New Publications

CSCAP Regional Security Outlook
Brian Job and Erin Williams


The events of 2008 have refocused our attention on the state of human security in the Asia Pacific. The global food crisis has pushed hundreds of millions of Asians below the poverty line. Natural disasters such as Cyclone Nargis exposed vital gaps in regional coordination and preparedness, as well as the humanitarian costs of Yangon’s intransigence. And the sharp rise in fossil fuel prices reinforced Southeast Asia’s enthusiasm for nuclear energy, which has raised critical questions about the safety and security of their planned nuclear facilities. These were among the major issues highlighted in this year’s CSCAP Regional Security Outlook (CRSO), edited by (CIR Director) Brian Job and Erin Williams of CSCAP Canada. The CRSO also notes that many of the region’s more traditional security flashpoints – the Taiwan Straits, Sino-Japanese bilateral relations, and the Korean Peninsula - have stabilized in the past year (the back-and-forth progress of the Six-Party Talks notwithstanding), while a region-wide military modernization trend could be a longer-term destabilizing influence.

As the global center of gravity continues to shift toward the Asia Pacific, it will be incumbent upon the region’s major states to assume a greater level of responsibility for devising and implementing solutions to both global and regional security concerns. At present, however, there is little evidence that the region’s multilateral organizations are up to the task. The chapters comprising this volume therefore offer suggestions for how Asia Pacific governments can invigorate regional multilateralism and re-direct it toward the types of security issues that are almost certain to confront the region’s populations in the future.

The CRSO 2008 is available at www.cscap.org and www.cscap.ca. Or please click here to view the full PDF.

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1. 2008: A Wake-Up Call for Regional Multilateralism? Brian L. Job and Erin Williams
2. Empty Rice Bowl: Asia and the Global Food Crisis, Erin Williams and Mely C. Anthony

This report examines key challenges to implementing Agenda Item III of the Juba Talks on accountability, including the role and jurisdiction of various mechanisms.

Full report can be read at: www.justiceandreconciliation.com.

New Field Notes by the Justice and Reconciliation Project, Uganda

Field Note 8: Massacre in Mucwini – November 2008

In 2002, 56 people were killed in Pajong Parish, Mucwini by the Lord's Resistance Army in retaliation for a local man who escaped from captivity with a gun. The massacre revived old tensions between clans over land claims; elders have initiated the process of mato oput in an attempt to quell further violence. No official recognition or accountability for the massacre has been made. This Field Note is a first step to document the events of that fateful day and to urge national and international attention to the challenges of justice and reconciliation in northern Ugandan communities.

Field Note 7: Complicating Victims and Perpetrators in Uganda: On Dominic Ongwen - July 2008

In this issue of Field Notes, we examine the case history of Dominic Ongwen: an indicted war criminal and former child soldier. Abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) when he was around 10 years old, Ongwen's moral development and choices must be contextualized within the rebel group’s organizational structure, norms and beliefs. Ongwen's actions may have been his own, but they are necessarily conditioned by his past experience as a victim. This is not to
exonerate Ongwen. We have no reason to doubt the allegations against him. Our point is to complicate his status, urging current justice pursuits in Uganda to do likewise. We argue a legal approach is limited in this regard, and that the ICC may have been incorrect in identifying Ongwen as one of the 'most responsible' given his ambiguous political status. To voice your opinion, go to: http://ongwen.blogspot.com/.

More on these Field Notes, including full text and complete versions can be read at: www.justiceandreconciliation.com.

Household Level Fuel Switching in Rural Hubei
Hisham Zerriffi

Program on Energy and Sustainable Development - Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

Based on an analysis of a rural household survey data in Hubei province in 2004, we explore patterns of residential fuel use within the conceptual framework of fuel switching using statistical approaches.

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Andreas Schloenhart’s Work

New publications:

Presentations:
“Trafficking in Persons: Myths and Realities”, presentation at The University of Queensland, Research Week, Brisbane, 22 Sep 2008

Wade Huntley’s Work
New publications:


“Nuclear Fallout -- Implications of the World’s Nuclear Deal with India,” Canada-Asia Commentary No.53, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, September 2008. Please click here to view the full PDF.


