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A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI  
AND FRIENDS OF  
UBC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



## A New Tradition

I am honoured to present to you the premier issue of the UBC International Relations alumni newsletter. The seeds of this project were planted in summer 2012, when students, faculty and alumni of the IR programme at UBC collaborated to develop a stronger, more interconnected community of current and prospective IR graduates. I am so very proud of the work that has been put forth to make that possible, and must first and foremost thank everyone who has dedicated their time and effort to fuel this project's take off. A very special thank you to IR programme chair Jessica Wang, active alumnus Mathew Berry, IRSA president Karlson Leung and the incredible project staff for all the patience and support that it has taken to make this possible.

In the pages to follow, I hope to bring to light what has been going on throughout the bustling and continually expanding IR programme here at UBC. I'm pleased to offer you some interesting research we have found on the history of the programme, as well as create a foundation for sharing and discovery in the future months. So please, enjoy the following pages and be generous with any constructive suggestions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you, and the future growth of this project!

Alyssa Kritsch  
Editor-in-Chief

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# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

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I am most excited to be a part of the nascent and fledgling IR programme and alumni newsletter. At IRSA, we have been anticipating the release with eager eyes and minds. The **International Relations Students Association (IRSA)** has been thriving since 1983 and is recognized as one of the most active clubs on campus and as one of the most highly regarded student organizations throughout Canada and the United States. Our mission is to provide a forum for international discourse and an outlet for students with an international flair or focus.

This new endeavor arrives at a busy time for both IRSA and the IR community. We are continually expanding to accommodate the needs of our students. We are increasing the number of opportunities and services provided to anyone interested in international affairs on campus. At the core of these changes is one unifying theme – the notion of community and family. As part of the “Family Project” this year we have pioneered “family socials” to bridge the gap between students of other faculties while also strengthening identity within the IR major. The newsletter is part of this grand initiative to make UBC’s IR programme even greater than it is already.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the many supporters and partners of this project who made this possible.

I wish you the best of luck and the best of reading in the pages to follow

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Karlson Leung".

Karlson Leung



## Did you know....

*In 1972, IR institute secretary Lori Whitehead was a leader in unionizing the 1200 workers on UBC campus. She dealt with CUPE, OTEU, and even explored the possibility of creating an independent union. By drafting the first union constitution, she was critical in UBC's eventual CUPE unionization*

## Liu Institute for Global Issues moves to Faculty of Arts



The Liu Institute for Global has moved into the Faculty of Arts under the leadership of political scientist Peter Dauvergne. The Institute's mandate is to conduct leading edge research on global issues and to mobilize knowledge for the development of solutions for pressing public policy problems. Under Dauvergne's leadership the Institute' has a focus on issues of **sustainability, security and social Justice.**

### Research

The Liu Institute serves as a hub for global issues research at UBC, connecting researchers and students across disciplines through partnerships with governments, NGOs and the private sector. It hosts regular workshops, panel discussions, colloquia and guest lecturers which lead to in-depth reports, policy briefs, books, academic articles and media coverage, on a range of technical and current affairs topics.

### People

The Liu Institute's core faculty includes an interdisciplinary group conducting global research in crosscutting fields including international development, climate policy, energy, law, business, political economy, international relations, comparative public policy, socio-cultural analysis, and socio-technical studies. Along with regular faculty members the Liu Institute includes a number of Visiting Scholars and Distinguished Fellows, who come to the Institute for short periods to engage in both teaching and research; five Postdoctoral Fellows launching their academic careers; and a Scholar Program that brings together exceptional PhD students from all across UBC to collaborate in cross-disciplinary research on global issues. The current cohort of Liu Scholars includes 6 Trudeau Scholars, 14 Vanier Scholars, and 33 Canada Graduate Scholarship recipients. Five have been awarded International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Doctoral Research Awards to undertake thesis research in developing countries.

