

PNDP Travels to Dhaka, Bangladesh

The megacity of Dhaka, Bangladesh was the subject and the backdrop of the culminating workshop for the Program for Narrative and Documentary Practice this year. The intense, congested metropolis offered the students an array of stories to explore.

The workshop, led by PNDP Director Gary Knight and PNDP Program Coordinator Samuel James, is an opportunity for the students to put into practice what they had learned in the yearlong course.

Dhaka is also the home of Pathshala, the South Asian Media Institute founded by PNDP Board Member Shahidul Alam. The mission of Pathshala is to develop local journalism professionals, from within Bangladesh and across the region, and reclaim the ability to tell stories about the majority world.



photo by Bill Cotter

Working in collaboration, Tufts students and second year Pathshala photography students spent the nine-day workshop helping and learning from each other.

Tufts Junior Craig Dathe said, "The whole experience has been incredibly surprising and enriching from every possible angle."

Knight added, "It was the most successful workshop that

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EPIIC 2013-14 Will Explore the Future of the Middle East and North Africa

Against the backdrop of the 100th anniversary of World War I, EPIIC this year will provide a comprehensive, critical look at an extensive and volatile region, extending from Morocco to Iran, from Algiers to Sana'a. Home to 380 million people and possessing 60 percent of the world's oil reserves and 45 percent of the world's natural gas reserves, it is an arena of intense geopolitical rivalry marked by inequality of resources and income, with 23 percent of its population living on less than \$2 a day.

It is a region riven by extreme political instability that is also facing increasing demographic growth, intergenerational fissures, urbanization, water scarcity, and environmental stress. The wave of changes and transitions in the MENA region pose a broad set of challenges to regional security, as well as to international security and U.S. foreign policy. What impacts will internal religious, sectarian, and political schisms have on regional politics, and how might they expand outward?

How will the 2011 civil uprisings and their consequences, when socio-economic tensions merged with deep political discontent, evolve? How will the region contend with the ongoing Syrian crisis, Iran's nuclear threat, and the increas-

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Students Intern with Freedom Forum Fellows

The **Oslo Scholars Program**, an initiative of the Institute for Global Leadership and the Oslo Freedom Forum (OFF), offers undergraduate students who have a demonstrated interest in human rights and international political issues an opportunity to attend the annual Forum and work with some of the world's leading human rights defenders and activists. In its third year, the Program is pairing six Tufts undergraduate students with five Oslo Freedom Forum speakers. The students, who have a wide range of interests, experiences and language skills, will spend their summer breaks interning and researching with these activists in Toronto, Lisbon, Dharamsala, Seoul and Kashmir. The Oslo Scholars Program is supported with funding through the IGL's **Empower** program.

Liberty in North Korea (LiNK)

Alice Pang, a graduating senior who majored in Philosophy and Political Science, was in Seoul, South Korea conducting

an independent research project with Hannah Song, the president and CEO of Liberty in North Korea (LiNK), an international nonprofit organization that raises awareness of the North Korean human rights crisis and provides direct resettlement support to North Korean refugee com-

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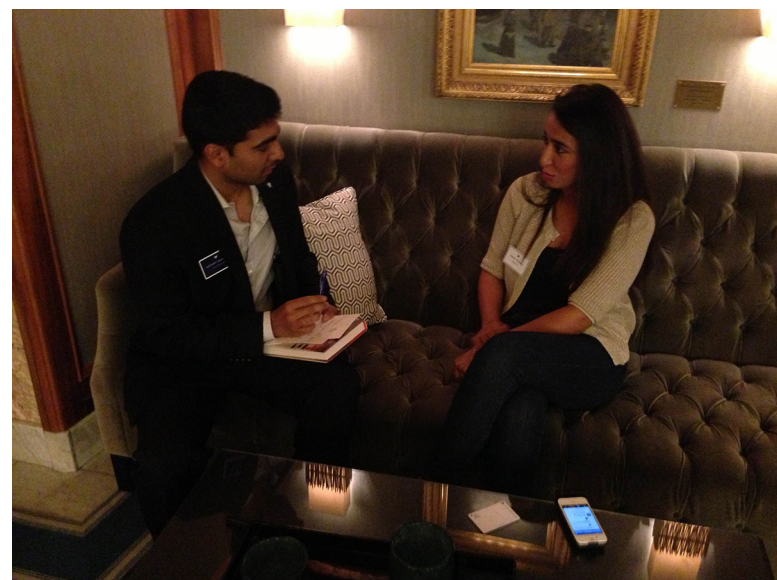


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FALL 2013 EVENTS

September 4-27

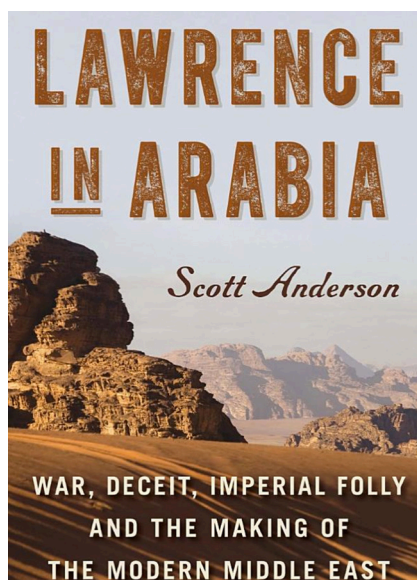
Combat Paper Exhibition and Opening Reception (September 11) at the Slater Concourse of the Tufts University Art Gallery

This ALLIES sponsored exhibition features the artistic works of military veterans of recent conflicts. These works are the result of papermaking workshops intended to allow veterans to reclaim their military uniforms and turn them into works of art.

September 17

The Making of the Modern Middle East

Journalist and Author Scott Anderson will speak on his new book: *Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit and Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East*.



October 8

Refugees in the Middle East and North Africa: Restoring Agency in the Midst of Crisis

Lecture by Curt Rhodes, INSPIRE Fellow and Founder and International Director of Questscope, who has spent more than 30 years working with and on behalf of marginalized communities and youth across the Middle East.

October 10

Social Entrepreneurship as a Path to Improving Relations in the Middle East

Lecture by Award-winning Journalist David Rohde, author of *Beyond War: Reimagining American Influence in a New Middle East*

October 14-18

Mouin Rabbani in residence at the IGL (Public lecture: October 17)

Palestinian journalist and Middle East analyst, Mouin Rabbani (EPIIC'86), will be spending several days as an Institute Scholar and Practitioner in Residence (INSPIRE Fellow) and giving a public lecture.

October 23

Dr. Jean Mayer Award Lecture honoring Dr. Svetlana Broz

A public talk will be held to honor Dr. Svetlana Broz, cardiologist and author of *Good People in an Evil Times*. She is the granddaughter of former Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito. This award will be presented by IGL Advisory Board Member Uwe Kitzinger.

October 27-November 2

Ariel Levite in residence at the IGL (Public lecture: October 29)

Ariel Levite, former Deputy Director General for Policy at the Israeli Atomic Energy Commission, will spend several days in residence at the IGL as an INSPIRE fellow and student mentor.

October 30

Transboundary Water Management in the Middle East: Research and Dual Narratives

This public talk on the management of water and environmental issues in the Middle East will be given by Dr. Clive Lipchin, Director of the Arava Institute's Center for Transboundary Water Management, and Leila Hashweh, Arava Institute alumni and candidate for a Masters of Science in Hydrology and Water Quality.

November 5

Dr. Jean Mayer Award Global Citizenship Lecture by Hanan Ashrawi

Hanan Ashrawi is a frequently cited spokesperson for the Palestinian national movement. She was a prominent member of the 1991 Madrid peace talks and was the Palestinian National Authority minister of higher education and research in Yasser Arafat's cabinet from 1996 until 1998, when she resigned citing corruption and the mismanagement of peace negotiations. In 1998, she became the general secretary of MIFTAH, the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy.

For more information on upcoming events: tuftsgloballeadership.org

GLOBAL HEALTH and SECURITY

The 28th Annual Norris and Margery Bendetson EPIIC International Symposium

This year's EPIIC symposium on Global Health and Security sought to enhance discussions on global health issues by looking at the distinctive intersections with security, ranging from personal to national and international security.

The deliberations and ultimate choices of panels and participants by the students resonated one of the initial intellectual paradigms chosen for the EPIIC colloquium, Andrew Lakoff's "two regimes of global health". The first he defines as "global health security," where emerging infectious diseases threaten wealthy countries whose source of pathogenicity he asserted is "social and ecological transformations linked to globalization." The other regime was "humanitarian biomedicine," concentrating on neglected diseases that afflict poor countries whose pathogenic source is the failure of development and the lack of access to health care.

Fifty-two panelists participated and twenty-three Institute students presented their original research conducted in such destinations as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, India, Kosovo (presenting below), Nepal, and Rwanda. These included a presentation

ics, keyed the symposium with a presentation on "Zoonoses and Pandemics: The Next Big One." It was a tour de force on the historical links between health and security (and can be viewed on the IGL web site at <http://www.tuftsgloballeadership.org/resources/epiic-symposium-gwythian-prins-key-note-2013>). Prins, the Iron Man of EPIIC, having participated in more than ten symposia, is a past Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award recipient.

Among the Mayer Awards presented at this year's symposium, one went to Dr. Uche Amizigo for her work eradicating river blindness. It was presented in absentia to her niece, a former EPIIC student, Nnena Okoye who read her moving tribute to Dr. Mayer for his role in the Nigerian Biafran War, when he protested the use of food as a weapon by the Nigerian government in an effort to create conditions of starvation.

Other Mayers were presented were to two members of the IGL External Advisory Board for their seminal work in the field of global health: Tufts Professor Irwin Rosenberg, a close friend of Dr. Mayer's and the director of the Tufts Dr. Jean Mayer Human Nu-

trition Research Center for Aging, Dr. Anne Goldfeld, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Harvard School of Public Health, Senior Investigator in the Program in Cellular and Molecular Medicine at Children's Hospital Boston, Physician in the Division of Infectious Disease at Brigham &

Women's Hospital, and President and Co-Founder of the Global and Cambodian Health Committees.

Laurie Garrett (right), another Mayer gave a then confidential preview of her analysis of 3-D printing implications for pathogen production. She presented a video on "synthetic

biology" and the expanding use of such printing technology to perform DNA experiments, discussing that while there are potentially good uses (creating artificial organs for transplant), there are also some potentially dangerous uses, as in the creation of dangerous organisms for germ warfare.

In the days immediately after the symposium, Mayer Awards were presented to the World Health Organization's Dr. Peter Piot and, in collaboration with the World Peace Foundation, to Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) for its delivery of emergency medical assistance to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, and natural disasters. It was accepted by Rony Brauman, former President of MSF and director of CRASH, a MSF-affiliated cen-

Global Health and Security Symposium at a Glance

- 11 panels
- 52 panelists
- 14 awards presented
 - 8 Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Awards
 - 6 Alumni Recognition Awards
- 17 student research presentations made by IGL students
- 47 international students
 - from 9 countries
- 49 cadets and officers from
 - 3 US service academies
 - Israeli Defense Forces Medical Corps
- 1 professional workshop
 - with 12 participants

ter for the reflection of the actions and impact of humanitarian intervention.

Alumni awards were presented at the symposium to IGL past students who have gone on to excel and make a difference in the health field. Recipients included Matt McGregor, now the Executive Director of the Timmy Global Health Foundation and Husa and Hassa Blake, who have been named White House Champions of Change Fellows for their work on AIDS and sex trafficking.

Also receiving the award were EPIIC INSPIRE Fellow, Ezra Barzilay (A'95, M'01) the Lead Epidemiologist in the Health Systems Reconstruction Office of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and Richard Sollom (F'94), the Di-



on water sanitation efforts by the joint IGL-School of Engineering chapter of Engineers Without Borders and a presentation on tracking cholera outbreaks in Bangladesh by the Village Zero Project, an NGO founded by IGL students. Students from Peking University, the IGL's longest-standing TILIP partner, presented on the pharmaceutical industry in China.

