

Shastri News- November 2010

Shastri in the Forefront — President Singh Addresses AUCC

On November 8, 2010 the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) spearheaded a seven-day mission of 15 Canadian university presidents to India. By recognizing the vast opportunities available for Canadian institutions in India AUCC is treading ground familiar to Shastri. It was in fitness of things that on the opening day of the Mission the Shastri President Sunaina Singh was invited to give orientation to the Canadian contingent on the Shastri's contribution to India-Canada educational collaboration and cooperation and its strategic plans for future directions.

Dr. Singh along with Vice President Braj Sinha presented Shastri's Strategic Action Plan and emphasized that an organization with access, experience, and expertise already exists and has done so for over 40 years. Any university trying to capitalize on the increased cooperation between the two countries, and seeking collaborative research, graduate student, and program development opportunities would do well to look to Shastri for assistance.

Shastri plans on following up with the 15 presidents (many of whom are Shastri members) to facilitate a stronger India strategy for each institution). To this end Dr. Singh has written to the Minister of Higher Education, Honorable Kapil Sibal that Shastri would be happy to facilitate a delegation of its member institutions and other institution of higher education. Shastri Gains a Seat at the MoU Table

Shastri's significance in Canada-India relations has been recognized in Ottawa. As part of the now well-known MoU of June 2010, one development has been the creation of a joint task force to examine the best and most tangible ways to realize the tremendous opportunities coming out of the historic agreement of this past summer.

Named specifically in the MoU, Shastri has been accorded an observer status on the joint task force that would have the responsibility of forging, monitoring and implementing a plan to make the goals of the MoU a reality.

"Being asked to sit-in on the taskforce is both an honour and merited recognition of the role Shastri has played and will continue to play in fostering dialogue and exchanges between Canadian and Indian academic institutions," notes Shastri Vice President and President-Elect Braj Sinha. "We will be able to do great work for India-Canada relations, our CMC and IMC members, and Shastri with our input.

Shastri Regional Symposium Update – A Great First Event

Engaging India has officially launched with the first Canadian symposium which took place at the University of Saskatchewan October 28-29, 2010. Co-sponsored by Shastri, with assistance from Enterprise Saskatchewan and International Science and Technology Partnership Canada, the

conference brought together a disparate group of disciplines to discuss work, research, and collaboration undergoing now between Canada and India.

Themes of particular interest to the symposium participants were – Bio-energy and Bio- products, human and social dimensions, Environmental issues, Health issues and sustainable development, Food sustainability and Bio-resource, and Social Scientific – Humanistic Research involving India. The major objective of the multidisciplinary symposium was to provide an opportunity for colleagues from science, technology, humanities, and social science disciplines to dialogue on significant issues involving Canada-India research and scholarly collaborations. One of the specific objectives was to showcase the current research and scholarly activities being conducted by faculty and researchers at Saskatchewan.

The symposium in Saskatoon also provided an opportunity to network with researchers from across India and Canada having complementary expertise, Saskatchewan provincial government representatives, Government of India representatives and industries.

Participants included:

- Faculty and researchers in the fields of Science and Technology from eminent Indian and Canadian Universities working in the field of bio-energy and bio-products, and sustainable technologies;
- Faculty and researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities disciplines from four prairie universities
- Saskatchewan industry representatives and representatives from government organizations
- Faculty from Arts and Science, Bio-resource and Agriculture, Engineering, and Health Sciences at U of S

Plans are already underway for the next regional symposium. The proposed theme will be Engaging India — International Development. Details will follow.

Conference on IPC – Announcement

Dec 14-15, 2010

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Markanday Katju, Judge, Supreme Court of India, Prof. N.R.Madhava Menon, Former Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU, Bangalore & NUJS, Kolkata and Prof. B.B.Pande, Former Professor of Law, Delhi University has kindly agreed to be the patrons of the International Seminar and Prof. M. Zakaria Siddiqui, Former Dean, Aligarh Muslim University is the Co-Chairperson of the Organizing Committee.

Through this International Seminar, we want to discuss the philosophy and the journey of the Indian Penal Code over all these years and also want to discuss present challenges, strategy and agenda for reform in the Indian Penal Code. For this purpose, we are inviting judges, lawyers and academicians

from the countries which are having similar penal code like ours especially from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and some African countries.

For more details visit our website <http://www.rmlnlu.ac.in> or contact:

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Shastri Grants – Upcoming deadlines

There is still time to plan for upcoming Shastri grants. Please see attached Guide to Grants and Awards for further details...

