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**DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE ~ MESSAGE DE LA DIRECTION**

This past winter has been a time of great challenge and satisfaction for me in serving in the role of Acting Director of the CDAS. In spite of the absence of CDAS Director, Rosalind Boyd, the Centre itself has thrived with several stimulating research projects and a healthy dose of vigour and energy imparted by a new collection of Fellows and Graduate Interns. In particular, I would like to emphasize the contributions of our Graduate Interns under the Montréal Inter-University Initiative in International Development Studies, an IDRC funded project. The workshop *Who Owns Development?*, organized by this group in February was one of the highlights of our year.

I foresee the spring as a time of continuing commitment and involvement by the CDAS Community and I welcome the return of Dr. Boyd in her official capacities in the coming months. I would like to thank everyone involved with the Centre for making my temporary Directorship the rewarding experience that it has been. The entire staff of CDAS is to be congratulated on their ability to function both alone and as a team with minimal input from me. It is also a tribute to Rosalind's skills as Director that the delegation of authority that she put in place has functioned flawlessly in her absence.

Dr. Myron Frankman

The following note came to us from **Tim Moore**, Chair of the Department of Geography, advising us of the passing of **Theo Hills**, one of the founding members of the CDAS, the first Associate Director and the second Director of the Centre. He was active as a teacher and scholar on the Caribbean and the humid tropics.

*You will be saddened to hear that Theo Hills (1925-2002) passed away at home yesterday morning, April 1. I am sure that you will join me in expressing our condolences to Sarah-Jane and family.*

*Theo played a pivotal role in the evolution of geography at McGill and in Canada, particularly in the study of developing areas. He was a warm, fine gentleman with a keen interest in the people, places and landscapes around him. He will be sorely missed.*



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Au cours des six derniers mois, plusieurs activités et/ou productions ont émané du programme *Genre et enjeux de sécurité humaine* (GESH). Sans prétendre être exhaustif, voici les faits marquants.

*La journée d'atelier du programme Genre et enjeux de sécurité humaine (9 nov. 2001, CERD)* a permis de faire un bilan des réalisations de chaque projet de recherche dans le programme. Les partenaires du milieu communautaire et du milieu universitaire travaillant directement dans ce programme, ainsi que le public intéressé par ses problématiques ont pu échanger sur leurs travaux respectifs. Plus d'une trentaine de personnes ont participé à la journée. Des stagiaires au programme Initiative interuniversitaire pour les études en développement international à Montréal (**François Michaud, Chloé Frommer, Pascale Hatcher et Sharmila Pillai**) ont apporté leur collaboration bien appréciées en agissant à titre de rapporteur(e)s. La participation de **Maude Mugisha**, invitée spéciale d'Ouganda, et **coordonnatrice de l'organisation EASSI** (notre partenaire communautaire sur le continent africain) a donné à cette journée un caractère tout particulier.

Au mois de janvier, des partenaires du programme GESH ont reçu au CERD **Marc Renaud** (président du CRSH) et **Pamela Wiggin** (vice-présidente, chargée à mobilisation des connaissances). Ils effectuaient une tournée des Alliances de recherche universités-communautés (ARUC) subventionnées par le CRSH afin d'échanger sur la raison d'être de ce programme avec ceux et celles qui les conduisent. Cette rencontre, à la mi-parcours du programme, a été indicatrice des nouvelles priorités à poursuivre.

Au chapitre des recherches, en plus de celles déjà en cours, le programme s'est enrichi de deux nouveaux projets. **Professeure Shree Mulay** conduira une étude sous le titre évocateur: *Women Refugees from South Asia: Uncovering the Exploitation Trail*. Ce projet implique l'élargissement de notre programme aux préoccupations d'une autre organisation du milieu communautaire oeuvrant à Montréal, soit le **Centre Communautaire des femmes sud-asiatiques** ainsi que l'ouverture aux réalités vécues par les femmes en Asie du Sud. Pour sa part, le **EASSI** organisera à Kampala, Ouganda, l'atelier *Training Workshop on Documentation*. Ce projet vise à développer la capacité des participant(e)s de 6 pays de la région des Grands Lacs à mettre en place un système de documentation qui inscrira leur expérience et les leçons à tirer des initiatives de paix qu'ils/elles conduisent en Afrique.