Gwythian Prins, the Director of the Mackinder Programme for the Study of Long Wave Events and Research Professor at the London School of Econom-



rector of Emergencies and Special Initiatives at Physicians for Human Rights. Rick spoke on the impact of the repression of medical service professionals in Bahrain and the “militarization” of tear gas in the MENA region. Later in the year, Ezra was successfully nominated by the Institute for the University’s “Light on the Hill Alumni Award (Dan, far right; Rick, second from right).



The IGL’s ALLIES INSPIRE

Fellow, Gregg Nakano (F’01), the former Development Outreach Coordinator for the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and a former Military Liaison Officer for the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance at USAID was another recipient.

A special Institute award was presented to Lt. Anne Gibbon, the ALLIES liaison at Annapolis and the Deputy Director of the Commander’s Initiatives Group at Naval Special Warfare, for her work in creating a curriculum around water, sanitation and public health in northern Uganda with the Clearwater Initiative. She led one of the ALLIES Joint Research Projects there. The award was presented by Beth Sklaver, the widow of Tufts/Fletcher student Ben Sklaver, who founded Clearwater and was killed in action in Afghanistan. Through its Empower program, the IGL plans to continue to send interns to Clearwater.

During the symposium, panelists discussed the violent impact of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq on soldiers and civilian populations and the meta public health security concerns articulated by the Dr. Ira Helfand, the North American Vice-President of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), on the extraordinary impact of a “limited” nuclear explosion. IPPNW also was recognized with a Mayer Award this year.

The symposium took place in the penumbra of the December 14, 2012, Sandy Hook, Newtown, Connecticut massacre of elementary school students, the second deadliest mass shooting by a single person in American history. During the colloquium, the students had read about such gun-related violence as a public health epidemic. During her talk, Karen

Volker, the Director of the Washington, D.C. Office of Cure Violence, referenced Tom Diaz’s remarkable comparisons of the number of people in the killed in terrorist attacks in the US or against US interests – 5,586 between 1969 and 2009 – with the number of people killed by gun violence – 30,000 annually between 1986 and 2010. As Diaz has highlighted, “Every year more Americans are killed by guns in the U.S. than people of all nationalities are killed worldwide by terrorist attacks.”

There was a powerful presentation by Jason Clay, the Senior Vice President of Market Transformation for the World Wildlife Fund, on the health and ecological implications of farming. Farming is the world’s largest industry, it consumes 70 percent of the water humans use, it uses more chemicals than any other industry, it is the largest polluter on the planet, and it is the largest threat to biodiversity and ecosystem functions on earth.

Clay has been described as a “doctor in a war zone”, “practicing a kind of agricultural triage.” He challenged the audience to think of ways to harmonize the global food system with planetary health. He described his work in aquaculture on shrimp farms and salmon farms and the challenge to feed nine billion people by 2050 – how the world needs to find solutions to doing more with less. He was instrumental in the creation of the Guardian Sustainability Business Network with companies and corporations understanding the imperative to “embrace sustainability, not as a point of competitive differentiation, but as a solution to ensuring the long-term viability of their business and the planet.”

During the panel on “Bystanders, Perpetrators and Survivors: A Global Health Perspective on Sexual Violence,” Dimitris Bouras, a Greek photojournalist, shared his photographs and unique findings regarding Greece’s needle policy, having lived for years with Athen’s street people afflicted with HIV/AIDS.

There were moments of controversy at the symposium when community activists in the audience vociferously protested Boston University’s proposed bioterrorism facility, also opposed by Hillel W. Cohen, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology and Population Health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University. In the aftermath of the panel on “Food Insecurity: Hunger, the Environment, and Conflict,” there was a challenge by Tufts Professor Irwin Rosenberg to a film presentation of “Starved for Attention” by the VII Photo Agency and Doctors Without Borders. He believed that their perspectives on the impact of genetically modified rice, in the context of addressing child malnutrition, was misleading

An unusual and disturbing perspective was given by Dr. Samad Sami Khunda, the former Dean of Baghdad University Medical School, regarding his conviction that rapes did not occur with any frequency in Iraq because of the respect Iraqi men had for women, and because of the respect shown by wives to their husbands. This was vigorously rejected and challenged by Susannah Sirkin, Deputy Director of Physicians for Human Rights, and Jennifer F. Klot (below), the Senior Advisor who directs initiatives on Gender, Security and HIV/AIDS for the Social Science Research Council. Both also spoke about their investigations of sexual violence and rape in conflict zones.



There was a reprise of EPIIC’s 2005 Oil and Water forum with Tufts’ Water: Systems, Science and Soci-

ety program on the critical nexus of water and disease featuring significant contributions from Jeffrey Griffiths, Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine at the Tufts School of Medicine, and David M. Gute, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Tufts. Janine Selendy (below center with two Peking University students), the Founder, Chairman, President and Publisher of Horizon International, clarified the compelling human security links between water, sanitation and deprivation. Horizon International is a non-profit organization based at Yale University, which works to find and advance solutions to the interrelated concerns of global health, environment and poverty.



A presentation on the required cultural sensitivities required in treatment of African patients was given by Hellen Amuguni, Research Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences in the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and Tufts University's liaison for the USAID/RESPOND in the West Congo Basin region.

Elizabeth Herman (A'10) presented her documentary photojournalism project, "A Woman's War", on women veterans in Bosnia, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and on women abused by Egyptian security forces during the Tahrir Square uprising. Zach Iscol, the Executive Director and Chairman, of the Headstrong Project, a Marine Corps veteran, gave an emotionally riveting presentation on the impact of the Iraq war on his colleagues and other veterans.

Giuseppe Raviola, Director of the Program in Global Mental Health and Social Change at the Harvard Medical School and Director of Mental Health for Partners In Health, was compelling in describing the consequences of the staggering absence of psychiatrists and psychologists in Rwanda, a community still

deeply affected by the 1994 genocide.

Amb. Bonnie Jenkins, the Coordinator for the Threat Reduction Program at the US Department of State, gave a Mayer Award address on the biological aspect of terrorism. Daniel Holmberg (N'12), a seasoned NGO Humanitarian Adviser, presented a history of crisis circumstances he was involved in from Pakistan to the Sudan on the "Health and Human Rights in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies" panel that he helped the EPIIC students. It was a panel that featured some other extraordinary Mayer presentations. USAID Brigadier General Yitshak Kreiss, the Surgeon General of Israel, spoke of his experiences deploying to Haiti in the aftermath of the devastat-

ing earthquake. Jennifer Leaning, the Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health, gave her Mayer talk on the ongoing tragedy and chaos in Central Africa.

The panel on "Health Care Delivery Systems: Bringing Care Where It's Needed Most" provided a global perspective on what is, in most cases, dire health situations.

David Chiriboga, the former Minister of Health of Ecuador and the former President of the Health Council of the Union of South American Nations, was introduced by his niece, an EPIIC freshman. Bhaswati Goswami, the Communications Officer and a member of the Program Management Unit for boat clinics at the Centre for North East Studies in India, spoke about their work in reaching isolated communities on the Brahmaputra River. Jean Kagubare, the Principal Technical Advisor of Management Sciences for Health and former Director of the Health Planning Department, presented on how Rwanda was working to move forward in developing its health system. Zheng Xie, a Lecturer in the Department of Global Health of the School of Public Health at Peking University, spoke about the challenges facing her country's health network.

The symposium concluded looking to the future with a forum on "New Technologies at the Juncture of Health and Security". Another of the IGL's External Advisory Board members, Ira M. Herman, Professor of Integrative Physiology and Pathobiology at

the Tufts Medical School, was joined by Livio Valenti, a Fellow of the Sustainability Science Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and David Walt, a Professor of Chemistry at Tufts University, to discuss innovations in wound healing, the technological reinvention of silk for biomedical purposes, unique vaccines, data analysis, and boosting the efficiency of fiber-optic sensors to do high-speed analysis of genes.

The Carnegie Corporation's Patricia Moore Nicholas, the foundation's senior Project Manager for their International Program, attended the symposium. She commented that the IGL is a "proven breeding ground for the next generation for international relations and international security experts."

Additional components of the symposium week included:

- The Second Annual Tufts Pugwash Chapter Workshop, this year on "Privacy and Progress in Whole Genome Sequencing" held in response to the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues report. Convened by prior Mayer Award recipient Jonathan Moreno, Professor of Medical Ethics and the History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania and the past President of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, and IGL Advisory Board Member Juan Enriquez, Managing Director at Excel Venture Management, a venture capital firm that invests in companies that apply transformative life science technologies to solve problems in healthcare and beyond. The workshop featured a presentation by Kayte Spector-Bagdady, the Associate Director at the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, and stressed the inherent difficulties of ensuring privacy into the future.

- The symposium once again featured small, expert-led discussion sessions, on topics such as Health in Post-Earthquake Haiti, Improving Volunteer Efforts in Global Health, Balancing Military Security and Human Security, Medical Boats in North East India, and China and HIV/AIDS.

- The Voices from the Field program addressed the ethical implications of aid, cultural contexts, economies of health and the politicization of aid, partnerships, and assessment of work. Participants included Ezra Barzilay, Daniel Holmberg, Gregg Nakano, Louino Robillard, Sabina Carlson Robillard (A'10), who also received an Alumni Award for her ongoing work in Haiti with the International Organization for Migration.

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ing role of non-state actors, from Hezbollah to the Kurds? What is Iraq's future, and how will the US role ultimately be understood?

The class will examine the demise of authoritarian despots and their repressive regimes, the challenges to the regions' state structures, the impact of the regions' rampant corruption, the realignment of regional alliances, threats to human and civil rights, and the vulnerable status of women. We will probe the



democratic impulses of Tahrir Square, Taksim Square and elsewhere and the efforts to establish civil society and participatory government.

What is the impact of information and communication technology in both enhancing freedoms and strengthening surveillance and repressive counter-measures? How has cyber warfare affected the region?

What is the nature of civil-military relations in the region? In Israel, Turkey, Egypt? How fragile is Lebanon? What is the impact of decades of the Israel/Palestine conflict for their societies and are there any reasonable outcomes for this struggle? What might Yemen's disintegration mean for Al Queda?

What is the socio-economic reality of the Persian Gulf states? How stable is Saudi Arabia? We will also investigate the emergence of positive entrepreneurial prospects in addressing development challenges at a time of diminished foreign direct investment. Throughout, the colloquium will probe the resolve and efficacy of current U.S. foreign policy.

The colloquium will engage experts and mentors from diverse sources such as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the International Crisis Group, the United States Institute for Peace, The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Naval Post Graduate School, The National Defense University, Jadaliyya, The Arab Studies Institute, the Palestine Research Center, the Jerusalem Center for International Affairs, Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Northeastern's Middle East Center for Peace, Culture and Development; and The Crown Center at Brandeis among others.

