

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Senate Committee on University Priorities
Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: John Waterhouse
Chair, SCUP
Vice President, Academic

RE: Centre for Global Political Economy
(CGPE)

DATE: March 7, 2003

Attached is the proposal for the establishment of the Centre for Global Political Economy (CGPE) submitted for consideration by Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts. This will be a Schedule A Centre reporting to the Dean of Arts in accordance with Policy R 40.01.

The Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the proposal at its March 5, 2003 meeting. The proposal was unanimously approved. Once approved by Senate, the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Governors.

Motion:

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Centre for Global Political Economy as outlined in document S.03-45

encl.

- c. S. McBride, Department of Political Science
B. Clayman, VP Research
J. Pierce, Dean, Faculty of Arts

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

TO: Laurie Summers, Secretary
Senate Committee on University
Planning (SCUP)

FROM: Bruce P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research

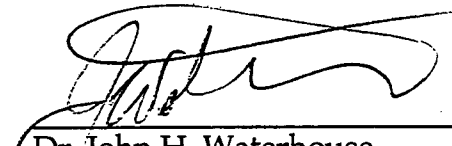
RE: Centre for Global Political
Economy (CGPE)

DATE: February 11, 2003

Attached is a proposal from Dr. Roger Blackman, Acting Dean of Arts, for the establishment of a Centre for Global Political Economy (CGPE) as a Schedule A Centre.

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Centre be granted approval by SCUP. Once approved by SCUP, the proposal is to be forwarded to Senate, followed by submission to the Board of Governors.

Governing Committee:


Dr. John H. Waterhouse
Vice-President, Academic and Provost
Dr. Bruce P. Clayman
Vice-President, Research

Attachment

C: Dr. Lynda Erickson, Chair of the Political Science Department
Dr. Stephen McBride, Political Science Dept., and CGPE representative

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Bruce Clayman
Vice-President Research

From: Roger Blackman
Acting Dean of Arts

Subject: Proposal for a Centre for
Global Political Economy

Date: December 16, 2002

I am recommending the establishment of a Schedule A **Centre for Global Political Economy (CGPE)**. As detailed in the attached proposal, the CGPE will provide an important focus for the research efforts of nine faculty members in the Department of Political Science, as well as a similar number of colleagues in other departments in the Faculty of Arts.

Establishment of the CGPE will formalize ongoing activities in this area that have recently seen the organization of two international conferences (Globalization and its Discontents, 1998; Global Turbulence: Instability in National and International Political Economy, 2001). Impressively, these conferences yielded 5 edited publications of selected papers. Of equal importance has been the stimulation of international research collaborations with colleagues in Australia, the UK, Mexico and Norway.

It is proposed to establish CGPE at an initially modest level. We will supply CGPE with an office, a start-up budget of \$5,000, and a 1-course release for the director. This should be sufficient to enable CGPE's members to secure the external funding to sustain their activities. They have already demonstrated their ability to work cooperatively to achieve important research outcomes. Creating a Centre for Global Economy will facilitate their efforts, and in doing so will provide significant recognition for them, for the Faculty, and for the University.

CC: Lynda Erickson, Chair of the Political Science Department
Stephen McBride, Political Science Department and CGPE representative



Resources Requested: proposed Centre for Global Political Economy

Space

It is important that CGPE have a physical presence. The minimum space needed is one office.

Director

1 course release per annum.

Support

Start-up funding to assist the centre until external funding is obtained.

In the short-term the most important resource would be start up funding of, say, \$5000 to enable the new Centre to establish itself and organise grant-getting and other activities.

Stephen McBride

BACKGROUNDER AND RATIONALE FOR A CENTRE FOR GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (CGPE) 28 June 2002

A new Centre for Global Political Economy, housed in the Department of Political Science, and involving faculty from other academic units at SFU, will be established to provide a focus for existing strengths in the field of global political economy and to win a position as an international centre for such research. This will be accomplished through external grants, high quality publications and a variety of other activities outlined below.

A Centre for Global Political Economy housed within the Department of Political Science:

The Department of Political Science is the logical academic unit to house the proposed centre.

The department has nine faculty members whose research is focused, either exclusively or to a significant degree, on political economy. These are: James Busumtwi-Sam, Marjorie Griffin Cohen, Dan Cohn, Ted Cohn, Laurent Dobuzinskis, Andy Hira, Michael Howlett, Sandra MacLean, and Stephen McBride. Several of the department's Ph.D. students are also working on political economy topics. They include Linda Elmore, Andrea Migone, Russell Williams, and David Winchester. This group of faculty and graduate students represents a significant critical mass of expertise around which to build a highly research intensive, publications and grant-oriented centre.

