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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE ~ MESSAGE DE LA DIRECTION

This Newsletter is the last one to be produced under my term as Director which ends on 31 May. As most of you know, I was the first woman to be appointed Director in the 40-year history of CDAS and that presented particular challenges and at the same time opportunities as increasingly international development research has recognized the importance of gender within its purview. The two terms that I served (December 1996-May 2001; June 2001-May 2004) have been for the most part wonderfully rich and very rewarding. As I look back, there are many highlights and achievements that can be mentioned but let me just draw your attention to a few.

First, our major four-year (2000-2004) action-research program on gender and human security issues in the context of war and reconstruction resulted in a series of research activities generously financed by the SSHRC Community-University Research Alliance program. In cooperation with the Centre des Femmes de Montreal and other units, our interdisciplinary team of researchers and activists worked locally with women refugees, asylum-seekers and immigrants in Montreal from various countries of armed conflict and internationally with women's organizations particularly in the Great Lakes region of Africa. CDAS was the first and only unit at McGill to receive this grant (\$600,000) which enabled us to produce several publications, provide student support and faculty release, initiate new research at other units, support community internships to assist in developing a model of intervention for women from war-torn societies and many other activities. We are currently working to produce two books from this research. In addition, I gain great satisfaction to know that our research focus on women and war-torn societies has now been taken up by other research and community units where it was not previously present. Delegitimizing war as a solution to conflict and working to reduce military production and expenditures will continue to be part of my personal research.

Another major highlight for me was the organization of five international Conferences over the seven years on timely concerns which involved researchers and activists from different parts of the world participating with CDAS researchers in important debates. Without doubt, these events and their respective publications, which were produced after each event, reaffirmed the position of CDAS as a leading academic centre of intellectual pursuits involving many Southern researchers mutually addressing international development problems. In 1997, we organized a Conference on "Workers and Borders in the Context of Regional Blocs: Comparing APEC, NAFTA and the European Union" (SSHRC financing); in 1998, a Conference on "Social Sciences and Transdisciplinarity: Comparing Latin American and Canadian Experiences" (SSHRC financing); in 1999, a Conference on "Development: The Need for Reflection" (SSHRC financing); in 2002, a Conference on "Hemispheric Civil Society" (DFAIT John Holmes grant); and finally in 2004, the Conference on Gender and Human Security (financed by SSHRC-CURA, Canadian Human Security Consortium and DFAIT). The full reports from these international events are on our website and also in our Annual Reports. The publications can be ordered directly from CDAS.

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The *Montreal Inter-university Initiative on International Development* supported by the IDRC and various faculty members from the four Montreal universities was also important to me as it affirmed my role at and vision of CDAS over the past two decades. This Initiative formalized the involvement that members of all four universities have had with CDAS making it the special place it is for researchers from Montreal, Canada and Southern countries. The special inclusive nature of this Initiative has had various outcomes but most important has been the Internship program completed by 16 graduate students over the past four years with the active involvement of numerous faculty members. Near the end of this Newsletter, some statements from those involved in the CDAS and the Initiative are provided attesting to its value.

During my term as Director, various other activities took place in cooperation with other units and involved different CDAS researchers. Two memorable examples are the Youth Internship Program with the NGO CEPAL which supported student interns working in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon (CIDA grants in 2000 and 2001) and the specialized Women's Studies program developed for Indonesian students who were in residence at CDAS (CIDA supported in cooperation with the Indonesia-Canada Islamic Higher Education Project in 1997 and 1999).

These achievements and the many others would not have been possible without the support of dedicated staff members, the Executive Committee, the Editorial Committee of the journal, the members of the Inter-university Faculty Committee from the four Montreal universities and lastly, the many Fellows who have been part of our work over the last seven and an half years. I express my thanks and appreciation to each of them for their support of the research mandate and vision that we shared. The "uniqueness of the CDAS" is directly attributable to their contributions. Another world is possible only when we link our scholarship with the progressive struggles that work to confront the imbalance in wealth between the developed and so-called "developing world".

Rosalind Boyd, CDAS Director

GENDER AND HUMAN SECURITY ISSUES (GHSI) PROGRAM PROGRAMME GENRE ET ENJEUX DE SÉCURITÉ HUMAINE (GESH)

La conférence Genre et sécurité humaine organisée par le CERD a suscité une bonne participation tant au niveau de la réponse à l'appel de communication lancé par le CERD, qu'au niveau de la présence du public à l'événement. La conférence s'est tenue du 4 au 7 février 2004 et visait à présenter les résultats de recherche du programme Genre et enjeux de sécurité humaine ainsi qu'à engager un dialogue avec d'autres acteurs/trices des milieux universitaires et communautaires travaillant sur le même thème, tant ici et que dans d'autres régions du monde.

