

CDAS NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN CERD

Fall 2000

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to welcome several new graduate interns, CDAS Fellows and new researchers to the Centre's growing research community. We look forward to their involvement in our seminars, publications, conferences and other activities. The Fall 2000 term began in September with the international CDAS Conference on Development: The Need for Reflection, which stimulated some rich debates about development, that will soon be available on-line on our website. Our major three-year SSHRC research program on Gender and Human Security Issues is now underway with some interesting possibilities for students and researchers. As well, we are continuing to consolidate the Montreal inter-university connections in order to strengthen the knowledge base of international development. Other CDAS activities are described throughout this Newsletter and on our website. We welcome and encourage new ideas and initiatives on international development which continue to demonstrate our commitment to building a better world.

Rosalind Boyd, PhD

GENRE ET ENJEUX DE SÉCURITÉ HUMAINE GENDER AND HUMAN SECURITY

The three-year Gender and Human Security Issues Program financed by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), is now well under way. The purpose of this joint research program between the Centre for Developing-Area Studies (CDAS) and the Women's Centre of Montreal, with various other partners, is the development of innovative tools for dealing with the particular needs of women who have lived in war-torn countries and have experienced military conflict. Dr. Rosalind Boyd, the principal investigator and Mme. Ginette Aumont, a representative of the Women's Centre, returned from a field visit to Uganda and Rwanda in September where they were able to meet with various organizations working on issues of peace, women and conflict resolution as well as with organizations involved in counselling of traumatised persons. As part of this research program, Dr. Myriam Gervais has completed a draft paper entitled "Sécurité humaine : une approche centrée sur les problèmes structurels," which clarifies the concepts of reconstruction, human security and intra-state conflicts. Also, as part of the program, our first graduate research associate, Manal Jamal, was selected to receive a one-year stipend for her doctoral studies concerning social movements and the peace process in El Salvador and Palestine.

To obtain more information on the research program, please visit the CDAS website at www.mcgill.ca/cdas, or consult Suzanne Boutin, Program Coordinator.

MONTREAL INTER-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Starting in September 2000, the CDAS has four new graduate interns as part of the Montreal Inter-university Initiative in International Development Studies (IDS), funded by IDRC. This initiative, which is based at the CDAS and led by a team of professors from all four Montreal-area universities, has multi-faceted and long-term ambitions. This year, it will focus on two main goals: building a successful and challenging internship program for our interns and designing an on-line IDS course catalogue of graduate courses being offered at the four Montreal-area universities. Ultimately, the initiative aims to pool the rich reservoir of IDS knowledge present in the Montreal area and to make such knowledge more accessible to the interested community, by linking Montreal NGOs, documentation centres, students and professors. We envisage such linkages as materialising via a Montreal Inter-university IDS Master's or doctoral degree, for example. Such a program is indeed one of the initiative's long-term goals.

Congratulations and welcome to the four interns chosen by the Selection Committee. They are:

Jessica Cattaneo, M.A. student of Anthropology, Concordia University. Her work relates to women's experiences and beliefs surrounding health, sexuality, family and economic conditions.

Hande Paker, Ph.D. student in Sociology, McGill University. She is analyzing rent-seeking and patron-client relations in Turkey.

Guy Tremblay, M.A. student of Geography, UQAM. He is focusing on ethno-cultural tourism and sustainable development in Vietnam.

Raphaëlle Valay-Nadeau, M.A. student of Anthropology, Université de Montréal. Her particular interest lies in local development, participation and citizenship in rural Morocco.

To learn more about this project, including the interns and the IDS course listings, please visit the CDAS website, or contact Daphne Chan at cdasvis@po-box.mcgill.ca.

NEW FELLOWS 2000/2001

The CDAS is pleased to welcome this year's group of new Fellows. They are:

STUDENT FELLOWS:

Karen Barnes is doing her Master's degree in Political Science at McGill. Karen's interest is in World Bank involvement in post-conflict resolution, particularly in Africa.

