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China Related Activities

The **China Institute** released a report about China's energy sector and how Alberta could diversify its energy exports to China on January 23. The study, commissioned by Alberta Energy of the **Government of Alberta**, takes a detailed look at China's petroleum needs, how it manages energy imports



and its energy capacities. The report also examines Alberta's options in pursuing energy interests in China in concert with the federal government and energy decision-makers in Asia. The report, titled "**Building a Long Term Energy Relationship between Alberta and China**" was shared with Alberta Energy in December, 2011. The full report can be found at the China Institute's website at www.china.ualberta.ca

On January 19, the **China Institute**, **Department of the East Asian Studies** and **Department of Art and Design** of the University of Alberta presented a lecture by **Dr. De-nin Lee**, a historian of Chinese art at Bowdoin College. The well attended lecture is entitled "*Black and White and Read All Over: Chinese Painting and Reception.*"

The **China Institute** co-sponsored an annual Chinese New Year reception for graduate students sponsored by the **China Scholarship Council** with **University of Alberta International** and the **Faculty of Graduate Studies** on January 25. Dr. **Carl Amrhein**, Provost and Vice President Academic praised the tremendous talent and contribution the



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On March 9, the **China Institute** will present a lecture entitled "**Bearing Witness: Documenting China's Rise**", by an award-winning photojournalist and regular New York Times contributor **Ryan Pyle**. The event is part of Mr. Pyle's cross-Canada speaking tour. The event will be held in the Auditorium in TELUS Centre on campus between 3-4:30 pm. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Through January, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the **China Institute** has conducted numerous TV, Radio and Newspaper interviews on the release of the report on "Building a Long Term Energy Relations Between Alberta and China", Alberta's energy export to the Asian market and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's upcoming visit to China. The interviews appeared on **CBC, CTV, OMNI TV, Radio Alberta and the Globe and Mail.**

CSC students brought to the University of Alberta in his remarks. Dr. **Cen Huang**, Director of International Relations and Recruitment, Dr. **Lihong Yang**, Assistant Registrar and **Jia Wang**, Assistant Director of the China Institute joined over 60 students at the reception. The U of A has received the highest number of CSC students among all Canadian universities for the past few years.

Director **Gordon Houlden** of the **China Institute** was invited to speak at the "Leading the North Conference 2012" in Fort McMurray organized by Northern Alberta Development Council and the Region of Wood Buffalo. His remarks centered upon *Diversifying Canada's Energy Market - Pipelines, the Pacific Rim and the Future of the Energy Industry*.

On January 27, the **Department of East Asian Studies** and the **China Institute** sponsored a Guqin lecture-recital by **Dr. Jeff Roberts** from Williams College. The lecture was entitled "*Tracing Intercultural Instincts for Spontaneity--- Daoist Aesthetics, Guqin Improvisation and American Experimentalism*".

The **China Institute** invites you to be part of the **Chinese Family Day Celebration** at the Enterprise Square downtown on February 20 between Noo-4pm. The free family-friendly event would include lion dance, firecrackers, children's activities, performances and much more. Please remember to mark your calendar!

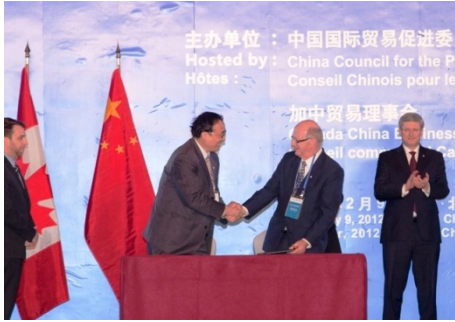
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The **University of Alberta** and **Tsinghua University** signed an MOU that will facilitate research collaboration in energy and environment in Canada and in China during Prime Minister Harper's visit to China. Dr. **Lorne Babiuk**, Vice



President Research of the University of Alberta and Dr. **Weihe Xie**, Vice President of Tsinghua University inked the agreement on behalf the two universities, which are widely recognized as leaders in energy and environment studies. The signing which took place in Beijing on February 9th was witnessed by **Prime Minister Stephen Harper**, **Minister**

Ed Fast of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway and senior Chinese government officials.