Débutant par un panel interrogeant les concepts de « genre » et « sécurité humaine », les discussions et présentations se sont poursuivies en abordant les thèmes suivants : Conflits armés et armes légères ; Réfugié(e)s, demandeurs(ses) d'asile et personnes déplacées ; Impunité et justice ; Perspectives canadiennes : résolution 1325 du Conseil de Sécurité des Nations Unies ; Initiatives pour la paix ; Santé en contexte de résolution de conflit ; Stratégies de réconciliation et reconstruction.

Outre la participation de chercheur(e)s et professeur(e)s des milieux académiques, de représentantes de différentes organisations communautaires, d'acteurs/trices au niveau politique, et d'étudiant(e)s de différentes disciplines, la conférence s'est présentée comme une opportunité pédagogique par excellence pour des étudiant(e)s inscrit(e)s au programme de développement international de McGill en leur permettant d'être les témoins directs et actifs d'un dialogue international. La conférence a également suscité l'intérêt de professionnel(le)s et d'étudiant(e)s d'outre-mer qui se sont déplacé(e)s pour participer à l'événement.

Nous tenons à remercier spécialement les membres, volontaires et stagiaires au CERD qui ont contribué à l'organisation et à la réalisation de l'événement. Cette conférence a aussi bénéficié du soutien financier du programme ARUC du CRSH, du Consortium canadien sur la sécurité humaine (CCSH), et du Programme de la sécurité humaine du Ministère des affaires étrangères et du commerce international (MAECI).

Le résumé et d'autres informations relatives à la conférence (programme, biographie des conférencier(ière)s, résumé des présentations, etc) sont disponibles sur le site de la conférence : www.mcgill.ca/cdas/genderconf. Cette conférence constituait le dernier événement majeur avant la fin du programme GESH annoncée pour le 31 mai 2004. Pour plus d'information sur le programme : www.gesh-ghsi.mcgill.ca

The Conference on Gender and Human Security, organized by the CDAS, elicited a substantial positive reaction, reflected in both the responses to the Call for Papers and in the overwhelming attendance. Held from 4-7 February, the Conference was took place with the aim of presenting results from the Gender and Human Security Research Program as well as generating a dialogue between community actors and academics from around the world whose work focuses upon similar themes.

Beginning with a panel discussion that explored the concepts of 'gender' and 'human security', the Conference had panel sessions on the topics of: Armed Conflict and Small Arms; Refugees, Asylum seekers and Internally Displaced Persons; Impunity and Justice, Canadian Perspectives on UN Resolution 1325; Peace Initiatives; Health in Conflict Resolution; Strategies of Reconciliation and Reconstruction.

With the participation of the researchers and professors from the academic community, representatives from different community organizations, political activists, and students from varied disciplines, the Conference was an excellent pedagogical opportunity for students registered in the McGill IDS program to be both witness and active participants in an international dialogue. The conference also elicited the interest of international professionals and students who traveled to Montreal specifically to participate in the Conference.

We would like to thank the Fellows, volunteers and interns of the CDAS who contributed to the organization and functioning of the Conference. This Conference also benefited from the financial support of the CURA of SSHRC, the Canadian Consortium on Human Security (CCHS) and the Human Security Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).

A summary and other information pertaining to the Conference (program, biographies of presenters, summary of presentations etc.) are available on the Conference website www.mcgill.ca/cdas/genderconf.

This conference represents the last major event before the conclusion of the GHSI program on 31 May 2004. For more information on this program please see www.gesh-ghsi.mcgill.ca

VISITING FELLOW

We would like to welcome Prof. Mritunjoy Mohanty from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, India, who will be in residence at CDAS as a Visiting Fellow until the end of July. While in Montreal, Prof. Mohanty's research will focus on Public Policy, Federalism, and the Insertion of Canadian Agriculture into Global Markets with particular reference to Quebec.

THE GUTKIND LIBRARY LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE GUTKIND



The Gutkind Library has this Spring been the beneficiary of a very generous grant from the Arts Undergraduate Improvement Fund. With assistance from the IDSSA (International Development Studies Students' Association), CDAS successfully applied for a grant of \$3000 which will be used to purchase books and periodicals focusing on international development issues and geared towards the research needs of undergraduates. We ask for input from the CDAS community for suggestions regarding purchases and subscriptions, as we always strive to make the collections in the Gutkind Library relevant to the needs of our users. At the time of publication of this Newsletter, we have already resubscribed to *Manushi* (an Indian women's magazine), *Envio* (Nicargua), *Report on Guatemala* (USA) and

Journal of Contemporary Asia (Philippines).