**Manal Jamal**, membre du CERD et bénéficiant du soutien du programme GESH, effectue actuellement ses recherches sur le terrain au El Salvador. Elle s'intéresse à l'impact de l'aide internationale sur la reconstruction de la société civile dans les processus d'instauration de la paix. **Myriam Gervais**, chercheure principale au CERD et partenaire dans le programme GESH est en mission en Afrique. Elle mesure l'impact des programmes d'aide canadien sur la sécurité humaine au Rwanda.

Enfin, toute l'équipe du programme GESH souhaite à la principale initiatrice du programme GESH, Dr Rosalind Boyd, un prompt et bon rétablissement.



# MONTREAL INTER-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE

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## L'INITIATIVE INTERUNIVERSITAIRE A MONTREAL

*The Montreal Inter-University Initiative in International Development Studies* is coming to the end of a dynamic second year of programming. The CDAS staff and interns wish to extend their appreciation to all of the faculty members from all four Montreal universities who contributed so much of their time during Dr. Boyd's absence.

### STAGIAIRES AU CERD

### CDAS INTERNS

The graduate interns have now completed their research papers, which have been developed using their thesis and CDAS methodology workshops and research assistance. These papers were presented at the CDAS in March before being submitted for publication as part of the CDAS discussion paper series in April. These papers are:

*Bodies, Capsules and Fetishes: The Transfer of Control over Traditional Medicinal Knowledge in Zimbabwe*  
- Chloe Frommer, Anthropology, McGill University

*Évolution des systèmes de solidarité dans un contexte de pauvreté en milieu urbain africain: un état des lieux*  
- Mamadou dit Ndongo Dimé, Sociologie, Université de Montréal

*La réforme de l'aide au développement: les enjeux de la multilatéralisation des normes bilatérales de développement*  
- Pascale Hatcher, Science politique, UQAM

*Perspectives générales sur l'évolution socio-politique et la réforme agraire aux Philippines*  
- François Michaud, Anthropologie, Université de Montréal

*Ascertaining Real Needs of Education in the Amharic Speaking Regions of Ethiopia*  
- Sharmilla Pillai, Education, Concordia University

A highlight of this year's internship program was a collaborative effort to plan a day of workshops entitled *Who OWNS Development?* that was held at the CDAS on February 22. Professor Pierre Beaucage of l'Université de Montréal hosted the day, which involved speakers from both the academic and NGO communities of Montreal and Ottawa. The day proved to be a great success, with approximately 65 people attending throughout the day.

*The CDAS is now accepting applications for the 2002-2003 graduate internship program. If you would like more information about these internships, please visit the CDAS website or contact the Program Co-ordinator, Sara Regehr Neufeld, at (514) 398-1608 or e-mail [iuc.cdas@mcgill.ca](mailto:iuc.cdas@mcgill.ca).*

### SEMINAR SERIES

### SERIE DE SEMINAIRES

This semester, the CDAS *Inter-University Faculty Seminar Series in International Development* hosted six presentations on a range of topics related to issues of development. These presentations offer the opportunity for those affiliated with CDAS and other interested participants to learn more about particular development topics and to promote debate in an open and multidisciplinary environment. In return, the presenting faculty members have the opportunity to gain valuable input on their research.

