

Canada – US Bilateral Trade Flows since 9/11

Thanks to a grant from the [Border Policy Research Institute](#) (BPRI) and the support of its Director, Professor Don Alper, two US researchers, Steven Globerman and Paul Storer, both former DFAIT Canadian Studies Program awardees, studied the effects of the 9/11 terrorists attacks on trade exchanges between Canada and the United States, as well as the industries that were most affected by this event.

In their book, [The Impacts of 9/11 on Canada-U.S. Trade](#), (University of Toronto Press, 2008), the authors analyzed the state of cross-border trade before and since 9/11 and the results of their research showed that although in 2005 American exports to Canada were close to their pre-9/11 level, Canadian exports had not returned to the level they were at prior to the attacks. They also underline the importance of commercial relations between the two countries, review the range of security measures undertaken and their effects on trade. They then propose a list of actions for Canada and United States to facilitate the flow of commodities and persons at borders.

Since its creation in 2005, a well known Canadianist and recipient of several awards in Canada and United States, Professor Don Alper, has directed the Border Policy Research Institute. Mr. Alper is a professor at Western Washington University since 1972 and has been Director of the [Center for Canadian-American Studies](#) since 1972. He is a strong supporter of Canadian Studies and has succeeded in regularly obtaining financial support from both Canadian and American governments for the University's Canadian Studies Program through Canada's Program Enhancement Grant and Outreach Grant and U.S. Title VI Grant. Dr. Alper exerted considerable influence on the American Department of Transportation in order to establish BPRI at Western Washington University. Under its leadership, the programs strongly influenced educational directions, governmental policies, business practices and international relations.

In 2007, Professor Alper was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the ICCS for his contribution to Canadian Studies.