The CDAS annual conference, this year on Gender and Human Security, resulted in the acquisition of many new titles from the international participants. Titles include: El Bushra, Judy. *Women Building Peace, Sharing Know-How*. London : International Alert, 2003 ; *Gender Mainstreaming in Peace Support Operations : Moving Beyond Rhetoric to Practice*. London : International Alert, 2002 ; Pampell Conaway, Camille and Salome Martinez. *Adding Value : Women's Contributions to Reintegration and Reconstruction in El Salvador*. Washington : Women Waging Peace, 2004 ; Pankhurt, Donna. *Mainstreaming Gender in Peacebuilding : A Framework for Action*. London : International Alert, 2003 ; Schmeidl, Susanne with Eugenia Piza-Lopez. *Gender and Conflict Early Warning : A Framework for Action*. London : International Alert ; Bern : Swiss Peace Foundation, 2002 ; Gautam, Shobha. *Women & Children in the Periphery of the People's War (Prepared on the Basis of a Field Study of Rukum, Rolpa Jajarkot & Gorkha)*. Kathmandu : Institute of Human Rights Communications Nepal, 2001 ; and Johnston, Nicola. *UNSC Resolution 1325 : South Asian Women's Perspectives. Report of the Regional Consultation*. London : International Alert, 2003. All these documents are available for public consultation in the Gutkind Library along with related materials from the conference.

In addition to receiving recent issues of the serial publication *Initiatives* from East African Sub Regional Support Initiatives for the Advancement of Women (EASSI), the special collection of the Uganda Archive has added several important reports dealing with women's land rights: *Women and Land Rights in Ethiopia, in Tanzania, in Kenya, in Eritrea, in Uganda, in East Africa, The Effects of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic on Women's Land Rights*.

The Uganda Archive contains rare documents gathered from field research undertaken by Dr Rosalind Boyd since 1987, in Uganda and Rwanda. Students and other researchers will find interesting "treasures" seldom available elsewhere. The documents, which are listed on the Centre's website, can be examined during the usual hours of the Gutkind Library (Tuesday –Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.) Please contact the Librarian for more up-to-date information on collections, services and access.

NOTE ON THE CDAS TRANSFER

We have had an active term, especially with our international Conference, various seminars and then finally the uncertainties about our transfer from the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research) to the Faculty of Arts. On the 1 June 2004, CDAS will be under the Faculty of Arts with an Interim Director for an indefinite period. No collective discussion has taken place with the CDAS to arrive at this decision. I now encourage the Faculty of Arts to take up the consensus reached at our public forum on 13 May which stressed the importance of open consultations with broad representation on the future of CDAS and development studies at McGill.

Rosalind Boyd, CDAS Director

MEMBRES ASSOCIES DU CERD CDAS FELLOWS UPDATE

Jaleel Ahmad, Faculty Fellow, is a Professor of Economics at Concordia University. He has been awarded the POSCO visiting fellowship at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii (Economic Integration Division) for Winter 2004. His most recent publications include: "Globalization: A Minimalist View", *Progress in Development Studies*, vol. 3, no. 4, 2003; A review of *Globalization and its Discontents*, by Joseph Stiglitz, in *Kyklos*, vol. 56, Fasc., 2003

Dominique Caouette, Associate Fellow. In January of 2004, Dominique successfully defended his thesis and received his PhD from Cornell University. This fall he will undertake a full-time teaching position at Université de Montréal in the Department of Political Science.

Aziz Choudry, Associate Fellow. As usual, over the past few months, Aziz has been very busy with both his academic and activist pursuits. He lately received approval to a fast-track PhD program as part of his Specialized Individual Program at Concordia University. He has written several articles for *ZNet Commentary* and *Asia-Europe Dialogue* including: "Operation Enduring Free Trade: War, the Middle East and Bush's Bilateral Free Trade and Investment Crusade"; "Bush and Arroyo: Big Brother, Little Sister"; "Laser-Guided Liberalization and Latin America." His forthcoming article in the *New Internationalist* is entitled: "The Bilateral By-pass: The Worst Features of Multilateral Trade Agreements Creep Through the Back Door." In February, he presented at the International FTA Workshop "Sovereignty Not for Sale" at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Aziz is also at work on a book scheduled for release in 2005. Co-edited with Jaggi Singh and Cheryl Waerea-I-te-rangi Smith, *New Name, Same Game?: Neoliberal Globalization, Colonization and Resistance*, explores the links between colonialism and neoliberal globalization in colonial settler states.

