

## Introduction to Canadian Studies Bibliographies

During 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 are largely non-existent or limited and where introductory programs on Canada would have to be planted in relatively virgin soil.

The main disciplines covered in these bibliographies are those 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 are many subjects of an international and inter-disciplinary nature which have distinctive Canadian characteristics such as Canadian foreign policy, Canadian approach to international law, Canadian bilingualism and multiculturalism, native peoples, radio and television communications, and federal-provincial relations.

The first annotated bibliography covering ten disciplines of Canadian Studies and entitled, Introduction to Canadian Studies - Selective Bibliography, was prepared in English under the supervision of Dr. Davidson Dunton, Director of the Institute of Canadian Studies, Carleton University,