In January, Prof. Madhav Badami from McGill's School of Urban Planning and the School of the Environment presented *Pollution, People, Politics, and Policy: The Case of Motor Vehicles in India*. REAP-Canada gave a special presentation called *An Agroecological Village Approach to Poverty Alleviation*, which discussed current agricultural issues in the Philippines. In February, Dr. Izzud-Din Pal, Adjunct Professor at the CDAS, presented *Pakistan: Facing New Challenges*. This presentation was shortly followed by Prof. Suzanne Dansereau, CDAS Associate Fellow from St. Mary's University, who presented *From Migrant to Multi-skilled: Globalisation and Structural Change among Mineworkers in Zimbabwe*. Prof. Daniel Haile, Visiting Professor at the CDAS and McGill's Faculty of Law spoke on *The Legal Status of Ethiopian Women in Formal Sector Employment*. Finishing up this semester's series was Prof. Anne Calvès of the Faculty of Sociology at l'Université de Montréal, who spoke on *Assessing Adolescent Reproductive Health Policies and Programs: Case Studies from Burkino Faso, Cameroon and Togo*.

## NEW CDAS FELLOWS WINTER 2002 ~ NOUVEAUX MEMBRES DU CERD HIVER 2002

The Centre for Developing-Area Studies would like to welcome its new fellows to the CDAS community. The complete list of CDAS fellows is available on our website: [www.mcgill.ca/cdas](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdas).

Le Centre d'études sur les régions en développement aimerait souhaiter la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres du CERD. Une liste complète de nos membres est disponible sur notre site internet [www.mcgill.ca/cdas](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdas).

### **Martin Gallié, *Membre associé***

**Programme:** Doctorat, Droit, Université de Montréal

**Intérêts:** la politique européenne de développement, particulièrement « l'Accord de partenariat entre les membres du groupe des États Afrique, des Caraïbes et du Pacifique (ACP) et la Communauté européenne et ses États membres »

### **Kashif Hasnie, *Associate Fellow***

**Program:** Research Associate, Harvard University

**Interests:** the role of Islamic Law in development in Pakistan

### **Alfredo López de Romaña, *Associate Fellow***

**Program:** PhD, Economics, Université de Paris

**Interests:** reconsidering the concept of development and its alternatives, specifically macro-economic implications of human plenitude and environmental equilibrium

### **Nichola Jayne Lowe, *Associate Fellow***

**Program:** Ph.D candidate, Urban Studies and Planning, International Development and Regional Planning Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Interests:** the upgrading process of smaller sized, traditional sector manufacturers in Jalisco, Mexico

### **Jeanne-Marie Sindani, *Membre associé***

**Programme:** Maîtrise, département de science politique, relation internationale, coopération et développement, UQAM

**Intérêts:** l'analyse de la diplomatie internationale surtout en matière de résolution des conflits armés et sur les mesures d'intervention et de médiation pour le rétablissement de paix en Afrique centrale et dans la région des grands lacs africains Angola, la RDC, le Rwanda.

### **Laurentiu Stinga, *Student Fellow***

**Program:** MA, Political Science, McGill University

**Interests:** Currently doing research on Argentina, focusing on the delegative character of democracy in this country during Carlos Menem's administration, as defined by Guillermo O'Donnell. He is also interested in democratic transition and consolidation in post-authoritative societies.



## CDAS FELLOWS UPDATES / NOUVELLES DES MEMBRES DU CERD

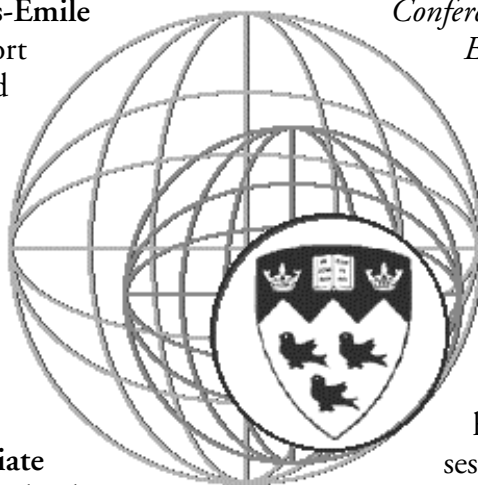
In addition to her course work, **Student Fellow Crystal Procyshen**, presented research on Islamists at the Conference of Defence Industries Association (Ottawa), the Society for Military and Strategic Studies (Calgary), and attended the Canadian Arctic Research Council Conference. Recent publications include an article in *Journal of Conflict, Security, and Development* (1:3, 2002) and a chapter in a forthcoming edited volume from University of Calgary Press. Her current research focus is nomadic Bedouin and state environmental policy in the Middle East.

