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Mobilizing Science and Technology – CFGS and FORO Nacional/Internacional Partner in a New Project

The last 20 years have seen a shift towards an increasingly knowledge-based global economy. However, many countries are being left behind, as the 'knowledge divide' widens between developed and developing countries. To address this "knowledge divide," the Centre for Global Studies, in partnership with FORO Nacional/Internacional (Lima, Peru), is undertaking the Global Knowledge and Development Project. Through a detailed process of review, consultation and assessment, the project will identify actions and policies aimed at advancing development objectives.

The project's first phase (funded by Rockefeller Foundation), currently underway, consists of three components. Francisco Sagasti, Director of FORO, is preparing an "issues paper" to

clarify the key issues in the science and technology for development field; identify the primary institutional and policy initiatives to be considered; and frame the questions to guide future research.

To complement this paper, the Centre's research team will compile a database of current policy and practice in the field of Science, Technology and Development. This landscape will be a valuable resource for those involved in the science and technology for development field – by providing a central resource, searchable by actor, region and policy type; the landscape will help reduce duplication of programs, increase synergy between programs and provide concrete examples of current practice.

The first phase will culminate with a meeting of science and

technology experts in Peru, scheduled for the summer of 2002. Through a discussion of the issues paper and the landscape database, a report will be prepared with implications and options for future support for science and technology for development, including a best practices guide for multilateral and bilateral overseas development assistance agencies and national governments.

Through this process, the Centre for Global Studies and FORO Nacional/Internacional hope to explore the feasibility of a global governance mechanism to coordinate programs and policies to use science and technology for development, and to disseminate scientific and technological knowledge to developing countries.

Director's Message

The Centre is, in my opinion, moving ahead rapidly. Indeed so rapidly we can forget to keep everybody up to speed on the latest developments. That is my fault. My New Year's Resolution was to be much more proactive in telling the world what we are up to in the form of a Newsletter. My hope is that you will give us feedback – comments, questions, expressions of interest in collaboration – even offers of financial support!

At present we shall prepare the newsletter every six months. As befits a centre dealing with global issues, we have and will rely heavily on information technology – our web site – to tell people what we are doing

and to put forward our publications and report on other "deliverables."

We have a great team and are growing in size – our building is being extended to accommodate us.

Finally, many thanks to the Vice-President Research and the President for their continuing encouragement and support.

I would welcome feedback at gssmith@uvic.ca or 250-472-4726.

Gordon Smith, Director



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In the Pipeline:

Focus on Environment

Two noteworthy environmental projects are currently in the developing stage at the Centre. The first is multi-initiative project focussing on the links between water resources and human security issues in the Nile Basin. Centre staff have worked closely with members of the World Water Council to design a project that combines elements of governance, environment and civil society to achieve the project's key goal: to reduce vulnerability and promote human security within the Nile Basin riparians through sustainable long-term water resource development by enhancing knowledge and capacity within both the public and civil society sectors.

The second project, in the early development phase, will investigate the dynamics between environment and security, and the possibility of multilateral mechanisms for post-conflict cleanup and resolution. An exploratory meeting is scheduled for early 2003 with the World Conservation Union (IUCN), Washington DC, our partner institute in this initiative.

CFGS Welcomes...

The CFGS would like to welcome two new research fellows, Thomas Legler and Wayne Nelles. Thomas is one of this year's three recipients of a Human Security Fellowship from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). While based at the Centre for Global Studies, he is writing a book, *Consolidating Democratic Governance and Accountability in the Americas: Canada, the OAS, and the Case of Peru*. The study examines the evolution of multilateral diplomacy for democracy in the Inter-American system with a case study of the Organization of American States' role in resolving the political crisis in Peru during 2000. A specialist on Latin American politics and development, he holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science, York University. Thomas has taught at the University of Victoria and the University of Toronto. His publications have appeared in *Journal of Democracy*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Canadian Foreign Policy*, *Hemisphere*, *Voices of Mexico*, and *CanadaWatch*. In 1995-96, he was a Norman Robertson Fellow at the DFAIT.

