



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE ~ MESSAGE DE LA DIRECTION

The Winter term has begun with some of the coldest days on record in Montreal. However, amidst that chilling experience, many new faces with a diversity of research interests have joined the CDAS community. Those new Fellows are listed with their research focus in this Newsletter and I extend a warm welcome to them. We are also fully occupied with preparations for the CDAS international Conference on Gender and Human Security which we are hosting from the 4-7 February. Our expectations for this event are high. Many international researchers, particularly from Asia and Africa, will share their rich experiences with our researchers to address some of the most troubling issues of our time. Discussions will focus on the difficult struggles faced in war-torn societies and will elaborate some of the new initiatives for peace that are taking place on the ground; we know that without peace, any prospects for development are remote. CDAS staff, Fellows, Interns and student volunteers are working together to ensure the success of this Conference. One person in particular, Suzanne Boutin, our Program Coordinator, deserves special thanks for her hard work and dedicated efforts to make the conference an exciting forum of exchange within a welcoming atmosphere. The full program for the Conference, which comes near the end of four years of SSHRC-CURA funded research, is available on our website.

Some of the CDAS Fellows have provided material for the Newsletter to indicate their diverse scholarly activities. As well, several upcoming seminars have been organized for this term in addition to special programs for the graduate interns who are part of the *Montreal Inter-university Initiative*. Please visit our website regularly for more information. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to Siran Nahabedian, who was our Inter-university Coordinator for 18 months, for the excellent support that she provided to the program.

Rosalind Boyd, PhD
Director

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The remarkable success of the International Development Studies program at McGill and the large numbers of undergraduate IDS students have led to a strong demand on campus for documentation relating to international development issues. Happily for McGill, the Gutkind Library at CDAS continues to build upon its forty-year history of exchanges and networking and can provide the student body with research materials not available elsewhere. We are pleased to be able to provide such a service to all students and in particular to those who are members of IDSSA (International Development Studies Students' Association). The CDAS librarian, Iain Blair, would like to draw the attention of students and faculty to the ongoing publications exchanges maintained with such institutions as the *Institute of Development Studies* (Brighton, UK), the *Centre for Development Studies* (Kerala, India), the *Institute of Social Studies* (the Hague), the *University of the Philippines School of Economics* (Manila) and the *Universidad Centroamericana* (El Salvador).

LA CONFERENCE GENRE ET SECURITE HUMAINE GENDER AND HUMAN SECURITY CONFERENCE 4-7 FEVRIER 2004 / 4-7 FEBRUARY 2004

From 4-7 February 2004, the CDAS will host an international Conference on Gender and Human Security, which will address human security from the perspective of the rights and needs of people in societies confronted by political violence. For the past three years, in partnership with the Women's Centre of Montréal and other universities, CDAS has carried out a research program on gender and human security in the context of war and reconstruction. Our team of researchers and community activists are working locally with women refugees and immigrants in Montreal from various countries of armed conflict and internationally with women's organizations primarily in the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Globally, war-torn societies and armed conflicts are producing more internally displaced persons, refugees and immigrants than ever before, many of whom are women coming to Canada in pursuit of a new life with personal security. During armed conflicts, community-level violence and its consequences (violent crimes against women, refugee movements) indicate that gender is central to the struggle against insecurity. Combining human security and gender allows us to examine among other issues the impact of gender inequality on the continued insecurity in societies affected by conflict and its aftermath.

Accordingly, the goal of our Conference is to examine security issues not only in Africa but also in Canada and other parts of the world where the search for peace often seems elusive. The Conference will bring together participants from both the academic and community milieu whose research or action-research will contribute to the elaboration of intervention strategies addressing security issues in conflict and post-conflict situations.

**INITIATIVE INTER-UNIVERSITAIRE DE MONTREAL
EN DEVELOPPEMENT
MONTREAL INTER-UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE
IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Throughout the autumn, the four Inter-University Interns (Benoit Galaise, UQAM; Hannah Gilbert, McGill University; Houssine Ihnach, Udm; Marie Mazalto, UQAM) acquired a deeper understanding of the workings of a research centre by participating in various aspects of the CDAS. From attending research seminars, to assisting with publications and preparations for the upcoming international Conference on Gender and Human Security, each has gained valuable experience that they will apply, during the second half of the internship, to their own research. In January, two methodology workshops were facilitated by Prof. Leslie Orr, Department of Religious Studies, Concordia University, who is also an active member of the Inter-university Committee overseeing this *Initiative*. Prof. Orr asked each of the Interns to pose the question “So What?” when considering their research interests, and thus enlarge, not only the scope, but also the depth of their work, by shifting the focus of reflection from the conclusions to the point of departure.