Colloquium Lecturers and Advisers include:

ABDEL MONEM SAID ALY, Director, Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Cairo

VICTOR ASSAL (EPIIC'87), Associate Professor of Political Science, Co-Director of the Project on Violent Conflict, SUNY, Albany

SA'ED ATSHAN, Lecturer, Peace and Justice Studies, Tufts University

RAJAA ALTALLI, Co-Founder, Center for Civil Society and Democracy in Syria

EVA BELLIN, Kraft Professor of Arab Politics, Brandeis University

AM AHL BISHARA, Professor of Anthropology, Tufts University

ROBERT BLECHER, Deputy Program Director, Middle East and North Africa, International Crisis Group

RACHAEL BRANDENBERG (EPIIC'03, NIMEP'03-05), Program Officer for Middle East and North Africa, U.S. Institute of Peace

ANTONIA CHAYES, Visiting Professor of International Law and Politics, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

MATAN CHOREV (EPIIC'04 NIMEP'03-05), Speechwriter & Special Assistant, Office of the Deputy Secretary of State, U.S. State Department

ISOBEL COLEMAN, Director of the Civil Society, Markets, and Democracy Initiative, Council on Foreign Relations

KARIM HAGGAG, Career Diplomat, Egypt; Visiting Professor, Center for Strategic Studies

SOHAIL HASHMI, Professor of International Relations, Mount Holyoke College

ANDREW HESS, Professor of Diplomacy, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

PHILLIP KHOURY, Professor of Middle East History, MIT

STEVEN KOLTAI (A'76), Program Director and Senior Advisor, Global Entrepreneurship Program, US Department of State

STEVE MILLER, Director, International Security Program, Belfer Center, Harvard University

MALIK MUFTI, Professor of Political Science, Tufts University

SARA ROY (EPIIC'87), Senior Research Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

RICHARD SHULTZ, Director, International Security Studies Program, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

JIM WALSH, Research Associate, Security Studies Program, MIT

OLIVER WILCOX (EPIIC'91), Director, Peace and Security Program, U.S. Department of State

EPIIC Weekend Immersion

This year, Professor Hugh Robert of the Tufts History Department will be traveling to Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire with the EPIIC class to discuss "MENA Reality Check: Understanding the Uprisings and their Outcomes." Professor Roberts is the Edward Keller Professor of North African and Middle Eastern History and the Director of Middle East Studies at Tufts. Having conducted extensive research in Algeria, he taught politics and political history in the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia from 1976 to 1988. In 1997, he returned to academic life as a Senior Research Fellow at the London School of Economics, a post he held till 2002. In 2001, he moved to Cairo where he lived for ten years, conducting additional research on Egyptian political history and the history of Islamism in North Africa and working for the International Crisis Group as Director of its North Africa Project in 2002-2007, and again from January to July 2011.

Institute Scholars and Practitioners in Residence (INSPIRE) include:

MOWAFFAK AL-RUBAIE is an Iraqi statesman and civil rights activist. Following the removal of Saddam Hussienin 2003, al-Rubaie was appointed as a member of the Iraqi Governing Council and served as Iraq's National Security Advisor.

ARIEL (ELI) LEVITE was the Principal Deputy Director General for Policy at the

Israeli Atomic Energy Commission and served as the Deputy National Security Advisor for Defense Policy in Israel.

MONA MOWAFI co-founded NEGMA, an NGO that supports innovation to help spur job creation and social impact in Egypt.

MOUIN RABBANI is a senior fellow at the Institute for Palestine Studies, a contributing editor to *Middle East Report* (MERIP), and a former Senior Analyst/Middle East with the International Crisis Group.

CURT RHODES is the founder and international director of Questscope, which works with marginalized communities and young people across the Middle East.

DENIS SULLIVAN is a Professor of Political Science and the Director of the Middle East Center for Peace, Culture, and Development at Northeastern University.



The Norris and Margery Bendetson EPIIC International Symposium

Designed and enacted by the EPIIC students, the symposium features scores of international practitioners, academics, public intellectuals, activists and journalists in panel discussions and workshops.

Advisers and Panelists include:

JUNAID AHMAD, Director for Sustainable Development in the MENA region, World Bank

SAMI AL-FARAJ (EPIIC '87), President, Kuwait Centre for Strategic Studies

APRIL LONGLEY ALLEY, Senior Arabian Peninsula Analyst, International Crisis Group

HOSSEIN ASKARI, Professor of International Business and International Affairs, George Washington University

BERNARD AVISHAI, Adjunct Professor of Business, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MICHAËL AYARI, Senior Tunisia Analyst, International Crisis Group

SUHAD BABAA, Community Outreach & Digital Resources Manager, Just Vision

EILEEN BABBITT, Professor of International Conflict Management Practice, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

NOAH BONSEY, Senior Syria Analyst, International Crisis Group

FOTINI CHRISTIA, Professor of Political Science, MIT

ISSANDR EL-AMRANI, Director, North Africa Project, International Crisis Group

SHAI FELDMAN, Director, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University

CLAUDIA GAZZINI, Senior Analyst, Libya, International Crisis Group

SHERIF MANSOUR (Fletcher'06), Egyptian Democracy Activist; MENA Program Coordinator, Committee to Protect Journalists

YORAM PERI, Director, Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies, University of Maryland

DUNCAN PICKARD (Synaptic'10), Fellow, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East

BARRY POSEN, International Professor of Political Science, MIT

GARY SAMORE, Director of Research, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

KHALIL SHIKAKI, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research

Special Opportunities and Projects for the students include:

Common Purpose

Participate in a leadership seminar in Doha, led by British NGO Common Purpose, together with university students from the MENA region focusing on a major social challenge facing the region: the generational divide

U.S. Engagement with Islamists

Work with Mowaffak al-Rubaie, a protégé of the Shia theologian Grand Ayatollah Syed Mohammad Baqir Al Sadr, the founder of the Islamic Da'awa party, to conceptualize a workshop on U.S. interaction with modern Islamists

Civil-Military Challenges in MENA

Collaborate with senior MENA military officers and analysts, the Fletcher School's International Security Studies Program, the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, and ALLIES to investigate civil-military relations and security sector reform in the region

Refugees in Jordan

Partner with Questscope, Tufts' Gordon Institute, and the Fletcher School's Institute for Human Security to understand and improve conditions for Syrian and Iraqi youth of the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan

Defusing Bahrain

Work with the Project on Justice in Times of Transition to engage in an ongoing effort at conflict resolution in Bahrain

Scholars at Risk

Work with Scholars At Risk to conceive a special lecture series featuring prominent academicians who have fled or been exiled from their countries

Peace v. Justice

Research with The Hague Institute for Global Justice on the difficult "peace versus justice" debate in international criminal law

Arab-Israeli Cooperation on the Environment

Work with the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies training Arab and Jewish youth on intergroup cooperation

Healing through Music

Work with Tufts Professor of Music Rich Jankowsky (EPIIC'92) and Music for Life International Conductor George Mathew to design and enact events

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: AMIR SOLTANI

On February 28, 1986, first-year Iranian-American student Amir Soltani was selected by his classmates to introduce the inaugural EPIIC symposium, that year themed “International Terrorism.” Amir, whose experiences in Iran prompted him to enroll in the colloquium, spent a year exploring the nature of terrorist threats and the values and ideologies that prompt violent actions and terror. Reflecting on his EPIIC experience, Amir, author of graphic novel *Zahra’s Paradise* and executive producer of the documentary-in-progress “Dogtown Redemption”, remarked that the course compelled him to look at the world with intensity, encouraging him and his classmates to take responsibility for what was happening in the world around them. It was this sense of duty, combined with his commitment to action and change, that sparked Amir’s interest in storytelling and human rights work.

“The most precious contribution of EPIIC,” Amir recounts, “was that it was not about knowledge for knowledge’s sake. It was about knowledge for connecting you with the world. The experience of EPIIC was really what helped me become a human rights activist.” Following graduate coursework at Harvard University, Amir, seeking to directly confront the challenges faced by the Iranian people, left academia to co-author *Zahra’s Paradise*, a graphic novel recounting the story of Iranian mother Zahra and the search for her son Mehdi, a young protestor who has disappeared in the Islamic Republic’s gulags during the government crackdown on mass protests following the presidential elections in 2009. Moved by the energy of the 2009 protests and the impact of the vibrant Iranian youth, Amir created a common narrative by weaving together the insights and stories of the thousands of real Iranian youths and protesters who were taking pictures and using the blogosphere to share their experiences.

Amir describes his experience writing *Zahra’s Paradise* as “art intervening in history in real time.” Amir and his co-author Khalil published this collage of stories online as they were working and were able to reach a large audience because the novel was simultaneously translated into 12 languages. “The Internet demolishes all of these barriers of space and time, and you end up with a really powerful way of reaching the world,” Amir explains.

Amir’s latest initiative was the “Zahra for President” campaign, a collaboration between *Zahra’s Paradise* and United for Iran, an organization advocating for an end to human rights violations in Iran. In light of the June 14 presidential

elections in Iran, these two organizations developed a virtual presidential campaign, putting forth Zahra, the 52-year-old mother from *Zahra’s Paradise*, as “the real candidate.” Featured by the BBC as a candidate in the election, and dubbed the “darkhorse candidate” by the *Wall Street Journal*, Zahra, the only woman contender, ran on a platform that included a call for the abolition of executions, an end to corruption and human rights violations, and improved economic conditions. In the weeks prior to the election, dozens of major media outlets covered Zahra’s campaign, and Iran’s Ministry of Intelligence accused the organizations of being “bona fide CIA spies,” as Amir says. By offering an alternative candidate, the Zahra for President campaign mobilized the Iranian people and provided them with an opportunity to collaborate and express their shared visions for the future of their country.

Amir is currently working on a second project, one that connects him with his home community in California. He is serving as the executive producer and co-director of the documentary “Dogtown Redemption”, a story of poverty,

the underclass and the environmental movement. It explores the lives of American recyclers living off trash in West Oakland, California. Through this documentary, Amir hopes to give Americans a glimpse of how the underclass is surviving, providing insight into the lives of these recyclers who are serving as a productive part of their community.

For anyone looking to pursue a career in activism or human rights, either at home or abroad, Amir, a veteran activist himself, offers valuable advice. “The first thing is to jump in,” he says. The second piece of advice is not to give up because ev-

ery obstacle encountered is “guiding you to something. This is part of maturing and developing your vision.” And finally, he urges students to use their imagination, which he believes “opens up space in ways that knowledge can’t.”

For his profound work advocating for the rights of the Iranian people, the Institute invited Amir to speak as a panelist on the “#Power: Youth, Technology and the State” panel during the “Conflict in the 21st Century” symposium in 2012 and presented him with an Alumni Recognition Award in honor of the impact he has made throughout his career as an activist and storyteller. Amir’s experience as a student in EPIIC, a program he feels “imagines a different kind of education,” instilled in him the inspiration to create a vision and the means to convert his knowledge to action.



Amir with a woman featured in his new documentary, “Dogtown Redemption”.

Images from the Zahra for President Campaign



Zahra Campaign Attacked as "Anti-Revolutionary" By Islamic Republic Media

As the Zahra campaign builds momentum on the eve of the Presidential election, the Dideban Center and Osgoogera sites have written about the Vote for Zahra campaign, calling it "Anti-Revolutionary."

The article begins: "This campaign is highly sophisticated and professionally organized. It claims that it seeks to create an interactive and participatory space for the voice and the perspective of the Iranian people in the run up to the presidential elections. In this campaign, there will be a virtual election. Zahra, herself a virtual candidate, is introduced as the only candidate running on a human rights and democracy platform. Behind the scenes, this movement has received extensive publicity from sites supporting sedition and anti-revolutionary activity, as well as assessing the capacity and organizational potential of protest movements before the elections."



EMPOWER SUMMER 2013

This summer, the **Empower** Program for Social Entrepreneurship provided funding for 29 students—24 undergraduates and five Fletcher students—to conduct applied research or to intern at organizations in ten countries, including Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Somaliland, Tanzania, Uganda and the United States. Through their work, the Empower Fellows will be exploring and addressing issues ranging from ecotourism and agricultural development to poverty alleviation and overseas investment challenges.

Connor Adams A'15—Grameen Foundation in Indonesia

While interning at the Indonesia office of the Grameen Foundation, an organization providing the poor with access to financial services and income-generating opportunities, Connor assessed specific barriers to agricultural development and determining what types of loans can help lift the agricultural poor out of poverty. *(Below, a photo of the members of the office breaking fast during Ramadan.)*



Hafsa Anouar A'15—Ecotourism Research in Morocco

Using Empower resources, Hafsa conducted market research in her native country of Morocco. Her idea was to create an eco-tour social enterprise in Argan to promote environmental, social and economic development in the region. Hafsa also hopes to promote sustainable development by encouraging locals to re-plant Argan trees, which are cut down and used for Argan oil, and pursue other means of income generation.

