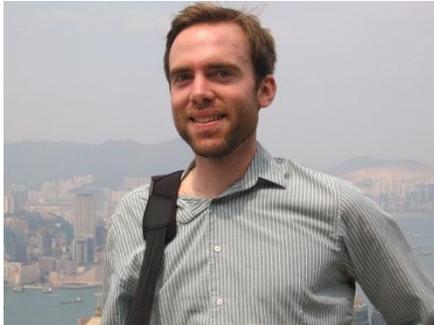




## 2012-13 Institute of Asian Research Fellows

**Lachlan Barber**



**Lachlan Barber** is a PhD candidate in human geography. His research focuses on the relationship between urban politics, place and mobility in Asian cities. More specifically, his dissertation examines the ongoing transformation of heritage as a facet of post-1997 social movements in Hong Kong, and the government response to these expressions. He was drawn to this topic by thinking about the possibility of a progressive expression of place attachments, not overdetermined by elite and state interests. Moreover, Hong Kong is a wonderfully paradoxical place to ponder the complexities of heritage, and Lachlan is doing just this in his writing.

**Marie-Pier Baril**



**Marie-Pier Baril** is a MA Candidate in the Asia Pacific Policy Studies (MAAPPS) program at the University of British-Columbia. She first developed an interest for Asia in CEGEP, as she studied Asian history of the 19th and 20th century with the International Baccalaureate program. She holds a BA from University of Montreal in International Studies and Political Science. In 2010-2011, She did a student exchange at Yonsei University in South Korea. Marie-Pier is especially interested in Northeast Asian security and the inter-Korean politics. Her research at the moment focus on the South Korean presidencies, and their impact on the inter-Korean relationship. She is also interested by the North Korean nuclear conundrum and the Six-Party Talks.



**Brianna Botchwey**



**Brianna Botchwey** is a Canadian-Ghanaian, currently in her fourth and final year of International Relations and Asian language and culture at UBC. As a diplomat's daughter she had the opportunity to live in a variety of countries such as Cote D'Ivoire, South Africa, Barbados and France. These experiences inspired in her a deep love of discovering peoples and places in the farthest corners of the world. Last year, she spent 6 months in Shanghai experiencing life as a *Laowai* and learning more about China, and its' internal politics. Academically, she is interested in studying the rights and relations of ethnic minorities and the Chinese conception of human rights in Western China's Autonomous Regions of Xingjiang and Tibet. In her spare time she enjoys playing the ukulele, dragonboating and using the word shenanigans.

**So Young Chang**



**So Young Chang** is a 4th year International Relations student interested in the comparative study of labour migration policies. She has studied abroad in Mexico and most recently in Turkey for 9 months, and has a severe case of wanderlust that she is trying to tame. She is currently working as a Program Assistant in the UBC Buddhism and Contemporary Society Program and enjoys spending her time volunteering, learning languages, and dreaming about the next big (or small) adventure. She is thrilled and honoured to be an Undergraduate Student Fellow and looks forward to participating in the exciting roster of events at IAR.

**Arka Roy Chaudhuri**



**Arka Roy Chaudhuri** is a PhD candidate in the Economics Department of University of British Columbia. He completed his undergraduate degree from Presidency College, Calcutta in 2006, and his Masters in Quantitative Economics from the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi in 2008. His research interests include gender and caste discrimination, the economics of affirmative action and the long-term economic consequences of colonialism in India. Arka has also worked on food security issues and the relationship between economic reforms and poverty reduction in India. His present research focusses on the evolution of economic differences between Hindus and Muslims in the last two decades in India, in the backdrop of the rise of identity politics and the implementation of economic reforms.



**Tiffany Chua**



**Miss Chua** is currently a MAAPPS student at the IAR. She graduated cum laude with an undergraduate degree in international studies from De La Salle University (Manila), where she also completed graduate-level coursework and worked as an assistant lecturer. In 2009, she was selected as one of 37 outstanding young leaders and professionals in the Philippines to undertake Chinese studies at Fudan University under full scholarship. Miss Chua also participated in the Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leaders Program and worked for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Manila) and the Confucius Institute (Ateneo de Manila University). She has collaborated on short-term language projects with several institutions, including the Asian Development Bank and Philippine Department of Energy. Her research at UBC has focused on the Asian political economy, with an emphasis on trade, investment and technology transfer issues. She is particularly interested in studying how emerging Asian economies such as China and India have affected the global governance of intellectual property issues.