A recent (2000) external review of the Simon Fraser department commented favourably on the department's strengths in political economy. Indeed the department has been already been active in this area. Two international conferences have been organized: Globalization and its Discontents (1998) and Global Turbulence: Instability in National and International Political Economy (2001). Both conferences attracted external funding in the shape of SSHRC conference grants. In November 2002 the department will assist the Centre for Canadian Studies in organizing a conference on Canada's global role, a significant component of which will involve issues of political economy. The 1998 conference resulted in two edited publications of selected papers (published by Macmillan in 2000) and the 2001 conference has generated three edited collections – to be published by Palgrave (UK), Ashgate (UK) and Kluwer (Netherlands) in 2002 and 2003.

Equally, or perhaps more importantly, the conferences have stimulated a number of ongoing international research collaborations between SFU faculty and their counterparts elsewhere. These are producing further academic dividends for the researchers and their institutions. Formal links are under discussion with research centres at Sheffield University, Griffith University and Hull University and a variety of less formal links exist between SFU researchers and colleagues in countries such as Australia, the UK, Mexico, and Norway. Two members of the department are involved in an MCRI grant on global political economy as it affects semi-peripheral countries and the grant is currently funding one PhD student in Political Science and a post-doctoral student in Womens' Studies at

SFU. Three faculty members from the Department of Political Science serve as co-editors of a prestigious University of Toronto Press series, Comparative Studies in Political Economy and Public Policy, which could provide a useful outlet for some of the research conducted in the new centre.

A number of SFU faculty members are working on projects involving regional trade agreements such as NAFTA, trade and migration, the quasi-constitutional impact of international economic agreements, electricity deregulation, the impact of the GATS, transparency and governance.

The core researchers at the centre have diverse approaches to political economy. But a common concern, expressed in the theme of the 2001 conference is to overcome the artificial division within political economy between those who focus on international political economy and those whose orientation is on national systems. The Centre's core members seek to integrate into their work insights from both domestically oriented political economy, still focused on nation-states or comparisons of nation-states, and international political economy, focused invaluablely on the global, but prone to underestimate the continuing impact of the national. It is the fusion of national and international which makes the centre a unique enterprise within Canada.

The involvement of faculty and graduate students from other SFU departments and from other institutions is crucial. Political economy, as it has emerged, is above all an interdisciplinary project. The Centre hopes to host visiting fellows to work on collaborative projects, and create a high profile for the University on political economy issues through public outreach activities – public meetings, media etc.

A useful niche

There are a number of IR and global centres in BC and elsewhere, but very few anywhere that focus specifically on political economy - Most either focus on strategic-security studies or try to cover all of international relations - which is difficult to do adequately. The proposed centre, therefore, is well positioned to make a name for itself.

Given the political economy focus of this centre there is no overlap between its projected activities and those of other centres such as the Institute of Governance Studies or the proposed Centre for International Studies.

Importance to Canadian scholarship

Political economy has a long history in Canadian academic and practitioner circles. Considering Canada against the background of the international economy has a long history too -- in a sense, Canada has always been a global nation. However, there is an acknowledged need to integrate international and domestic dimensions of the subject in line with the new global reality--the conditions of globalization and the way Canada is inserted into the global political economy today are unprecedented. For Canadian scholars, too, there is much to learn from academic perspectives from other settings. A Centre for Global Political Economy can play a major role in this cutting-edge endeavour,

with collateral benefits for participants in the exercise, such as improved international linkages and augmented research activity.

International Linkages

Scholars from a dozen countries have participated in the two international conferences organized so far. Good links have been established with academics in Australia: at RMIT University, Melbourne, Adelaide, University of Sydney, and Griffith University, Brisbane; the UK: Sheffield and Hull Universities. The University of Sheffield houses an important journal, *New Political Economy*, which has been in the forefront of attempts to integrate the domestic and international discussions of political economy. The editor and one other member of the editorial board (Anthony Payne and Andrew Gamble) attended the 2001 conference and we anticipate this will lead to useful additional connections between Canadian and British scholars working in this field.

This connection, for example, may facilitate linkages between the journal they represent and Canadian journals in related spheres such as *Studies in Political Economy* (on the board of which 3 SFU faculty serve). The SSHRC MCRI project, based at the University of Alberta, but including four SFU participants, has co-investigators from four countries.

Activities

The Centre will be defined by its activities. It aims to become an internationally recognised centre of expertise on global political economy.

The Centre will:

- Organize research teams, involving SFU and non-SFU academics and community partners, to pursue major collaborative research grants;
- Organize workshops and conferences designed to bring together political economy researchers and to publish the results in top quality academic outlets (books, journal articles)
- Invite distinguished academics as Visiting Fellows
- Seek to attract post doctoral fellows
- Encourage scholarly exchanges – faculty and graduate students
- Seek to inform policy debates on relevant issues by publishing in its own name, or in collaboration with others, academically reviewed, but accessible reports on issues of global political economy.
- Organize public lectures
- Publish pre-publication Occasional papers
- Assist in developing graduate courses and teaching materials within Global Political Economy .