HIV/AIDS in China - The Economic and Social Determinants, a book co-authored by Dr. **Jennifer Hsu**, Assistant Professor of **Political Science** at the University of Alberta will be published by Routledge in 2012. The book analyses China's HIV/AIDS epidemic, with particular attention to the nature and impact of current economic and social changes and how these changes may be driving the epidemic. Upon joining the U of A last fall, Dr. Hsu received a new faculty grant from the **China Institute** to support her China-related research activities. More details of her recent book can be found : <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415418751/>

Director General **Michael Tseng** of **Taipei Economic and Cultural Office** in Vancouver visited University of Alberta on February 27 and met with President Dr. **Indira Samarasekera** for a discussion of ways to increase ties between the U of A and universities in Taiwan. The **Department of East Asian Studies** at the U of A has received grants to develop courses and programs of Taiwan Studies. The **TECO** delegation also visited the East Asian Studies Department and met with U of A students who recently visited Taipei with a travel award.



A group of **25 Chinese professors** and **university administrators** from a number of major Chinese universities, including Fudan University, Tianjin University, Renmin University of China, Minzu University of China, the China University of Petroleum will be at the U of A for 11 weeks to complete the **University Management Program**. All the participants are funded by the China Scholarship Council, a key strategic partner for the University of Alberta. They will be the first cohort for this new initiative.

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You are cordially invited to a virtual seminar organized by **Worldwide Universities Network** (WUN) co-sponsored by the **China Institute** on "Managing Welfare Expectations in the Post-Handover Era: Social Development Challenges and Social Policy Responses in Hong Kong and Macau" at 6pm on March 5 at Room 145 in the Telus Centre. Please visit CI website for more details <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/>

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The **China Institute** is pleased to announce that it has won a competitive contract organized by the **Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade** to teach a China studies course to Canadian diplomats in Ottawa.

On February 15, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the **China Institute** was invited to address the Canadian Club of Edmonton on “Alberta’s Trade with China”.

Dr. **Nong Hong**, Research Fellow of the **China Institute** attended the 15th Asia Pacific Naval College Seminar February 20-24, and made a presentation on the UNCLOS and its relevance to the South China Sea. Naval captains from Asia Pacific countries, including Australia, Canada, China, France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Korea, Russia, the US and Vietnam took part in the seminar.

On February 21, the **China Institute** moved into expanded space on the **second floor of the Telus Centre**. This represents more than a doubling of the space available to the China Institute and will facilitate both the receiving of visiting scholars from China and elsewhere, as well as increase the space available for research projects. The new address is as follows: 203 Telus Centre, 87 Ave & 111 St. However, mail delivered to the previous office address will still be received by CI. Welcome to visit our new home!

In February, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the **China Institute** was interviewed by **CBC, CTV, Global TV, BNN, OMNI TV and the Globe and Mail** on topics related to Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s second official visit to China.

On Feb 10, **Jia Wang**, Assistant Director of the **China Institute** appeared on CTV news network commenting on “Panda Diplomacy”.

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On March 9, an award-winning photojournalist **Ryan Pyle**, made a stop at the University of Alberta on his nation-wide speaking tour. Invited by the **China Institute**, he delivered a lecture, embellished with stunning images at rural and urban China to an audience of over 50 people. Mr. Pyle spoke from his own experience and observations of China’s rise and its impact on the lives of regular Chinese citizens. The audience was captivated by the photographs and anecdotes throughout the two-hour event. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion. Mr. Pyle’s work

appears regularly in the New York Times, Times magazine and the Wall Street Journal. He plans to return to University of Alberta next year to promote a new documentary film.



The **China Institute** hosted a special presentation by **Loretta Napoleoni**, the author of a New York Times best seller

"Maonomics: Why Chinese Communists Make Better Capitalists than We Do" on March 14. Ms. **Napoleoni** spoke about some of the key findings of her book. Maonomics charts the prodigious ascent of the Chinese economic miracle and the parallel decay of Western economies.

On March 19th, Dr. **Sam Crane** from **Williams College** in the U.S. visited the University of Alberta and delivered a lecture entitled "Confucianism and Soft Power: Why Ancient Thought Doesn't Work for Modern Diplomacy." Dr. Crane's talk examines China's foreign policy utility of Confucianism as a "soft power". The well-attended lecture was co-sponsored by the **China Institute** and the **Department of East Asian Studies**.