On 25 February, the Interns will visit the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Ottawa. The trip, which is being facilitated by Gisèle Morin-Labatut, the IDRC program officer for the *Inter-university Initiative*, will combine overview presentations on IDRC programs and events, followed by individual meetings between the Interns and IDRC staff members. This is a unique opportunity that will permit the Interns to gain valuable advice regarding their future research goals. Funding for this *Initiative* has been generously provided by IDRC until 2006.

**NOUVEAUX MEMBRES DU CERD WINTER 2004
NEW CDAS MEMBERS HIVER 2004**

Boily, Brigitte, Student Fellow

MA Candidate, Department of History, McGill

Focus: Political implications of decolonization on women’s status in Ghana and the growing interest of the international community in the 1960s and 1970s that culminated in the first UN Decade for Women.

Jenkins, Michelle Ann, Student Fellow

MA Candidate, Graduate School of Library Science, McGill

Focus: Information knowledge management practices in UN Organization such as UNHCR and WHO and how it affects their work in Developing Countries, specifically South East Asia.

Sibeko, Lindiwe, Student Fellow

PhD Candidate, School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, McGill

Focus: HIV/AIDS and infant nutrition with an emphasis on cultural, social and fear-based causes of HIV-positive women breast-feeding, including the feasibility and acceptability of alternate feeding methods.

Sengupta, Bodhisattva, Student Fellow

PhD Candidate, Department of Economics, McGill

Focus: Political Economy of Environmental Federalism in India. Evaluating existing policies and suggesting alternative institutions that would facilitate formulation and implementation of better development policies.

Taylor, Dr. Philip J., Associate Fellow

Focus: Growth and advances in international and comparative education in the Developing World, with emphasis on Africa.

MEMBRES ASSOCIES DU CERD CDAS FELLOWS UPDATE

Marietta Bucheli, Associate Fellow is a PhD Candidate in Administration at l'Université de Sherbrooke. In late November of 2003, Marietta presented at Retos y Oportunidades de las Cooperativas de Ahorro y Prestamo ante la Globalización Financiera Conference at the Universidad Autónoma de Queretaro, Mexico. Her well-received paper was entitled *Configuración de una experiencia de desarrollo en Colombia: el caso de la estructura cooperativa y asociativa presente en las provincias del sur del departamento de Santander*.

Aziz Choudry, Associate Fellow, is a M.A. Candidate at Concordia University. Over the past few months, Aziz has written various articles and commentaries for diverse print and on-line publications such as *Labour Focus*, *Asia-Europe Dialogue* and *ZNet*. His upcoming publications include "Conservation International: Privatizing Nature, Plundering Biodiversity" in *Limits to Privatisation: How To Avoid Too Much of a Good Thing*, Ernst Von Weizsaecker, MP, Oran Young and Matthias Finger (eds), 2004; "TRIP-ping A Light Not-so Fantastic? Intellectual Property Rights, Biotechnology and the WTO" in *Control, Contamination and Commerce: How Global Trade Agreements Promote Biotechnology and Threaten Our Food and Our Future*, Brian Tokar (ed), Toward Freedom Press, Burlington, VT, 2004; "All This 'Civil Society' Talk Takes Us Nowhere", in *People and Places* by Daniel Steinberg, Upper Saddle River, N.J, Prentice Hall/Pearson, 2003. Despite a high-volume of scholarly output, Aziz facilitated advocacy workshops and participated in the panel presentation *Exposing the Weapons of Mass Extraction in an Era of Daisycutters and Deregulation, Oil and the Military-Industrial Complex* at the 5th Annual Conference of the Asia-Pacific Research Network held in Beirut, Lebanon in November 2003.

Natacha Gagné, Student Fellow, is a PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology at McGill. She is currently finishing her dissertation on everyday experiences, identities and autonomy among Auckland Maaori. At the beginning of January, she was invited to present a talk entitled "Autonomy and Identities in a Context of Globalization" for the International Development and Globalization Program at the University of Ottawa. During the next few months, she will present papers at the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) Conference in Salem, Massachusetts and at the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Conference in London, Ontario. In addition, she has been invited to present an indigenous perspective on professional insertion in a context of globalization as part of the workshop "L'insertion professionnelle et les mutations du marché du travail" during the Association internationale des sociologues de langue française (AISLF) Conference in Tours, France. In

May, Natacha will move to Paris where she will undertake postdoctoral studies at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales.