Name of Grant/Award Application Deadline

SICI-AIESEC Bursary to travel to India To be advised

Shastri Action-Research Program To be advised

Canadian Studies Program Development Grant December 15th, 2010

Lal Bahadur Shastri Student Prize January 30th, 2011

Student Excellence Awards January 30th, 2011

Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant March 1st, 2011

Focus India

Shastri President Sunaina Singh was invited to make a presentation for the Focus India program very capably coordinated and co-chaired by DFAIT and our Bir Sahnis. The meeting was widely attended and heard from various agencies regarding their focus on India.

Dr. Singh spoke about areas of focus for the Institute and Shastri's action plan including a refocusing on India studies in Canada, Canada studies in India, and development studies. President Singh also highlighted two new Shastri programs: the Student/Faculty Mobility program between India and Canada in 2010-2011. Shastri's recent agreement with the Government of Quebec drew particular interest. This accord allows Indian Masters and PhD students to study at Quebec institutions while paying domestic fees.

Professor Singh also spoke to the following areas as being of particular interest to the Government of India: Post doctoral exchanges; Canada-India short-term courses in Canadian institutions for focused coursework; Student internships; and, Dual or joint degree programs.

Watch for your 2010-11 Shastri Membership Invoices

Canadian member invoices are being sent out this week from the Canadian office. Included in the package will be a letter to each university president (with a copy to the CMC member) providing an overview of Shastri and its recent activities and plans, a copy of Shastri's Action Plan, Shastri's Guide to Grants and Awards for Indian and Canadian Scholars, Financial Statements, and a profile of recent grants to members.

Calls and Classifieds

First Opportunity – Les éditions Codex

Les éditions Codex sont heureuses de vous annoncer la parution de leur troisième titre intitulé "Les racines intellectuelles du mouvement d'indépendance de l'Inde (1893-1918)".

Dans ce livre très documenté, préfacé par Jacques Attali, M. Prithwindra Mukherjee donne à voir les fondements philosophiques, historiques et religieux – intellectuels en somme – du nationalisme indien avant l'émergence de la figure tutélaire de Gandhi.

De Râmmohun Roy à Sri Aurobindo, en passant par Karl Marx et Rabindranath Tagore, c'est l'ensemble du corpus idéologique ayant influencé le nationalisme indien qui est analysé par l'auteur à la lumière d'une culture et d'une histoire pluriséculaires.

Jusqu'ici largement méconnue, une vue d'ensemble des activités des révolutionnaires en Inde comme celle de leurs réseaux constitués hors du pays (Angleterre, Russie, Allemagne, France, Etats-Unis et plusieurs pays de l'Asie...) est en outre révélée pour la première fois.

Vous trouverez plus d'éléments dans le fichier pdf joint à ce message ou directement sur notre site:

<http://editions-codex.fr/racines-intellectuelles-mouvement-dindependance-delinde-p-44.html>.

Les éditions Codex

<http://www.editions-codex.fr>

Awards Dinner – Calgary Peace Prize

The Consortium for Peace Studies at the University of Calgary is pleased to announce the 2011 recipient of the Calgary Peace Prize to environmentalist, trained physicist, eco feminist and author of several books Dr. Vandana Shiva.

Dr. Shiva will be honoured at our annual Calgary Peace Prize Dinner, to take place on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the Calgary Golf & Country Club.

Dr. Shiva is one of the world's most renowned environmentalists. Time Magazine identified Dr. Shiva as an environmental "hero" in 2003 and Asia Week has called her one of the five most powerful communicators of Asia. Dr. Shiva has pioneered the organic movement in India and established

Navdanya, the country's biggest network of seed keepers and organic producers. Dr. Shiva has authored many books including Soil Not Oil, Earth Democracy, Stolen Harvest, Staying Alive, Water Wars and Biopiracy. Among her many awards are the Alternative Nobel Prize (Right Livelihood Award, 1993), Order of the Golden Ark, Global 500 Award of UN and Earth Day International Award. Lennon ONO grant for peace award by Yoko Ono, Yo Dona Award by Yo Dona Magazine, Spain, Sydney Peace Prize. Dr. Shiva also serves on the boards of many organizations including World Future Council, International Forum on Globalization and Slow Food International.

We invite you all to join us on this auspicious occasion!

Calgary Peace Prize Dinner

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Calgary Golf & Country Club, 50th Ave & Elbow Dr SW

Cocktails: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Tickets: \$150.00 each

Advance Ticket Discount:

Ticket orders received by February 25th, 2011 will be available at the discounted price of \$150.00.