Director **Gordon Houlden** of the **China Institute** was invited to serve as a panelist at the Thurgood Marshall Law Review 2012 Energy Symposium held in Houston, Texas between March 29 and March 30. Professor Houlden's presentation examined the current and future state of Chinese energy usage and energy strategy.

Dr. **Jennifer Hsu**, Assistant Professor of **Political Science** at the University of Alberta spoke to colleagues and students on March 22 about her new book which is scheduled to be published by Routledge in 2012. The book entitled **HIV/AIDS in China - The Economic and Social Determinants** analyses China's HIV/AIDS epidemic, with particular attention to the nature and impact of current economic and social changes and how these changes may be driving the epidemic.

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The **China Institute** organized its second China Investment Forum that focuses on "**the Public Policy Dimensions of Chinese Investment in Canada**" on May 3-4 in Calgary. The forum brings together industry, government and academic experts to focus on the investment trends, as well as the public policy issues that arise from Chinese investment. Over 80 invited senior officials from the Canadian, Alberta and Chinese government, business leaders from Calgary energy and banking sectors and researchers attended the forum. The **Chinese Ambassador to Canada** His Excellency Mr. **Zhang Junsai** delivered the key-note address on Canada – China Relations with an emphasis on the energy sector. His keynote speech and the subsequent press conference attracted heavy media presence of over 12 major media outlets. Minister **Manmeet Bhullar** from the Government of Alberta also made welcome remarks on behalf of the Alberta Premier.

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Please note the next **China Institute Grant application deadline is June 1**. All application and support documents should be submitted to the China Institute no later than June 1. For more information and grant guidelines, please visit the China Institute website at <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/ChinaInstituteGrants.aspx>

The China Institute is pleased to announce the **reappointment** of Professor **Gordon**

On May 2, the China Institute hosted a lecture and roundtable discussion on the current state of **Chinese Economy** by Mr. **Mark Kruger**, Minister Councilor of Finance from Canadian Embassy in Beijing. Over 20 Edmonton business leaders and members of the U of A community attend the by-invitation only event.



Houlden as the **Director** for a renewed term of 6 years. For details, please visit the China Institute website at <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/News/2012/05/ChinaInstituteDirectorRe-appointed.aspx>

The first **Tsinghua – University of Alberta Energy Cooperation Workshop** was held between May 1-3 on the U of A campus. Eighteen Tsinghua Professors from the Department of Thermo- engineering, BP Clean Energy Centre and Centre of Environmental Studies joined their U of A counterparts at the workshop. This is the first large-scale working conference that sets in motion the energy research collaboration agreement signed by the two universities during Prime Minister Harper’s visit to China this February.

An article by Prof. **Gordon Houlden**, Director of the China Institute on “Canadian Energy - Policy Implications of Chinese Investment” appeared in the April issue of Canadian Government Executive Magazine. For more details, please visit www.China.ualberta.ca

In the first week of April, **Jia Wang**, **Assistant Director** of the China Institute represented the University of Alberta on the **Edmonton Mayor’s Mission to China**. While in Beijing, Mayor Mandel visited Tsinghua University, China Foreign Affairs University and China National Petroleum Corporation, which are all among key partners to the U of A.

In April, Professor **Gordon Houlden**, **Director of the China Institute**, was invited to speak at Thurgood Marshall Law Review Spring Symposium in Houston and “The China Challenge & Global Energy Conflicts: Canada and the United States’ Responses symposium” in Los Angeles on China’s role in the global energy market.

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On May 26, the **University of Alberta** conferred an Honorary Degree to well-known traditional Chinese artist **Fan Zeng** at the People’s Great Hall of China, Beijing. The award was presented to Professor Fan by **Dr. Heather Zwicker**, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta, in recognition of his contribution to the arts and education. It was the first time the university conferred an honorary degree outside of Canada. The Chancellor of the University of Alberta, **Dr. Linda Hughes**, Chair of the Board of Governors, Mr. **Douglas Goss**, Provost and



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On May 4, 2012, in Calgary, the China Institute convened a “**Public Policy Dimensions of Chinese Investment in Canada**” forum to consider the challenges and opportunities in seeking, expanding and retaining Chinese direct investment in Canada.

