting and dedicated group of Asia and Asia diaspora scholars and wonderful staff. I'm grateful to everyone who has contributed and supported the Centre, for YCAR is only as strong as the willingness of associates and staff to make it so.”

### YCAR News | Khmer and Mandarin language studies and fieldwork in China and the Philippines supported by 2012 YCAR Awards

Over the past seven years, the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) has offered over 30 awards to graduate students at York University to support their language training and research fieldwork in Asia and the Diaspora.



Kaitlin Weedmark-Kish

The 2012 awards are supporting fieldwork in China and the Philippines, and Khmer and Mandarin language studies.

**Kaitlin Weedmark-Kish**, a first year master’s student in the Faculty of Environmental Studies, is the 2012 recipient of the Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award.

The Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award is named for the Honourable Vivienne Poy and assists a graduate student in fulfilling the fieldwork requirement for the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies. YCAR is grateful for Senator Poy's continued support for this award.

Weedmark-Kish's research concerns the health implications of rapid environmental change in Shanghai on its elderly population. Through a unique application of soft systems methodologies, using open interviews, rich picture development and transect walks, she is exploring issues of health within the context of social dominance and power over the past 30 years.

She is also the recipient of a YCAR Language Award. While conducting her fieldwork in Shanghai in summer and early fall 2012, **Weedmark-Kish** will also be taking intermediate Mandarin language classes at Fudan University.

A doctoral candidate in the Department of Geography, **Laura Schoenberger's** dissertation research examines recent changes to land control in Cambodia and the counter-movements that have emerged to assert local rights to land. As a recipient of a YCAR Language Award, Schoenberger will study Khmer at the Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) at University Wisconsin-Madison in summer 2012.

She has an MA in Geography from McGill University and a BA in International Development Studies. Before starting her PhD, she worked for the United Nations in Lao PDR, for environmental non-governmental organizations in Vietnam and Cambodia, and for Canada's International Development Research Centre in Ottawa and Singapore.

The YCAR Language Award was created to support graduate students in fulfilling the language requirement for the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS) and to facilitate awardees' masters or doctoral-level research.

The 2012 Albert C. W. Chan Foundation Fellowship will fund research on whether long-term family separation (for example, as an outcome of Canada's Live-In Caregiver Programme), results in enduring and pervasive adverse effects on the socioeconomic, cultural and political engagement of children of Filipina migrant domestic workers as adults.

Recipient **Conely de Leon**, a doctoral candidate on the School of Women's Studies at York University, will be conducting dissertation fieldwork in Manila, Philippines during the coming academic year.

More specifically, her research will focus on the relationships that adult children now in Canada have to extended kin, often identified as grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and close family friends, who acted as their 'primary' caregivers in the Philippines while separated from their mothers. By exploring these relationship dynamics through one-on-one, in-depth interviews, de Leon hopes to offer some insight into the complexities of long-term family separation and its impact on the socioeconomic, cultural and political development of children of Filipina migrant domestic workers into adulthood.



*Conely de Leon*

Ms. de Leon received her MA in Sociology and Equity Studies in Education, and Women and Gender Studies at the University of Toronto, and her BA (Honours) in Women's Studies, and English Language and Literature at Queen's University. Her research interests focus on critical race theory, transnational feminist praxis, gender and migration, and the development of Critical Filipino Studies in Canada.

The Fellowship was established by the Albert C.W. Chan Foundation to encourage and assist York University graduate students to conduct field research in East and/or Southeast Asia. YCAR would like to thank the Albert C. W. Chan family for their support of York graduate students.

The deadline for 2013 awards is **11 February 2013**.

For more information about YCAR Awards, please visit: [www.yorku.ca/ycar/Awards/YCAR\\_Awards.html](http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/Awards/YCAR_Awards.html).

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In 2012, YCAR also hosted an award competition that offered an extraordinary opportunity for York students – a week-long study visit to the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Four spots were available as part of a 12-student delegation that also included senior undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Toronto and Wilfrid Laurier University. Students of all York faculties were eligible to apply for the Young Leaders' Delegation opportunity.



The study visit was organized and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (ROC/Taiwan).