Angad Bagai A'15, Hanna Ehrlich A'15, Kristen Lueck A'16, Kristin McConnell A'15, Shobhita Narain A'16, Heidi Schillinger A'15—BUILD: India in Thottiyapatti, India

Six students from the Institute's long-standing BUILD program continued their project in their partner community of Thottiyapatti, India this summer. The students' work focused on conducting a survey of the effectiveness of installing the Eco-San toilets and an educational survey of the impact of their learning center for children in the village.

Morgan Babbs A'15—Global Partnerships in Nicaragua

Morgan worked with the impact investing firm Global Partnerships alongside

one of their partner microfinance institutions, MiCrédito. MiCrédito is an innovative organization that has learned how to not only service the growing urban market for microcredit, in Nicaragua, but has developed an inspiring rural micro-lending program, reaching those who are most often ignored by the traditional banking system. She will be living and working in Managua doing a pilot green technology program implementation in a community called Teustepe.

Juan Clar F'14—US Commercial Service at the US Consulate in Chennai, India

Juan interned with the U.S. Commercial Service at the Consulate of the United States in Chennai, India. His responsibilities included conducting ad hoc research about investment opportunities for American companies in India that promote social entrepreneurship, meeting local entrepreneurs to promote American investment in their ventures, and reporting these developments to the U.S. Ambassador.

Rosario Dominguez A'13—Grupo Para Promover la Educacion y el Desarrollo Sustentable (GRUPEDSAC) in Mexico City, Mexico

Rosario interned with GRUPEDSAC – its mission is to educate, train and carry out activities for the creation of sustainable societies, offering sustainable solutions for low-income people, especially in rural areas. Through its learning centers, GRUPEDSAC addresses a range of problems faced in rural Mexico, like the lack of water, energy, food insecurity, rural migration and inadequate housing. The centers provide hands-on training in appropriate technologies and methods of organic farming, rainwater harvesting, ecological construction, and solar and wind energy.

Siddharth Durgavanshi F'14—OPIC in Washington, DC

Siddharth worked at the Washington, DC office of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, an independent US government agency that mobilizes private capital to help solve critical development challenges.

Rebecca Frank A'15 and Mark Nichols A'14—Asociación para el Desarrollo Integral Comunitario (ADIC) in Nicaragua

Mark and Rebecca, members of the Institute's BUILD: Nicaragua team, interned in the Department of Health and the Environment at ADIC, a Matagalpa-based, medium-sized, mostly female-run NGO working in 20 primarily rural communities marked by strong feminist movements and widespread poverty. Their work focused on community development and environmental health, with programs including education, active community organization, organic gardening, and water-filtration systems.

Alejandra Garcia-Pletsch A'15, Sonja Kytomaa A'15 and Victoria Oliva Rapoport A'15 —Tufts Timmy Water Project in Guatemala

Timmy Global Health is a US-based non-profit that works toward providing sustainable healthcare in the developing world. This summer, Timmy's Tufts University chapter was overseeing the implementation of a water project in its partner community in Buena Vista to help the community improve their health. The Tufts student participants met with community leaders and members to discuss potential new methods of water purification, collect information on community specific water-related health issues, discuss the potential of water

filters for the community, explore sites for project expansion, and train and educate community health workers to lead future projects.

Leah Meadows F'14—Mercy Corps in Indonesia

Through MercyCorps' Agri-Fin mobile project, Leah worked to provide rural women in Indonesia with access to technical and market information along with financial services through mobile technology. Providing access to rural advisory and financial services through mobile phones – a highly promising medium to reach millions of women in remote areas – has the potential to improve smallholders' productivity and stabilize their incomes.

Chelsea Newman A'16—Elimu Exchange Program in Tanzania

Chelsea worked with the Elimu Exchange program in Tanzania, which is based at the Sokoine Primary School and works closely with the Roots and Shoots club, to tackle sustainability issues while challenging students to think critically about relevant sustainability issues. The Elimu Exchange program also encourages all children to share their learning their parents, engendering a sense of community empowerment from the ground up.

Gautham Ravichander F'14—Acumen Fund in India

As a summer associate at the Acumen Fund's India office, Gautham helped the organization develop their Housing Portfolio in India. Acumen Fund is the foremost pioneer of impact investment and patient capital, having made several market leading investments in enterprises that serve the base of the pyramid and then helping them scale their operations and reach. The internship entails market research, deal development and due diligence in the affordable housing sector.

Sharad Vivek Sagar A'16—Dexterity Global in India

Founded in 2008 by Sharad, Dexterity Global is a social entrepreneurship venture that aims to create the next generation of entrepreneurs, innovators, changemakers and leaders while they are still in school. Through Dexterity, Sharad offers a platform for young school children to compete, to learn and to get together and have an impact. Dexterity is the first program in India to launch a high school innovation, entrepreneurship and social impact challenges called DexChallenge and DexImpact. Through various interschool challenges and learning modules, the organization facilitates the process of creating and supporting the leaders of tomorrow.

Claudia Schwartz F'14—Qorax Energy in Somaliland

Qorax Energy is a Boston- and Somaliland-based firm focused on renewable energy investment in emerging market economies. In Somaliland, Qorax Energy is addressing the problem of the high cost of electricity in Hargeisa by developing clean, distributed solar energy to allow customers to access affordable energy. Qorax has also developed a partnership with two local universities to establish a training and certification program for solar technicians. Claudia has been working with Qorax remotely for the past semester, helping to find potential partners, investors and suppliers in the international market. She spent a month in Somaliland, gaining a better understanding of the project's potential and challenges and looking for local partners. She will then continue working remotely with Qorax from Tufts.

Jed Silver A'13—BASIS Project in Uganda

Through the Barongin Savings and Investment Society Project (BASIS), Jed was working to formalize and build the capacity of existing savings groups and

establish a bulking center where groups can store their produce and sell collectively at higher prices. BASIS is a project of RREADI, a community-based organization co-founded by Jed, that partners with the Barongin community to promote community-driven, holistic development.

Elayne Stecher A'14—Fundacion para Mujeres Desarrollo Economico Comunitario (FUMDEC) in Nicaragua

Elayne, a BUILD: Nicaragua team member, interned with FUMDEC, a 17-year old Matagalpa-based organization that focuses on women's empowerment, especially in rural communities. The 19-person staff, a majority of who are women, provides communities with resources such as entrepreneurship workshops and agricultural cooperatives that focus on sustainable development.



Natalia Vasquez A'13—Kopernik in Indonesia

Kopernik is an on-line marketplace of innovative, life-changing technologies designed for the developing world that encourages the development of technology to alleviate poverty. It connects inventors with NGOs that need their products and with crowd-funding donors who want to help promote these technologies.

Alex Zorniger—Social Entrepreneurship Corps in Guatemala

With Social Entrepreneurship Corps, Alex spent four weeks in Guatemala participating in the organizations Engineering for Impact program, which first provides intensive language and technical training then sends students into the field. Interns live with community members and work in a workshop to design and create technologies that have a positive health, economic and/or environmental impact for the communities in which they are living and working. They design these technologies with the local population, test the technologies, and get community feedback.

Two Blog Entries from this summer:

Energy and Entrepreneurship in Somaliland

In Somaliland, the autonomous region in the northwest of Somalia, energy prices are some of the highest in the world, at \$1 to \$1.25 per kilowatt hour. Almost 99 percent of energy usage in Somaliland is fueled by petroleum, all of which must be imported, usually from the nearby Persian Gulf, and is used to fuel expensive diesel generators. Households spend on average over 35 percent of their incomes on energy, and energy costs are the number one reason cited for businesses failing. "Businesses failing" might not sound like such a rare occurrence to the general public, for who Somaliland/Somalia may call to mind a conflict-ridden wasteland which is failing in general, with the business environment the least of its problems. Yet, the reality in Somaliland is quite different from this image; Somaliland actually has a stable state and a thriving business sector, in large part fueled by members of the returned diaspora.

Providing access to affordable, sustainable sources of energy will be a major boost to the future economic development of Somaliland. I came to Somaliland to work with a company that is trying to do just that – Qorax Energy, a joint

Somali-American start-up, which is working to develop solar power projects to bring alternative sources of energy to Somaliland households and businesses.

Providing affordable energy in Somaliland is inherently a social enterprise; it promises economic returns but is also providing an essential service that will benefit businesses, households and the wider community. The strength of the business sector in Somaliland is astonishing, but all businesses struggle with energy costs. For example, one man I met is in the process of starting an ice-making company in Berbera, Somaliland's port in the north on the Gulf of Aden.



Ice is a high-demand commodity, especially given the port's nascent fishing industry, but one that requires large inputs of energy. The owner estimates that if he runs the machine for three hours he can make one ton of ice, which will sell for \$200. (This is not the local equivalent of \$200, it is actually 200 American dollars – almost anything can be paid for in USD in Somaliland, giving it a slightly “Wild West” feel.) However, running the machine costs approximately \$1/kilowatt hour, so just running the machine for a normal workday will cost him \$80 per day, significantly eating into his profits.

The ice factory owner next to one of his ice making machines.



Qorax is working to assist businesspeople by providing access to clean, renewable energy generation projects. Qorax, which means “sun” in Somali, is focused on solar power, for which Somaliland is ideal, based on its location near the equator and annual irradiation patterns. One issue that solar energy develop-

ers in other developing countries have faced is the problem of what happens if something in the installation breaks down – if the solar developer has already left and there is no local capacity to repair the malfunction, the installation will become useless. Qorax is addressing this problem by also developing a solar technician-training workshop in cooperation with a local technical university.

Currently in its pilot phase, two Somali engineering students in their final semesters are being trained in applied engineering skills specific to solar PV installations. In the next phase, Qorax plans to provide international solar technician certifications.



The student trainees demonstrating their skills (above); me with the student trainees (below)



I came to Somaliland to support Qorax on the ground for a brief few weeks this summer, though I've been supporting them remotely for the past semester and will continue to do so throughout the summer. Currently, I'm working on helping to find potential partners, investors and suppliers for Qorax in both the local and international markets, including talking to companies who might otherwise not have considered Somaliland a viable business opportunity.

Right now I'm writing this from Hargeisa, the capital of Somaliland, where I'm spending my first “weekend” (the weekend is just Friday in Somaliland) drinking

tea, attempting to communicate with the housekeeper Raxma (the “x” is silent of course!), and providing this update.



In closing, here's another highlight of the trip so far – my first trip to the Somaliland beach! This is Berbera, on the Gulf of Aden – who knows, maybe soon to be the best kept secret in beach getaways?

-- Claudia Schwartz

Kopernik's Social Entrepreneurship in Indonesia

It's hard to believe it's only been four weeks since I arrived in Indonesia, as it's already been an incredible experience working with Kopernik. An NGO with projects in Africa, South East Asia, and South America, Kopernik connects simple, life-saving technologies with poor communities that ask for them. A rocket ship start-up, Kopernik launched just three years ago and is expanding with new projects, new funding, and new technologies monthly. In fact, they're recruiting for nine new positions starting this week, including three-month fellowships in the field in Africa and Indonesia!

So far my diverse projects have taught me about both the entrepreneurial business and the social impact sides of the organization. Every week I research and pitch a new technology to the CEOs, Ewa and Toshi. It's really familiarized me with the development tech world, a strong field in social entrepreneurship. This has been complemented with presentations on technology impact assessments from MIT D-Lab interns, improving distribution through branding our motor-bike local salespeople from the World Bank, getting carbon credits for our green technologies from a Watson Fellow, and visits from development professionals. I thoroughly enjoy our weekly Monday morning meetings where everyone updates the other staff - they're working with so many organizations that I've done case-studies on or read about at Tufts. For example, we just added crowdfunding through Kiva and a partnership with a soft drink company's campaign to empower thousands of women worldwide.

I've also been supporting the communications team by editing project descriptions and photographs for the website. Looking through all of the files for compelling and narrative shots has helped me to understand worldwide technology needs and how Kopernik meets them. I've edited projects on solar lamps that ended flashlight battery dumps in the sea in East Timor; roll-able water drums that prevent spinal injuries in women who used to carry gallons on their heads

in Nigeria; and entrepreneurial training for girls from Kenya's slums to help diminish prostitution.