Wayne Nelles was appointed Senior Associate at the Sustainable Development Research Institute at the University of British Columbia in 1999. He has a Ph.D. in Comparative and International Education Policy. The second of this year's three recipients of a Human Security

Fellowships from the DFAIT, his project while based at CFGS in 2002 is called: *Education, Multilateralism and Human Security in the Balkans: Reconciling Military Intervention with Aid for Conflict Prevention*. Wayne will be visiting Kosovo for field research in February. He also hopes to publish an edited book on "Education, Human Security and Peace-building in Southeast Europe" with colleagues. His research has included work on education, sustainability and security issues. He has done commissioned policy work and published articles in: *Asian Perspective*; *BC Historical News*; *Canadian and International Education*, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*; *International Journal (of the CIA)*; *International Journal of Canadian Studies*; *Learning Quarterly*; *Our School-Our Selves*, and the *UNESCO Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems*.

We would also like to extend a welcome to Ben Pollard, Matthew Farnholtz, Wanda Ollis and Ashley Bangsrove. Ben has been working at the Centre as a Research Assistant for several months now. Ben graduated with honours in Political Science and now is working towards an MPA focussing on Dispute Resolution. His professional interests in stakeholder consultation related issues and social progress-oriented market mechanisms have made him a valuable addition to the Centre.

Matthew, the most recent addition to the CFGS research team, is a graduate of the University of Victoria's School of Environmental

Studies and Biology Co-op program. His interest in global issues stems from sojourns to Asia, experiences as a conservation biologist in British Columbia and Washington State, an English teacher in Taiwan, and as an environmental youth team leader here in Victoria.

Wanda Ollis joined the CFGS staff as an editor and writer. Wanda has been working on the Nile Basin project and the Action Plan for Africa synthesizing the information and components and writing research proposals. Wanda is also the Editor of *Global Talk*. She has worked as the Publications Coordinator and Managing Editor for the Global Environmental Change and Human Security project (GECHS) for the past two years. She will remain Managing Editor of *AVISO*, the core publication of the GECHS project.

Ashley has recently joined the CFGS as a senior research associate. He is an environment and development researcher specializing in environmental planning and assessment, coastal zone management, pollution assessment and control, and training and capacity building. He has worked abroad in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region and Africa, and has only recently returned to Canada. Ashley has been project manager or technical expert on over 30 environment and development projects funded by a variety of donors, UN organizations and development banks.

Current Projects

CFGS is working in close partnership with the State of the World Forum. Centre Directors, Gordon Smith and Barry Carin, are among several dozen international leaders participating in the Forum's Commission on Globalization, a two-year process of policy research and multi-stakeholder dialogues that will culminate in the Forum on Globalization in 2003. CFGS is assisting with the development of Policy Action Groups in eight different research streams, and will head the groups on Intellectual Property and World Trade, as well as the New Threat Environment.

In April of this year, we are hosting a conference at the Rockefeller Study and Conference Centre in Bellagio, Italy with 23 participants. The theme for the intense three-day event is *Emerging Global Challenges*. The meeting will be structured around five foci: Global Challenges, Global Responses, Managing Interdependence in a Complex World, Focus on the Environment and Mobilizing Action and Support for Partnership in African Development. The participants include officials from Overseas Development Assistance Agencies and philanthropic Foundations, as well as sectoral experts from the private sector and government.

The Centre is also continuing to work on Microfinance Initiatives to further objectives, particularly increasing the quantity and improving the performance of microfinance institutions in every region of the world.



Bellagio, located on Lake Como in northern Italy. The Rockefeller Study and Conference Center, also known as the Villa Serbelloni, sits half-way up the promontory.



Update from CFGS Affiliates – Centres within the Centre

ICRD

The Institute for Child Rights and Development (ICRD), another arm of the Centre for Global Studies, is recognized to be a Canadian leader in community-based, national, regional and international applications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). These applications are unique in providing a “bottom up” approach to children’s rights that build on children’s natural resiliency, as well as the resiliency of families, communities and culture.

The Institute has been working in partnership with a diverse cross section of children, youth and families resulting in: school-based



Hands raised to participate...

programs, community-based initiatives, and projects with marginalized youth (e.g., indigenous children, sexually-exploited children and children orphaned by HIV/AIDS). Results from ICRD’s work

include: innovative policy guidelines; community-based training materials for youth, community members and professionals; university curriculum for human service professionals; and child-centred participatory action research guidelines. Upcoming projects include the Children as Partners initiative. While many agree that our greatest hope for a better future life lies in the potential of our children, how do we promote meaningful and sustainable children’s participation? (More information can be found on our website: www.uvic.ca/icrd.)

EastWest Institute of Canada

The EastWest Institute of Canada (EWIC) has been established to bring Canadian competence to bear in supporting the mission of the international EastWest Institute to help change the security, economic, political and social situation in Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The Director of the EastWest Institute of Canada is Derek Fraser, former Canadian Ambassador to Hungary, Greece, and Ukraine.