The York University awardees were **Rebecca Beaulne-Stuebing** (Masters Candidate, Education); **Josh Fawcett Weiner** (Masters Candidate, Political Science); **Trevor Kezwer** (fourth year undergraduate student, Political Science); and **Lydia Guo** (Osgoode JD programme).

The week-long visit focused on introducing students to Taiwan and its challenges in a context of global political and economic change. It was an intensive schedule of briefings by Taiwan and Canadian government representatives, Taiwan political parties, think tanks and scholars, as well as cultural activities, said delegation leader Susan Henders (Political Science).

Each of the student delegates had to complete an essay on the theme of “Taiwan in Changing Global Political and Economic Order” before flying to Taipei. Once in Taiwan, the students honed their presentation and discussion skills by presenting their papers to two audiences at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as one at National Chengchi University. Each presentation was followed by an intensive question and answer session with a knowledgeable local audience.

“It was an amazing professional development opportunity for the students,” said Henders. “Not only did they learn a great deal about the international and domestic situation in Taiwan in the context of wider global developments, but they learned to present and defend an academic paper. The audiences in Taiwan were gracious, but sharp. The exchange of ideas was great.”  
*(Delegation at Longshan Temple)*

## YCAR News | YCAR welcome minority rights scholar



ShaoQing Zhou is an Associate Professor in Jurisprudence at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing, China. He is also Deputy Secretary General of the Chinese Society of World Ethno-National Studies and a Research Fellow of the Law School Research Center of Renmin University. He once held positions at Law Institute, the CASS, the Beijing Administrative College and Ningxia University.

His current research focuses on minority rights in China, more specifically on “special” legal systems and minority human rights. These issues are a part of an important debate on the national policy challenges of ethnic minority rights that are currently transforming China.

Professor Zhou is a Visiting Scholar at YCAR until May 2013 and will be working with Susan Henders (Political Science) during his time at York.

He is the author of *China's Problems of the Right of Association in a Rule-of-Law Framework* (Law Press China 2008) and *A Critical Review of Community Development and Civil Society Organizations in China* (Danish Institute for Human Rights, RPP 2007). More recently, he was the author of “Ethno-national Minority Rights in the Framework of Multiculturalism” in *Journal of Ethno-national Studies* (No.1 2012) and “Studies on Normative Principles of Ethno-national Minority Protection” in the *Journal of World Ethno-national Studies* (No.5 2011). He was a contributor to the *Report on Chinese Law Developments 2011* (China Renmin University Press, 2012), *NGOs in China and Europe: Comparisons and Contrasts* (Ashgate 2011) and *Report on Chinese Law Developments 2010* (China Renmin University Press, 2011). He is also the author of more than 40 articles.

Professor Zhou has a PhD from China Renmin University, a Masters from Xi'an Jiaotong University and a BA from Ningxia University, all in Jurisprudence.

## YCAR News | New addition to Asia Colloquia Papers Series

The newest addition to the YCAR Asia Colloquia Papers Series is now available. The paper, “Poverty and the Imagination of a Future: The Story of Urban Slums in Delhi, India” by Veena Das (Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Anthropology, The Johns Hopkins University) asks: How do the poor see themselves? In their daily struggles, how do they use creative imaginings to withstand various stresses and their seemingly never-ending effort at subsistence? In this paper, Dr. Das explores the many revealed ways the poor exercise creativity, boldness and enterprise in their attempts to cope and transcend, even for brief moments, daunting states of deprivation and the destitute roles that both experts and society seemed to have consigned them to. Equally insightful responses are provided by Vanessa Rosa (PhD Candidate, Sociology) and Mark Ayyash (PhD, Sociology, York University).

The YCAR Asia Colloquia Papers Series was launched on 27 September 2011 at YCAR's Celebration of Publications. The Series aims to make available to wider audiences the content of selected lectures, seminars and other talks presented at YCAR. Previous contributions to the series have explored issues of identity, diaspora and diplomacy in Canada and abroad.

The Asia Colloquia Papers Series is available at:  
[www.yorku.ca/ycar/Publications/asia\\_colloquia\\_papers.html](http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/Publications/asia_colloquia_papers.html).