**Matthew Gravelle**



**Matthew** is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Political Science. His research studies how domestic regulators make decisions and respond to pressures in an integrating global economy, looking in particular at what happens in industries where regulatory decision-making is largely domestic but production and material flows are transnational.

His dissertation project is focused on cross-border integration in the financial and stock exchange industry, and its impact on domestic and global regulatory processes. At one level the project examines cross-border M&A involving exchange infrastructure, in particular the regulatory causes and consequences of transatlantic stock exchange mergers like NYSE-Euronext (and failed merger proposals like TMX-LSE). The project also considers the relationship between the governance of domestic financial infrastructure and the global regulatory agenda: here the focus is on the G20's post-Crisis derivatives agenda, and its impact on regional and



	<p>domestic decision-making in the Asia-Pacific and transatlantic regions.</p> <p>Matthew's research has been funded by several awards including a SSHRC Bombardier CGS. He is currently a policy advisor to a Canadian cabinet minister, and has worked as a Research Associate at the Public Policy Forum in Ottawa. He previously attended Queen's (BA) and McMaster (MA) universities.</p>
<p><b>Glen Hamburg</b></p> 	<p><b>Glen's</b> research explores how features of political geography affect aspects of human security across the Asia Pacific region, with particular interest in land borders, international enclaves, and maritime microstates. His fellowship will be directed to further study of the enclaves along the India-Bangladesh border, though he is also conducting policy research relevant to the Maldives. Glen studied political science at the University of Queensland and Western Washington University as an undergraduate student. Just prior to joining the MAAPPS program, he designed and implemented development projects aimed at fostering the governing and utility management capacity of villages across rural Alaska.</p>
<p><b>Simon Harding</b></p> 	<p><b>Simon Harding</b></p> <p>I am a first year PhD student at the Institute for Resource Management and Environmental Studies at UBC. I will be carrying out research on public transportation in urban India under the supervision of Professor Milind Kandlikar, focusing on the auto-rickshaw sector in New Delhi. Before moving to Canada, I worked for an NGO and a research organization in India. My research interests are urban studies, migration, informal economies and Indian history and politics. I hold an undergraduate degree in geography (University of Bristol) and a masters degree in development studies (University of Oxford).</p>



**Mendee Jargalsaikhan**



**Mendee** is a PhD student in the Department of Political Science at the University of British Columbia. He has also worked at the Mongolian Embassy in Washington, DC, at Mongolia's Ministry of Defence, and at the Institute for Strategic Studies in Ulaanbaatar. He is a graduate of the MAAPPS of the Institute of Asian Research and the US Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. His main research interests focus on security and democracy of Northeast and Central Asia.

**Xue-Rong Jia**



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I am a Masters student in Asia Pacific Policy Studies at The University of British Columbia. Prior to joining UBC, I did a B.A. Honours in French literature and translation with a minor in East Asian Studies. I have also worked in Japan for 2 years as an Assistant English Teacher before coming to Vancouver. Currently, I am interested in researching about migrants' rights, and more specifically policies that regard the integration of migrants in East Asian countries. My other areas of interest include education in Northeast Asian countries and food security in India. I am excited to join other IAR Fellows on this promising project, and I am looking forward to building the Fellowship Program together.

**Francois Lachapelle**



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I completed my Bachelor's degree in Chinese studies and history at the University of Montreal (2008), then spend more than two and a half years studying Chinese civilization and languages—Modern Chinese, Classical Chinese, and glimpse of dialects (Sichuanese and Dongbeihua)—both at Harbin Institute of Technology and the University of Sichuan in Chengdu. I am currently a second-year MA student in the Department of Sociology. My research interests are the sociology of knowledge, the sociology of intellectuals and academic life and sociological theory. Sinologically, my research interests align with post-Mao intellectual history and focus on social scientists as public intellectuals and social-policy makers.