Vice-President (Academic) of the University of Alberta, **Dr. Carl Amrhein**, Vice President of Nankai University, **Mme. Naijia Guan**, and the Canadian Ambassador to the P.R. China, his Excellency **Mr. David Mulrone** made remarks at the event and the luncheon that followed. Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute and Assistant Director **Jia Wang** also took active part in the planning and delivery of the program.

Professor Fan donated a painting to the University of Alberta and delivered a speech entitled “*The Tranquil World*”. Professor Fan, in addition to his painting, is a distinguished calligrapher and poet. He is also a tenured professor at Nankai University, and Dean of the Chinese Painting Institute at Peking University.



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An International Symposium sponsored by the China Institute entitled “**Transcultural Dialogues II: Contemporary Educational Research in Canada and China**”, formally began on May 1. The event was jointly organized by the **Faculty of Education, University of Alberta**, and the **School of Educational Science, East China Normal University**. Dean Fern Snart, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, Dean Ding Gang, School of Education Science, East China Normal University, and Director Gordon Houlden, China Institute, University of Alberta made the welcoming remarks at the symposium.

A delegation from **Beijing Sport University** visited the **University of Alberta** for an annual meeting under the existing MOU on May 8. The meeting was hosted by the **Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation**, aiming to review the China Scholarship Council agreement, Chinese Championship Athlete Transition Program, and study abroad courses.

On May 16-17, **Professor Gordon Houlden, Director of the China Institute**, presented “Shale Gas: Is it a Game Changer?” at the 6th Annual Canadian Energy Law Forum in La Malbaie, Quebec. Professor Houlden was also invited to speak with the theme of “Energy Corridors to Canada’s West Coast -The Economics and Politics of Access to Asian Markets” at the Canadian Oil and Gas Export Summit in Vancouver, May 30-31.

The summative report compiled by CI Research Fellow Ron MacInctosh can be found at [http://china.ualberta.ca/~media/University%20of%20Alberta/Administration/Academic/China%20Institute/Documents/China Investment Forum Report May 2012.pdf](http://china.ualberta.ca/~media/University%20of%20Alberta/Administration/Academic/China%20Institute/Documents/China%20Investment%20Forum%20Report%20May%202012.pdf)

On May 10th, Mr. **Huaqiang Lin**, a Master’s student from Fudan University started a term Internship at the China Institute. Mr. Lin is part of a new University of Alberta International internship program which first launched in May, 2012.

In May, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the **China Institute** was interviewed by **CTV, Calgary Herald, Radio Canada, Reuters, CBC, CHQR Radio** on topics related to Chinese direct investment in Canada. For more details, please visit http://china.ualberta.ca/?sc_itemid=%7bB6406A30-C15C-4BDD-A837-21FE64D884A1%7d&sc_mode=preview&sc_lang=en

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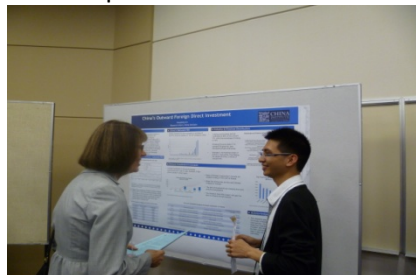
Canadian Political Science Association held its annual conference on the campus of the **University of Alberta** between June 12th and 15th. The **China Institute** joined the **Department of Political Science** at the U of A in co-sponsoring this largest annual event for political scientists and graduate students across Canada. Director **Gordon Houlden** chaired a session on “Politics and Governance in China” and served as the Discussant for another discussion panel entitled “China and the World”.

On June 10, the **Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association** held its 4rd Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony at the City Hall. **Jia Wang**, Assistant Director of the China Institute, presented 20 students currently enrolled in the Edmonton public school Mandarin bilingual programs with **China Institute Scholarships**. A total of over 100 students received awards at this year’s ceremony. The scholarship is to honour those students who have excelled in their studies.



The **China Institute** has successfully developed and delivered a course in Ottawa to help Canadian diplomats better understand China in late June. Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute; **Rob Wright**, Canada’s former Ambassador to China; **Ken Sunquist**, former Chief Trade Commissioner for Canada, and **Ron MacIntosh**, former Director General of Strategic Planning, Resources and Coordination (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) all took part in teaching the well – received pilot course.

