

Global Development Institute Report

September 2014-May2015

The purpose/objectives/goals of the Centre/Institute

The Global Development Institute (GDI) was established at the University of the Fraser Valley to create collaborative global partnerships to support international development activities and provide students with new learning opportunities in Canada and around the globe. The Institute is involved in the planning, execution, monitoring and evaluation of community and international development and institutional capacity building projects. Its research addresses many of the key issues relating to community development and institution building. The following four areas have been adopted as priorities for the work of the Institute: good governance and rule of law; children and development; environmentally sustainable development practices; and education. Activities of the Institute are interdisciplinary, student focused, apply evidence based approaches and are committed to the promotion of human rights.

Membership and governance of the Centre

The governance of the Global Development Institute is managed by the Director and the management committee comprised of the Institute's membership which provides oversight to ensure transparency and accountability. The director is appointed by the AVP Research, Engagement and Graduate Studies. The management committee provides advice and guidance on the Institute's activities, programs, strategic planning and plans for seeking funding for research activities. Associates of the Institute are UFV faculty who are committed to teaching and research in the area of development in both the local and global contexts.

Director: Dr. Edward Akuffo

Associates: Garry Fehr, Satwinder Bains, Yvon Dandurand, Cherie Enns, Ding Lu, Hayli Millar, Stephen Piper, Gayle Ramsden

Significant partnerships

- Centre for Indo Canadian Studies (UFV)
- Centre for Rural Research and Industrial Development (India)
- Panjab University (India)
- Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (Ottawa)
- Centre for Criminal Law and Criminology
- The World Scout Bureau – African Regional Office (Kenya)
- Institute of Human Settlements at Ardhi University (Tanzania)
- Developing Indigenous Resources (India)
- Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (Delhi-Calgary)

- Radford University College (Ghana)
- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (Kenya)
- Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (Sri Lanka)
- University of Ruhuna (Sri Lanka)
- UFV International Development Student Club
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (China)
- East Asian Institute (Singapore)
- Aga Khan University – East Africa Institute (Nairobi)

May 2015: Edward Akuffo initiated MOUs agreements between the UFV and the University of Ghana, University of Cape Coast, and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology which are all in Ghana. As at the time of the submission of this report, the University of Cape Coast had signed the MOU agreement and the document was sent to the UFV's International office for the signature of the UFV president, Dr. Mark Evered.

Relevance of activities to the community

- October 2014: Dr. Edward Akuffo collaborated with Dr. Hamish Telford (political science department) and Dr. Scott Sheffield (history department) to host a roundtable discussion of the October 22, 2014 Parliament Hill gun attack. The event was widely publicized by the UFV and Star 98.3 FM and was very well attended by students, staff, faculty and the general public.
- April 2015: Dr. Edward Akuffo was invited to present a paper at a symposium on "The Regional Dynamics of Peace and Security in West Africa" that was jointly organized by the West Africa Institute, University of Portsmouth, Center for European Integration Studies, and Universite du Quebec a Montreal and held at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center in Accra, Ghana on April 28-30, 2015. Akuffo's paper was titled, "On Terrorism, Mali Conflict, and International Response: A Paradigm Shift or Perpetuating Hegemony?" The paper was very well received at the symposium and as a result of that he was invited by Emmuel K. Bensah, the host of the Africa in Focus programme on Radio XYZ, a local FM station in Ghana to participate as a panelist in the one year anniversary of the programme which focused on the security and economic implications of illegal migration from Africa to Europe via the Mediterranean sea.
- May 2015: Cherie Enns and Dr. Garry Fehr were involved in the Sustainable Food Systems Symposium – two days of fieldtrips; four workshops; and a public forum May 5-7th. Guests included Dr. Alex Awiti (Aga Khan University); Dr. James Khuns (Ryerson University); Dr. Dhian Kaur and Dr Ghuman (Panjab University); Orlando Schmidt (BC Ministry of Agriculture); Dr. Lenore Newman (UFV). Project is in collaboration with Cherie Enns (she is the lead investigator for UFV). Symposium

provided insight to community about importance of creating sustainable food systems versus the supply of inexpensive food and highlighted new advances in the sector.

Funding received

- Dr. Garry Fehr: **UFV Visiting Scholar Fund - \$6500**

Research completed during the reporting period

- Dr. Garry Fehr completed field work for his project on the, 'Evaluation of India's Medicinal Plant Cultivation Program'

Publications (Peer Reviewed)

Akuffo, E. A. 2015 Canada's Moral Identity in Africa and Its Implications for Policy in the Twenty-First Century in Rosalind Warner (ed.), *Unsettled Balance: Ethics, Security, and Canada's International Relations*, Vancouver: UBC Press

Akuffo, E. A. 2015. Africa's Geopolitical Space and Canada's Multilateral Security Strategy from Chrétien to Harper in Robert Murray (ed.) *Multilateralism as a State Strategy: Seeking Order in Anarchic Society*, Edmonton: University of Alberta Press (forthcoming)

Akuffo, E. A. 2014. *The Politics of Interregional Cooperation: The Impact of NATO's Intervention in Libya on its relations with the African Union*, African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review 4(2) 108-128

Bains, S. (2014). Edited Book (Editor: Uttamkumar Panda Hidayatullah National Law University, Uparwara, New Raipur, Chhattisgarh): '*Gender Issues and Challenges in Twenty First Century*'. Chapter: Gendered experiences of isolation in intimate partner violence (IPV) for South Asian immigrant women in Canada. New Delhi: Satyam Law International.

