



**“The Fall and Rise Again of Pacific Canada:  
A Community and Scholarly Forum”**

**Time:** 11:00am – 1:30pm, Saturday, July 19, 2008

**Location:** Fairmont Social Lounge, St. John’s College, UBC, 2111 Lower Mall  
*Parking available at the West Parkade, Lower Mall and University Blvd., off of Northwest Marine Drive, UBC*

This Forum brings together scholars, community activists and leaders to discuss what led to the anti-Asian legislation a century ago that resulted in the Komagata Maru incident, and the long legacy of the policies for South Asians, Japanese, Chinese, and European migrants to Canada, and for First Nations peoples.

Some of the issues discussed will include:

- What brought migrants across the Pacific from Asia to labour alongside each other in the lumber mills and other industries of British Columbia?
- What kind of society might have been built out of these global migrations and between the migrants and First Nations peoples?
- What choices were made by some migrants crossing the Atlantic from Europe to exclude Asian migrants from the developing society in British Columbia and to appropriate land from First Nations?
- How did the anti-Asian riots of 1907 lead to anti-Asian legislation such as the Continuous Journey Act of 1908, the Hayashi-Lemieux Gentleman’s Agreement between Japan and Canada of 1908, and the Komagata Maru Incident of 1914?
- How did the Continuous Journey Act affect the formation of South Asian communities in Canada?
- What were the international implications of the Komagata Maru incident of 1914 and what was its role in Indian nationalism?
- Why do we need to come together to mark this history and to recognize the historical struggles to overcome the injustices of our past?
- How can teaching about this long-ignored history help our young learn to be active citizens in making a better Canada?

**Media are invited to contact the following forum participants to discuss these issues before and after the July 19 forum.**

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Ms. Fukawa is an educator, author, and community historian who is currently involved in a British Columbia Teachers Federation project, supported by the Law Foundation of British Columbia, to create learning materials for the high school curriculum that use the events of the 1907 Anti-Asian Riots to involve students in understanding the challenges of active citizenship. She has also been the principal writer and managing editor of two books detailing the history of Japanese Canadian fisherman in British Columbia.

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Mr. Fukawa is an educator, author, and community historian who has served as the President of the Japanese Canadian National Museum (now the National Nikkei Museum and Heritage Centre) and is a member of the Anniversaries of Change Steering Committee.

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Mr. Gill is the President of the Komagata Maru Heritage Foundation, and a member of the Anniversaries of Change Steering Committee. The mission of the KMHF is to capture the stories of the people who suffered on the Komagata Maru, to educate future generations about the importance of this incident to our society, and to promote Indian culture in Canada. The KMHF has organized annual dinners and walks to commemorate the anniversary of the Komagata Maru incident.

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Karin Lee is a Canadian Academy Award (Gemini) winning filmmaker and has directed films and videos, both fiction and documentaries about the effects of global displacement, feminism and the Chinese diaspora in North America. She has been engaged in community activism, curating arts festivals, and is a member of the Anniversaries of Change Steering Committee.

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Dr. Price is an expert on Modern Japan and relations between Canada and Japan at the Department of History at the University of Victoria. He recently published an article on the diplomatic fallout of the 1907 Anti-Asian Riots in B.C. Studies, and was one of the organizers of the academic conferences surrounding the Anniversaries of Change in 2007. Dr. Price received his PhD from the University of British Columbia.

**Hayne Wai**

Mr. Wai is an educator, author, and community organizer who is past-President and Founding Board Member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society. He has worked on issues of human rights and multiculturalism in Canada for the federal and provincial governments; and as a lecturer in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Wai is also a member of the Anniversaries of Change Steering Committee.

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