On June 22, **Huaqiang Lin**, the first international intern at the **China institute** presented at the **University of Alberta** Research Internship Poster Symposium. His research took a closer look at China’s foreign direct investment trend in the last decade and examined which industry sectors are the most attractive for joint-ventures.



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Dr. **Nong Hong**, Research Fellow at the **China Institute** spoke at the “Second Sino-Canadian Exchange on the Arctic” about non Arctic states’ interest in the Arctic governance from June 25-26 at Dalhousie University. Dr. Hong also attended an International Conference on “The South China Sea and Asia Pacific in Transition: Exploring Options for Managing Disputes” in Washington D.C. on June 27th and 28th. The conference was organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a well-known US government think tank.

The newly formed China Institute **Board of Directors** met on June 25. The board chaired by Dr. Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice President Academic, and Dr. Murray Grey, Vice Provost, reviewed and approved the CIUA annual report and budget.

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China Related Activities

On September 20-21, the **China Institute**, in partnership with the **Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)**, and the **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)** will host an international conference on “China & Canada in Africa: Interests, Strategies and African Perspectives” in Ottawa.

This conference aims to bring together Canadian policy-makers, stakeholders, and scholars from China, Africa, the USA, and Europe to share knowledge in order to create better understanding about China’s impact in Africa. Following the event, the China Institute plans to produce an edited, peer-reviewed book incorporating leading edge research and perspectives on China in Africa with particular attention to the implications for Canadian policy.

For more information about this by invitation-only event, please visit the China Institute website at <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/>

On July 16, the China Institute welcomed a delegation of students from **Taiwan National University** led by Mr. Issac Chiu, Division Director of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vancouver. The students who were on their first tour to Canada are among this year’s winners of the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors travel awards. The delegation also visited government agencies and learned about technology development at the Edmonton Research Park. University of Alberta is the only university the delegation visited in Alberta.



Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute was invited to serve as the moderator for the Minister's Advisory Council on Traditional Chinese Medicine in Toronto on July 18. The council was chaired by Canadian Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq. Director Houlden has also served as the moderator for previous council sessions in 2011.

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In July, Prof. **Chunying Wang**, Chair of the Department of Diplomacy at the **China Foreign Affairs University** (in Beijing) joined the China Institute as a visiting scholar. Prof. Wang’s main areas of research include political theory, diplomatic policy making, and contemporary Chinese and Western political institutions.

Dr. Nong Hong, Post-doctoral research fellow at the China Institute attended the China -South Korea Workshop on Common Concerns for Maritime Security and Safety on July 26-27 in Shanghai. Dr. Nong presented on China’s maritime security outlook and China’s maritime policy making at the forum.

In July, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute was interviewed by CBC, Calgary Herald, Bloomberg BusinessWeek, Economic Times, the MacLean Magazine and OMNI TV on China National Offshore Oil Company’s 15.1 billion takeover of Canadian energy giant Nexen. Some of the news stories can be found on the China Institute website <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/IntheMedia/2012/July.aspx>

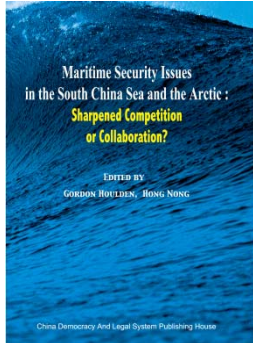
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In early August, *Maritime Security Issues in the South China Sea and the Arctic: Sharpened Competition or Collaboration?*, a book co-edited by Dr.



Nong Hong, Research Fellow at the **China Institute**, and Director of the Institute, Professor **Gordon Houlden** was published. The book is a compilation of essays produced as a result of the *Canada, US and China Relations in Maritime Security: The Arctic and The South China Sea* conference, organized by the China Institute in partnership with the Canadian Circumpolar Institute and the Alberta Institute for American Studies in September 2011. The book will be available at the China Institute for purchase in late October; please contact us

for details – china@ualberta.ca

The China Institute is pleased to launch a new “commentary series” on our website. Readers will find concise and timely commentary on current political and economic topics related to China. The first report by **Ron MacIntosh**, China Institute Fellow, is entitled: *The Canada-China Economic Complementarities Study: The Challenge of Building Momentum*. For more details, please visit <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/>

On August 20, 2012, Mr. **Mactaggart**, former the University of Alberta prominent Canadian visited the China Institute the staff. In 2005 Mr. and his wife, Mrs. Cecile donated The Mactaggart Art the University of Alberta under an agreement that an endowment fund, matching the appraised value of the collection, would be used to create the China Institute.