Tickets thereafter will be available at \$175.00

Tickets to the Calgary Peace Prize Dinner can be purchased online at:

<https://netcommunity.ucalgary.ca/2011CalgaryPeacePrize>

\$100 of your ticket purchase is considered a donation in support of the Consortium for Peace Studies activities. You will receive a tax receipt from the University of Calgary shortly after your order has been processed. For more information, contact the Consortium for Peace Studies:

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Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada – Fellowships

The (APF) is accepting applications for its 2011-12 Post-Graduate Research Fellowships. Recent Master's and Doctoral graduates whose research focuses on Asia Pacific policy-related issues are encouraged to apply.

All Post-Graduate Research Fellows are based at our downtown Vancouver offices and divide their time between a self-directed research project on Canada-Asia relations (or other Asia-related topic with clear Canadian policy implications) and the APF's other activities. PhD graduates receive \$38,000 and M.A. graduates receive \$35,000 for a one-year non-renewable term.

Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and must have completed a Master's or Doctoral program no more than 18 months prior to the application deadline.

All applications for the Post-Graduate Research Fellowship must be received by February 14, 2011. For further information on how to apply, please visit the Foundation's website at:

<http://www.asiapacific.ca/grants/types-of-grants>.

C PRACSIS International Conference – Call for papers

February 1 & 2, 2011

Tholakappiar Campus (Main Campus), Madras University, Chepauk, Chennai, India.

Contextualising the 'Contemporary' in Culture

'Contemporary' is widely perceived as a pre-given conceptual category. The paradigm shift effected by 'contemporary' intellectual introgessions and art practices has evinced that the notion of contemporaneity is a contested domain. The discourse of the 'Contemporary' is formulated and perpetuated through the sedimentation of multifarious dynamics of culture, history, power, geography, movement, politics, and epistemes.

The international conference, contextualizing the 'Contemporary' in culture inquires the evolution and sustenance of 'the contemporary' in Art, Performance, Film, Music, Politics, Architecture, Media and Lifestyle. This conference attempts to explore the notion through the broad frameworks of: 1. Metro-scapes: City and Imagination 2. Peripheral Aesthetics: The rise of the suburban and the new 3. The liminal space: Small town/rural 4. The shifting pedagogies 5. Art preservation, transmission and dissemination 6. Managing 'the contemporary' 7. Histories and the future: Defining 'the contemporary' 8. Digital imagination 9. Virtuality of the contemporary 10. The popular versus the contemporary

C PRACSIS attempts to raise questions regarding these areas — questions not being confined to disciplinary boundaries — with an international conference to be convened at Chennai, India entitled "Contextualising the 'Contemporary' in Culture" On February 1 & 2, 2011 at the Tholakappiar Campus (Main Campus), Madras University, Chepauk under the auspices of the University of Madras.

The proposed international conference features keynote addresses by Arjun Appadurai (Senior Advisor for Global Initiatives & Distinguished Professorship as the John Dewey Professor in the Social Sciences at The New School in New York City), Howard Caygill (Professor of Cultural History at Goldsmiths College, University of London), and Kancha Ilaiah (Chairman of the Political Science department at Osmania University).

The Centre for Performance Research and Cultural Studies in South Asia [CPRACSIS; /si:praksiz/] is a non-profit organization dedicated to research and innovations in visual media, culture and performance, located in India, supported by an international academic community . The host of the conference, the University of Madras, has an unparalleled history of 152 years in disseminating and imparting knowledge. The coordinating department, the department of English was established in 1969.

Abstracts of the papers not exceeding 250 words along with a brief narrative bio (not exceeding 50 words) are to be sent to on or before November 20, 2010.

Abstracts should be submitted with the following information and in this order:

- a) author(s);
- b) affiliation;
- c) email address;
- d) telephone numbers;
- e) title of abstract;
- f) body of abstract;
- g) key words.

Please use plain text (Times Roman 12; single spaced) for the submission of abstracts and abstain from using footnotes and any special formatting. Only one paper per author will be accepted for presentation in the conference sessions, and at least one author for each paper must be at the conference in order to present the paper. All proposals are subject to peer review. The receipt of abstracts will be confirmed immediately and the selected paper-presenters will be notified by November 22. The conference fee must be remitted on or before December 15. Further details regarding conference fee, travel and accommodation etc. are available at . The last date for the submission of final papers will be January10, 2011.

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Wilfrid Laurier University – Conference Announcement

“Assessing the Complexities of South Asian Migration” will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada May 19th-21st 2011.

