OUR FACULTY
The School has a core faculty of 10. Faculty honors and merits include:

- 14 Editorial Board members for scholarly journals
- 10 Visiting research fellowships, including at Harvard, Princeton and National University of Singapore
- 5 Book series editors, for Cambridge University Press, Sage and others
- 3 Fulbright Scholars
- 3 Cormack Teaching Excellence Award recipients
- 2 Endowed Research Chairs
- 1 Carnegie Scholar (USA)
- 1 Humboldt Research Scholar (Germany)
- 1 Global Fellow, Peace Research Institute Oslo (Norway)
- 1 Fellow, Royal Society of Canada

Research publications by core faculty during the past 10 years include:

- 118 peer-reviewed articles and chapters
- 37 monographs and edited volumes
- 20 or more commissioned reports for the UN, World Bank, International Labour Organization, Copenhagen Consensus, Refugee Education Trust Geneva, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, and others

Research by our core faculty has been cited 29,900 times (Google Scholar).

The School hosts the editorial office of the Canadian Journal of Development Studies, Canada’s top-cited interdisciplinary social science journal.

Core faculty have secured 34 competitive grants totaling $1.84 million:

- 16 from Canada’s Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- 12 competitive grants from Simon Fraser University
- 2 grants, from Ford Foundation and Carnegie Corporation

These awards work out to an average of $18,400 per person, per year.

Our faculty have contributed to the work of these United Nations bodies:

- UN General Assembly
- UN Secretary General’s office
- UN Development Programme
- UN Convention on Biodiversity
- UN High Commission for Refugees
- UN Institute for Disarmament Research
- UN Working Group on Conflict Prevention
- UN Research Institute for Social Development

Tamir Moustafa (Director)
Political scientist; works at the intersection of religion, law and politics in the Middle East and Southeast Asia

Jeffrey T. Checkel
International relations theorist; expert on civil war, human rights institutions, identity, qualitative methods and EU/European politics

Elizabeth Cooper
Social and cultural anthropologist; expert on children and youth in East Africa, HIV/AIDS and violence, protest and collective action

Alexander Dawson
Historian of modern Mexico; expert on identity politics – race, gender and indigeneity – in Latin America

Christopher Gibson
Sociologist focusing on Latin America; expert on social movements, public health and the developmental state

John Harriss
Social anthropologist and expert on Indian society and politics; investigates social welfare and the impacts of globalization

Michael Howard
Anthropologist; investigates ethnic relations and migration in Southeast Asia, and their expression in material culture

Nicole Jackson
Political scientist and security specialist; works on authoritarianism and the foreign policy of Russia and Central Asia

Brenda Lyshaug
Political theorist; expert on humanitarian intervention, ethics and public policy, and gender and democracy

Gerardo Otero
Sociologist and political economist of food and agriculture, farm labour, social movements and the state; primary focus on Latin America

Leslie Armijo (Limited Term Professor)
Political economist and expert on financial policy and governance, emerging powers/BRICS and Latin America

Andrew Mack (Adjunct Professor)
Director of Strategic Planning in the office of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan (1990–2001); Research Director, Human Security Report

Paul Meyer (Adjunct Professor)
Canadian diplomat (1975–2010); expert in nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament, space- and cyber-security

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OUR DEGREE PROGRAMS
The School offers an undergraduate major and a master’s degree in International Studies. Undergraduate program highlights:

- for majors, 2 stimulating capstone seminars taught by our core faculty
- solid grounding in methods for interdisciplinary research
- a wide range of study-abroad and field school options

Our MA program has an interdisciplinary curriculum exploring the intersection of international development, conflict and governance. Highlights:

- small class size in all core courses
- optional regional concentrations
- diverse co-op opportunities in Canada and abroad

OUR STUDENTS
International Studies majors have a high academic profile at SFU. Our graduates have gone on to complete higher degrees at the University of Oxford, London School of Economics and University of Toronto, among others.

The International Studies Student Association (ISSA) is a very active in both academic and social engagement, and a strong community builder. ISSA organizes an annual career fair and numerous lectures and events. The association’s own peer reviewed journal, Confluence, is open for submissions from students across SFU.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
We organize an average of 20 public lectures and workshops every year. Among our distinguished guest speakers:

Louise Arbour, former Canadian Supreme Court Justice; Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia; and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Zainah Anwar, prominent Muslim feminist; founder of Sisters in Islam

Romeo Dallaire, former commander of UN peacekeeping/observation missions and campaigner to end the use of child soldiers

Jayantha Dhanapala, former Under Secretary General at the UN; policy innovator on landmines/small arms, Arctic security

Gareth Evans, former Australian Foreign Minister; CEO, International Crisis Group; architect of the “Responsibility to Protect” (R2P) doctrine

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ABOUT SFU
SFU has consistently been ranked as Canada’s best comprehensive university by Maclean’s Magazine (#1 in 2016, 2017 and 2018). We earn top marks for our world-class social science research, award-winning students and faculty, and student services.

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