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## CBERN 2nd Annual Conference: May 29-31, 2009, Ottawa, ON

### “Responsible Investment, Ethics and the Global Financial Crisis”

Mark your calendar and register by May 18! CBERN's 2nd Annual Conference will take place in conjunction with the **Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences** in Ottawa.

The theme for the 2nd Annual Conference, “Responsible Investment, Ethics and the Global Financial Crisis,” is a cutting edge, global issue of the day and one of CBERN's ethical clusters. For more information and to register for this very exciting weekend, visit:

[www.cbern.ca/about/conference2009](http://www.cbern.ca/about/conference2009)

**Registration is FREE!**

## Conference Overview

**Thursday, May 28**

(evening)

CBERN Advisory Board Meeting (Advisory Board Members Only)

**Friday, May 29**

"Responsible Investment, Ethics and the Global Financial Crisis" Workshop

**Saturday, May 30**

CBERN Annual Meeting

**Sunday, May 31**

2nd Annual PhD Cluster Meeting

Meeting of "Ethical Resource Extraction" Grant Holders and interested project participants

Complete details at: [www.cbern.ca](http://www.cbern.ca)



## CBERN Business and Human Rights Symposium



In 2010, CBERN is planning an interdisciplinary symposium on Business and Human Rights at the Schulich School of Business. This event is designed to draw Canadian academics, who are engaged in research on business and human rights from a variety of disciplines, into dialog with each other and with non-academics actively engaged with human rights issues in what is becoming a dominant theme in the field of business ethics. The event will be limited to twenty-five active participants and will include five leading international scholars with active research interests in the field.

For more information, visit: <http://www.businessethicscanada.ca/about/bhrs/index.html>

## Upcoming Events

Below are events that are featured on the CBERN Events Calendar. **FULL DETAILS available at [www.cbern.ca](http://www.cbern.ca).**

Please email [mwindle@cbern.ca](mailto:mwindle@cbern.ca) to have your event listed on the Events Calendar.

### May 2009

The EthicsCentre CA Presents: The Role of Journalism in Ethics and Accountability  
Toronto, ON

**May 20**

Corporate Knights Presents: Dr. James Lovelock, :The Vanishing Face of Gaia”  
Toronto, ON

**May 26**

CBERN 2009 Conference  
Ottawa, ON

**May 29-31**

### June 2009

Canadian Responsible Investment Conference  
Winnipeg, MB

**June 7-9**

TI-Canada Presents: Aid versus Corruption: Getting your dollars to the world's poor  
Toronto, ON

**June 10**

Risk and uncertainty: A series of gatherings at the Norwegian School of Management Nydalen, Norway

**June 15-16**

### August 2009

Organizations and the Natural Environment Doctoral Consortium

Chicago, IL

**August 7-8**

### September 2009

Impact! The Co-operators Youth Conference for Sustainability Leadership

Guelph, ON

**September 24-27**

### October 2009

2009 Principles for Responsible Investment Academic Network Conference

Ottawa, ON

**October 1-2**

## CBERN Receives Two SSHRC Grants



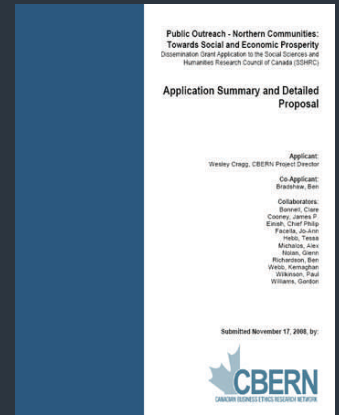
CBERN's letter of intent application for the Community-University Research Alliances (CURA) program, “Northern Communities: Towards Social and Economic Prosperity” was successful. A \$20,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) has been awarded to CBERN to develop the project entitled the “Socially Responsible Development in the Rapidly Evolving Canadian North.”

The grant will focus on preparing a formal application for a long term CURA project on knowledge dissemination and ethically responsible mining. An individual CURA can receive funding of up to \$200,000 annually for up to five years. For further information, visit:

[www.cbern.ca/research/projects/csr/](http://www.cbern.ca/research/projects/csr/)

In addition, CBERN has been awarded a year-long \$75,000 SSHRC Northern Communities Public Dissemination grant. The focus will be ethically responsible economic development in the Canadian and circumpolar north. For further information, visit: [www.cbern.ca/research/projects/csr/](http://www.cbern.ca/research/projects/csr/)

For more information, or to get involved, please email Alex Barber at [abarber@cbern.ca](mailto:abarber@cbern.ca)



### Public Dissemination Grant

**Applicant:**

Wesley Cragg

**Co-Applicant:**

Bradshaw, Ben

**Collaborators:**

Bonnell, Clare  
Cooney, James P.  
Einish, Chief Philip  
Facella, Jo-Ann  
Hebb, Tessa  
Michalos, Alex  
Nolan, Glenn  
Richardson, Ben  
Webb, Kernaghan  
Wilkinson, Paul  
Williams, Gordon

### CURA Grant

**Applicant:**

Wesley Cragg

**Co-Applicants:**

Bradshaw, Ben  
Cooney, James P.  
Einish, Chief Philip  
Facella, Jo-Ann  
Nolan, Glenn  
Richardson, Ben  
Wilkinson, Paul

**Collaborators:**

Bonnell, Clare  
Michalos, Alex  
Williams, Gordon

## CBERN Atlantic Region Event

With the intention of developing potential concepts for CBERN's 2010 annual national conference, CBERN and the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment at Acadia University hosted a lunch symposium on April 17th to discuss ethics and universities. The event featured guest speaker Bernard Shapiro, former Federal Ethics Commissioner and former Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University.