### Research Networks

The Liu Institute encourages and houses a range of global issue networks that connect researchers at UBC and provide a portal for information and idea exchange between the university and the broader community. Areas covered by the networks include: International Development, Corporate Social Responsibility, Migration, Transitional Justice, Global Health, and Global and Transnational Ethnographies.

### Facilities

The Liu Institute occupies an award winning building designed by Arthur Erickson and located at the edge of UBC's Point Grey Campus. The Institute's Lobby Gallery fosters alternative forms of disseminating research through critical artistic expression, enabling a space for creative dialogue about global issues among students, faculty, researchers and the Vancouver public.

For more information, or to check their calendar for news and upcoming events, click on: <http://www.ligi.ubc.ca>

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ir.arts.  
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## Upcoming Events

International Humanitarian Law Event  
Partnered with Liu Institute and the  
Canadian Red Cross

**Date:** February 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Venue:** Liu Institute Multi-purpose room  
If you are interested in learning more  
about Lift the Children or IHL events,  
please contact:  
[irsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:irsa.president@gmail.com)

Inaugural Mark Zacher Distinguished  
Visiting Scholar Lecture  
by: Professor John Ruggie  
Kennedy School of Government, and  
Law School, Harvard University

**Title:** Just Business: Multinational  
Corporations and Human Rights

**Date:** February 23, 2013  
**Time:** 8:15pm  
**Venue:** Lecture Hall No.2 Woodward  
Instructional Resources Centre  
UBC Vancouver Campus

If you are interested in learning more  
about the event, please contact  
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*A history of International Relations at UBC*

## *The Early Years*

As early as 1934, the International Relations Club of UBC was already an organized force within UBC's campus life. On February 20th 1931, the IR club sponsored Dr. Mander of Washington University to speak on European affairs and the need for a 'world court', in 1947 Dr. Israel Goldman spoke on terrorist attacks in Palestine, and Dr. Barnett Savery in 1950 lectured on the role of Marxism at the beginning of the Cold War. As for leadership, the International Relations Club took a frontrunner position in advancing the faculty. In 1947, the IR club organized the Post War Northwest Regional Conference, where 120 delegates from Canada and the US assembled to speak on post war issues in the biggest conference (at the time) in UBC history. Even as early as 1945, the IR club had a strong following, and an international relations library with hundreds of books available to the faculty's students was established. Even in the early years, the faculty of international relations was a leader on world issues and an advocate for positive change at UBC.

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## *Are you on LinkedIn? Join the "UBC International Relations" Group!*

A closed group for current UBC IR students and program alumni has been created on LinkedIn as a way to facilitate connections and to share program information and upcoming events. In recent months the group has grown to over 250 members, but there are still plenty of students and alumni out there. Please join and share the group with any current or former classmates that you are connected to!

### **Interested in helping to organize UBC IR alumni?**

There are many opportunities to improve alumni engagement in the IR program, which benefits both alumni and current students. Newsletters, alumni events, alumni attendance at UBC IR/IRSA events, and mentoring are all options that are being discussed by a group of alumni, current students and the IR program. If you would be interested in being actively involved in this conversation, please contact [Christine.lee@ubc.ca](mailto:Christine.lee@ubc.ca) for more information.

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## The Seventies & Eighties

In 1971, Dr. Mark W. Zacher, an associate professor of economics, became the new head of the Institute of International Relations. Dr. Zacher produced a special study of the United Nations and in 1966, was the winner of an annual award offered by a prestigious journal, "International Organization", for his paper entitled "The Secretary-General and the United Nations' Function of Peaceful Settlement". Dr. Zacher received his BA at Yale, and obtained his MA and PhD at Columbia University.

A new director was also found for the International House, a role in which Mr. Colin Smith took on in 1972. Mr. Smith's goal was to see UBC departments that are concerned with international affairs; make more use of the International House for seminars and classes.