Margaret Purdy’s security-climate change project and presentations to NZ conference (via video)

Margaret Purdy, Research Associate with the Centre of International Relations, participated by video link in a November 14, 2008 conference in Wellington, New Zealand entitled "Climate Change and Security: Planning for the Future". The University of Otago and Victoria University of Wellington sponsored the event. Margaret's presentation was entitled "Does Climate Change Qualify as a National Security Issue? A Canadian Perspective".

The CIR has launched a new research project on climate change and security, with Dr. Brian Job providing overall direction. Margaret Purdy is the Principal Investigator and Leanne Smythe, a PhD candidate in Political Science, is the Principal Researcher. The CIR team is examining the potential implications of climate change for Canada's capacity and capabilities in three areas: public safety, national security and international security.

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News Articles

Afghanistan: Is it worth the price?
National Post, Fri 05 December 2008
Michael Byers

Michael Byers, international law and politics professor at UBC, comments in a story about Canadian casualties in Afghanistan. "Let's look forward rather than backwards, pull our remaining soldiers out of this futile and failing mission, and start planning and preparing for the next mission -- in Afghanistan or elsewhere -- with a different, better approach," he said.

Please click here to view the article.

Genetically engineered meal close to your table
The Toronto Star, Sat 22 November 2008

The pigs, pale pink and bristly, trot around the pen, stopping every so often to root in piles of bedding. They grunt and squeal and wag their short curlicue tails. All three like a hard scratch on the rump. In almost every way, these broad-backed oinkers are just like the other Yorkshire pigs at the opposite end of the barn. All except for the brackish green muck that oozes from their backsides. And the snippet of mouse DNA that has been slipped into their piggy chromosomes.
China and Molybdenum
PRI's The World, Thu 20 November 2008

Hisham Zerriffi was interviewed for PRI's The World for a story on China and molybdenum. The story starts around the 32 minute mark.

Canada’s ‘troubling picture’: Authorities fight losing battle against sale of human beings
The Toronto Sun, Thu 13 November 2008
Ben Perrin

"A lot. Too much." This was what the victim from Canada's latest human trafficking conviction had to say about how many others are being victimized in the Toronto area without a hope to save them. "You feel like it's your fault. You feel like you're dumb," 22-year-old Roxanne told the Sun this week, choking back tears after detailing what she had been through before escaping from her pimp last year. "That's why a lot of girls don't go see the police."

Sex slaves find hope; Craigslist introduces measures to crack down on human trafficking -- but only in America
The Toronto Sun, Sun 09 November 2008
Ben Perrin

Craigslist has announced new measures to crack down on human trafficking, but only south of the border. Human trafficking expert Benjamin Perrin, UBC professor of law, said Canadian Craigslist sites also need regulations to prevent human trafficking.

High hopes rest on Obama
The National Post, Fri 07 November 2008
Michael Byers

Michael Byers, a UBC political scientist, says the "serious combination of catastrophes" Barack Obama is inheriting will make his job more difficult than that of any past U.S. president. The Bush presidency has created an enormous hunger for change, Byers said-- and Obama is the world's best hope for satiating that.

Canada can't see human trafficking
The Edmonton Journal, Thu 30 October 2008
Ben Perrin

Two years ago, the B.C. solicitor general set up a special office to combat human trafficking, leading the way for Canadian provinces. Since that time, however, there hasn't been a single victim rescued or a solitary charge laid by that body. Across Canada, 31 foreign trafficking victims -- four of them minors -- have been identified by immigration officials from May 2006 to May 2008.

Why Canada has failed to deal with human trafficking
The Vancouver Sun, Wed 29 October 2008
Ben Perrin

A freedom of information request filed by UBC law professor Benjamin Perrin found Canada has identified just 31 victims of human trafficking in the past two years -- a far cry from the 17,000 found in the U.S. The Vancouver Sun reports Canada has no national strategy for finding traffickers, no national plan for identifying and helping victims and little understanding of who the victims are.

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**Fingers Crossed Tories will Learn from Emerson on China**

Embassy, Wed 29 October 2008

Paul Evans

David Emerson's decision not to run for re-election has netted a fair share of disappointment that the Conservatives are losing not only their strongest internationally-minded minister, but also the government's point-man on relations with China and India. Now, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper prepares to appoint new ministers for trade and foreign affairs—both of which Mr. Emerson held—experts are hoping the Liberal-turned-Conservative minister rubbed off on his fellow Cabinet colleagues.