Shapiro addressed the group informally over lunch, discussing the relationship between universities and government, the need for university faculty to take on greater roles as policy critics and social activists, and the ethical implications of the structure of undergraduate programs.

## CBERN Special Series on Ethics & the Financial Crisis

In April, CBERN initiated a series of workshops and public dialogue around the ethical dimensions of the financial crisis. Two CBERN sponsored public forums held at the Schulich School of Business and one joint CBERN/Ethics Centre workshop at the University of Toronto, explored the ethical consequences and implications surrounding the recent turmoil in the financial markets. Please see the CBERN Financial Crisis page on the CBERN website for power point presentations, lists of presenters, and a video of the most recent public forum:

[www.cbern.ca/dialogue/events/financial\\_crisis/index.html](http://www.cbern.ca/dialogue/events/financial_crisis/index.html)

## Rethinking the Extractive Industry

CBERN was a sponsor for a conference, "Rethinking the Extractive Industry: Regulation, Dispossession and Emerging Claims," held at York University 5 – 7 March 2009. The hosts were the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC), together with the Extractive Industries Research Group (EIRG), both located at York University.

The conference brought together cutting-edge research on the socio-ecological, spatial, and political-economic dimensions of industrial extraction. Through critical theoretical reflection and policy-relevant analysis, three tracks aimed to advance understanding of the social regulation of extractive industries, one of CBERN's ethical clusters in formation, in its broadest sense. For further information, visit:

[www.cbern.ca/dialogue/events/evtXOsCOCvAho.html](http://www.cbern.ca/dialogue/events/evtXOsCOCvAho.html)



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## CBERN & Project Funding Criteria

The purpose of the SSHRC funds allocated to CBERN is to build a community and network designed to identify emerging issues, share new insights, foster synergies, develop new capabilities and resources, and gain insight from and encourage understanding within the wider Canadian community, regarding ethical business concepts and practices.

The use of CBERN's allocated SSHRC grant funds to support proposed projects or programs and initiatives has been formally identified in a policy document, available online at [www.cbern.ca/about/governance](http://www.cbern.ca/about/governance)

If you have an idea for a project that meets the Project Funding Criteria and would like more information on CBERN resources available, please contact Alex Barber, Project Coordinator, at: [abarber@cbern.ca](mailto:abarber@cbern.ca)

## Regional Hub Updates

### CBERN Atlantic: Thank you Louise Hanavan! Welcome Chris Stover

Louise Hanavan ([atlantic@cbern.ca](mailto:atlantic@cbern.ca)) CBERN Atlantic Region HUB Coordinator for the past year and a half, will be leaving her position to pursue academic interests. Louise has done an exceptional job at establishing a CBERN presence in the Atlantic region and has worked tirelessly at developing networking opportunities and coordinating events for CBERN in the Atlantic Region. We wish Louise the best of luck in all of her future endeavours.

We are currently in the process of finalizing the shifting of responsibilities of the CBERN Atlantic Region Hub Coordinator to Chris Stover, General Manager of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs (CCEPA). Based in Halifax, CCEPA is a CBERN Partner and has been the home office of the CBERN Atlantic Region Hub since its inception.

CCEPA undertakes collaborative research and education on ethics. This collaboration involves partnerships with the major shapers of public life: Government, the business community, NGO's and public service agencies. Through the provision of consultation services, and the sponsorship of research, public discussion, and education, the centre assists these partners as they seek to integrate

ethics into their public practices and policies. For more information on CCEPA, please visit [www.ccepa.ca](http://www.ccepa.ca) Further details on this announcement and an introduction to Chris Stover will be provided in our next newsletter.

### Welcome Simon Handelsman: CBERN Pacific Region Hub Coordinator

Simon recently completed his PhD through the University of British Columbia, on the thesis topic "Realities and perceptions of human rights and the mining industry - A case study". His research work is intimately concerned with ethical considerations and resource extraction, where the boundaries of human rights issues and the extractive industries overlap those of corruption and security issues. Simon can be reached at [pacific@cbern.ca](mailto:pacific@cbern.ca).

### Welcome Inga Gusarova: CBERN Western Region Hub Coordinator

A native of Russia, Inga Gusarova came to Canada to obtain her Bachelor of Commerce from Queen's University (2000-2004). She has since worked in personal insurance & finance, freelance marketing and copywriting, and as a staff member of the University of Calgary. Her experience and interests lie in the area of communications, social marketing and sustainability. Inga can be reached at [western@cbern.ca](mailto:western@cbern.ca).

## Personnel changes at CBERN

After one and a half years with CBERN, Administrative Services Coordinator, Breanne Whitwell, left to work with the Faculty of Graduate Studies at York University. We wish to thank Breanne for her great work and solid contribution.

With the shifting of ensuing responsibilities, it became evident a full-time Project Coordinator was required. Alex Barber began in this position with CBERN on 16 March. As Project Coordinator Alex is responsible for coordinating and implementing several ongoing projects and grants. He brings with him several years of expertise in social media, networking, fundraising, and Ontario politics. Alex is a veteran of several political campaigns in Canada and the U.S. Alex can be reached at [abarber@cbern.ca](mailto:abarber@cbern.ca) or 416-736-5809. Bronwyn Best, former Project Manager with CBERN, will remain as a Consultant with the project.



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