A recent field trip to Darmaji Village was eye-opening. As we checked on water filters Kopernik had delivered in January, I served as a note taker and photographer, writing an article and editing the photographs for the website afterwards. Darmaji village is very isolated and some of the children suffer from malnutrition because access to a variety of plants besides cassava is limited. Their drinking water is contaminated with waste, bugs, and bacteria. Kopernik's Nazava water filters have had an incredible impact.



Social enterprise management and organization has been a surprising lesson of this trip. Kopernik staff rave about Ewa and Toshi's visionary but hands-off leadership, which allows staff great flexibility under high expectations. The horizontal staff structure has everyone sitting in a big room together, while Ewa and Toshi have their own office. The staff members are young, bright, and really enthusiastic about their work. There's an office puppy, Momo, and a ping pong table to keep the culture energized.



In my free time, I have been surfing in the south, hiking northern rice fields, exploring temples, and getting to know my Balinese host family. This week, Indonesia truly started to feel like home. I love contributing to Kopernik's impact, learning from my amazing coworkers, and having this adventure. Thank you.

-- Natalia Vasquez

GLOBAL RESEARCH

This past year, the Institute sponsored 102 students to travel to 30 countries (Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Iraq, Israel, Kenya, Kosovo, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal, Rwanda, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, USA, Zambia) to pursue independent research projects, engage in a broad range of internships, and participate in and present at conferences.

A sample of the independent research projects includes:

Cambodia | Community-Based Health Insurance in Siem Reap, Cambodia: The Challenges of Balancing Equity and Sustainability | Lindsay Lebel A'13 and Rena Oppenheimer A'13 • **Colombia** | The Colombian Health Care System: Obstacles to Quality and Equity | Christine Gregory • **Ghana** | Health and Education in Ghana | Akua Abra A'12 • **India** | Reframing the Paradigm of Health Indicators: A Re-examination of the Kerala Model | Averil Becque A'13, Anna Kanter A'13, Brittany Neff A'13, Emily Paine A'13, Jennifer Sanduski A'13 • **Kosovo** | Health Care in a Post-Conflict Environment | Alison Jeffery A'15, Alon Slutzky A'13, Shanzhi Thia A'14, Suyu Zhang A'13 • **Nepal** | Factors Influencing Women's Health Service Seeking Behavior in Childbirth | Christina Liu A'13 and Nishant Saharan A'14 • **Rwanda** | Revitalized Rwanda: Post-Genocide Health Reform | Maalika Banerjee A'13 • **Rwanda** | Redefining Sovereignty: Aid, Health Care and Self-Reliance in Rwanda's Development | Nithyaa Venkataramani A'13 • **Rwanda** | Women in the Rwandan Military | Amy Ouellette A'12 • **Turkey** | The Media Oligarchy in Turkey | Kristin McConnell, Simon Pierre-Behr • **Turkey** | NIMEP Fact-finding Trip to Turkey | 9 Students • **USA** | Exploring, Music, Power and Well-Being in New Orleans | Sam Cantor and Allie Wollum • **USA** | Assessing the Impact of School Meals on Academic Learning | Zoe Atlas A'14



Post-Conflict Health Care in Kosovo

A Reflection

by Shanzhi Thia (A'14, EPIIC'13)

Over the past winter break, I traveled with three other **EPIIC** students – Alon Slutzky, Suyu Zhang, Allison Jeffery – to Kosovo for two weeks to conduct research on the state of healthcare in the country. We met with healthcare professionals and volunteer workers, all the while seeing the country for ourselves and coming to understand some of the challenges it is facing.

Going to Kosovo was an amazing experience overall. The Balkan region has long been a place closely studied, particularly by students of war and conflict. We were no different, and indeed it was Kosovo's messy history of conflict that drew us to it. We wanted to learn how healthcare was (or was not) delivered in the complex environment that Kosovo found itself in. Its recent history of conflict, its status as a newly independent country, and its difficult ethnic relations all appeared to be obstacles to accessing healthcare in Kosovo. To actually have the chance to go to Kosovo and see the country for ourselves was an amazing opportunity.

The state of healthcare in Kosovo had been greatly affected by the ethnic tensions, as well as by former Serbian President Milošević's policies. While part of Yugoslavia, Kosovo's healthcare system was dictated by the politburo in Belgrade. The emphasis was on primary healthcare, and being Communist, private practices were naturally outlawed. However, Milošević's policies changed all of that drastically. When he shuttered Albanian schools and hospitals, he effectively marginalized the ethnic Albanians in the Kosovo. Ethnic Albanians could no longer get an education in their own language, and at the same time they also did not feel safe (nor were they particularly welcome) in Serbian-run hospitals. In those years the state of health in Kosovo was also extremely poor – infectious

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Research Destination: Turkey

NIMEP, PPRI and ALLIES

Turkey is often spoken of as a state at the crossroads, geographically, as a bridge between Europe and Asia. A stable state in a region marked by political and civil strife and economic chaos, Turkey is contending with its own external and internal cleavages. To date, it has absorbed more than 400,000 Syrian refugees from that nation's civil war and is regularly assessing its role with its neighbor. It shares borders with Iraq and Iran, and along with Syria, all share the ongoing Kurdish homeland issue. Turkey is an ally of the west, but its quest for membership into the European Union has foundered and it is seeking stronger alliances with the east. Internally, it is struggling to meld Attaturk's secular model with the rise of Islamism, and its population is chafing under more than a decade of AKP rule that is seen as becoming increasingly stringent. Tied into this is the influence of the military on domestic and foreign policy.



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diseases were rampant, infant mortality was staggeringly high, and sanitation was atrocious – contributing to the poor quality of life in the country.

The disenfranchisement of the Albanians in Kosovo led to an emergence of a “parallel” system of healthcare and education. These parallel systems were staffed and used by Albanian Kosovars. Albanian doctors would run primary healthcare clinics in private houses, seeing the Albanian patients who were now unable to go to the Serbian-run hospitals. They also put together a medical school, teaching prospective Albanian medical students. Both of these ventures were born out of desperation and ingenuity in equal measure, and despite their provision of vital services, they suffered as a result of the lack of access to proper facilities.



After the war, Kosovo eventually gained their independence, but remained a very poor country. The CIA Factbook reports that Kosovars are the poorest in Europe, with an annual per capita income of USD \$7,400. Kosovo also has a high rate of unemployment, at 45%.

At USD \$13.56 billion, it is 143rd in the world in terms of GDP. These economic facts undoubtedly have great impacts on the state of healthcare in the country, as they put clear markers on the limits of the country's resources.

These facts and figures were important, but our time in Kosovo also gave us a greater feel of the country. Kosovo was unlike any place any of us had ever been before. Perhaps one of the things that struck us the most was how pro-American the place was. There were American and Albanian flags flying from almost every building in the capital city of Pristina. There was a statue of President Bill Clinton in the city square, and there were streets named after him. We learned later that these were all the result of the gratitude the country felt towards the US for its role in ending the war of 1999. The outpouring of love for the US stood in stark contrast to the much smaller number of Kosovar flags we saw. This was perhaps the most visual representation of the growing pains Kosovo was undergoing – a country in the process of finding and accepting itself.

We had originally thought that our research would be difficult to carry out. Before we left, we had many names to contact but only one meeting arranged, a World Health Organization doctor in Kosovo. Once we settled in, and had gotten working phone lines and an Internet connection, we carried out our interviews. Our first contact in Kosovo put us in touch with more and more people involved in healthcare in the country. We spoke with doctors and even with the Minister of Health. We managed to gain more insight into an incredibly wide range of health issues.

We explored issues from the state of the hospitals and medical schools, to the challenges faced by the doctors and posed by pollution. The different people we met were all intimately involved with the healthcare system in Kosovo. We met doctors who had taught in underground medical schools during the war, avoiding Serbian persecution. We interviewed a health worker on issues of women's health, which is

largely ignored in Kosovo. We talked to a university professor who explained the dire state of air pollution in the country and its impact on overall health. We also made trips to the rural town of Mitrovica to visit the medical facilities there. While in Mitrovica, we visited the Main Family Medicine Center, and met with a family medicine doctor at the center and the only communicable disease specialist for the region around Mitrovica – significant, considering the rural environment and high propensity for disease. Their perspectives, and those of others like them, were crucial in giving us a deeper understanding of the complex health problems that face Kosovo.

One significant problem Kosovo faces is a brain drain of Kosovar medical students. One of the doctors we interviewed stated that “a lot of the students who have finished go into German courses to learn German.” This was to facilitate their moves abroad, particularly to Germany, in order to finish their specialization training and find medical work. “Why would you come back?” he asked, noting the great disparity of remuneration in countries like Germany, in comparison to Kosovo. Ironically, German doctors themselves leave Germany, tired of “poor pay” – an average German doctor makes USD\$123,000, or just under 95,000€, annually – and go to other countries, like Norway, that pay better. However, that amount of money for a Kosovar is simply staggering.

This trend is worrying for two reasons. The first reason is that the doctors who are able to leave, and do leave Kosovo, tend to be among the best. The second reason is that this exacerbates the deficit of doctors in the country. This deficit is largely caused by the way the doctors are spread across the country, with a majority of doctors choosing to remain in Pristina (if they remain in Kosovo at all) because of the University Hospital, the best in the country. Largely though, while there has been an increase in medical students, they are largely seeing it as “an opportunity to go abroad.” If these trends continue, they will severely affect the quantity and quality of doctors in Kosovo, weakening the future state of healthcare.

The issue of race politics, for so long a painful issue in Kosovo, also makes an appearance in today's medical education. Dr. Rashiti explained that there was a system of affirmative action in place at the University. “There is a minority of Bosniaks [and Serbs], and they have a lot of benefits,” which includes a quota being set aside for minority students in the medical school. After they graduate, the Serbian doctors also receive two salaries – one from Kosovo, and the other from Serbia. They can also go wherever they want in Kosovo or Serbia to find a job, while the Ministry of Health dispatches ethnically Albanian doctors to specific assignments in the country.

It was not all just work, however. We took the time to travel within the country, and discovered that Kosovo also had its share of natural beauty. The capital city of Pristina was industrialized, but the countryside was entirely different. The quiet mountain town of Prizren was a couple of hours away by bus and was once home to an abandoned fort that overlooked the city. We also went further into the snowy mountains, and learned from our driver that the location was popular amongst both tourists and locals for skiing. Our time in Kosovo taught us about the rich history of the region, but also showed us a side that we never expected to see.

Looking back on our trip, the experience was nothing short of incredible. The fact that four of us, as undergraduates went on our own to a country none of us had ever been to and carried out a successful research trip is nothing short of amazing to all of us. It was challenging at times, but it also brought the four of us closer as friends, having shared something few have had the chance to experience. I personally learned a lot about a new country and broadened my own horizons. Research in Kosovo was one of the highlights of my time at Tufts thus far.

In this context, three IGL student groups traveled to Turkey to research these current challenges.

The **New Initiative for Middle East Peace (NIMEP)**, which sent eight students accompanied by Political Science Lecturer Ethan Corbin, and the **Poverty and Power Research Initiative (PPRI)**, which sent two students, spent two weeks over the winter break in Istanbul and Ankara meeting with Turkish journalists, government officials and members of civil society. **ALLIES (Alliance Linking Leaders in Education and the Services)** spent three weeks there this summer, with a delegation of nine students from the Tufts, US Naval Academy, US Air Force, and US Military Academy ALLIES chapters, accompanied by Commander Arthur Gibb, Permanent Military Professor of Leadership at the Naval Academy.

As part of their preparation for their research trips to Turkey, the students met with the Turkish Consul General Murat Lutem to discuss Turkey's role as an emerging global power and the changing nature of Turkish politics. At this meeting, arranged by Institute Advisory Board member Ed DeMore in collaboration with Peace Islands Institute Director Birol Öztürk, ten Institute students from ALLIES, NIMEP, and PPRI were able to pose questions to Mr. Lutem, who offered candid remarks about the Turkish government's concerns, including the status of the military, the Syrian refugee crisis, and Turkey's European Union candidacy, among others.