Constitution of the Centre for Global Political Economy

1. The Centre for Global Political Economy is a Schedule A centre responsible to the Dean of Arts.

2. All activities of the Centre shall be conducted in accordance with University policies.

3. Purpose

The interdisciplinary Centre for Global Political Economy, housed in the Department of Political Science, and involving faculty from other academic units at SFU and elsewhere, aims to provide a focus for existing University strengths in the field of global political economy and to win a position as an international centre for collaborative research in the area. This will be accomplished through external grants, high quality publications and a variety of other activities outlined below.

4. Aims and Activities

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The Centre's activities will include:

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5. Governance

- a) Membership. The initial members of the Centre are listed in Appendix A. Membership is open to any SFU faculty member (including emeritus professors) with research interests in global political economy who accepts an invitation to participate in one of the Centre's projects and whose application to join the Centre is approved by the Steering Committee.
- b) The members of the Centre shall constitute the Steering Committee.
- c) The Director of the Centre shall organise at least one meeting of the Steering Committee in the Fall semester. Fifty per cent of the members shall constitute

- a quorum. Additional meetings shall be arranged as necessary and in any case at the request of 50 per cent of the members of the Steering Committee.
- d) The Director is appointed by the Dean of Arts for a three year term (renewable) on the recommendation of the Steering Committee.
 - e) The Director is responsible for the ongoing activities of the Centre. The role of the Director is to facilitate, initiate and provide a leadership role in the Centre's activities. The Director's responsibilities to the University are specified in University Policy R40.01, 5.2.
 - f) Associate membership in the Centre (with the status of Research Associate) may be conferred by the Director and/or Steering Committee on: (i) non-SFU researchers who are participating in one of the Centre's research projects; and (ii) graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, non-tenure track instructors and others who are participating in one of the Centre's research projects.
 - g) Committees and working groups shall be established as necessary by the Director and/or Steering Committee to conduct the Centre's activities.

6. By-Laws and Amendments to this Constitution

By-Laws and Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by a regular meeting of the Steering Committee provided one week's advance notice is given in writing or by email of all proposed changes.

Appendix A Founding Members

Department of Political Science
 James Busumtwi-Sam,
 Marjorie Griffin Cohen / *Womens Studies*
 Dan Cohn,
 Ted Cohn,
 Laurent Dobuzinskis,
 Andy Hira, / *Latin American Studies*
 Michael Howlett,
 Sandra Maclean,
 Stephen McBride.

Department of Psychology

Bruce Alexander

Department of Geography

John Brohman/ *Latin American Studies*

Department of History

Mark Leier/ *Labour Studies*
 Allen Seager/ *Canadian Studies*

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Karl Froschauer
Gerardo Otero/ *Latin American Studies*
Gary Teeple

Department of Womens Studies

Habiba Zaman

Department of Political Science

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dr Bruce Clayman, Vice President Research

From: Dr. Stephen McBride

Date: 27 January 2003

Subject: proposed ^{Centre} for Global Political Economy

In response to your query re the financial implications of the proposed Centre: some start up funds have been requested but the Centre is then intended to be self financing through external grants. Thus there would be no ongoing financial costs other than those outlined in the Dean of Arts memo on this subject.

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W.A.C. Bennett Library
Simon Fraser University
Memorandum

To: Val Murdoch, Administrative Assistant
Office of the Vice President, Research

From: Gwen Bird
Head, Collections Management
gbird@sfu.ca

Subject: Library Report for the Proposed Centre for
Public Policy Research

Date: February 11, 2003

Cc: Jack Corse, Liaison Librarian for Political
Science

Here is the Library's Report regarding the proposed Centre for Global Political Economy.

I have reviewed the proposal for the above named Centre and am satisfied that the Library can support the Centre at this time. The Library is already collecting at a research level in the areas of global political economy, globalization, regional trade, trade agreements and political economy, and has strong holdings in both monographs and journals in these areas. The proposed focus of the Centre, "the fusion of national and international," can be accommodated within our present collection development activities.

Some specific resources are named in the proposal; the Library carries both of the core journals mentioned, *New Political Economy* and *Studies in Political Economy*, as well as the UofT Press series *Studies in Comparative Political Economy and Public Policy*.

Although there are no outstanding Library issues at this time, there may be future hiring of faculty with interests outside the current scope of the Centre for Global Political Economy. When hiring such individuals it is important to note the compatibility of their research interests with existing library resources. If a mismatch is determined and new resources are required the Centre will have to provide funding to purchase such library resources. This is a general concern regarding new hires and not specific to the Centre for Global Political Economy.

Costs:

THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL LIBRARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CENTRE.

If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone (3263) or by email, gbird@sfu.ca