



Liu Institute for Global Issues

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Named after Dr. Jieh Jow Liou, the Liu Institute at the University of British Columbia conducts and facilitates leading edge research and debate on global issues -- mobilizing knowledge into solutions.

Our three main areas of strategic focus include:

- Sustainability
- Security
- Social Justice

Liu Research

The Institute serves as a hub for global issues research at UBC, hosting regular workshops, panel discussions and guest lecturers which lead to in-depth reports, policy briefs, books and media coverage, on a range of technical and current affairs topics.

The Liu Institute also houses an interdisciplinary group of exceptional scholars, with over 10 cross-faculty appointments conducting global research in cross-cutting fields including legal, business, political economy, international relations, comparative public policy, socio-cultural, and socio-technical studies.

Select current research projects include:

- The global political economy of eco-consumerism
- Security implications of climate change
- Transitional justice among First Nations communities in Canada, Uganda and Colombia
- Transnational corporations use of international treaties as a source of environmental standards
- Global equitable access to healthcare
- The intersection of technology, energy and the environment in rural areas of the developing world
- Advancing the Responsibility to Protect - building state capacities and civilian protection in the Asia Pacific

Liu Global Policy Dialogue

The Liu Institute actively engages in global policy dialogue with the broader community including practitioners from government, industry and civil society. Select recent and upcoming events include:

- The Road to Copenhagen: is anyone listening to the IPCC?
- The End of the Line: Global Fisheries Decline and Food Security
- On the Edges of Conflict: Issues of Compliance with IHL and Human Rights Standards
- Raven Smashes Face his Face into a Rock: Indigenous Story-Telling, Truth-Telling and Community approaches to Reconciliation
- Peacebuilding 2011: Canada's Role in Afghanistan
- The Climate Change-Security Nexus: Implications for Canadian Defence Policy and Operations 2010-2030
- Reflections on the Red Cross Mine Decision: Implications for the Future

Liu Visiting Scholars & Distinguished Fellows

The Liu Institute invites leading scholars and distinguished practitioners to take up residence and engage in research and teaching activities at the Institute. We presently have a distinguished fellow in corporate social responsibility. We expect three additional Visitors, one or more from the Global South, and others whose research is focused on global development.



Liu Postdoctoral Fellows

The Institute has five postdoctoral positions in the areas of corporate social responsibility, human security, disarmament and non-proliferation, Canadian Security and Foreign Policy, and the Bottom Billion. Plans to expand this program to support each of our areas of research are underway, potentially bringing in as many as five to ten additional Fellows.

Liu PhD Scholars Program

The Liu Scholar Program brings together exceptional PhD students from across UBC to collaborate in cross-disciplinary research on global issues. Since September 2009, the Institute has welcomed 44 outstanding scholars to the program. The students come from most departments on campus, including Law, Forestry, Education, Engineering, Health, Interdisciplinary Studies, as well as Geography, Political Science, Medicine, Anthropology, Sociology and History. We aim to broaden our interdisciplinary range even further. Within the group, there are seven Trudeau Foundation Scholars, three Vanier-, 11 SSHRC-, two NSERC-, and one CIHR-Canada Graduate Fellowship recipients. Our Scholars' research and activities are focused on South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Brazil, Ecuador, Chile, Mexico, Guyana, Suriname, India, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, Spain, Canada and the United States.

Liu Institute Networks

The Liu Institute encourages and houses a range of global issue networks that connect researchers at UBC and provide a portal for information and idea exchange between the university and the broader community.

- The **International Development Research Network (IDRN)** is an inclusive social web, designed to connect people working on a broad spectrum of global development issues. Topics range from sustainability, technology transfer and urbanization, to education.
- The **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Network** is focused on sharing leading edge research and encouraging lively debate among academics and practitioners regarding corporations and global sustainability.
- The **Liu Migration Network** comprises over one hundred graduate students working in the field of migration studies at UBC.
- The **Transitional Justice Network (TJN)** brings together a diverse group of scholars working on issues related to processes of social recovery and reconstruction, historical memory and transformation, and justice and the law to address the impacts of organized violence and systematic deprivation.
- **Africa Canada Accountability Coalition (ACAC)** was initiated by students at UBC and seeks to translate research concerning Canada's role in the DRC into practical policy recommendations.

Liu Institute Facilities

The Liu Institute for Global Issues is located at the edge UBC's Point Grey Campus, steps from the Pacific Ocean. Surrounded by lush forestland, the Institute is an award winning building designed by architect Arthur Erickson. The Liu Institute encourages government, industry and non-profit organizations to take advantage of the ideal setting for their strategy meetings and retreats.

The **Lobby Gallery** is a place of cutting edge contemporary and political documentary work housed in the lobby of the Liu Institute. The gallery's mandate is to foster alternative and artistic forms of dissemination of research through critical artistic expression, enabling a space for creative dialogue about global issues among students, faculty, researchers and the Vancouver public.

Lobby Gallery
at the Liu Institute for Global Issues