## YCAR News | Graduate Associates planning conference for Winter 2013

The YCAR Graduate Associates are organizing the second York Centre for Asian Research international graduate student conference in the Winter term. The conference, entitled *(Re)constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia*, will be a two-day event that will take place at the Glendon College campus on 26-27 April 2013.

The interdisciplinary conference will focus on rethinking fundamental categories of study such as 'Asia' and 'area', thinking critically about how to challenge conventional frameworks for the understanding of issues and events, and attempting to reconstruct alternative frameworks.

In 2008, the Graduate Associates organized a successful graduate student conference that solicited participation from graduate students in North America, Europe and Asia.

"We are hoping to build on the success of that conference by once again addressing a broad audience, and by additionally focusing on how to develop alternative frameworks to study pressing questions about 'Asia,'" said Megan Youdelis, an incoming doctoral student in Geography and a member of the organizing committee.

The conference is being planned by an organizing committee of York graduate students from Geography, Environmental Studies and Music, and with the support of the YCAR Executive Committee and Professor Jean Michel Montsion, Assistant Professor in International Studies, Glendon College, acting as a faculty advisor.

The conference welcomes paper submissions from graduate students from across the globe who address Asian research from a broad range of disciplines. Look for the Call for Papers which will be circulated in late August or early September. For more information, visit: [www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/reconstructions\\_graduate\\_conference.html](http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/reconstructions_graduate_conference.html).



## YCAR Events | YCAR and its Associates take advantage of Toronto hosting the 2012 AAS annual conference

The Association of Asian Studies Conference held its 2012 conference in Toronto from 15-18 March 2012. The annual event is a prestigious gathering of researchers and graduate students from across the globe focusing on all parts of the continent and Diaspora.

YCAR faculty and graduate students participated as presenters, discussant or panel planners. A full list is available here: [www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/AAS\\_2012\\_Associates.pdf](http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/AAS_2012_Associates.pdf).

In addition to participating in the conference itself, faculty also organized pre-conference workshops to take advantage of the presence of their colleagues in the city.

YCAR also hosted the Asian and Asian research community at the **York University Reception** during the conference.



The reception, held on 17 March 2012, welcomed over 150 scholars and friends from around North America. It was organized by Alicia Turner (Humanities), who also secured funding from the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies for the event.

“This is the first time in recent memory that the AAS Conference has been held in Canada and it was a great opportunity to gather with our colleagues from near and far, but also to celebrate the accomplishments of York’s researchers and its alumni,” said Professor Turner.

Outgoing LA&PS Associate Dean, Research Barbara Crow offered words of welcome on behalf of the York community.

Joshua Fogel (History) organized a pre-conference workshop as part of the Critical China Studies group’s Winter 2012 activities. The **International Symposium on Modern China Studies, High Qing through Contemporary China** included scholars from the United States, Japan, Israel, Australia, Germany and from across Canada.



Mary Young (YCAR Research Associate) and Susan Henders (Political Science) organized the **“Making of Canada-Asia Relations: The Roles of ‘Other Diplomacies,’”** a pre-Conference workshop associated with the 2012 Association for Asian Studies Conference on 15 March 2012 at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto.

The workshop was funded by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and YCAR.

The workshop brought together scholars as well as practitioners from a range of disciplines. Discussions centered on preliminary case studies of Canada-Asia societal interactions in the realms of business, education, culture, migration and diaspora, labour markets, scholarly and technical experts, and NGOs across the local, national and transnational spaces, and in the realm of the everyday.

“The goal of the workshop was to begin to identify important research questions and empirical evidence that could illuminate the contemporary character of Canada-Asia societal connections and their wider implications,” said Young. The workshop also explored the concept of “other diplomacies,” which workshop offered as an analytical tool for framing the study of Canada-Asia societal interactions.



“Other Diplomacy” builds on J. M. Beier and L. Wylie (eds.) *Canadian Foreign Policy in Critical Perspective* (Oxford University Press, 2010), where the term titles a section of articles on non-state actors that challenge the assumption that state’s monopoly on diplomatic agency and legitimacy.