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**Former governor of Kandahar province lands Afghan cabinet post**


Michael Byers

Michael Byers, UBC international relations professor, said Canada should relay the message that it isn't pleased with the cabinet appointment of a controversial former governor of Kandahar province. Byers said because the Afghan government owes its existence to the military and financial support it receives from the West, Canada has the ability to exercise "considerable influence."

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**The Making of a Monster**


Erin Baines

GULU, Uganda — From the time he was a tiny child, his parents coached him: Use a fake name. Say you are from the west. Lie about your family. If ever the rebels get you, they told him, make sure they don't know where your family is – or none of us will ever be safe again.

The rebels did get him, when he was 10 years old. And when they snatched him, walking home from school on a red dirt Ugandan road, green grass high above his head on either side, he did as he had been told: He lied and said his name was Dominic Ongwen. And so it is by that name that he now stands indicted for seven counts of crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

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**Getting China just right**

The Globe and Mail, Mon 20 October 2008

Paul Evans

Paul Evans, a professor at UBC's Liu Institute for Global Issues, thinks that China has become a daily part of economic life for Canadians. "The current financial crisis underscores the significance of China's new global role in unmistakable ways," Evans writes. "It underlines the policy problem that the new Harper government will have to handle more adeptly."
Inside Rwanda's gender revolution
The Guardian, UK, Mon 13 October 2008
Erin Baines

Women now outnumber men in Rwanda's parliament. But with a government anxious to suppress dissent, all is not as it seems. Last month, Rwanda achieved something no other country had ever done before: produce a legislature in which women outnumber men. The results of last month's parliamentary elections gave women 45 out of the 80 seats in the chamber of deputies, or 56%. This surpasses Rwandan women's near parity in the outgoing parliament, already the highest proportion in the world. Rwandan President Paul Kagame praised the election results, saying that a female majority in parliament "emphasises the fact that the country's future is being shaped by women".

Canada turns its back on victims; 'If you compare what the U.S. is doing to what Canada is doing, it's shameful'
Toronto Sun, Wed 01 October 2008
Ben Perrin

According to leading human trafficking expert and UBC law professor Benjamin Perrin, Alberta has recently committed "a very small amount of money into developing a protocol" to protect human trafficking victims. There is the B.C. Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons on the West Coast and New Brunswick Human Trafficking Task Force in the East, but little in between.

"There is no provincial contact point [in Ontario] for victim protection and assistance for human trafficking," says Perrin. "Ontario is a big gap."

B.C.'s ethanol standards for gasoline a mistake: scientists
CBC.ca, Wed 24 September 2008
Hadi Dowlatabadi

A UBC professor says B.C. is taking the wrong approach by mandating that gasoline sold in the province contain five per cent ethanol by 2010. Under law, gasoline sold in B.C. will be blended with ethanol from food crops such as U.S. corn, Canadian wheat and Brazilian sugar cane.

"If I was the public policy decision maker I would not have supported ethanol," says Hadi Dowlatabadi, UBC's Canada research chair in global change. Dowlatabadi says when crops like corn or wheat are used to make fuel, it's likely land will be cleared somewhere else to meet the demand for food.

Former Afghani ambassador speaks to students
The Ubyssey, Tue 09 September 2008

Lalani defends Canada's continued involvement in war-torn country. Last Thursday, UBC international relations graduate and Canada's most recent ambassador to Afghanistan, Arif Z. Lalani, spoke at the Choi building, giving a candid account of Canada's overseas mission in Afghanistan.

With the Liberals and Conservatives both supporting an extension of Canada's mission in Afghanistan to 2011, the occupation of Afghanistan will not be a divisive issue during this federal election. Despite that, it was a point of contention for many in the audience for Lalani's speech.
Lalani, who was ambassador to the war-torn country from April 2007 to August 2008, argued that Canada had voluntarily chosen the violent region of Khandhar in Afghanistan to administer and defend.

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Pedophile sentencing – UBC on TV
CTV News, Sat 16 August 2008
Ben Perrin

UBC sex tourism expert Ben Perrin comments on B.C.’s Christopher Neil, who was recently sentenced to three years in Thai jail for sexually abusing a 13-year-old boy. “After he serves his time, he should be extradited in Canada," says Perrin. "We have a legal agreement to do that in place, and he should quickly be brought to trial here."

Perrin says the problem of Canadian traveling abroad to abuse children has not been taken seriously enough here at home. Since legislation was passed almost a decade ago, only one person has been charged with a sex tourism offence.