**Yingqiu Kang**



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Yingqiu KUANG is a first-year MA student in the Department of Political Science. She studies international political economy with a special interest in food safety and environmental issues in China. She is also interested in the influences of inward FDI and technological transfer in Chinese political economy. Before coming to UBC, she did her undergraduate studies at Peking University majoring in modern Chinese history and Sino-Japanese relations. After that, she went to Leiden University, the Netherlands, for M.A. studies in public administration. She also spent one year in Waseda University, Japan studying Japanese. She can speak Mandarin, English and some Japanese. She loves travelling, yoga and spicy food.

**Daniel Lin**



**Daniel Lin** is a 4th year undergraduate student, majoring in Political Science with a focus on Asian International Relations and Economics, particularly the changing role of Southeast Asia's multilateral architecture and its implication for global governance. He served on the Chinese Advisory Board for the Member of Parliament in Vancouver Quadra and chaired the Chinese Engagement Policy Committee under the auspice of Senator Jack Austin. He tenured for two years as President of the Political Science Students' Association and was a Conference Coordinator for CPSSA. Currently, he works with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada on an effort to launch *Campus Conversations on Asia*, a pilot initiative for students to participate in a policy-dialogue setting. It is his hope to expand on the Institute's new mandate and provide the broader UBC community with opportunities to think and talk about specific aspects in contemporary Canada-Asia relationship."



**Pascale Massot**



**Pascale Massot** is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Political Science and a Liu Scholar at the Liu Institute for Global Issues. She was a visiting scholar at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and a Senior Visiting Student at Peking University in 2012. Her dissertation analyses China's impacts on the global commodity markets of uranium, potash and iron ore. She is also interested in the political economy of markets more generally and the global governance of commodities, as well as in foreign state investments and Canada-China relations. She has an MA in Asia Pacific Policy Studies from UBC and a BA in East Asian Studies and Economics from the University of Montreal.

**Benita Menezes**



**Benita Menezes** is a graduate student at the School of Community and Regional Planning and an IAR student fellow at the University of British Columbia. As an urbanist and architect she is interested in the politics of grassroots planning practices in urban India. Her current research focuses on studying the politics of the diverse planning practices of mobilizing the state at the juncture of urban renewal and decentralization of governance in metropolitan Mumbai. She is a member of the Collective Research Initiatives Trust (CRIT), *Mumbai*, an extra-curricular space for critical investigations of urbanism in Mumbai. She has taught at the undergraduate level in *Kamla Raheja Vidyavidyalaya* Institute for Architecture and Environmental Studies and coordinated its Research and Design Wing. As a former director of the Research and Resource Centre at the Urban Design Research Institute, she developed a city-archive in digital, visual and text formats, coordinated its city-focused annual lecture series, and actively worked on research projects.



**Rohit Mujumdar**



**Rohit Mujumdar** is a doctoral student in the School of Community and Regional Planning, a Liu Scholar and IAR Student Fellow at the University of British Columbia. His interest is located in de-centering urban, planning and architectural theory through exploring the social life in contemporary Indian cities. He is currently exploring the use of 'digital ethnography' as a *mode of inquiry* into the post-independence politics of worlding, governmentality, difference and mobility in *Ulhasnagar, Mumbai*, and as a *communicative tool* that can contribute to provoking planning dialogue. As a Liu Scholar he has conceptualized the *Comparative Urban Studies Network*, whose projects in 2013 include a workshop *The Politics of Periurbanization in Asia: Comparative Perspectives* and a seminar series *Urban Worlds*. His concurrent research focuses on studying how social ecologies have shaped the institutional politics of response to land grab in implementing Special Economic Zones in Maharashtra, India. Prior to commencing doctoral studies, Rohit has taught at the K.R.V. Institute for Architecture and Environmental Studies, Mumbai, and has co-founded the Collective Research Initiatives Trust, Mumbai, which is an extra-curricular space for critical investigations on Mumbai's urbanisms.

