

## INTRODUCTION TO CANADIAN STUDIES BIBLIOGRAPHIES

In 1976, the Department of External Affairs, in the context of its Canadian Studies Program, contracted out the preparation of four introductory bibliographies in the Canadian Studies field. The purpose of this work was to develop basic inventories of books, series of books and microform materials covering the main disciplines of Canadian Studies, which could serve as a foundation for the development of Canadian Studies Programs in universities overseas. The bibliographies were designed primarily for those scholars and universities abroad where library resources on Canada were largely non-existent or limited and where introductory programs focusing on Canada would have to be planted in relatively virgin soil.

The main disciplines covered in these bibliographies were the areas of the Social Sciences and Humanities with substantive and continuing Canadian content such as history, politics, economics, sociology, geography, ecology-environment and literature. Also included were subjects of an international and inter-disciplinary nature which have distinctive Canadian characteristics such as Canadian foreign policy, Canadian approach to international law, bilingualism and multiculturalism, native peoples, radio and television communications, and federal-provincial relations.

Since 1976, over three thousand copies have been distributed to students, academics and university libraries around the world and the Department has received numerous request for additional copies. In response to these requests and as part of the effort to provide a useful research and teaching tool for the increasingly sophisticated scholars of Canadian affairs abroad, in the spring of 1979, the Department commis-