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Seed farming: The sesame solution
BC Business, Fri 01 August 2008
Hisham Zerriffi

Santos Machado takes off his baseball cap and wipes the sweat off his brow. It’s early August and Machado is lying on his back on the dirt driveway of his 3½-hectare farm in León, Nicaragua, halfway underneath his sembrador – a large seed and fertilizer dispenser meant to be hitched behind a pair of oxen. He takes a breather before torquing a wrench to make adjustments to the machine. Fruit trees shade the yard from the hot midday sun while a half dozen pigs loiter nearby in a swale of cool mud. The sound of Machado’s two young children, helping their mother grind coffee beans, can be heard from inside the family’s partially walled home. Machado is getting ready to plant a new sesame crop. In a few days, he’ll use the sembrador – bought with help from a Canadian-funded aid project called Produmer – to plant seeds for their future.

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What more will it take to clean up Beijing?
The Globe and Mail, Sat 26 July 2008
Hisham Zerriffi, Milind Kandlikar

Blue skies in Beijing? Don't hold your breath. On second thought, maybe it's a good idea, particularly for those taking part in an event where pollution may be hazardous to your health. As the Summer Games loom closer, it's unclear whether China's much-vaunted promise to supply clean air both to Olympic visitors and to the 15 million citizens of the often-hazy host city has been achieved.

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Khadr case stirs legal debate
St. Catharines Standard, Mon 21 July 2008
Michael Byers

UBC law professor Michael Byers, a noted international law expert, is one of many legal experts who are publicly expressing that they want Toronto-born Omar Khadr released from the U. S. military prison in Cuba. Khadr, the only westerner being held at Guantanamo Bay, could be tried under Canada's War Crimes Act, argues Byers.

Byers, who holds UBC's Canadian Research Chair in International Law and Politics, said the real balancing act is the "challenge to rehabilitate him and to reintegrate him into Canadian society in a way that is respectful of both his rights and also ... the rights of Canadians to be protected against people who may constitute something of a danger."

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Guantánamo video, deserter case draw Canadian criticism of U.S. ties
The Christian Science Monitor, Thu 17 July 2008
Michael Byers

This week, the lawyers for 21-year-old Omar Khadr released the video of his Guantánamo interrogation hoping to pressure Ottawa into lobbying Washington for his repatriation. Meanwhile, in B.C. protesters disputed a federal court's decision to deport Robin Long, a 25-year-old US Army deserter who fled to Canada in 2005.

Michael Byers, a political science professor at UBC, says the two events are intimately connected. "They are a sad legacy of our alignment with the Bush administration in the post-9/11 world. Both reflect a desire of the Canadian government to choose its relationship with the Bush administration over human rights."

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U.S. Soldiers No Longer Find Haven in Canada
Michael Byers

Canada is no longer a guaranteed haven for United States Army deserters. Immigration authorities have ordered about nine deserters to leave Canada, leading to court battles.

"It's quite clear that the current Canadian government does not want to annoy the U.S. government on this issue and will not give any ground," said Michael Byers, a professor of politics and international law at UBC.

While the current Conservative government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper has not backed the Iraq war, it has shown little sympathy for American deserters, a contrast to the way Pierre Elliott Trudeau welcomed American deserters during the Vietnam War.

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Canada considered charging overseas child abuser; Officials weighed invoking rarely used Criminal Code provision for B.C. man who eventually pleaded guilty in Thailand, documents say
The Globe and Mail, Sun 07 July 2008
Ben Perrin

Canada has one of the worst records in the developing world when it comes to using the extra-territorial provisions to combat international child sexual exploitation, says Benjamin Perrin, an assistant professor with the UBC Faculty of Law whose research focuses on international criminal law and human trafficking.

A lax position on enforcement allows those who would exploit children to travel overseas and "simply take a vacation from the laws of Canada," he said. Perrin's comments were prompted by the case of Christopher Neil of Maple Ridge, B.C. Crown prosecutors in the province were preparing to use a rarely invoked law to prosecute Neil, who was accused of committing sex crimes against boys in other countries.

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U.S., Canada to chart path for Arctic future: U.S., Canada to chart path for Arctic future
The Globe and Mail, Wed 02 July 2008
Michael Byers

Canada and the U.S. have agreed to work together on efforts to map North America's Arctic continental shelf this summer, a move that could help thaw the frosty relationship between the two countries over Arctic sovereignty.