**Matthew Neckelmann**



**Matthew Neckelmann** is a dual-degree student of UBC's JD/MAAPPS program. Hailing from California, he has lived in Germany and China before finally arriving in Vancouver to complete his graduate studies. He has been involved with Dr. Pitman Potter's Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution project since the summer of 2012, and from this engagement Matthew has developed a strong interest in international trade law. Under the scope of this fellowship, he plans on researching how use of zeroing in antidumping duty calculations has affected Asian industries and what legal grounds for compensation these industries may pursue either within or outside of the WTO legal regime.



**Teilhard Paradela**



**Teilhard Paradela** is a doctoral student at the Department of History and a Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Scholar (2012 - 2015). His research interests include Twentieth Century Southeast Asian Histories, Mass Media and Popular Culture, Gender and Sexuality, and Performance Theories and Methodologies. He is writing his PhD dissertation on how the mass media during the Marcos regime (1965 – 1986) imagined and constituted multitudes of people as actors and spectators in both the political and theatrical sense. Ty completed his MA in International Performance Research from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands and the University of Tampere in Finland as an Erasmus Mundus scholar. He wrote his MA dissertation on “Play in gay transvestite beauty pageants in the Philippines”. Before pursuing his graduate studies, he trained as a playwright and a dramaturge. Ty was born and raised in Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines.

**Hannah Smith**



**Hannah Smith** focuses on policy issues surrounding Asian security and development. Under the IAR fellowship her research will focus on 'Women, Economics, and Peacekeeping', examining issues surrounding increasing female peacekeepers and the economic consequences of such, in an Asian context. She received her Scottish Masters in International Relations from The University of St. Andrews, Scotland, and has spent time studying at The University of Hong Kong.

**Sarah Thomas**



**Sarah Thomas** is a Master's student at the School of Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia. With an interest in Energy Policy and a desire for communities to move towards increased sustainability, she was heavily involved in Environmental Activism at Mount Allison University. Academically Sarah studied Mathematics, Physics and Geography while at the university. Sarah is currently researching waste water treatment policy and sewage treatment for the eleven municipalities boarding the Angat River in the Philippines. This research will form the basis of her Master's project.



**Yiqun Yuan**



**Yiqun Yuan** is a fourth year undergraduate majoring in International Relations at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Born and raised in China, Yiqun is an avid observant of Chinese domestic politics and China's foreign policy. Her broad interests in Asia-Pacific security issues has led her to work as a research intern at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada in 2012, where she conducted research on Canada-Asia Relations, focusing on the rise of China and its implications for Canada. Yiqun also volunteered for CUSO-VSO, a Canadian international development agency; the UBC Journal of International Affairs, and was on board with the Organizing Committee of Harvard World Model United Nations 2012, where she organized seven workshops and seminars targeting at 2000 international delegates. Upon graduation, Yiqun hopes to pursue further studies in policy issues related to China and the Asia-Pacific region.

**Chunman Zhang**



**Chunman Zhang** is a second year MA student in the Department of Political Science at UBC. He studies comparative politics and international relations. His research interests include Chinese politics, the rise of China, the politics of finance and FDI and Asia-Pacific security studies. Before joining UBC, he obtained an LL.B in political science with the highest honors from East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai, China. He has studied in the US and Japan as an exchange student in 2009 and 2010 respectively. He plays soccer, badminton, pool, tennis and basketball. He is also a big fan of swimming and cooking. He enjoys reading and writing traditional Chinese poems. You can speak to him in Chinese, English and Japanese (intermediate level).



## Linting Zhang



**Linting Zhang** is second-year PhD student from the department of Political Science where he studies international relations and comparative politics. More specifically, he is interested in global governance and is involved in several relevant researches including the G20 and energy issues. In addition, Linting also focuses on Chinese foreign policy and wants to explore how China is shaping and being shaped by the world. Before coming to UBC, Linting obtained his BA in International Politics from Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China and a joint MA in international relations from Johns Hopkins University - Nanjing University Centre for Chinese and American Studies.