The NIMEP team centered the majority of their research on Turkey's role in the greater Middle East, exploring topics including Turkey's relationship with Kurds, its involvement in the Syrian civil war (in both political and humanitarian capacities), and the ruling AK Party's Iran policy, among other topics. The group gained a well-rounded picture of Turkish society and politics, meeting with Turkish students, journalists, politicians and activists, including:

- US State Department officials in Ankara and Istanbul
- Hugh Pope, Project Director, International Crisis Group in Turkey
- A Turkish Foreign Ministry senior advisor
- Erdem Türközü of the Ankara-based Human Rights Association
- Andrew Finkel, a US journalist who has reported on Turkey for more than 20 years and is the author of *Turkey: What Everyone Needs to Know*
- Çagatay Kılıç, AKP Parliament Member
- Mustafa Sarigul, Mayor of Istanbul's Sisli district
- A USAID coordinator for Syrian refugees in Turkey
- Journalists, columnists and editors from *Today's Zaman*, *Cumhuriyet*, *Private View*, the Media Association and others
- Professors of economics, history, international relations and urban planning at Bilgi and Bogazici Universities

The PPRI team, which spent its year researching the status of the media, corruption and press freedom in several countries, sent two members of its group to Turkey to research freedom of speech and the effects of power structures on the media, examining the status of the press from an economic standpoint, the government's influence on the media and the legal framework in which Turkish journalists operate.

While in Istanbul, the PPRI team met with journalists, columnists, commentators and professors from organizations and newspapers including *Zaman*, *Today's Zaman*, *Birgun*, *IMC TV* and the *Global Political Trends Center*.

In late June, the Alliance Linking Leaders in Education and the Services (ALLIES) delegation travelled to Istanbul and Ankara, with several small side trips. Topics explored by the group included cyber security, the military's role in both Middle East foreign policy and the bid for EU membership, military law and the court system, and national identity and the military brand, among others.

The group had 24 meetings with a wide array of voices:

- Didem Akyal Collinsworth, Analyst at International Crisis Group
- Soli Özel, Professor of International Relations and Political Science at Istanbul Bilgi University
- Andrew Finkel, foreign correspondent and author of *Turkey: What Everyone Needs to Know*
- Mensur Akgün, Professor of International Relations at Istanbul Kültür University
- Itler Turan, Professor of International Relations at Dolapdere Campus of Istanbul Bilgi University
- Morcati Women's Shelter
- Barçin Yinanç, Editor for *Hurriyet Daily News*
- Mesut Özcan, Center for Strategic Research at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Tulan Daloglu, Journalist for *Al-Monitor*, *New York Times*, and *Foreign Policy*
- Zeki Sarigil, Professor of Political Science at Bilkent University
- Nihat Ali Özcan, Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey
- Salih Biçaki, Professor at Kadir Has Üniversitesi
- Deniz Ergürel, Secretary-General, and Salih Memecan, President of Media Association
- Mehmet Sağlam, Deputy Speaker of Parliament
- COL Kala and BG Yetgin at the Turkish Military Academy

The group also visited the Naval Academy, the Military Academy, the U.S. Embassy in Ankara and spent a weekend at a military base in Gallipoli, having an



opportunity to interact with Turkish cadets and meet with staff officers to gain their perspective of Turkish foreign and security policy and the status of civil-military relations.

Excerpt from Madeline Hall's blog (NIMEP, IR, Class of 2013)

Leaving Turkey on a 5am plane out of Istanbul's Ataturk Airport does very little for an individual's morale. There's nothing wrong with the airport, aside from the institutional displeasures that any airport offers. Rather, it is the willful departure undertaken by someone who spends any amount of time in Turkey that ultimately deals the crushing blow to the human psyche. Tropes like "beauti-

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ful” and “marvelous” don’t speak to the perfection of a cold Istanbul morning punctuated by the call to prayer, or to the kindness of Turkish hosts as they offer endless cups of tea. Leaving that all behind in the dreary fog of departure casts a certain despair, despite the antecedent joy.

Indeed, on the other end of that emotional spectrum, the opportunity to go to Turkey at all through the Institute for Global Leadership’s student group, the New Initiative for Middle East Peace (NIMEP), offered me a buoying excitement and eagerness in proportions that negated the eventual disappointment of departure. Researching the implications of legal reform on the practices of Turkish journalism, I was able to interview professors, politicians, researchers, and journalists about the multifaceted issue to such a degree that I lived, breathed, ate and drank all things Turkish for twelve consecutive days.

Splitting our time between Istanbul and Ankara, our student delegation interviewed and engaged with some of the most colorful actors in Turkish society: a Justice and Development Party (AKP) parliament member; an American freelance journalist invested in the rights of Kurds; an outspoken urban sociologist with much to say about the construction of a third Istanbul bridge; and a verbose columnist whose mastery of English eclipsed the skill level of virtually every native speaker on the trip. Some of their insights were indispensable to my understanding of my topic, shedding light by contextualizing ideas in the Turkish experience itself. Others read us the party line; be it governmental, organizational, or religious, those interviewees’ interests and commitments were part and parcel of their responses. Still others discarded historical and political considerations, speaking passionately from the pure desire to express their personal experience.



Finally, those interviewees that admitted they did not know – and could not know – how to articulate answers about Turkey’s practices were the most illuminating in some respects. Acknowledging the immense complexity of a country with a century of modern state history preceded by many centuries more of an imperial rule validated our own confusions and contemplations; some answers simply did not exist. As much as it’s labeled intent was to be a “fact-finding mission,” the trip was far more valuable in illuminating the many diverse truths that are applicable to Turkey.

Research Highlights



In January, five EPIIC students travelled to Kerala, India to research “Reframing the Paradigm of Health Indicators: A Re-examination of the Kerala Model” based on Nobel Prize in Economics Laureate Amartya Sen’s capabilities approach, which prioritizes personal freedoms as the means for human development. They then had the opportunity to discuss their research with Dr. Sen in the spring (above with seniors Anna Kanter and Jennifer Sanduski).



TuftScope, *Tufts Journal of Health, Ethics and Policy*, won this year’s Tufts Synergy Award for its collaboration with EPIIC and the IGL on the special edition looking at Global Health. The award is annually presented to the group that best “exhibited synergy, or the collaboration of different factors working together toward a common end. The organizations recognized with this award have proven that they can break down barriers between diverse student populations, fostering greater communication between different organizations on campus.” *TuftScope* published seven of EPIIC’s students’ research papers for its special edition, which was distributed at the EPIIC symposium.

Alumni Spotlight: **Matan Chorev**

Matan Chorev (A'05, F'07) has a difficult job, but has never been more content. As a speechwriter and special assistant in the Office of the Deputy Secretary of State, Chorev helps to advance the President's vision for United States foreign policy.

"The most rewarding part of my work is the opportunity to learn each and every day about a whole range of policy issues across the international landscape from some of the best, brightest, and most experienced minds in the Department," he says.

As an undergraduate at Tufts, Chorev participated in a number of IGL programs. He enrolled in **Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC)** during his junior year, when the theme was "The United States Role in the World." He went on several IGL sponsored trips, spending time in Israel, the West Bank, Egypt, Turkey and Iraq. After graduating, he remained involved in the IGL by serving as EPIIC's teaching assistant in 2006 for the Global Crises theme, which he says was one of the most gratifying experiences of his life.

A significant contribution Chorev made to the IGL was cofounding the **New Initiative for Middle East Peace (NIMEP)** in 2003. A non-polemical student think-tank and outreach initiative, NIMEP seeks to provide a forum for productive dialogue, scholarship, and exploration of the Middle East. He also led NIMEP's first fact-finding trip to Israel and the West Bank, as well as its first trip to Turkey.

"The environment on our campus and university campuses across the country after 9/11 was fraught. We wanted to learn together, see together, and think together about new ways of approaching the issues that were ripping apart our campus and the region. It is no accident that a number of the founders of NIMEP were affiliated with the Institute's programs and found Sherman and Heather to be very supportive of the initiative," Chorev explains.

Today, NIMEP is a preeminent student group at Tufts. It has led research trips to Israel, the West Bank, Egypt, Tunisia, Turkey and Iran, and has published several editions of *Insights*, a research journal on the Middle East.

A double Jumbo, Chorev received a Masters of Arts in Law and Diplo-

macy from The Fletcher School. He then worked first as a researcher and then the Executive Director of the Future of National Security Project at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. While at the Belfer Center, Chorev, in collaboration with EPIIC Alumnus Jake Sherman, convened a professional workshop on "The Prospects for Security and Political Reconciliation in Afghanistan: Local, National and Regional Perspectives." They also co-authored the report which summarizes the predominant views of a select group of Afghan politicians and former military officials, Pakistani journalists and scholars, current and former United Nations officials, diplomats, humanitarian workers, and representatives from the U.S.

military on the opportunities for, and obstacles to, security and political reconciliation in Afghanistan.

He previously served as a Foreign Service Officer at the U.S. Agency for International Development, Executive Director for the Future of National Security Project at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and a Rosenthal Fellow at the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy Planning.

In November of 2010, Chorev joined the U.S. Foreign Service as

the Crises, Stabilization, & Governance Officer for the United States Agency for International Development and served both in Washington and the Middle East. While posted in Morocco, he helped design and manage governance and peace and security foreign assistance programs. He also spent three months in Yemen helping to reorient U.S. governance strategy in support of Yemen's political transition. In 2011, the *Diplomatic Courier* named him one of the top nine international relations professionals under the age of 33.

In the interview with the *Courier*, Chorev described his vision for United States foreign policy in the 21st Century, "The United States needs a strong, smart, principled, and realistic foreign policy that resists the cynicism of fear, the chimera of power, and the timidity of irresolution."

Chorev credits the IGL for his personal and professional development.

"I draw on my IGL experience every single day. Sherman and Heather gave me my very first intellectual coordinates and touchstones. I am always inspired by their energy, the expansiveness of their knowledge, and their audacity," he says.



Tunisia Two Years Later: A Student's Perspective

*In March 2013, Phil Hoffman, a junior in the IGL's **New Initiative for Middle East Peace** program, was invited to present his paper on "A Quiet Counterrevolutionary: The Tunisian Political Police, Before and After the Ben 'Ali Regime" at a conference in Tunis organized by the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy. Phil had been a member of the NIMEP fact-finding trip to Tunisia in January 2012 that explored what was happening in Tunisia one year after the ouster of President Ben Ali and the start of the Arab Spring. The conference was on "Democratic Transitions in the Arab World: Tunisia as a Model?" and Phil presented on the panel: "Security Sector Reforms—How to Maintain Security during a Difficult Transition Period." This is his reflection on being back in Tunisia.*



After I left Tunisia at the end of a New Initiative for Middle East Peace (NIMEP) visit in January of last year, I wasn't expecting to go back quite so soon. An invitation from the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID), however, gave me another fascinating snapshot into a rapidly evolving sociopolitical environment. As I made my final travel preparations this past March, several of my friends from the original NIMEP group told me to expect a much different Tunisia from the one that we saw and in a way they were right. Though the aesthetics of my recent trip were quite different from those of my time there a year ago, some of the prominent sociopolitical themes remain as relevant as ever.

As CSID's name suggests, much of the conference revolved around the role of political Islam in Tunisia's democratic transition, giving me a lens of changing attitudes towards religiosity through which to view the country's ongoing developments. Simply walking around Tunis, it was easy to see that religiously-tinged cultural practices long considered taboo under deposed President Zine el-Abadine Ben 'Ali and his predecessor Habib Boutguiba had begun to reassert themselves in the public sphere. While women wearing the hijab were clear outliers during my 2012 trip, I saw a marked increase in those wearing the religious garb, as I also saw in the significant number of those wearing the niqab, a more expansive garment subjected to a stringently-enforced ban under the previous regime.