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Africa’s Unjust Deserts
The Globe and Mail, Sat 14 June 2008
Erin Baines

The world has spent billions in its attempt to punish those who have perpetrated horrendous crimes against their fellow Africans. But is this effort paying off? Globe and Mail correspondent Stephanie Nolen finds that not only is international justice a Catch-22, prompting unwanted leaders to cling to power, the redress it offers isn't even what the people really want.

Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Uganda are discussed as examples of how a largely Western-based hunger for prosecution can prolong the misery and political unrest in these countries. In 2005, the ICC issued its first-ever indictments, against Joseph Kony and four of his senior commanders in the Lord's Resistance Army, in Uganda. "The ICC has made it impossible for Kony and any of his commanders who think they are going to be imminently indicted to come out," says specialist Erin Baines, an expert on Uganda and transitional justice with the Liu Centre for Global Issues at UBC.

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Recent Events and Conferences

Defining Success in Afghanistan - Perspectives from the Canadian Ambassador – Sep. 4, 2008

Canada is in Afghanistan as part of the UN-mandated international mission to bring security, governance, and development to one of the world’s poorest and most war-torn countries. This unprecedented effort draws on a full range of proven Canadian strengths from across government, from diplomacy and development to military, police, and corrections expertise.

Ambassador Lalani will share his insights on the current situation and review the evolution of Canada’s role in Afghanistan, including a focus on six key priorities designed to help Afghans rebuild their state. He will then discuss what to look forward to in coming months from Canada’s perspective as one of the leading contributors to the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

Please click here for more information.

Engaging China on Space: Implications for Canada Workshop – Sep. 5, 2008
On September 5, 2008, The Simons Centre convened “Engaging China on Space: Implications for Canada” at the Liu Institute. This workshop considered Canadian outlooks on the intersection of Western and Chinese perspectives and strategies on the civil, commercial and military uses of space. This smaller meeting followed the larger conference, “China, Space and Strategy,” convened the previous day at the Liu Institute in collaboration with the Eisenhower Center for Space and Defense Studies at the US Air Force Academy. The larger conference gathered some sixty specialists on China and space issues including representatives from governments, militaries, space agencies, and civil and commercial sectors. The subsequent workshop, including from the previous day the Chinese, Canadian, and selected US participants, focused on possibilities of Canadian and Chinese cooperation on space-related projects, the potential Canadian role in facilitating US-China space relations, and implications for Canadian policy-making.


These featured speakers were brought in by Dr. Hisham Zerriffi and Dr. Milind Kandlikar as part of an environment series here at the Liu Institute.

Oct. 6: David Victor, Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and Director of the Program on Energy and Sustainable Development at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, “Creating Effective Institutions to Slow Global Warming”

Oct. 17: Dr. Margot Parkes is a CIHR Research Fellow (Initiative in Global Health Research) at the College of Health Disciplines, Institute for Aboriginal Health and UBC Dept of Family Practice, University of British Columbia, “Ecohealth & Watersheds: Promoting health and reducing disparities through ecosystem management” (Postponed to Term 2)

Oct. 31: Julian Marshall is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering at University of Minnesota, “Urban Sustainability: Designing Cities for Human Health and the Environment”

Nov. 14: D.G. Webster, Lecturer in Environmental Studies at USC, “Adaptive Governance: The Dynamics of Atlantic Fisheries Management”

Andreas Schloenhardt and Ben Perrin

In 2008, The University of British Columbia Faculty of Law and the Centre of International Relations, in conjunction with The University of Queensland TC Beirne School of Law commenced a research project which will provide the first comprehensive analysis of human trafficking in Canada and Australia. On October 20, 2008, the Chief Investigators in this project will present the initial findings and discuss their future research agenda in a public forum. This presentation explores:

- the levels and patterns of trafficking in persons in Canada and Australia;
- key cases of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of foreign workers; and
- future research challenges.

Please click [here](#) for more information. An audio-recording of this event will be available at a later date.