J. Andrew Grant, Associate Fellow. In his capacity as CDAS Fellows Coordinator, Andrew would like to thank those of you who have given presentations as part of the Fellows Seminar Series over the past academic year. The Seminar Series was well attended, and those in attendance generated much in the way of thoughtful questions and discussions. Andrew was a contributor to the *Diamond Industry Annual Review: Sierra Leone 2004*, edited by Lansana Gberie (Ottawa: Partnership Africa Canada, January 2004). In March, he presented a conference paper that assessed the prospects for 'prosperity' diamonds in Sierra Leone at the 45th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA). In April, Andrew was in Bruges, Belgium, where he presented a paper on human security conditions in the Parrot's Beak and surrounding region (Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia) as part of a UNU/CRIS-sponsored workshop on micro-regionalism in Africa. In addition to completing his PhD dissertation this Summer, Andrew will present conference papers in Helsinki, Finland (June – UNU/WIDER) and Halifax, Nova Scotia (August – CFPS/IPSA RC#40).

Pascale Hatcher, membre associé. Depuis février 2004, elle est étudiante au doctorat à Institute of Social Studies (ISS) aux Pays-Bas. Le sujet de sa thèse est: "Les Stratégies de réduction de la pauvreté et la redéfinition des espaces politiques: le cas du Mali".

Bruce Mabley, Associate Fellow. Bruce has been invited to present a paper in June entitled 'La fin du savoir juridique' at the Law Forum of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law Professors. It will be published in the *Manitoba Law Journal's* fall issue. In addition, he has a forthcoming article in the *African Journal of Legal Studies* entitled "Jihad - l'envers et l'endroit de la politique islamiste".

Karine Vanthuyne, Associate Fellow. After spending most of the year abroad in Paris at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) where she is completing her PhD, and in Guatemala where she was doing fieldwork, Karine graciously devoted a few hours from time with her family and presented a seminar at the CDAS in May. Karine has several upcoming articles including: "Construire la paix au Guatemala. Analyse critique des modalités d'intervention mises en oeuvre par trois ONG guatémaltèques" in *Anthropologica* and "Trois ONG oeuvrant pour la paix au Guatemala" in *Journal de la Société des Américanistes*. In addition, she chaired a panel entitled "Anthropologists as Engaged Citizens" at the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) annual conference at the University of Western Ontario.

Eugenia Zorbas, Associate Fellow. Eugenia's article "Reconciliation in Post-genocide Rwanda" will be published in the inaugural May issue of the e-journal *African Journal of Legal Studies*.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of CDAS Associate Fellow Gabrielle Tyrnauer (1931-2004), beloved wife of the late Charles Stastney. She was a successful anthropologist (PhD Cornell), who taught at several universities and published on various topics concerning the Holocaust and asylum seekers. Gabi will be fondly remembered as a steadfast advocate for refugee rights both in the US and in Canada. Over the past decade, Gabi spearheaded several collaborative initiatives between the Refugee Research Project and the CDAS. We express our most sincere condolences to her daughter Amelia and her close friends and family. Gabrielle's spirit and passion will be missed.

MONTREAL INTER-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE INITIATIVE INTERUNIVERSITAIRE DE MONTRÉAL

Another successful year of the *Montreal Inter-university* Internship program has drawn to a close and we would like to thank all the mentors who generously donated their time throughout the year and gave guidance to the interns on their research projects.

Prof. Pierre Beaucage, Department of Anthropology at Udm, was partnered with UQAM PhD candidate in sociology, **Marie Mazalto**. Marie's final research paper is entitled: «Réflexion sur la notion de gouvernance mondiale : processus et/ou cadre normatif.»

Prof. Christian Deblock, Department of Political Science at UQAM, was partnered with Udm Master's candidate in economics, **Houssine Ihnach**. Houssine's final research paper is entitled: «Quel impact de l'accord du libre-échange Maroc-Union Européenne sur le commerce extérieur marocain?»

Prof. Andrew Ivaska, Department of History at Concordia University, was partnered with McGill PhD candidate in anthropology, **Hannah Gilbert**. Hannah's final research paper is entitled: "HIV Therapy in West Africa: Patient Strategy of Negotiation and Self Formation."