**Gleema Nambiar** and **Georges-Emile Karam**, both **Associate Fellows**, report that in the fall of 2001 they travelled to Rome, where they interviewed a project officer who is responsible for developing relations with Algerian women's organizations through the IMED (the Mediterranean Institute in Rome), which is part of the CGIL (the biggest Italian Trade Union).

At the Université de Montréal, **Associate Fellow Maxime Rondeau's** research has focused on the environment and American identity. Maxime has written two book reviews for *Labour, Capital and Society / Travail, Capital et Société*. His other recent areas of interest include environmental security, the environment and resources in North-South relations (particularly the case of relations between NAFTA and Mexico).

**Laurentiu Stinga**, **Student Fellow in Political Science**, is currently doing research on Argentina, focusing on the "delegative character of democracy" in this country during Carlos Menem's administration, as defined by Guillermo O'Donnell. Laurentiu is also interested in general in democratic transition and consolidation in post-authoritative societies.

**Kameel Virjee**, **Student Fellow in Civil Engineering**, writes "I have refocused my work on the issue of uncertainty and its representation using fuzzy set theory, in willingness to pay for improved water services in developing countries. In examining uncertainty, both issues of measuring respondent uncertainty and developing analysis techniques shall be explored. This work is the basis of a PhD thesis in the department of Civil Engineering at McGill University. Over the summer, I am presenting work at two conferences, the 1st Annual *Environmental & Water Resources Systems Analysis Symposium* and the *Dubrovnik Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems*."



**Ihab Hashim**, **Associate Fellow** from **Université de Montréal** organized 'A New Great Game': A Panel Discussion on the Geopolitics of Central Asia. This panel took place at the CDAS on 18 April at 5 pm. In addition, Ihab helped to organize an information session for the Uyghur cultural community with reference to the Xiangjiang autonomous region of China. This event took place at the CDAS on Saturday 20 April. Finally, Ihab is concluding his research, for his PhD dissertation, *Environmental Change, Migration and Conflict in Central Asia (Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan)*.

In November 2001, **Fellow Coordinator Minakshi Menon** presented part of her work on William Jones at the Society for the Social Studies of Science's annual meeting in Boston. She will also be doing a paper at the Association of Asian Studies conference in Washington D.C. in April. The paper is entitled *Orientalism, Ethnology and Race: William Jones in Bengal*.

## BIBLIOTHEQUE GUTKIND LIBRARY



During the winter term of 2002, the Gutkind Library has succeeded in making its catalogue available on the desktops of all in-house CDAS researchers. Using the most recent version of Unesco's CDS/ISIS information retrieval software, we have installed our library database on our local area network and hence made perusal of our collections easier for staff and Fellows. This in-house database has also been growing at a satisfactory rate recently, largely thanks to the efforts of Ms. Zhang Xiaohung, a first year student in McGill's graduate program in Library and Information Studies. Ms. Zhang has volunteered as a cataloguer in the Gutkind Library in order to gain valuable work experience and exposure to our collections and technologies.

Recent additions to the Gutkind Library's collections include a generous donation of materials from Ghyslaine Neill and Jean Poirier covering economic and political developments in several Caribbean nations and territories. We have also recently received a much appreciated gift from the Ottawa-based Canadian NGO Inter Pares, consisting of many books produced by Zed Publications (London and New York) and dealing with the most recent challenges in development theory and globalization. Other interesting titles recently acquired include the *Human Development Report 2001* (UNDP), *Asian Development Outlook 2001* (ADB), the *World Development Report 2002* (WB) and *Economic and Social Progress in Latin America 2001* (IDB). A list of recent acquisitions is always available on the CDAS website ([www.mcgill.ca/cdas](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdas)). Library hours remain 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday to Friday.