Chloé Giselle Frommer is doing her Master's degree in Anthropology at McGill. Chloé is interested in the clash between the modernist/market paradigm of development and the values of development 'beneficiaries.'

Julia Gray, is doing her Master's degree in Political Science at McGill. Julia's interests are in transnational communities, diaspora and domestic politics.

Renata Rubián Rodrigues de Araújo is doing her Master's degree in Political Science at McGill. Renata is interested in the role of multilateral agencies in Latin America and the financing for development.

Anna Maria J. Van Gaalen is doing her L.L.M. in Comparative Law at McGill. Anna Maria is interested in child labour and the right to development.

Kameel Virjee is doing his Master's degree in Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics at McGill. His interest is in sustainable rural water supply and sanitation as related to gender equity and poverty reduction, with a particular focus on projects in East Africa

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS:

Jean-François Bélisle, Ph.D. is a lecturer in the History Department at l'Université de Montréal. He is interested in the historical transformation of structures of production in Latin America, particularly in Ecuador and Guatemala.

Billur Gongoren is in the Ph.D program in Social Political Analysis at the School of Social Work at Columbia University. She is interested in gender differences in labour market outcomes in the early phase of transition in Kyrgyzstan, and also in transitional economies in Central Asia.

- The Fellows' Coordinator, Mehdi Ghafouri, has called the first Fellows' meeting of 2000/2001 for Wednesday 1 November at 4:00 pm in the CDAS Seminar Room. The preliminary agenda includes reports and discussions, the Work-in-Progress series, conferences and seminars, the election of a Fellows' Coordinator, as well as any other items of interest. *All Fellows, old and new, are expected to attend.*
- **9 November 2000:** Billur Gongoren, Associate Fellow of the CDAS, will give a presentation on her Work-in-Progress, entitled "*Women, Water, and Social Change in the Ferghana Valley.*" The talk will be held in the CDAS Seminar Room at 12:30 pm.

INTER-UNIVERSITY SEMINAR SERIES

The Inter-university Seminar Series in International Development Studies begins again this academic year with the following presentations:

5 October 2000: "*Sides of the Same Coin?: Coping and Resistance Strategies among Women Workers in Jamaica's Export Information Processing Industry,*" by Professor Beverley Mullings, Geography, Syracuse University

12 October 2000: "*Pakistan's Dilemma: some thoughts on the first anniversary of Pakistan's military coup,*" by Dr. Izzud-Din Pal, Adjunct Professor, Centre for Developing-Area Studies (CDAS), McGill University.

19 October 2000: "*The Political Economy of Privatising Rural Enterprises in Shandong and Jiangsu, China,*" by Professor Paul Bowles, Economics, University of British Columbia; President, Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID).

20 October 2000: *Special Round Table on Globalization*, lead by Lic. Faustino Cobarrubia Gómez, who is a representative of the Asociación nacional de economistas cubanos (ANEC - National Association of Cuban Economists). He is in Canada to identify people who work on issues of globalization and might be interested in participating in the Conference on Globalization and Problems of Development held annually in Havana, Cuba.

22 November 2000: *“Gender-Based Violence and HIV/AIDS: An Action Space for Youth in South Africa,”* by Prof. Claudia Mitchell, Canada-South Africa Education Management Program, McGill. The talk will be held at 2:00 pm in the CDAS Seminar Room.

23 November 2000: Prof. Jean-François Bélisle, Associate Fellow of the CDAS, will give a presentation on history and development at 12 :30 pm in the CDAS Seminar Room. The title is yet to be confirmed.

29 November 2000: *“Implications of the Conflict in Africa’s Great Lakes Region,”* by Dr. Rosalind Boyd, CDAS Director. The presentation will take place at 12:30 pm in the CDAS Seminar Room.

For more information, contact Daphne Chan.