Bains, S. (2014) Editor: *Interpreting Ghadar: echoes of voices past Selected Papers: Ghadar Conference*. Abbotsford, BC: Centre for Indo Canadian Studies, UFV.

Koehn, S., Jarvis, P., Sandhra, S., Bains, S., & Addison, M. (2014). Promoting mental health of immigrant seniors in community. *Ethnicity and Inequalities in Health and Social Care* 7(3), 146-156. <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/EIHSC-11-2013-0048>

Bains, S. & Price, J. (2014) The Extraordinary Story of the Komagata Maru: Commemorating the One Hundred Year Challenge to Canada's Immigration Colour Bar. *The Asia-Pacific Journal, Vol. 11, Issue 29, No. 1, July 21, 2014.*

http://www.ufv.ca/media/assets/centre-for-indo-candian-studies/article_4149.pdf

Bains, S. (2014). Living in Fear: Violence as a Societal Scourge. In Jain, A. (Ed.). *Violence Against Women All Pervading*. Toronto: Elspeth Hayworth Center for Women.

Fehr, G. 2014. *A Gendered Approach to Understanding the Development of India's Medicinal Plant Sector*. In Uttam Panda (Ed.), *Gender in the 21st Century*. New Delhi: Satyam Law International. p. 143-162.

Publications (non-peer reviewed)

Bains, S. (2014). A national Historic Site of Canada – The Gur Sikh Temple, Abbotsford. In *1914-2014 Komagata Maru Centennial Souvenir*. Vancouver BC: Komagata Maru Foundation.

Bains, S. (June 2014). *Indo Canadians: No need to be hyphenated*.
www.TheIndianDiaspora.com http://theindiandiaspora.com/news-details/conversations/primary_news/indo-canadians-no-need-to-be-hyphenated.htm

Bains, S. (Aug 2014). (Co-Contributor) Abbotsford Building Connections Report: <https://abbotsford.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?Id=42048&Search=1&Result=3>

Bains, S. (May, 2014). *Komagata Maru 100 years later*. The Indian Diaspora.com http://theindiandiaspora.com/news-details/my-voice/primary_news/komagata-maru-100-years-later.htm#.U4X61Kr-yyY.gmail

Presentations

Akuffo, E. A 2015. *On Terrorism, Mali Conflict, and International Response: A Paradigm Shift or Perpetuating Hegemony?* Symposium on The Regional Dynamics of Peace and Security in West Africa jointly organized by the West Africa Institute, University of Portsmouth, Center for European Integration Studies, and Universite du Quebec a Montreal held at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center in Accra, Ghana on April 28-30, 2015

Bains, S. *The unfulfilled voyage of the Komagata Maru: Resistance struggles against racism, lies and deception* at “Commemorating the Komagata Maru/Celebrating the Century,” Mount Royal University. Oct, 2014.

Bains, S. *Passages of Time: dealing with trauma and memory of 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms* at UFV conference: “Justice Denied/Collusion Denied 30 years later: Reflecting on 1984 anit-Sikh pogroms - University of the Fraser Valley. Nov, 2014.

Fehr, G. 2015. *Encroaching Upon Environmental Limits of Sustainable Development*. Invited lecture (video-conference) to faculty at the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, India. May 18, 2015.

Fehr, G. 2015. *Medicinal Plant Cultivation Schemes, Scams and Challenges*. GreenSPEAK Lecture. Abbotsford, University of the Fraser Valley. March 26, 2015.

Fehr, G. 2015. *Building Sustainability into a Developing India*. Abbotsford Learning Plus, Abbotsford, BC. March 19, 2015.

Fehr, G. 2015. *Incentivized Participation in Non-Timber Forest Products Conservation Schemes*. Western Division Canadian Association of Geographers, Kamloops, BC. March 14, 2015.

Fehr, G. 2014. *Challenges implementing the NMPB Cultivation Scheme*. Geoforum Lecture at Delhi University, New Delhi, India. November 28, 2014.

Fehr, G. 2014. *Enhancing rural sustainability by reducing social and spatial distance*. Key Note Address at the annual conference of the National Association of Geographers, India. Jaipur, India. November 17-19.

Fehr, G. 2014. *Challenges and barriers to reducing food poverty in informal settlements*. Invited public lecture, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India. October 17, 2014.

Plans for the coming year

Associates of the institute will be strongly encouraged to generate several research proposals and expand the scope of the Institute's activities. Potential external funding agencies include SSHRC, IDRC and other local sources.

Dr. Edward Akuffo and Dr. Garry Fehr will be applying for SSHRC Insight Grants in October 2015. Akuffo's research focuses Canada's multilateral strategy on the African continent. Fehr will continue to work on Sustainable Food Systems with Aga Khan University (1.5 years remaining); the Importance of Seasonal Agricultural Labour in the Fraser Valley (one year beginning September 2015) – will hire at least one student; and diversifying the Agri-Food Economy in Punjab (three year project beginning January 2016). He plans to hire three students in partnership with UFV Chandigarh, The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies and Panjab University.

Scott Lukasek, who was a co-op student at the UFV International, helped revamp the Institute's website. He was recommended by Chelsea Laird (UFV International) and we

want to take this opportunity to thank Chelsea and Scott. There is still some work to be done on the website and we will use the next reporting year to complete that work.

The institute also plans to re-launch its lecture series in the coming year.

The institute will pursue the MOUs it has initiated between the UFV and the University of Ghana and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.