In addition to Young and Henders, participants included faculty, researchers and graduate students from across Canada as well as Taiwan and the U.S representing a variety of disciplines including sociology, political science, education, communication studies, international business, geography, history, international studies, ethnomusicology and environmental studies. Representatives of KAIROS Canada and the Asia Pacific Foundation also participated.

The workshop discussion has been summarized in a paper written by Henders and Young titled *“Other Diplomacies” and the Making of Canada-Asian Relations: An Interdisciplinary Conversation*, which will be published this summer in the Asia Colloquia Paper series. The paper focuses on the various exploratory discussions and debates that took place during the workshop. Henders and Young have also written an article on the concept of “other diplomacies”, which is forthcoming in the *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* in fall 2012.

More information is available on the research programme web site:

[www.yorku.ca/ycar/programmes\\_projects/canada\\_asia\\_relations\\_other\\_diplomacies.html](http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/programmes_projects/canada_asia_relations_other_diplomacies.html).

Design Professor Wendy S. Wong also took the opportunity presented by the AAS’s presence in Toronto to organize a post-AAS workshop with colleagues from Japan and the United Kingdom.

**Oriental Modernity Workshop: Translating and Writing Modern Design Histories in East Asia for the Global World** was held at York University on 19 March 2012.



It was organized by the Research Centre for Transnational Art, Identity and Nation (TrAIN) and Chelsea Camberwell Wimbledon Graduate School, University of the Arts London, and by the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR).

Design Histories in East Asia (Japan, Korea and PRC/Hong Kong/Taiwan) have been developing steadily, said Wong, however the field has not been widely recognized in the UK nor in other European and North American centres. The current direction of this discipline in the Anglophone world is towards adopting global/transnational design perspectives.

“Although the idea of ‘global’ has been debated and various interpretations exist, greater effort in making other histories visible is yet to be seen as ideas about what constitutes ‘global’ are contested,” said Wong.

This workshop took steps towards addressing this discrepancy, and explored the ways design historians with different regional expertise can engage with one another to create a progressive vision for global design histories.

*Left to Right: Takuya Kida (The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo), Yuko Kikuchi (University of London Arts), Yunah Lee (University of Brighton); Toshino Iguchi (Saitama University, Japan); YCAR Coordinator Alicia Filipowich and Wendy S. Wong (Design, York University).*

## YCAR Events | South Asian culture and society the focus of three spring and summer talks at York

YCAR was pleased to recently co-host three South Asia and South Asian Diaspora events at York.

On 18 June 2012, York welcomed Professor **Arun K. Patnaik** to speak on his research on a dialectical reading of B.R. Ambedkar's seminal text *Annihilation of Caste*. Professor Hira Singh (Sociology) was discussant.

Professor Patnaik teaches political theory at University of Hyderabad with a specific focus on the writings of Antonio Gramsci. He has also written widely on secularism and caste in India.

The event was organized by Raju Das (Geography) with support from the Departments of Geography and Sociology, the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR), South Asia Group for Action and Research (SAGAR) and the Marxist Reading Group (MaRG).



Indian Playwright, Director and Filmmaker **Mahesh Dattani** read from two of his plays during a special afternoon event at York on 15 June 2012. The reading of *Dance Like A Man* and *Seven Steps Around The Fire* was followed by a discussion of gender hierarchies and sexualities in these works.

*Left: Arun Mukherjee (English) and Mahesh Dattani*

One of India's best known playwrights, Mahesh Dattani has long focused on dissident gender practices and sexualities. His work casts a critical eye on the effects of wider social norms on intimate human relationships in contemporary India.

The event was organized by YCAR Graduate Associate Anindo Hazra (English). Support for this event was provided by the following York University sponsors: Departments of English and Theatre, Sexuality Studies programme and the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR).

YCAR and the South Asian Studies programme also supported a United South Asians at York (USAY) organized event held 1 March 2012.

*Left to Right: Joshua Vettivelu, Farzana Doctor and Vivek Shraya. USAY photograph.*



It was a full house for **the Gender, Sexuality and Creativity: Self-expressions in the South Asian Diaspora** event, which welcomed three South Asian authors and artists from the GTA to York to share their works and participate in a panel discussion.