That same year, Geoffrey A.H. Pearson, career diplomat and son of former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, was a guest at UBC for the purpose of building a "bridge" of understanding between the Department of External Affairs and the university community. Mr. Pearson made himself available to the UBC community, to help those that deal in theories about international relations and those in the department who work on day-to-day problems. He also provided information and answered questions about Foreign Service careers, conducted seminars, and acted as a vital resource of international affairs.

UBC's Institute of International Relations continued to develop. Aided by a grant from the Defense Research Board of Canada in 1972, UBC's Institute of International Relations is promoting a variety of activities involving research by faculty members and graduate students in several disciplines

UBC's Institute of International Relations was also the recipient of a \$170,000 grant in 1973(?) from the Donner Canadian Foundation to fund a long-term research project on "Canada and the International Management of the Oceans." Twenty researchers will investigate problems ranging from the international regulation of ship-generated oil pollution, to the politics of ocean fisheries, to the regulation of the commercial and military uses of the seabed.

Fast forward four years ahead to 1976, the University of British Columbia's International Relations program is visibly growing. The Department of National Defense approved a \$250,000 grant to UBC to enable the further development of research and teaching in the area of strategic studies. Over a span of 5 years, \$50,000 CAD was paid out to the Institute of International Relations.

In 1986, the University of British Columbia saw an expansion of military and strategic studies as a part of the Institute of International Relations. This expansion was to be part of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and the major purpose was to organize large-scale research projects, as well as further promoting international studies at the University.

To top off the decade, Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, a guest to UC, which was hosting several Commonwealth VIPs, attended a lunch sponsored by IRSA in cooperation with the federal Department of Regional and Industrial Expansion. UBC's Institute of International Relations was also the recipient of a \$170,000 grant in 1973(?) from the Donner Canadian Foundation to fund a long-term research project on "Canada and the International Management of the Oceans."

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Alumni—we want to know what you are up to.  
*Let us know & we will report it in the next issue.*

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# *Journal of International Affairs: The 27th Year*

The UBC Journal of International Affairs is a student-run, peer- and faculty-reviewed, internationally distributed undergraduate journal. For the past 27 years, the Journal has showcased the best undergraduate scholarship on global issues.

Last year, we received over 80 essay submissions. The 12 members of the editorial board spent several weeks in January and February selecting the very best papers. We published five excellent papers on topics from hybrid tribunals in post-conflict countries to the viability of a two-state solution in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In recent years, we have published on democratization, peacekeeping, refugees and transnational advocacy.

The Journal's diverse sets of editors bring specialized knowledge to the editing process. Editors get the chance to learn about the academic review process and are exposed to the different sub-fields and debates in the discipline. Editors provide feedback to the authors along the way, and contributing authors learn how to strengthen their arguments for an academic audience -- an invaluable experience for young scholars.

Additionally, marketing and layout designers help us create the best-printed version of the Journal and ensure it gets widely distributed. A faculty liaison helps coordinate with International Relations faculty to verify that we only publish papers of the highest intellectual quality. Without the assistance of the International Relations programme, publishing the Journal would not be possible, and we are very thankful for their support.

Sam Rowan  
Editor-in-Chief



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## **The Nineties**

The nineties proved to be a significant era in the realm of institution building around International Relations on campus. In 1994, the Liu Institute for Global Issues was established. The purpose of the Institute was to conduct housing research and offer continuing education while providing space for existing units that focus on international studies. The building itself features classroom and conference facilities. The Liu Institute gives UBC graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty, and community members research opportunities in order to bridge the gap between academics and practitioners. Two years later came the development of St. John's College, which was to complement the Liu Institute. Places in the college are reserved for visiting grad students, exchange students, and scholars from other countries; as well as for linking undergraduate students interested in international issues, such as those enrolled in the IR program.

On a different note, the beginning of this new decade saw the unfolding of a truly remarkable story. In 1991, IR major Margaret Rasheed had a Chinese family of four living in her townhome in Acadia park. When the Tiananmen massacre was occurring, she offered them her residence, even though they couldn't contribute sufficiently. Rasheed was working as a janitor, taking a full course load, and raising her own child during this time.