In October, the Centre of International Relations along with Maritime Forces Pacific hosted the annual conference of the Security and Defence Forum Centres. The conference attracted some 70 participants from the Department of National Defence, the Canadian Forces, SDF Centres from across Canada, and from other BC universities including Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria. The theme of the conference was current and future threats and options to improve the Canadian Forces’ response within the changed global environment. Panel themes included New Risks and Threats for Canadian Security Strategy in the 21st Century, The Role of the Canadian Forces Domestically and Abroad, Changes in the International Security Environment: The Role of International Organization, Canada and Afghanistan: Taking Stock and Looking to the Future, and Asia-Pacific Security. The keynote address was by General Walt Natynczyk, Chief of the Defence Staff. A conference proceedings will be published in the new year.

For further information, please click [here](#).

**Obama vs. McCain – Nov. 4, 2008**
On November 4, 2008, the Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Research in collaboration with the Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC’s Department of Political Science, the U.S. Consular General’s Office of Vancouver, and UBC’s International Relations Students Association convened an event to watch the results of the US presidential elections live in the multipurpose room of the Liu Institute.


The Centre of International Relations, at the request of Foreign Affairs Canada, organized the contingent of Canadian experts and academics participating in the 7th Canada-Japan Symposium on Peace and Security Cooperation, held in Ottawa on November 24-25, 2008.

Established in 1998, on the basis of what has come to be called the 1997 “Nisihara-Job Report” on Canadian-Japanese common interests in peace and security matters, the Symposium has alternated between the two partner countries. It has been held annually for the last four years, 2008 being the first Canadian symposium in Ottawa—prior meetings having being held in Vancouver at the Liu Institute.

This year’s Symposium was jointly chaired by Brian L. Job, (Director, CIR), and Masashi Nishihara, (Director, RIPS, Japan) and their official counterparts. Canadian academics from UBC, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Ottawa, joined Japanese colleagues from Aoyama Gakuin, Senshu, and Osaka universities. The agenda featured the sharing of views on Northeast Asian security, on peacebuilding, on natural disaster preparedness and disaster relief, and on foreign policy priorities of the “new” Canadian and Japanese governments. Forthcoming conference proceedings will be posted on a DFAIT site; the CIR website, www.cir.ubc.ca, will provide a connecting link.

Next year’s Symposium will be held in Tokyo, again likely to involve the Centre in a coordinating role. Its timing will be determined by, among other things, the visit of the Emperor and Empress to Canada in 2009.

“I’m honoured by the opportunity to speak to the delegates at this conference. They come from 11 countries and include more than 60 Canadians representing some 40 institutions of higher learning…”

Please click here to continue reading Dr. Evans’s valedictory address.

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**Comings and Goings at the Liu Institute**

**David E. Dowall Accepts Liu Director Position for Five Year Term**

Dowall's research background encompasses domestic and international land management, housing policy, economic development strategy, and infrastructure planning and finance. He has been Director of the Institute of Urban and Regional Development (IURD) at the University of California, Berkeley, since 2004. He is also former chair of the University's Academic Senate.

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**New Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Simons Centre**

The Simons Centre is pleased to announce that the Simons Postdoctoral Fellowship in Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Their Delivery Systems has been awarded to David Santoro (PhD).

David is also a research affiliate at the Paris-based Center for International Security and Arms Control Studies (CESIM) and at the Center for Transatlantic Studies (CET). A member the Pacific Forum CSIS “Young Leaders Program,” he is a regular participant to track-2 diplomatic dialogues on security issues in the Asia-Pacific, notably through the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP).

David served as a lecturer in international relations and international security studies at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. A French national, he was previously involved with the Assembly of the Western European Union and the French Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs.

David’s areas of expertise are focused on weapons of mass destruction, arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament. His current research interests are P-5 nuclear nonproliferation diplomacy and East Asian security issues.

Please click here to view the announcement on the Simons Centre website.

**Dr. Paul Evans returning to the Liu Institute**
Effective September 1st, Paul Evans has returned to the Institute following a three-year secondment to the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada where he has served as Co-CEO and Chairman of the Executive Committee. He will continue a connection to the leadership group at the Foundation as Senior Advisor to the Board. And he will commence a year's study leave to finish a book on Canada and global Asia.

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The Liu Institute for Global Issues pursues policy-relevant research on emerging issues that demand innovative, interdisciplinary, and impact-oriented responses from the academic community. A hallmark of the Liu Institute’s approach is bridging the gap between academia and practitioners. As a result, faculty and staff engage in both the policy development process and action on the ground. Through its publications, teaching, engagement in the policy process and links to practitioners, the Liu Institute seeks to improve knowledge, facilitate dialogue and information sharing and act as a catalyst for change.

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