Toronto-based multimedia artist Vivek Shraya read "God Loves Hair," his first collection of short stories, and presented his short film, "Seeking Single White Male," his first short film. Farzana Doctor read from her second book, *Six Metres of Pavement* (Dundurn 2011) and Joshua Vettivelu presented two video

installation: "I've Done It /You've Done It/ We've All Done It (Failed Survival Strategy #1)" (2011) and "Washing Hands/ Whiten Up" (2011). Writer Nisha Ahuja was unable to attend but recorded a reading of her poem, "Straight as Jalebi ," which was played at the event.



### **Upcoming Events | Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies Information Session**

*Tuesday, 11 September 2012 | 12:30pm to 1pm | 857 York Research Tower | York University*

Incoming and current students interested in the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS) are invited to the programme's Fall Information Session on 11 September 2012. The Diploma Coordinator, Shubhra Gururani, will lead the session. York faculty who know of students who are working on Asia/Asian Diaspora are asked to encourage them to consider the Diploma programme. For more information, contact Alicia at [gdas@yorku.ca](mailto:gdas@yorku.ca).

### **Upcoming Event | YCAR Welcome Back Lunch**

*Tuesday, 11 September 2012 | 1 to 2pm | 830 York Research Tower | York University*

YCAR warmly invites all York students and faculty interested in Asia/Asian Diaspora Studies to join us for lunch on 11 September at 1pm. This will be an opportunity to meet with members of our research community and learn more about what is happening at YCAR.

For more information, contact Alicia at [ycar@yorku.ca](mailto:ycar@yorku.ca).



### **At York | New York Libraries online resources on culture, society, literature and Korea**

York Libraries recently acquired four Asian Studies online resources.

China: Culture and Society ([www.chinacultureandsociety.amdigital.co.uk/](http://www.chinacultureandsociety.amdigital.co.uk/)) includes materials that span three centuries (1750-1929) and makes available for the first time extremely rare pamphlets from Cornell University Library's Charles W. Wason Collection on East Asia. The resource is full-text searchable, allowing for the collection to be comprehensively explored and studied. In addition, China: Culture and Society features a host of secondary resources, including scholarly essays, an interactive chronology, mini guides and editors' choices from the collection.

The York community can now also access a searchable collection of fiction and poetry written in English by authors from South and Southeast Asia and their Diaspora. It can be accessed at: (<http://lit.alexanderstreet.com/sali>). Focusing on works composed during the late-colonial and postcolonial eras, the collection also features author interviews and manuscript materials that will shed additional light on the rich literary heritage and emerging traditions of these regions.

York University Libraries also received the grant from Korean Foundation to support Korean online resources subscriptions. The databases, DPpia ([www.dbpia.co.kr/](http://www.dbpia.co.kr/)) and KRpia ([www.krpia.co.kr](http://www.krpia.co.kr)) have

been available since 1 July 2012. Continued support for these databases in future years will be based on usage.

For more information, contact Haiyun Cao, Bibliographic Services Librarian at [hcao@yorku.ca](mailto:hcao@yorku.ca).



### **Opportunity | 2012 Canada – UK Collaboration Development Awards (CDA) Programme**

This opportunity is open to academic and industrial science and innovation experts in the UK and Canada looking to create bilateral (or multilateral) partnerships.

The objectives are to foster bilateral (Canada/UK) relationships in priority areas, building on existing agreements/relationships; and to provide funding so experts can travel abroad for short visits to lay the groundwork for collaborative efforts.

The goals of the Canada-UK CDA Programme are as follows: joint publications; joint or complementary funding applications; student/researcher exchange programs; sharing of equipment, materials and facilities; knowledge exchange of skills and techniques; institutional linkages; technology transfer; and industry or philanthropic sponsorship.

Priority areas, among others, include: ageing: lifelong health and wellbeing; climate change mitigation; digital economy; food security; global uncertainties: security for all in a changing world; health & life sciences; living with environmental change.

The value of the award is £1,250 with the duration of the visit being one to two weeks.

The deadlines are as follows: **20 August 2012** (ORS) and **1 September 2012** (submission to agency).