*-Iain Blair, Librarian at CDAS*

## LES NOUVELLES DE NOTRE CHERCHEURE PRINCIPALE AU CERD

A titre d'expert, Myriam Gervais, Chercheure principale au CERD, a été invitée à témoigner, le 31 janvier 2002, devant le Comité permanent des Affaires étrangères de la Chambre des Communes sur le programme à établir lors du prochain sommet du G-8 en juin 2002. Elle a plaidé pour un engagement ferme et sur le long terme à l'égard de l'Afrique subsaharienne. Cet engagement des membres du G-8 en faveur du développement et de la sécurité en Afrique devrait se traduire, a-t-elle soutenu, par: 1) la recherche d'un consensus au sein de leurs Parlements et de leurs sociétés en faveur d'efforts importants et continus à l'égard des pays d'Afrique; 2) par l'adoption de mécanismes

d'accélération des décaissements de l'aide; 3) par la recherche de politiques cohérentes en matière d'éradication de la pauvreté.

Aussi, une journée d'étude sur *La coopération avec l'Afrique: perspectives européenne et canadienne* a eu lieu à l'Université de Montréal, le 12 novembre 2001. Organisée par l'Institut d'études européennes (Université de Montréal/Université McGill), cette journée a été l'occasion d'une réflexion sur les partenariats actuels et futurs avec les pays d'Afrique. Myriam Gervais a participé à cet exercice en tant que commentatrice à la séance portant sur les rapports multilatéraux et les mutations de la coopération.

## Come for Chai time ~ Venez pour la pause « chai »

Every Wednesday at 3:15 pm ~ Chaque mercredi à 15h15



Researchers, fellows, faculty & visitors are invited to the CDAS for tea, coffee and informal discussion.

*Les chercheurs, les membres, les professeurs et les visiteurs sont invités au CERD pour un moment de discussion informelle autour d'un thé et d'un café.*



## CDAS STAFF AND RESEARCHERS ~ EMPLOYÉS ET LES CHERCHEURS DU CERD

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### **Iain Blair** *Documentalist*

Iain Blair is a professional librarian with degrees from UBC and McGill, and is a member of the Corporation of Professional Librarians of Quebec. Mr. Blair has been the CDAS Documentalist since 1990. He recently spent a three-month professional internship at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva.

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### **Suzanne Boutin** *Program Coordinator, Gender and Human Security Issues Program*

Suzanne Boutin a fait sa Maîtrise en philosophie à l'Université de Concordia. Elle est présentement Coordinatrice du programme *Genre et enjeux human sécurité* et en charge de la distribution de la revue *Travail, capital et société*.

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### **Manal Jamal** *Student Research Fellow, Gender and Human Security Program*

Manal Jamal is a Ph.D student in Political Science at McGill and is the first recipient of the *Gender and Human Security Program's* Student Research Fellowship. Ms. Jamal's research project is entitled *After the 'Peace Processes': The Political Economy of Marginalization*. Ms. Jamal is interested in war-to-peace transitions and social movements in El Salvador and Palestine. She is presently in El Salvador conducting field research.

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### **Jane Leeke** *Administrative Assistant*

Jane completed her undergraduate degree at McGill in Middle East Studies and Religious Studies. She has been working at CDAS as both the CDAS Administrative Assistant and as a Publications Assistant for *Labour, Capital and Society/ Travail, Capital et Société*.

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### **Minakshi Menon** *Fellows Coordinator*

The staff at the CDAS would like to welcome Minakshi back from a jam-packed residency at Harvard. Minakshi is presently working on her ongoing project on the natural history writings of the British Orientalist William Jones. She is also working on a paper on Anglo-Indian geology that she began at Harvard.