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On Thursday September 27, the China Institute and the Department of Political Science will hold its first China Seminar Series of 2012-2013 titled **China’s Development Model**. Professor **Dorothy Solinger** from the University of California will speak to “**Authoritarian Assistance: Welfare and Wealth in Urban China**”. The event will be held in HM Tory 10-4 at the University of Alberta from 3:30-5:00pm. Please visit our website for more details.

Approximately 160 participants from top Chinese and Canadian universities came together to discuss “innovative approaches to graduate studies” at the

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All application and support documents should be submitted to the China Institute no later than Oct 1. For more information and grant guidelines, please visit the China Institute website at

<http://www.china.ualberta.ca/ChinaInstituteGrants.aspx>

The East Asia Studies

Department will be celebrating their 30th anniversary as well as the release of a new book by **Dr. Brian Evans** on September 27 at 4pm in Telus Auditorium. This event is also co-sponsored by the China Institute and the University of Alberta Press.

Dr. Hengwu Liu will be spending the next two months with the China Institute furthering his collaborative research with Professor Mickey Adolphson on Sino-Japanese trade in the twelfth century. Dr. Liu is a Professor at **Ningbo University** in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Communication.

In August, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute was interviewed by reporters from **Al-Jazeera, CTV,**

Canada-China Academic Forum, co-hosted by the China Scholarship Council and University of Alberta in Chengdu, August 3-5, 2012. The very successful event followed up on the first forum which took place in Edmonton, Alberta, in August 2010. Provost Carl Amrhein (on administrative leave) led the delegation from the U of A. The China Institute was a key sponsor of the forum.

August 31, 2012 the China Institute co-hosted a BBQ event with the Faculty of Arts to welcome 120 students through the International Partnership Program from the **China Foreign Affairs University** (CFAU) in Beijing. The students were greeted by Dean **Lesley Cormack** of the Faculty of Arts, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute and members of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. They were also joined by two visiting key administrative partners from CFAU. The International Partnership Program between the University of Alberta and the China Foreign Affairs University offers students the opportunity to study both at the CFAU and the U of A and graduate with a degree from the University of Alberta.

and Omni regarding various China-related news. Comments by Ms. **Jia Wang**, Assistant Director of the China Institute appeared on the **National Post**. Some of the news stories can be found on the China Institute website: <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/IntheMedia/2012/July.aspx>

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September 19-21, 2012 the **China Institute**, in collaboration with **Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada** and the **International Development Research Centre** held the ***China and Canada in Africa: Interests, Strategies and African Perspectives*** conference in Ottawa. The conference brought together academics, government officials, and business people from China, Africa, Europe, the U.S. and Canada to discuss Chinese and Canadian involvement in Africa and its policy implications. The high level forum was full to capacity with over 85 invited participants that include a number of Ambassadors and High Commissioners from Africa. Among the many speakers was **Ambassador Zhong Jianhua**, Special Representative for African Affairs from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs who delivered the keynote address.



September 27th, 2012 the **China Institute**, in collaboration with the **East Asia Studies Department** and the **University of Alberta Press**, celebrated the 30th anniversary of the East Asia Studies Department as well as the release of a new book by **Dr. Brian Evans**, Professor Emeritus of the University of Alberta, entitled ***Pursuing China: Memoir of a Beaver Liaison Officer***. Dr. Evans shared with over 250 audience



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The **China Institute** and the **Department of Political Science's** first **China Seminar Series** of 2012-2013 entitled **China's Development Model** has been rescheduled for October 4th, 2012. Professor **Dorothy Solinger** from the University of California will speak to "Authoritarian Assistance: Welfare and Wealth in Urban China". The lecture will be held in HM Tory 10-4 from 3:30-5:00pm.

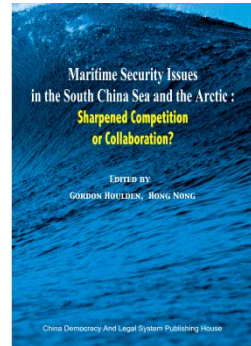
The second lecturer of the series is Professor **Walden Bello** of SUNY-Binghamton and St. Mary's University who will speak to "Changing Appreciations of the People's Republic of

members an inspiring and humorous recount of the establishment and growth of the Department, in which he has played an integral role. Dr. Evan's book is available at the University of Alberta Bookstore.