OTHER EVENTS

The CDAS welcomed various visiting scholars this summer. Among them were:

Professor Lourdes de Urrutia, Assistant Director, Department of Sociology and Coordinator of Social Work Studies, University of Havana, Cuba, was at the CDAS from 23 July - 6 August.

Professor David Small, Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, was at the CDAS 24 July - 11 August, and gave a presentation on Wednesday, 2 August entitled, “New Zealand: The first or last place to seek alternatives to the neoliberal model?”

Professor Helen O’Neill, Director, Centre for Development Studies, University College, Dublin, Ireland, was at CDAS from 8-11 August.

CDAS DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

Throughout the fall and winter of 2000/2001, the CDAS Documentation Centre will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Given our constant flow of visiting scholars, our in-house researchers and an expanding IDS undergraduate program, these hours will be sufficient to allow everyone access to our unique and distinguished collection of materials relating to international development. Since the last Newsletter, exchanges have been reconfirmed or revived with several major development institutions, including the National Institute for Rural Development in Hyderabad and the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies in Dhakka. Visitors to the CDAS Documentation Centre should also

note that they have free and unlimited access (depending upon demand) to the world wide web from our public access terminal.

CONFÉRENCE 2000

La conférence « *Développement : pour une réflexion renouvelée* » dont le CERD était l'hôte s'est tenue du 21 au 23 septembre 2000 à l'Université McGill. Co-organisée par Myriam Gervais et Myron Echenberg, avec l'assistance de Iain Blair, cette conférence avait pour but de réunir des théoriciens et des praticiens afin de susciter une réflexion nouvelle de la problématique du développement. Le programme de la conférence comptait 21 présentations de la part de conférenciers venus d'Asie, d'Afrique, d'Amérique latine, des Caraïbes, d'Europe et du Canada. Ce thème a sans contredit permis d'attirer l'attention du milieu académique montréalais (professeurs et étudiants gradués), si l'on en juge par le nombre de participants, soit près de deux cents personnes. Pour poursuivre la réflexion amorcée au sein la conférence, le sommaire des débats et les textes de présentations seront disponibles sous peu sur le site internet de la conférence (www.mcgill.ca/cdas/conf2000/ouv.htm).

For more details about the Conference, including the presentations and the debates, please visit our website: www.mcgill.ca/cdas/conf2000/ouv.htm

CEPAL

The Canadian Palestinian Educational Exchange (CEPAL) has completed another successful Summer Program: four volunteers from Montreal and Ottawa spent two months teaching English and French to Palestinian refugees in the camps of Beirut, Lebanon. In cooperation with the CDAS, CEPAL has also sent two interns to Lebanon this year. **Andrea Becker** and **Samira Hussein** have been in Lebanon since June-July 2000 and will return to Montreal to complete their 6-month internship at the CDAS in January 2001. This is the second time CIDA's Youth Internship Program (YIP) has enabled CEPAL and CDAS to host interns. CEPAL aims to assist the Palestinian refugees of Lebanon in the pursuit of their basic human rights by increasing their access to education and by raising public awareness in Canada about their struggle. For more information on CEPAL and its activities, please consult their web site (www.cepal.ca).

CDAS STAFF

We have welcomed a new staff member this summer: **Daphne Chan**, who is working with the CDAS Director on the Gender and Human Security Project and the Montreal Inter-University Initiative for International Development Studies. Another new face is that of **Chanoy Nuñez-Alonso**, who is working at the front desk as of October. We have had to say good-bye to two departing staff: **Eugenia Zorbas**, who begins her Master's degree at LSE in the fall of 2000, and **Jameela Jeeroburkhan**, who is travelling to Mauritius and subsequently begins studies in law in September 2001. Their valuable work has been much appreciated and they will both be missed.

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A reminder: “Chai” Time is every Wednesday from 3:15pm - 4pm. Researchers are invited to the CDAS for tea, coffee and informal discussion. Do come and join us.

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