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### **Sara Regehr Neufeld** *Montreal Inter-University Initiative Coordinator*

Sara completed her undergraduate degree at McGill in International Development Studies. Since the beginning of summer, she has been coordinating inter-university activities such as the internship program, faculty seminars and the CDAS website as part of the Montreal Inter-University Initiative Program funded by the IDRC.

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### **Manuel Poitras** *Assistant to the Editor, Labour, Capital and Society/ Travail, Capital et Société*

Manuel est un candidat au doctorat au département de science politique de l'Université York à Toronto. Il est présentement en résidence au CERD, rédigeant sa thèse intitulé *Biotechnologies agricoles et développement : le cas de Mexique*. Manuel is also responsible for identifying new books to be reviewed and for selecting appropriate reviewers.

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### **Sarah Uriash** *Publications/ Research Assistant*

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Labour, Capital and Society is an interdisciplinary, refereed journal, on labour and development issues concerning the regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. It is published twice yearly by the Centre for Developing-Area Studies (CDAS) at McGill University. The editorial committee is now seeking manuscripts on the following themes:

- Gender and Labour
- The State and Labour
- Structural Adjustment and Labour
- Theoretical Issues on Labour
- Labour and Migration
- Poverty and Marginalization
- Trade Unions and Labour Movements
- The Informal Sector
- Problems of Urbanization
- Agricultural Labour
- Proletarianization
- The Evolution of Wage Labour

Submitted articles must demonstrate superior academic achievement, a significant contribution to the field, and original (primary) research. The journal publishes articles written either in English or French. More information on the journal, including submission guidelines can be found on the CDAS web site at [www.mcgill.ca/cdas/publications/labour](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdas/publications/labour). For inquiries, please contact Manuel Poitras, Associate Editor of the journal, at [rev.cdas@mcgill.ca](mailto:rev.cdas@mcgill.ca).

## Labour, Capital and Society

### Call for Papers

## Travail, capital et société

### Appel d'articles

Travail, capital et société est une revue pluridisciplinaire soumise à un comité de lecture, portant sur des questions de travail et de développement en Afrique, Asie, Amérique Latine, Caraïbe et Moyen Orient. Elle est publiée deux fois l'an par le Centre pour l'étude des régions en développement (CERD) à l'université McGill. Le comité de rédaction sollicite présentement des articles sur les sujets suivant:

- Le genre et le travail
- L'État et le travail
- Ajustement structurel et travail
- Débats théoriques sur le travail
- Travail et migration
- Pauvreté et marginalisation
- Syndicats et mouvements de travailleur(se)s
- Le secteur informel
- Problèmes d'urbanisation
- Travail agricole
- Proletarianisation
- Évolution du travail salarié

Les articles soumis doivent démontrer un niveau académique supérieur, constituer une contribution certaine au champ de recherche, et être basé sur de la recherche originale. Pour plus d'information sur la revue et pour connaître les directives de soumission d'article, veuillez consulter le site web du CERD, au [www.mcgill.ca/cdas/publications/labour](http://www.mcgill.ca/cdas/publications/labour). Si vous avez des questions, veuillez contacter Manuel Poitras, éditeur associé, au [rev.cdas@mcgill.ca](mailto:rev.cdas@mcgill.ca).

## CDAS WINE AND CHEESE JEUDI LE 25 AVRIL, 2002 16h00-18h00

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2002 4:00-6:00 **VIN ET FROMAGE AU CERD**



The CDAS is hosting this end-of-the-year event to thank the many people who have contributed to making the 2001-2002 program year such a great one. Everyone who has participated in CDAS events this year or who has an interest in the activities of the CDAS is encouraged to attend.

Le CERD tiendra une réception de fin d'année académique pour remercier tous ceux et celles qui ont contribué à faire de l'année 2001-2002 une année riche et stimulante par leur implication et leur participation aux activités CERD. Ceux et celles qui désirent connaître d'avantage le CERD sont également les bienvenus.



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