A few of the conference's presenters ascribed this rise to the more permissive religious environment created by the religious nature of the governing Ennahda Party, but most were careful to delineate Salafi activists - flagrant and often vio-

lent in their objections to the secular urban Tunisian lifestyle - from any mainstream political movement. In fact, one of the most passionate points made by Marxists and Ennahda members alike was a strident repudiation of Salafi violence, the recent assassination of opposition leader Chokri Bela'id only its most recent manifestation. While Ennahda's overall stance, moderate in comparison to any other mainstream Islamist movement, has changed little since my previous visit to Tunisia, the evolution of the Salafi movements from perceived arms of a foreign conspiracy to an accepted extreme of the Tunisian political spectrum was a marked change from the environment that I experienced last year.

The evolving debate regarding the proper role of religion in Tunisian public life aside, some of the broader systemic issues that dominate much of our group analysis in 2012 remain just as pertinent. After listening to a strikingly articulate defense of political Islam by Ennahda leader Rachid Ghannouchi, I remarked to a cabdriver that Ghannouchi seemed to be quite smart. "Of course he is," the driver responded, "but none of these politicians are smart enough to solve our unemployment problem." While the religious nature of a future Tunisian state served as the de facto focus of my trip, the dire state of the Tunisian economy, coupled with the dysfunctional state institutions meant to aid it, will most likely play an equally prominent role in the country's future evolution.



IGL SPRING 2013 EVENTS

January 22

EPIIC Global Health and Security Film Series: *How to Survive a Plague*

- Introduction by director David France (below), investigative reporter, non-fiction author and filmmaker
- This documentary covers the onset of the AIDS epidemic and the efforts of two AIDS activist groups.
- Co-sponsored by Tufts Health Horizons International and GlobalMed Chapters



January 23-February 27

The Program for Narrative and Documentary Practice's "Burma in Transition" Gallery Opening and Opening Reception

- This photo gallery featured the works of 11 Tufts undergraduates who participated in an IGL run photojournalism workshop in Burma during the summer of 2012 (director Gary Knight below opening the show).



January 25-27

ALLIES Intellectual Roundtable: A New Way Forward: Realigning America's Identity and Strategy

- The Roundtable is a multiday conference attended by students and faculty from all ALLIES branches, military officers, government officials, NGO workers, academics, and other professionals.
- Speakers at this year's event included Michelle Flournoy, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy of the US; Capt. Wayne Porter, co-author of "A

National Strategic Narrative" by Mr. Y; and Maj. Gen. Charles Dunlap, former Deputy Judge Advocate General for the United States Air Force.



January 29

EPIIC Global Health and Security Film Series: *Contagion*

- Introduction by Jennifer Steele, Professor at the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
- This film is a 2011 medical disaster thriller directed by Steven Soderbergh, depicting the struggle to maintain social order in the face of a pandemic.

January 31

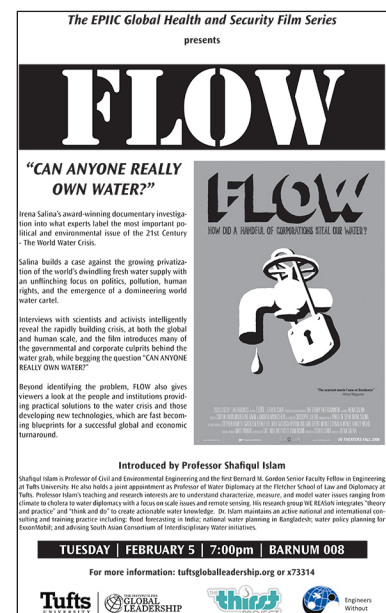
Social Enterprise and the Real World: Idealism vs. Reality

- Discussion with Amanda Judge (F'09), Founder & CEO of Andean Collection, a business that sells sustainably made handicrafts from impoverished communities in South America and across the globe. She is one of the original Empower Fellows.

February 5

EPIIC Global Health and Security Film Series: *Flow*

- Introduction by Shafiqul Islam, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the first Bernard M. Gordon Senior Faculty Fellow in Engineering at Tufts University
- *Flow* is a documentary film featuring interviews with water and community activists, which discusses the privatization of water infrastructure and its impact on the accessibility of clean water.



February 12

EPIIC Global Health and Security Film Series: *Salud!*

- Introduction by Jenna Sirkin (EPIIC'03), Health Policy Researcher at Brandeis University's Heller School for Policy and Management
- The film is an in-depth examination of the healthcare system of the nation of Cuba.

February 19

EPIIC Global Health and Security Film Series: *A Precious Life*

- *A Precious Life* explores the challenges of medical cooperation between Israel and Palestine in conflict.

February 21

Pugwash Professional Workshop: A Response to the Report on Privacy and Progress in Whole Genome Sequencing

- This full day workshop featured professionals from across the medical field discussing the implications of a recent report generated by the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.
- Participants included Katie Spector-Bagdady, Associate Director of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues; Christian Macedonia, Program Manager of the Defense Sciences Office at the US Department of Defense; and George Annas, Professor of Medicine and Law at Boston University and founder of Lawyers for Human Rights.

February 21-24

28th annual Norris and Margery Bendetson EPIIC International Symposium: Global Health and Security

- This yearly event consists of a multi-day conference bringing together academics, professionals, and students from across the globe to discuss issues of international significance.
- This year's panel topics included "Zoonoses and Pandemics: The Next Big One;" "A State of Well-Being: Mental Health and Security;" "Health and Human Rights in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies;" and "Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: How Significant a Threat?"



- Our distinguished panelists included speakers such as Laurie Garrett, Senior Fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations; Brigadier General Yitshak Kreiss, Surgeon General of the Israeli Defense Forces; Amb. Bonnie Jenkins, Coordinator for Threat Reduction Program at the US Department of State (above); Ezra Barzilay, Lead Epidemiologist at the Health Systems Reconstruction Office at the Centers for Disease Control; and Ira Helfand, North American Vice President of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

February 26

New Global Health Challenges: Mayer Dinner and Talk with Peter Piot

- Dr. Piot is the former Executive Director of the UNAIDS and Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (photo next column, top)



March 5

Ten Years Later: The Fall of Iraq, the Media and US Intervention

- A panel discussion featuring **Peter Maass**, award-winning author and journalist; **Gary Knight**, award-winning photojournalist and Co-Founder of VII Photo; **Tim McLaughlin**, a Marine Corps officer who was working in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; and **Mowaffak al-Rubaie**, former National Security Adviser for Iraq (April 2004-2009).



March 27

Screening of *Invisible War* co-sponsored by the Tufts chapter of ALLIES and the Women's Center

- Introduction by Congresswoman Nicki Tsongas, U.S. Representative for Massachusetts' 3rd congressional district (below, right)



March 29-30

5th annual Field Exercise in Peace and Stability Operations (FIELDEX) Simulation

- This exercise, led by members of the Tufts ALLIES chapter, simulated the intricacies of decision-making during conflict and the importance of inter-agency collaboration.



April 4-6

22nd Annual Inquiry Simulation: The Next Big One

- The Inquiry simulation focused on the outbreak of an unknown pandemic.
- Inquiry also inaugurated the annual Hunter Farnham Inquiry Keynote Lecture to honor Hunter Farnham, IGL Advisory Board Member and long-time mentor of the Philips Exeter Academy Inquiry delegation. The lecture was given by Tufts Veterinary School Professor Saul Tzipori.



April 8

3rd annual Tufts World Health Day Program

- This full-day event was an exposition of cutting-edge engineering research on information and sensor technologies featuring a keynote by Andrey Egorov, Manager of the WHO's Environmental Health Information System.

April 9

Tufts Idea Exchange

- TEX is a TED-style, one-day event featuring speakers chosen from among Tufts faculty, students, and alumni.

- Some of this year's talks included "Why Children Should Have a Counselor as well as a Pediatrician" by Molly Wallace; "What if We Had a Society on Mars: What Questions Would We Ask if We Could Reshape Society?" by Mark Rafferty; and "Solutions to Institutional Racism" by Lenz Bayas.

April 10

Jalal Alamgir Memorial Lecture: Righteous Republic

- A lecture on the political foundations of modern India by Ananya Vajpeyi, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in New Delhi, India

April 12-13

Sixth Annual China-US Symposium: The Role of Trust in the Economic, Security and Cultural Relationship between China and the United States

- This two-day conference centered around four panels dealing with Internet freedom, the Korean peninsula, military security, and Chinese investment in the United States.
- Speakers included Sarah Cook, Senior Research Analyst for East Asia at Freedom House; Robert Faris, Research Director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University; and Stephen Heifetz, former Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy Development at the Department of Homeland Security.



April 21

1st Annual Empower Social Innovation Symposium

- This daylong symposium examined the process of creating, refining, and funding an idea and an entrepreneurial support system.
- Speakers at this event included Steven Koltai, Creator of the Global Entrepreneurship Program for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Aaron Feuerstein, owner and CEO of Malden Mills (right)



April 23

Boryana Damyanova Award for Corporate Social Responsibility

- Lecture by award recipient Kate Konschnik, Policy Director, Environmental Law Program at Harvard Law School

April 25

Lecture with Rosa Brooks co-sponsored by Tufts ALLIES, Hemispheres, and the Institute for Political Citizenship

- A discussion on the US civil-military gap with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and Special Coordinator for Rule of Law and Humanitarian Policy

munities. LiNK's mission is to redefine the public perception of North Korea, shifting attention away from the politics and onto the people. Song joined LiNK in 2006 as deputy director, managing day-to-day operations and the coordination of overseas programming. She headed projects such as the establishment of safe houses and shelters for refugees, "underground railroad" activities, and fact-finding missions. She established LiNK's shelter in Southeast Asia and implemented Liberty House, the organization's refugee resettlement initiative.

Alice, who speaks Korean and Spanish, has lived in Edinburgh, New York City, and Seoul, as well as in Nepal for her semester abroad. During her time at Tufts, she has been involved in the Tufts Community Union Senate and volunteered as a big sister in the Chinese Big Brother-Big Sister Program. As a student at the IGL, she has been involved with NIMEP, participating in its Tunisia fact-finding trip, and a student in EPIIC, in the Global Health and Security colloquium.

Maka Angola

Due to her interests in Africa, journalism and human rights, rising junior Carlota Fernandez-Tubau Rullo was selected to work with Oslo Freedom Fellow Rafael Marques de Morais, an Angolan journalist and civil rights activist known for his reporting on government corruption and conflict diamonds. He is the founder and director of Maka Angola, an organization dedicated to fighting corruption in Angola's government. In 1999, Marques wrote "The Lipstick of Dictatorship," an article accusing Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos of being a dictator. He was arrested and charged with defamation and sentenced to six months imprisonment. The Angolan Supreme Court later suspended the sentence on the condition he not publish anything defamatory about the government for five years. Following his trial, he dedicated his efforts to organizing a group of civic and religious leaders to call for a peaceful end to the Angolan Civil War. He has also written extensively about the trade in conflict diamonds in Luanda Province and corruption in oil-producing Cabinda Province. The U.S. National Association of Black Journalists awarded Marques the Percy Qoboza Award in 2000. In 2006, he received the Civil Courage Prize from the Northcote Parkinson Fund, which recognized that "his unvarnished criticisms of the Angolan army's brutality and the malfeasance of the government and foreign oil interests put him at extreme personal risk." Marques is now based in Lisbon, Portugal and Carlota will be assisting him with his ongoing research initiatives.

Carlota, a Peace and Justice and International Relations double major from Spain, is a Synaptic Scholar at the IGL and was a student in the yearlong Program for Narrative and Documentary Practice in her freshman year. She is also a Citizenship and Public Service Scholar at the Tisch College for Active Citizenship and Public Service.