*Look for the final installment on UBC IR as it enters the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

# Alumni Highlights

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note to  
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For next issue

## **Elise Goodreault**

*International Relations Major, Econ  
Minor  
Graduated 2009*

Elise is currently working with first year students at SFU as an international student advisor. She meets with students about both personal and academic issues and helps them with their transition to Canadian university life. Elise fondly remembers a year spent at Sciences Po Paris as an exchange student and her favourite class at UBC was War & Society with Allen Sens.

## **Julia Claire Malmo-Laycock**

*Spanish Major, IR Minor  
Graduated 2012*

Julia is currently interning in the Department of Sustainable Development at the Organization of American States in Washington, DC, with plans to pursue a career in International Development after going back for a Master's degree. Julia's favourite IR course at UBC was a seminar on Latin American Development with Max Cameron - a fabulous professor who inspired a great interest in Latin American Politics and the evaluation of democratic institutions.

## **Matthew Berry**

*IR Major  
Graduated 2008*

Matthew is currently in Calgary working for the in the Economics & Markets Branch of Alberta Energy with a focus on international markets and the geopolitics of energy. Matthew is also completing a Master's degree in public policy part-time at the University of Calgary. His favourite IR course was a fourth-year seminar with Jen Peterson - "Illegal Economies and Political Violence."

## **Kristine Couzens (Randall)**

*IR & French Linguistics - Double Major  
Graduated 2005*

Kristine has been a Canadian Foreign Service Officer since 2008, with assignments in the Latin America and Caribbean Trade Relations division, Algeria, and, most recently, worked on transferring a development program from the Canadian International Development Program to Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. Currently awaiting the start of her next (and most challenging) assignment as a Mom with the arrival any day of her first child!

## International Learning Opportunities at UBC

The amount of international learning opportunities available at UBC are constantly expanding, seeing an increasing number of students are participating each year. *Go Global* facilitates a variety of exchange programs in accordance with over 150 partner universities worldwide and providing specialized courses that can be applied towards a UBC degree. Research programs are also conducted abroad, *International Service Learning Programs* allow students to contribute within international projects led by community partners worldwide, gaining first hand experience in international community

*Group Study Programs* allow students an international learning opportunity alongside their peers, with support from a UBC faculty member, to study in a location specific to their topic of study. Lastly, there are other special programs available to students, such as the *U21 Global Issues Program*, where courses from various other universities can be taken right here at UBC.

To learn more visit:  
[www.goglobal.ubc.ca](http://www.goglobal.ubc.ca)

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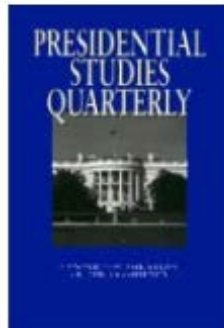
## Recently published works from UBC Political Science:



### Kurt Huebner

#### Europe, Canada and the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement

Kurt Huebner, who came into the department from UBC's European Studies program, has recently edited a book in Routledge's Governance and Change in the Global Era series.



### Paul Quirk

#### The Presidency and Economic Governance in Hazardous Times

Paul Quirk, who holds the Phil Lind Chair in US Politics and Representation, has just edited *The Presidency and Economic Governance in Hazardous Times* for the Presidential Research Quarterly.



### Yves Tiberghien

#### L'Asie et le future du monde

Yves Tiberghien has been actively involved in debates and processes around the evolving G-20. In a brand new book, published by the press of France's famous SciencesPo, he tackles the question of *Asia in the World*.



### Jean Laponce

#### Le Référendum de Souveraineté. Comparaisons, Critiques et Commentaires.

Jean Laponce, who many former UBC political science students remember, retired from the department in 1990. But he is still busy and has just produced *Le Référendum de Souveraineté. Comparaisons, Critiques et Commentaires* a fascinating new book that has been published by the University of Laval Press.