Maritime Security Issues in the South China Sea and the Arctic: Sharpened Competition or Collaboration?, a book co-edited by Dr. **Nong Hong**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the China Institute, and Director of the Institute, Professor **Gordon Houlden** is now available for purchase. The book is a compilation of essays produced as a result of the *Canada, US and China Relations in Maritime Security: The Arctic and The South China Sea* conference, organized by the China Institute in partnership with the Canadian Circumpolar Institute and the Alberta Institute for American Studies in September 2011. Please contact us at china@ualberta.ca to request a copy.

Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute took part in the President's mission to China in October. **President Samarasekera** of the U of A also attended the World Economic Forum in Tianjin, along with Premiers Redford, Wall and Clark. While in Beijing, President Samarasekera signed a MoU on Energy and Environment with **Tsinghua University**, China's top university which is particularly renowned for its leading edge research in engineering and sciences.

The **Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's** initiative "The **National Conversation on Asia**" is hosting an online national conversation titled "Are fears of Chinese investment in Canada overblown?". It features a number of contributors, including Professor **Gordon Houlden**, Director of the China Institute. This conversation is open to the public so please feel welcome to contribute. The conversation can be found at <http://www.asiapacific.ca/thenationalconversationonasia/conversations/are-fears-chinese-investment-canada-overblown> .



China of an Activist Academic from Southeast Asia". It will be held on October 24th in HM Tory 1-107 from 3:30-5:00pm

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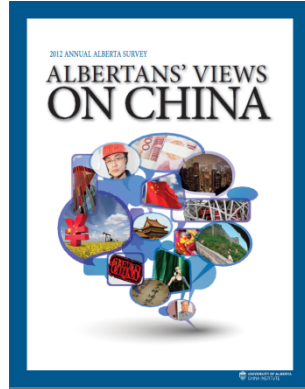
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On October 24, 2012, the China Institute released its second **Annual Survey**



report Albertans' Views on China. This report examines the data from a 10-question survey probing Albertans' opinions about China and its significance to the province economically. The results indicate Albertans generally hold positive attitudes toward China and the importance of economic ties between Alberta and China, although there appears to have been a decline in support for Chinese investment in this province. However, the survey found continued strong support for trade with China and the promotion of energy exports to

China. To access the full report, please click here:

<http://www.china.ualberta.ca/en/Publication/Alberta%20Survey%202012.aspx>

Throughout October, the China Institute received three visiting delegations from Chinese universities. Representatives from the Department of History of **Capital Normal University** spent time both at the University of Alberta and **Grant MacEwan University** to pursue academic and research discussions with the Department of East Asia Studies and of History and Classics. Director **Gordon Houlden** welcomed representatives of the **Zhejiang Agriculture & Forestry University** to the University of Alberta. ZAFU is a Faculty Partner with the **Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences** through the Undergraduate University Transfer program. During their visit, new opportunities to expand the collaborative relationship between ALES and ZAFU were explored. The University of Alberta's **Department of Family Medicine** hosted a delegation of medical practitioners from the **Shanghai Jing'an district**. Director Gordon Houlden welcomed the delegation, on behalf of the China Institute and later met with them to discuss common problems that Canadian and Chinese health practitioners face.

Dr. **Jussi Koivisto** of Helsinki School of Economics has joined the China Institute as a visiting scholar. While at the U of A, Dr. Koivisto will focus his research on cross-cultural management in Sino-Canadian context, integration of Chinese FDI in Canada including its policy implications, and Canadian Chinese and Sino-Canadian startup ventures' business, growth and internationalization strategies.

Points of Interest

The **China Institute** and the **Department of Political Science's China Seminar Series** of 2012-2013 entitled China's Development Model hosted Professor **Dorothy Solinger** and Professor **Walden Bello**. The month of November features Professor **Stanley Rosen** and Mr. **Daniel Poon**. Visit our website for further information.

In late November, the China Institute will release its first paper in the **Occasional Paper Series**. This series will feature papers by various China Institute affiliates on pertinent China topics.