J. Andrew Grant, Associate Fellow. As CDAS Fellows Coordinator, Andrew thanks those of you who have participated in the Fellows Seminar Series and is looking forward to the upcoming set of seminar presentations in 2004. Andrew's most recent publications include a book chapter entitled "Die Another Day? Small Hands, Small Arms – Child Labour as a Human Security Issue in Sierra Leone", in David R. Black, K. Joel Cobb and Timothy M. Shaw (eds.), *Enhancing Human Security? The Africa Action Plan in Comparative Perspective*, (2004), and a journal article (with Ian Taylor, University of Botswana) entitled "Global Governance and Conflict Diamonds: The Kimberley Process and the Quest for Clean Gems", in *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, vol. 93, (January 2004).

Michael Innes, Associate Fellow, successfully defended his M.A. history thesis "Conflict Radio and Ethnic Warfare in Liberia: 1980-1997" at Concordia University. After completing a six-month tour of duty with the NATO Stabilization Force in Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Michael is currently employed as a Senior Analyst at the NATO Stabilization Force Headquarters in Sarajevo. He specializes in issues of political and ethnic conflict.

Crystal Procysen, Associate Fellow, continues her graduate studies in conflict resolution as a Rotary World Peace Scholar in Japan. She is currently a special volunteer researcher on Japan-Middle East relations at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, a co-coordinator of an upcoming Canada25 roundtable, and has a forthcoming entry in the *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa* (Gale-MacMillan Press). Crystal is looking forward to attending the EU-UNU Global Forum on post-conflict reconstruction in February, and interning with the UNHCR in Cairo in the summer.

Eugenia Zorbas and Andrea Becker, Associate Fellows, are graduates of the International Development Studies Program at McGill and have a long association with CDAS. Both are currently studying in London. Eugenia, who received a three-year scholarship from *the Fonds quebécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture*, is a PhD candidate in the Development Studies Institute (DESTIN) at the London School of Economics. She is pursuing her research into post-genocide reconciliation in Rwanda. Andrea received a Commonwealth Scholarship to do an M.A. at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Her thesis will focus on the debates concerning the one-state solution in the Palestine/Israel conflict.



COME JOIN US FOR CHAI
VENEZ NOUS REJOINDRE POUR LA PAUSE 'CHAI'



EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 15H15 — CHAQUE MÈCREDI 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 invites au CERD pour un moment de discussion informelle autour d'un the et un café.*

ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR AU CERD CDAS COMING EVENTS

15 January: *Ad Hoc Seminar*

“India and the WTO: Hesitant and Uncertain Globalization”

Prof. Mritunjy Mohanty, Department of Economics, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, India

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

21 January: *CDAS Fellows Seminar*

“Social Dimensions of HIV/AIDS and Orphans in Uganda”

Jasinta Achen Hyachits, MSc Candidate, McGill School of the Environment

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

22 January: *Inter-University Faculty Seminar*

“Questions of Agency, Space and Power in African Post-Conflict Development”

Prof. Lisa Bornstein, School of Urban Planning, McGill University

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

4-7 February: International Conference on Gender and Human Security

4 March: *Inter-University Faculty Seminar*

Prof. Myron Frankman, Department of Economics, McGill University

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

17 March: CDAS Fellows Seminar

“Autonomie politique et solidarités familiales chez les Maaori d'Aotearoa-Nouvelle-Zélande”

Natacha Gagné, PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology, McGill University

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

25 March: *Inter-University Faculty Seminar*

“Muslim Youth in Côte d'Ivoire in the 1990s”.

Prof. Marie-Nathalie Leblanc, Concordia University

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

26 March: *Ad Hoc Seminar* (tentative)

“Migrant Remittances and Development”

Dr. Colleen Thouez, Senior Programme Officer, International Migration Policy Programme (IMP), Geneva

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

7 April: Special Panel on Rwanda: 10th Anniversary Remembrance

8 April: *Inter-University Faculty Seminar*

"Law, Geography and Development: Access to Housing in Developing Countries".

Prof. Jane Glenn, Faculty of Law, McGill University

CDAS Seminar Room, 12h30-14h00

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CONGRATULATIONS !

The staff at the CDAS would like to congratulate former Inter-University Coordinator Siran Nahabedian and her husband Peter on the birth of their son Mathias Pedro. We wish them all health and happiness in the years to come.