The conference posits that examining South Asian migration necessitates interdisciplinary and international collaborative approaches to both conceptualization and field studies. The aim of this conference is to take stock of the different topics currently being researched by Canadian and international scholars, and define new areas for possible research, and opportunities for future collaboration.

The main intellectual thrust of the gathering coheres around the following four themes:

- The historical and social factors behind acts of migration, and the contending ways that such imperatives have been represented and theorized. – The plurality of different types of migration,

and how different paths connect (or dis-connect) in time and space. – The socially and spatially-differentiated nature of citizenship politics that concerns South Asian populations globally. – The increasing role of overseas migrant populations in terms of the sending region*s economic development and international political relations.

Confirmed plenary speakers include:

Inderpal Grewal, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University, USA
<http://www.yale.edu/wgss/faculty/grewal-i.html>

Filippo Osella , Sussex Centre for Migration Research, U.K.
<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/migration/profile102434.html>

Irudaya Rajan, Research Unit on International Migration, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India
<http://www.cds.edu/php/facultyProfile.php?categoryId=379&Level=0>

Graduate students and faculty are invited to attend this multidisciplinary conference. Please send your contact details and a (max. 300 word) abstract to the organizers at imrcconference@wlu.ca by January 10th 2011.

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Shastri Alumna Performs in India – Anjali at the IIC

Anne-Marie Gaston has been invited to perform January 6, 2011 at India International Centre in Delhi. The theme for the evening is the Environment and the Founding of the Great Himalayan National Park. The show will include mixed media: dance, video, music, text, and images.

Dr. Gaston is a senior Performing Arts Scholar. Known by her stage name Anjali she is a multiple award recipient from Shastri. Her D.Phil. from Oxford University focused on the sociology of Indian performing arts. Contact the Indian Int’l Centre <http://www.iicdelhi.nic.in> for more information.

TAPMI – International Conference on Accounting & Finance

The T. A. Pai Management Institute (TAPMI) is among the leading management institutes in India, and is reputed for its academic rigour and faculty-student interaction. Founded by the visionary, Late Shri. T. A. Pai, TAPMI's mission is to provide much needed impetus to the task of building professional management capability in the country. Since its founding in 1984, TAPMI has received recognition and respect amongst the well-known industrial houses and academic institutions in India for the quality of its education. Over the years, the institute has earned a name for its Post Graduate Programme in Management (equivalent to an MBA) and the quality of student talent it has produced. Continuous improvements in the curriculum, structure, academic systems and faculty resources have contributed significantly to making TAPMI a preferred centre for management education. TAPMI is amongst the few Indian B-Schools which is in an advanced stage of the AACSB accreditation process. (Know more about TAPMI @ <http://www.tapmi.edu.in/>).

TAPMI is organizing the 1st International Conference on Accounting & Finance in March 2011. The theme is "Strategic Accounting for Control & Governance". The role of accounting has evolved from merely an operational activity of reporting of financial data. Today, it is viewed as a strategic tool for management control and improving the quality of corporate governance measures thereby helping businesses sustain investor confidence. This conference seeks to further develop an appreciation of the complementary role of accounting and governance for building robust financial systems.

Selected papers presented at the conference will also be published in Managerial Accounting Journal (An Emerald Publication). (<http://www.tapmi.edu.in/html/Conference-ICAF.html>)

The conference has technical sessions/workshops by leading academicians and practitioners from across the globe. You will notice that 3 of these 7 speakers are from Canada – namely, Ms. Poonam Puri, Mr. Suresh S. Kalagnanam and Ms. Linda Robinson.

For any further details, please contact:

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Executive Council Meeting — Dec 11-12

Shastri's Executive Council meeting will be held in India, Dec 11-12. Agenda items include: consideration of a proposal for Shastri's web portal, a plan for regional and national workshops and discussion regarding a Shastri internship program in partnership with a number of India organizations.

In Brief...

- Shastri's negotiations with the Government of India for a new MOU with funding for the next five years are going well.
- Shastri was delighted to have sponsored the Pearson Bentley Lecture at U of A by one of the most distinguished food and sustainability expert of the world, namely Dr. M.S. Swaminathan of India. Shastri has had some very fruitful meetings and exchange of ideas since that lecture and meetings with various western Canadian Members. More to follow on this front and a full report will be posted soon.
- Responses to our recent call for proposals to our Millennium Development grant and Partnership Development Seed Grant has been strong and promising from Canadian and Indian member institutions.
- Response to our Quebec special initiative program on student mobility is overwhelming.

Please go to Shastri's website at for more updates and reports including reports of recent meetings with Canadian members <http://www.sici.org>.