Persian2English

Saman Nargund, a rising senior and International Relations major from Singapore, conducted research in Toronto, Canada with Maryam Nayeb Yazdi, an Iranian-Canadian human rights activist and the editor-in-chief of Persian2English, a website exposing human rights violations in Iran to an international audience. After the suppression of civic movements surrounding the Iranian elections in June 2009, Yazdi dedicated her work to promoting Iranian freedom and democracy and created Persian2English. After the Green Revolution in Iran was brutally put down, Persian2English became an important resource for current news on Iran. The project gained attention and support from academics,

journalists, and politicians around the world. In the last few years, Yazdi has led and collaborated on projects with various human rights groups and organizations, including the United Nations, Amnesty International, and the Canadian Senate. Yazdi is also the North American spokesperson for Iran Human Rights, a Norway-based NGO striving to abolish the death penalty in Iran. In 2013, the Governor General of Canada awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to Yazdi in recognition of her achievements in the field of human rights. As part of her internship, Saman will be contributing to Persian2English.com website.

Saman, who has grown up around the world in cities such as Moscow and Dubai and is an avid photographer, is passionate about the role of media in international dialogue and seeks to learn more about the effects of film, social media and photography on social movements. Saman has interned at the Singaporean Ministry of Trade and Industry, as well as at the American Islamic Congress, a non-governmental organization that aims to facilitate interreligious and inter-ethnic understanding in the United States.

Central Tibetan Administration

Christina Luo, a graduating senior who majored in International Relations and History, worked in Dharamsala, India at the Department of Information and International Relations of the Central Tibetan Administration with Oslo Fellow Lobsang Sangay. Sangay is the democratically-elected Prime Minister, or Sikyong, of the Central Tibetan Administration's government-in-exile. A Tibetan refugee, legal scholar and political activist, he received a Fulbright Scholarship in 1995 and went on to become the first Tibetan to receive a degree from Harvard Law School. In 2003, Sangay successfully organized an unprecedented series of conferences between Chinese and Tibetan scholars, including a meeting between the Dalai Lama and thirty-five Chinese scholars at Harvard University. In 2008, Sangay testified before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Asian and Pacific Affairs regarding the crisis in Tibet.

Christina, who speaks Mandarin, devoted her studies and extracurricular activities to issues of human rights and social justice, serving as co-president of the Institute's Amnesty International chapter and policy director for the Roosevelt Institute, a progressive student-run think tank. Her passion for human rights and international law developed further after spending a week in Kosovo to learn about post-transitional justice, and a semester abroad in Copenhagen to learn about war crimes.

Healing Kashmir

For the third year in a row, the Institute sent students to Srinagar, India to work with BBC journalist and mental health specialist Justine Hardy at her organization Healing Kashmir. In the past several years, the Institute has established a strong relationship with Hardy, who is currently an INSPIRE fellow, visiting Tufts each year as well as mentoring for students in the Oslo Scholar Program. This summer Jonathan Wolff, a rising senior and Clinical Psychology major from Israel, and Niya Shahdad, a rising sophomore and aspiring International Relations and English major from Kashmir, conducted research in partnership with Healing Kashmir.

Jonathan, who plans to work in the field of mental health as a therapist as well as in public policy, is a passionate student of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, working to increase the ability of Israelis and Palestinians to empathize and respect one another. As a member of the Project of Justice in Times of Transition

team working with MIT's Saxelab, he has helped to create an annual conference dedicated to Neuroscience and Conflict Resolution.

Nia, who originates from the conflict zone of Jammu and Kashmir and who has been born and raised in the country's leading cities of Mumbai and Delhi, has had the opportunity to remain closely affiliated and informed of the socio-political issues and concerns of her hometown. Her passion for human rights and conflict resolution have thus far inspired her to conduct research on the violation of human rights of women in the state of Jammu and Kashmir and led to the initiation of her education foundation, iLearn, which aims to support children whose access to education has been hindered as a result of the ongoing conflict.

Sustainable hope

Change, especially progress, is never easy – if it were, we would have long reached the utopia that Thomas More wrote about 500 years ago. As if it weren't hard enough, change and progress face an even steeper slope when dictators and autocracies imprison, rape, injure, chase, detain, exile, or kill people who criticize their policies. How do you make progress in such an oppressive climate? Even if progress can be made, can it ever be sustained? Or will it always be fleeting?

If I've learned one thing this past week from attending the Oslo Freedom Forum, it's that there's no one answer to any of these questions, and there's no cookie-cutter solution to remedying injustice. What may work in Singapore, where Chee Soon Juan notes is plagued with extreme income inequality, won't work in Zimbabwe, where artists like Owen Maseko are imprisoned for producing art that depicts the Gukurahundi massacre. These are completely different types of injustices, yes, but they are both types of repression, perpetrated by those in power against those who are defenseless. So what are we to do?

It wouldn't be a human rights conference without the brutal details or haunting imagery of survivors' tales, but it also wouldn't be a human rights conference without the reminder that there are ways to prevail. Even though there's no cookie-cutter solution there are certainly common goals of optimism and sustainability that transcended each activist's hopes for the future. Hannah Song spoke about making grassroots efforts to crack the North Korean regime, for instance, while Jenan Moussa spoke about how that "change has to come from the inside" in order to increase women's visibility in the Middle East.

Lobsang Sangay, Prime Minister of the Tibetan government in exile, perhaps spoke best about this need for sustainable change. The Central Tibetan Administration, he said, demonstrates a model form of true democracy, where Tibetans all over the world, whether in cosmopolitan Oslo or in the mountains of Bhutan, are able to practice their right to elect their representatives in government. This democracy in exile serves as a "litmus test for the international community," one that can measure how genuine or legitimate a democracy truly is.

Most strikingly, he reminded us that the key to any lasting change, to any sustainable preservation of human rights, is nonviolence and democracy. Change is only so good as it is able to carry through generations, and though it may seem insurmountable to persevere through challenging times of self-immolations and denial of the freedom of religion, a commitment to human rights and justice will help states like Tibet prevail. I may have entered the Oslo Freedom Forum a skeptic about some things, but I certainly left an optimist. Taking to heart the Prime Minister's eloquent and quiet confidence, I have no doubt that "with a long-term investment in freedom, Tibet will succeed."

-- Christina Luo

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EMPOWER Fellow Jedediah Silver Wins 2013 Davis Projects for Peace for work in Uganda

This year, Jedediah Silver (A'13) is the 2013 Tufts recipient of the Davis Projects for Peace Prize to continue developing the NGO in Uganda, Rural Research and Development Innovation (RREADI) that he cofounded last year as an Empower Fellow.

RREADI partners with the Barongin community in Uganda to promote community-driven, holistic development. RREADI has been officially registered as a CBO with the Kole District authorities and is pending registration with the Uganda National NGO Board. RREADI, through its Empower grant, spent this past winter conducting a comprehensive community assessment using participatory rural appraisal (PRA) methods in order to grasp what the community perceived as their strongest assets, severest challenges, and most promising opportunities.



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During the participatory assessment, community members frequently and strongly voiced the agricultural potential and existence of informal groups the most significant assets in Barongin, and low prices for produce as one of the biggest challenges. Almost all households sell their cash and surplus staple crops individually, to nearby produce dealers who offer low prices due to small quantities and high transport costs to the remote village. Members cited that groups effectively promoted unity and provided assistance in times of need, but identified that many groups kept poor records of transactions, had weak governance, were composed of members that belonged to multiple groups, and could only save and invest during harvest seasons. Many community members enthusiastically proposed using existing savings groups to achieve higher prices for agriculture through bulking and collective marketing, and eventually forming a full-fledged cooperative society.



Therefore, the Barongin Savings and Investment Society (BASIS) project will work to build the capacity of twenty existing savings groups and establish a bulking center where all groups can store their produce and sell collectively at higher prices. RREADI will work to build the capacity of the existing groups in Barongin by working to strengthen their financial literacy, leadership skills, and ability to identify opportunities for using savings to invest in their personal and communal futures.

IGL and the Davis Projects for Peace Prize 2007-2012

Since the Davis Projects for Peace began in 2007, all of the Tufts University recipients' projects have come through the Institute for Global Leadership.

In 2007, seniors Casey Beck (EPIIC'05 and Exposure) and Austin Blair were awarded the \$10,000 grant for their project, "The Rising Tide: Kirabati." Their vision was to facilitate cross-cultural understanding between the small-island nation and the United States through the lens of climate change.

In 2008, Jessica Anderson (EPIIC'06), Rachel Bergenfield (Synaptics'09), and Adam Levy (EPIIC'07) used the grant for their project, "Documenting Local Justice and Reconciliation: A Casebook for Sustainable Peace in Northern Uganda." They founded the NGO Collaborative Transitions Africa to contribute to peace efforts by filling crucial information and outreach gaps in the organized local initiatives of survivors of the civil war to achieve justice and reconciliation.

In 2009, BUILD Guatemala won the prize to continue their work in the community of Santa Anita in Guatemala by funding 20,000 new coffee plants and 24,000 new seedlings and by providing training through a local NGO to improve business and agricultural practices.



In 2010, RESPE Haiti, a student-community partnership with Balan, Haiti, received the Davis funding to implement a comprehensive maternal health initiative for Balan.

In 2011, two Tufts projects received funding, one as Tufts' selection and one in the general pool. BUILD India used the Davis funding to finish and furnish a structure in the middle of the community of Thottiyapatti in India's Tamil Nadu state that would become a computer center and library as well as to introduce ECOSAN toilets to the village.

Lucy Perkins (EPIIC'09 and NIMEP'09-11), received the funding to expand the range of programs offered by the Collateral Repair Project, a small NGO that was helping Iraqi refugees, specifically women, living in Amman, Jordan.

In 2012, Tamara Masri (Synaptics'14) won the prize to create a mobile cart garden to serve as a tool to raise awareness about environmental issues within Palestine by building a relationship between the Palestinian consumer and the Palestinian farmer.

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we've done, certainly in terms of the human relationships that were built here. It was exceptional"

The stories that the Tufts students pursued were:

Ruth Tam: looked at labor activists in the wake of the garment factory collapse



Emma Scudder: used Dhaka's fish market as a lens to explore the intersection of commerce, food security, and poverty



Chrystal Koech: focused on a theater troupe that performed folk stories



Craig Dathe: wrote about a Lalon musician that lives in one of Dhaka's many parks to spread music and spirituality

Clarissa Sosin: followed several rickshaw drivers as they plied their grueling trade in Dhaka's busy streets



Misako Ono: spent time with a mother and her young child in Dhaka's slums

Jonathan Wilde: explored one of Dhaka's oldest streets and Hindu communities

Bill Cotter: focused on the Buriganga River as the lifeline, and dumping ground, of the city

Julia Evans: filmed the disparities between the wealthy and the poor

Charmaine Poh: documented the day-to-day life of a wealthy families



Commenting on the experience, James said, "It was inspiring to see all the different voices and the very unique visions that every student put forth and brought to the workshop."

Munem Wasif, a graduate of Pathshala who also teaches there, added, "It was quite an interesting experience working with the students from Tufts University and people like Gary and Sam and with the students from Pathshala. I think, in this workshop, the most important thing is you really experienced things. Some of the people really produced interesting work, and some of the people struggled, but that is part of our learning."

Graduation Reception 2013



Sarah Hartman (center), EPIIC'13, talking to her dad on the Institute's porch.



IGL Director Sherman Teichman (second from right) with graduating seniors Suyu Zhang (right), EPIIC'13; Nithyaa Venkataramani (center), BUILD India'10-13 and EPIIC'13; and Jennifer Sanduski (third from left), EPIIC'13.



Alon Slutzky, EPIIC'10 and '13, with his parents.



Graduating seniors Ben Perlstein, EPIIC'10, Inquiry'11 and Synaptic Scholars'11-13, and Taarika Sridhar, EPIIC'10 and Poverty and Power Research Initiative'11-13.



Mark Rafferty (left), EPIIC'10 and NIMEP'11-13, at the senior reception.



Seniors Sam Cantor (left), EPIIC'13, and Emily Paine (center), BUILD '11-13 and EPIIC'13, and Brittany Neff (right), EPIIC'13, talking with families at the reception.