In October, Director **Gordon Houlden** of the China Institute was interviewed by reporters from **Reuters, Maclean's, CTV, Oil Week and CBC** regarding China-related topics. Many of the interviews were in regards to the China Institute's 2012 Annual Alberta Survey of Albertans' Views on China.

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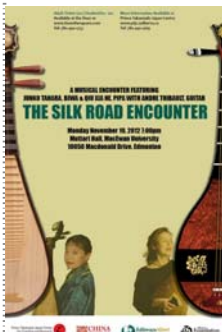
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China Related Activities

Director of the China Institute, Professor **Gordon Houlden**, has been appointed as one of nine members to the **Government of Alberta's Asia Advisory Council** chaired by **Theresa Woo-Paw**, Associate Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations. The Council aims to strengthen Alberta's engagement with Asia and will work to provide the Government of Alberta with advice on pursuing new market opportunities with Asia as well as on improving communication and partnership with industry, academic and government organizations.

Sponsored by the China Institute grant, Dr. Xiaomei Pei and Dr. Hao Luo of **Tsinghua University** visited the University of Alberta in November to discuss collaborative research with the **Department of Human Ecology** on the economic implications of China's aging population. Jia Wang, Assistant Director of the China Institute, met with Dr. Pei, Dr. Luo, Dr. Norah Keating and Dr. Janet Fast of Human Ecology, and Dr. Stefan Scherer and Ms. Stacey Strilesky of the WUN to discuss on-going collaborations between the University of Alberta and Tsinghua University.



On November 19th the China Institute, in collaboration with the Prince Takamado Japan Centre, Folkways Alive! and the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, co-sponsored **The Silk Road Encounter**. This musical event featured Japanese Biwa player Junko Tahara and Chinese Pipa player Qiu Xia He, with Andre Thibault on guitar. The night was filled with unique cross-cultural musical experience that fascinated an audience of nearly 100.

Director **Gordon Houlden** and Post-doctoral Fellow **Dr. Nong Hong** attended the **Ocean University of China's International Conference for the Anniversary of Signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea** in the coastal city of **Qingdao**, China. The conference was held to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and was co-hosted by the Institute for the Law of the Sea and the School of Law and Political Science. Director Houlden chaired the panel on **Polar Issues and Development of Ocean Governance** in which Dr. Hong served as a panelist.

Points of Interest

The **China Institute** and the **Department of Political Science** held its last **China Seminar Series** of 2012. Mr. **Daniel Poon** of the North-South Institute spoke on "Parsing the China Model in Rethinking Development". The series will resume in 2013. Stay tuned for more details.

In late November, the China Institute released its first paper in the **Occasional Paper Series** entitled "*The Evolution of China's Energy Institutions*" authored by **Bao Yu**, Research Associate at the China Institute. This series will feature papers by various China Institute affiliates on pertinent China topics. The series can be found on our website: <http://www.china.ualberta.ca/>

December 4th from 12:30-2:00, students from Dr. Jennifer Hsu's **INT D 425/530 "China in the World"** course will be holding a **poster session**, presenting their research from throughout the semester. The event is sponsored by the Kule

Research Associate at the China Institute and PhD student, **Yongjie Wang** has been awarded the **International Development Research Centre Research Award**: Supporting Inclusive Growth program. Under the supervision of a senior IDRC staff member, Yongjie will pursue research on policies that facilitate inclusive growth. She plans to begin her research in Ottawa in January 2013 and will be sorely missed at the China Institute. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to her continued success!

Visiting scholar Dr. **Jussi Koivisto** of the Helsinki School of Economics, whose research has included cross-cultural management in a Sino-Canadian context, and integration of Chinese FDI in Canada including its policy implications, among other topics, will be returning to Finland in December. While at the China Institute, Dr. Koivisto has worked on We wish to thank him for his work here and wish him a safe trip home.

Institute for Advanced Studies and will be held in the Humanities Fishbowl (Room 2-6).

In November, Director **Gordon Houlden** and Assistant Director **Jia Wang** of the China Institute were interviewed by reporters from **Reuters, the Globe and Mail, Maclean's, CBC, CTV, Alberta Primetime, Oil Week and OMNI Television**. Many of the interviews were in regards to the recent change in Chinese leadership and Canada and China business relations.