For further information and the application form and guidelines, please consult the following link: <http://ukincanada.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/working-with-canada/uk-science-innovation/what-we-do/cda2012>.

### **Opportunity | Research Fellowship at Asia Research Institute , National University of Singapore**

Applications are invited for (Senior) Research Fellowships and Postdoctoral Fellowships at the Asia Research Institute (ARI) for commencement between June/July 2013 or December 2013/January 2014. Applications for one-year Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowship are also invited for commencement between April, July or October 2013.

The positions are intended for outstanding active researchers from around the world, to work on an important piece of research in the social sciences and humanities. Interdisciplinary interests are encouraged. Up to three months of a 12-month fellowship may be spent conducting fieldwork in the region.

A majority of the positions will be allocated to the more specific areas listed on the web site. However some will be reserved for outstanding projects in any area outside of those listed. Applicants should

mention which category they are applying to or if none, indicate open category. Applications which link more than one field are also welcome.

For more information on these opportunities, please visit [www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events/ari-job-opportunities.htm](http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events/ari-job-opportunities.htm). The deadline for applications and the submission of reference letters is **24 August 2012**.

### Opportunities | Shastri competitions

Shastri is currently accepting applications for the following competitions. The deadline for all competitions is **Sunday, 2 September 2012**.

#### Pro-Development Initiative Grant Project 2012.2013

The objective of this PDIG project is two folds: a) to reinforce the Institute's support to the development priorities concerning India; b) to encourage and support the member institutions making a bridge between Canada's International development priorities (for India) and their own academic interests.

The grants for the PDIG project are coming from DFAIT, under its International Education and Youth Program. The proposed PDIG projects will directly contribute to the following two of the four key objectives of the funder:

- Increasing inter-institutional linkages and research cooperation;
- Increasing student and researcher mobility.

For more information: [www.sici.org/programmes/details/shastri-pro-development-initiative-grant-pdig-project-2011-12/](http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/shastri-pro-development-initiative-grant-pdig-project-2011-12/).

#### Partnership Development Seed Grant 2012.2013

The purpose of the grant is to be a catalyst for activities which contribute to formal institutional agreements or other long-term partnerships between Canadian and Indian institutions. Funds may be used to support a bi-national seminar, conference, meeting or other activities that:

- broadening and deepening the knowledge about Canada-Canadian Issues in India and India-Indian issues in Canada;
- build awareness of potential collaboration opportunities between Canadian and Indian institutions;
- build awareness of potential collaboration opportunities between Canadian and Indian institutions;
- promote inter-institutional linkages and research cooperation between Indian and Canadian institutions;
- promote sharing of knowledge, information, resources and expertise;
- showcase existing Canada-India research collaborations and their impact on society;
- assist researchers to take advantage of Canada-India collaborative opportunities;
- enhance the profile of Canadian education in India.

For more information: [www.sici.org/programmes/details/partnership-development-seed-grant-2011-2012/](http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/partnership-development-seed-grant-2011-2012/).

#### Policy Research Collaborative Grant 2012.2013

The PRC projects will seek to provide funding to carry out bi-national collaborative research initiatives with a view to bridge information gaps for policy makers and other individuals who influence foreign policy making processes concerning India and Canada. Hence the purpose of the PRC would be

to help the policy makers in Canada and India to make informed decisions on foreign and international economic policies, programmes and priorities.

The proposed research topics will focus on a range of areas concerning India and Canada, such as: India-Canada relationship, economic development and competitiveness, trade priorities, rule of law, good governance, human rights, diversity, democracy, peace and security, environment, energy, public health, women empowerment, gender equality, poverty reduction and sustainable development.

For more information: [www.sici.org/programmes/details/policy-research-collaborative-projects-prc/](http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/policy-research-collaborative-projects-prc/).

### **Action Research Project Grant 2012.2013**

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for its Action Research Project Grants (ARPG) with a specific objective of supporting applied and participatory research to find local solutions that will have lasting impacts on communities in India by improving the human condition. The overall goal of the ARPG is to generate knowledge about developmental needs in India that are to lead to specific interventions.

For more information: [www.sici.org/programmes/details/action-research-project-grants-arp-2011-12/](http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/action-research-project-grants-arp-2011-12/).