In the five months of its existence, the EWIC has worked with CIDA

on initiatives to support the reform of the regional government in Ukraine. It has submitted proposals to other Canadian organizations to support Russia and Ukraine to join the WTO and to reform the Russian pension system. It is at present exploring projects to teach political and economic leadership, to hold workshops on the issues raised by the events of 11 September, to establish a security network in the Balkans, and to organize expert groups on the reform of NATO.

BMLP

The Brazilian Mariculture Linkage Program (BMLP), supported by a Tier One grant from the Canadian International Development Agency, is assisting Brazilian coastal communities through a program of university capacity building, extension training and community participation in marine aquaculture. Mariculture programs have been developed at five Brazilian universities in partnership with three Canadian Universities. Community mariculture activities combined with environmental protection, sanitation and public health programs are resulting in sustainable socio-economic improvements in artisanal fishing villages.

Youth for Global Change

Youth for Global Change (YFGC) creates and undertakes youth projects at the Centre for Global Studies. YFGC seeks to promote intercultural empathy amongst, and to advance understanding and action on major global issues by, young Canadians. YFGC has successfully completed the following three major projects since its creation in 2001. First, in June of 2001, YFGC coordinated a workshop called Mosaic, which took place at Lake Shawnigan. The themes of the workshop were youth empowerment and

intercultural empathy. Second, YFGC created a multimedia project called Visions Gallery, which spotlights the work of eight young people, promoting their projects and allowing viewers to learn about, and be inspired by, their actions. Finally, YFGC undertook a qualitative research study, Visions, which investigated young people engaged in sustainability projects. Visit our website to learn about the youth spotlighted in the Visions Gallery project and for more information (www.globalcentres.org/youth).

GECHS

The Global Environmental Change and Human Security Project (GECHS) has had a busy year. Dr. Mike Brklacich from the University of Carleton (Ottawa) took over from Dr. Steve Lonergan (UVic) as project director. The Project Office will be moving to Carleton later this year. The Scientific Steering Committee recently approved two “signature” projects – one

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Publications

We have had excellent reviews for the Centre’s latest publication, *Rethinking Governance*, a handbook containing an inventory of ideas to enhance accountability, participation and transparency in international organizations. The handbook is part of the Managing Interdependence project, and was generously supported by the Ford Foundation and CIDA. Barry Carin has led this project.

In *Who is afraid of the state? Canada in a World of Multiple Centres of Power*, an edited collection by Gordon Smith and Daniel Wolfish, the authors explore the exchange of ideas, perspectives, frameworks, and data between academies and government, which are at once necessary for the development of innovative and effective public policy, yet increasingly difficult in time of constant change. The Trends Project, a collaborative effort of the Policy Research Secretariat and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, was conceived as a means of addressing this challenge by providing a new model for academies and government to collaborate on policy research and for supporting policy development.



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focussing on environment and security issues within Russia during the transition period, and another on vulnerability and environmental change. They published three AVISO bulletins – one that is particularly topical – “Environmental Stress and Human Security in Northern Pakistan” and have five planned for 2002. Visit www.gechs.org for more information or electronic copies of AVISO.

Associate Director’s Message

The intimidating challenges for a group on Global Studies are to keep pace with the overwhelming flow of newly published material, establish and maintain partnerships with productive institutions and colleagues, and to stay on the cutting edge of issues that appear boundless. Last year we concentrated on establishing networks and focussed on global governance. We produced the “*Rethinking Governance*” Handbook, which outlines best practices to enhance participation, transparency and accountability in multilateral organizations. We studied potential improvements to provide international institutional support to microfinance initiatives, and to bridge the digital divide. We organized a conference for Environment Canada on options for the Great Canadian Initiative at the Johannesburg Summit in September 2002. We looked ahead to 2020 to envision the landscape of international organizations that will be coping with the challenges of the day. This year we will continue work in these areas to translate the research conclusions into terms that will be useful to international decision-makers.

Our plans are to concentrate the focus somewhat in new work this year. We hope to be the catalyst for project proposals in several areas this year, including: devising concrete road maps to realize the objectives in the G8 Genoa Plan of Action for Africa; creating a multidisciplinary approach to managing the Nile Basin, endorsed by the Egyptian Minister of Irrigation; and examining options in the field of Environmental Security, such as the Green Helmets, a multilateral force analogous to the UN peacekeeping Blue Helmets. We look forward to a busy year with our many partners.

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