Prof. Gérald Larose, École de travail social at UQAM, was partnered with UQAM Master's candidate in geography **Benoît Galaise**. His final research paper is entitled: «L'Accord nord-américaine de coopération dans le domaine du travail et enjeux du travail en Amérique du Nord.»

We would like to acknowledge the generous financial support of the IDRC, without which the *Montreal Inter-University Initiative* would not be possible.

SELECTED QUOTES FROM EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRES OF CDAS AND THE MONTREAL INTER-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE

During the Fall of 2003, at the request of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the CDAS undertook an evaluation of the CDAS and the Montreal Inter-university Initiative with the assistance of an IDRC consultant. Four different groups of participants (Fellows, Interns, Inter-university Faculty members and Southern researchers) were sent questionnaires. The following is a selection of their responses:

CDAS Associate Fellow, University of London: *“Since I have been living overseas, I have not been able to contribute as much as I would like to. However, even when overseas I consider myself to be part of the CDAS community. The excellent events (CDAS and non-CDAS) listings keep me informed of the type of research being developed and presented, and the activism in Montreal.”*

Professeur de sociologie à l’UQAM: *“Il me semble que l’Initiative est devenue un aspect clé des activités du CERD. Le programme de bourses a donné de la visibilité au CERD dans les quatre universités montréalaises et cela a contribué certainement à lui donner une image plus intéressante, à mon avis: celle d’un espace, situé à McGill, mais avec une visée plus large et plus englobante. Il va sans dire que l’Initiative acquiert une valeur particulière dans le contexte des universités francophones (et encore plus particulièrement à l’UQAM), où les étudiants ont tendance à percevoir l’Université McGill comme “lointaine”, même si l’on partage le même territoire urbain, et, pourquoi pas le dire, relativement fermée à l’univers franco-québécois.”*

Professor of Sociology, South Africa: *“The journal is a vital resource on labour in developing countries, a field in which it has pioneered. I use it in my teaching and one of my associates recently published in the journal. I visited the CDAS library and was impressed with its extensive collection of publications, especially from developing countries.”*

Former graduate Student Fellow and Inter-university Intern: *“I think that the CDAS is more profound, idealistic and cutting edge than many institutions. It’s more organic and less formal and therefore allows more critical and positive thought to emerge than most international development studies and/or institutions allow”.*

A PhD graduate Student Fellow, McGill: *“The Centre has exceptional contacts with scholars in the developing world. The Centre is also one of the few institutions at McGill that provides scholars from the South with research facilities during their visits. The main problem is that the Centre is not as well integrated as it can be into the overall McGill community. I find that professors from other departments are often not very supportive of the Centre and its activities. In many ways, this is a symptom of North American academic parochialism.”*

Professor of Anthropology, Concordia: *“**Labour, Capital and Society** is a treasure-trove and a leading light when it comes to public good concerns related to international development. This may be the sole academic publication primarily focused on a public good approach to development issues.”*

Professor of History, McGill: *“The strength of the CDAS is that there are very few other bodies that reach out as much as the CDAS to the four universities”.*

Professor Political Science, McGill: *“The CDAS has a first class international reputation built over many years. The main role has been to establish a welcoming and encouraging environment which breaks down many of the alienating barriers of graduate education.”*

Professor of Sociology, England: *“I believe that CDAS is viewed very positively for a whole series of reasons. Academic purpose is matched by ‘old world’ hospitality and welcome; critical thinking is matched by great support for younger researchers; and Canada remains an ideal political location for this type of endeavour.”*

Professor of Economics, Cuba: *“As a research institute, focused on the Cuban economy, we find very useful to study other development cases throughout the world. In that sense, relations with CDAS contribute in an important way to that purpose. At present, our relations are mainly through the journal, which we find very useful for our researchers”.*

CEGEP teacher, Montreal: *“As far as I know, CDAS is the only institution in Montreal doing what it is currently doing. It is indispensable.”*

PhD Associate Fellow, Columbia University: *“I work on gender, access to water as a human right, community water management, labour markets in the context of Central Asia, on which the CDAS and its Director has not only a wealth of knowledge but she is also able to guide the Fellows like myself through the referral sources, ideas and both informal and formal discussions”.*

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VENEZ NOUS REJOINDRE POUR LA PAUSE 'CHAI'

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 15H15 ---- CHAQUE MERCREDI A 15H15.

Researchers, faculty and visitors are invited to the CDAS for tea, coffee and informal discussion. Les chercheurs, les membres les professeurs et visiteurs sont invités au CERD pour un moment de discussion informelle autour d'un thé ou un café.