### **Institutional Research Collaborative Development Grant 2012.2013**

The objective of IRCDG is to support the Institute's research collaboration programmes in the area of socio-economic development with focus on sustainable development. Themes of particular interests to the Institute are: pro-poor growth policies, poverty reduction, food security, child and youth education and employment, development of local business and SMEs, environment and energy, gender and health, and good governance.

For more information: [www.sici.org/programmes/details/shastri-institutional-research-collaboration-development-grant/](http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/shastri-institutional-research-collaboration-development-grant/).

### **Opportunity | The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) for cross-cultural or comparative perspectives on Chinese culture and society**

The American Council of Learned Societies invites applications for the following competition for support during the 2013.2014 academic year on **Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society**.

In this cycle of competitions they are soliciting proposal adopting an explicitly **cross-cultural or comparative perspective**. They invite submission of projects that, for example, compare aspects of Chinese history and culture with those of other nations and civilizations, explore the interaction of these nations and civilizations, or engage in cross-cultural research on the relations among the diverse and shifting populations of China.

Proposals are expected to be empirically grounded, theoretically informed and methodologically explicit. The programme will not support regularly scheduled meeting, conventions or parts thereof; no will it support activities of scholars from one institution that fall within an institution's normal range of colloquia, symposia or seminar series. Proposals must include at least one scholar from Taiwan as a participant. This programme has no citizenship requirement and applications from universities outside the US are welcome.

Grants for each category are US\$6,000 for planning meetings, US\$10,000-US\$15,000 for workshops and US\$25,000 for conferences.

For additional information, complete programme guidelines and an application form, please visit [www.acls.org/programs/cck](http://www.acls.org/programs/cck).

This programme is funded by a grant from the Chiang Ching-kyuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. The application deadline is **Wednesday, 19 September 2012**.

### Opportunity | Harvard Academy Scholars Program

The Academy Scholars Program identifies and supports outstanding scholars at the start of their careers whose work combines disciplinary excellence in the social sciences (including history and law) with a command of the language, history or culture of non-Western countries or regions. Their scholarship may elucidate domestic, comparative or transnational issues, past or present.

The Academy Scholars are a select community of individuals with resourcefulness, initiative, curiosity and originality, whose work in non-Western cultures or regions shows promise as a foundation for exceptional careers in major universities or international institutions. Harvard Academy Scholarships are open only to recent PhD (or comparable professional school degree) recipients and doctoral candidates. Those still pursuing a PhD should have completed their routine training and be well along in the writing of their theses before applying to become Academy Scholars; those in possession of a PhD longer than three years at the time of application are ineligible.

Academy Scholars are appointed for two years by the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies and are provided time, guidance and access to Harvard University facilities. They receive substantial financial and research assistance to undertake sustained projects of research and/or acquire accessory training in their chosen fields and areas. Some teaching is permitted but not required. The Senior Scholars, a distinguished group of senior Harvard University faculty members, act as mentors to the Academy Scholars to help them achieve their intellectual potential.

Post-doctoral Academy Scholars will receive an annual stipend of US\$64,000, and pre-doctoral Academy Scholars will receive an annual stipend of US\$28,000. Applications for the 2013-2014 class of Academy Scholars are due by **1 October 2012**. Finalist interviews will take place in Cambridge on 10 December. Notification of Scholarships will be made in January 2013.

For complete information on how to apply, please visit: [www.wcfia.harvard.edu/academy](http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/academy).

### Opportunity | Partnership Development Grants

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) recently announced that the Partnership Development Grants (PDG) application form is available on its website.

#### The objectives are to:

- develop research and related activities in the social sciences and humanities, including knowledge mobilization and the meaningful involvement of students and new scholars, by fostering new research partnership activities involving existing and/or potential partners; or
- design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that may result in best practices or models that either can be adapted by others or have the potential to be scaled up at a regional, national or international level.

Partnership Development Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the Insight programme or the Connection 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.

**The objectives of the Connection Programme are to:**

- facilitate the multidirectional flow of social sciences and humanities knowledge among researchers and between the campus and the larger community, in order to enhance intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact;
- increase the accessibility and use of social sciences and humanities research knowledge among academic and non-academic audiences;
- support the building of reciprocal relationships among social sciences and humanities researchers, and between social sciences and humanities researchers and those in a position to either co-create or use research knowledge;
- support the development of social sciences and humanities research networks and tools designed to facilitate scholarly work; and
- make such networks and tools more accessible to non-academic audiences.

Applicant can apply for funds ranging from \$75,000 to \$200,000 for a period of one to three years.

The deadlines are: submission to the Office of Research Services (York) is **Friday, 16 November 2012**. Submission to SSHRC is Friday, 30 November 2012.

Complete details on this opportunity may be obtained by visiting SSHRC's web site at the following link: [www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership\\_development\\_grants-bourses\\_partenariat\\_developpement-eng.aspx](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-bourses_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx).

### **Opportunity | Visiting Research Scholar (2014-2015) at the International Research Centre for Japanese Studies**

The International Research Center for Japanese Studies is one of the constituent institutions of the National Institutes for the Humanities. Founded in May 1987, this Center seeks to promote comprehensive, international, and interdisciplinary research on Japanese culture, and to foster cooperation among researchers in Japanese studies worldwide. In order to broaden and deepen research on Japanese culture and bring together researchers in a variety of specialized fields, the Center regularly appoints a number of scholars from around the world as Visiting Research Scholars.

The Center invites applications from scholars who wish to conduct research while in residence here. Visiting Research Scholars are expected to engage in collaborative activity with the Center's permanent faculty by, for example, participating in at least one of our team research projects ("kyōdō kenkyū"). Researchers of any nationality not more than 65 years old when the research period begins, who live outside Japan, are eligible to apply. Others whom the Director-General of this Center deems to have

equivalent qualifications as a researcher may apply, provided that they meet the age criteria. Applicants who meet the following criteria are preferred.

- (1) Researchers employed by a university or other research institution.
- (2) Researchers with a doctoral degree.
- (3) Those whom the Director-General deems to have equivalent qualifications as above (1) and (2).

For more information on research period, salary and conditions and application procedure, please visit [www.nichibun.ac.jp/number/number\\_1\\_e.html](http://www.nichibun.ac.jp/number/number_1_e.html) or email [yrinquiry@nichibun.ac.jp](mailto:yrinquiry@nichibun.ac.jp).

The deadline for applications is **30 November 2012**.

### Opportunity | Does Canada have Security Interests in the Asia-Pacific?

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada has recently launched a new online conversation as part of their National Conversation on Asia (NCA) initiative which encourages Canadians to speak and think about prominent Canada-Asia issues. For the latest discussion they ask, Does Canada have Security Interests in the Asia-Pacific?

A number of prominent Canadians have been asked to respond to this question with written submissions, in addition to a number of other Canadians interested in the issue. It is their hope to get a lively and informed discussion based on a wide-range of perspectives on the issue.

The conversation is now live and open to public comment, and everyone is invited to participate by reading the multiple perspectives presented by our respondents and engaging in the discussion that follows.

The English version can be accessed here:

[www.asiapacific.ca/thenationalconversationonasia/conversations/does-canada-have-security-interests-asia-pacific](http://www.asiapacific.ca/thenationalconversationonasia/conversations/does-canada-have-security-interests-asia-pacific) or through [www.facebook.com/asiapacificfoundationofcanada](http://www.facebook.com/asiapacificfoundationofcanada) and <http://twitter.com/#!/AsiaPacificFdn>.



### Resources | Canada as an Asia Pacific Nation

The Public Policy Forum recently published the findings of its study of Canada-Asia relations in the report Canada as an Asia Pacific Nation. The report can be found at: [www.ppforum.ca/sites/default/files/minisite/FinalReport.pdf](http://www.ppforum.ca/sites/default/files/minisite/FinalReport.pdf).

The report was written in conjunction with the National Conversation on Asia, which is a Canada-wide initiative of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada on public education, policy development, and community outreach. The Public Policy Forum did 80 interviews and discussions with senior leaders across various sectors on the subject of Canada as an Asia Pacific nation.

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