



DPCR Alumni Newsletter

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Words from the Chair

Dear DPCR Alumni,

It has been a good year! During this past year the DPCR Alumni Board has focused on building and consolidating the foundation of the organization.

Among the most important activities of this year was the revision of the statutes. We have produced a revised edition of the original statutes, which were drafted in the very early phases of the organization, that will be voted upon at the annual meeting on the 27th of May.

Importantly, we have further specified our purpose: offering former students a connection to prominent research within the field of peace and conflict, strengthening and fostering the contacts between former and current students of the DPCR, and facilitating the DPCR's connections with former students active in both research and policy. We hope that this is in line with what you, our members,




Gudlaug Olafsdottir

what you, our members, perceive to be our main role. If you have any suggestions for collaboration in achieving these goals you are warmly welcome to contact us!

In this newsletter we provide you with a few short updates from alumni around the world as well as from the department. Firstly, we include an update on the work of alumni in Cyprus where one alumnus from the master class of 2017, Alden Jacobs, is working with arts-based peacebuilding and an alumna from the Bachelor class of 2018, Clara Orstadius, is

working for the Religious Track of the Cyprus Peace Process. We include an interview with another alumna from the master class of 2017, Antonela Tedesco, who has been working for UNMISS in South Sudan for the past year. Shedding light on one of the departments' larger projects we talk to Dag Hammarskjöld professor, Håvard Hegre, about the progress of ViEWS, before giving an overview of general news from the department.

Among my favorite parts of this newsletter is the Class Notes – where many alumni and former employees have shared what they are up to in work and in life. This serves as a nice source of inspiration to current and recent students and gives a nice overview for fellow alumni of where former classmates have ended up. These purposes are also fulfilled by the Alumni Talks, which offer a much more extensive opportunity to hear from alumni about their 

current work and their career paths that led them there. It also grants the opportunity for the department to keep in touch with former students and employees. This year we are thrilled to have hosted Alberto Fernandez Gibaja and Martina Klimes from the classes of 2009 and 2006 respectively who are currently working in Stockholm at International IDEA and SIWI. Should you be interested in taking part in a similar event in the future, or should you find yourself in the proximity of Uppsala, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us!

Finally, an important change this year is that the alumni database has now been updated to a more modern version, where each alumnus must sign up and add their own information. Please note that if your email changes it is important that you update this in the system (since you don't want to miss out on updates from us, right?). Among the factors driving this change was the initiation of GDPR. In the new database the integrity of personal data is well protected and confidential.

If you wish to get in touch with other alumni you are more than welcome to join our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) groups and follow our [Instagram](#) account.

Through these social media platforms you can easily reach out to fellow alumni. I hope that even alumni that do not know each other from their time in Uppsala can use these platforms, and possibly information from the Class Notes, to reach out to one another.

Warm wishes from
Uppsala,

Gulla Olafsdottir

Alumni working for peace

Alumni from the Uppsala University Department of Peace and Conflict Research are putting their studies to good use by working with community peacebuilding initiatives based in Cyprus. Alden Jacobs, from the Masters Program, is the co-founder and director of Visual Voices. Clara Orstadius, from the Bachelors Program, is the Program Officer at the Religious Track of the Cyprus Peace Process.

Visual Voices is a newly established non-profit organization focused on arts-based peacebuilding in communities affected by violent conflict. Although the organization is based in Cyprus it has international intentions, with twenty-four partnering organizations

across Asia, Europe and the greater MENA-region. By establishing this international network of individuals and organizations, Visual Voices has taken a critical step in ensuring local participation and context specific insights for all projects.

The Visual Voices mission is to bridge arts-based peacebuilding activities and substantive peace advocacy campaigns through strategic social art. Projects focus on capacity building workshops and artist residencies for young visual artists that have been affected by violent conflict. This includes skill-based mentoring from professional artists, leadership skills and an in-depth understanding of Culture of Peace. All of which will share a central theme of the role young

artists can play in positive social change. At the same time, non-commercial platforms for expression will be established for participating artists to showcase their works locally, internationally and digitally. These works will be designed to promote positive social change by stimulating civic participation and dialogue.

This approach focuses on the development of social leaders capable of challenging existing conflict narratives within their communities. In doing so, Visual Voices aims to promote long term involvement by participants that goes far beyond the project lifespan, by considering the important relationship between the target group and the project methodology.

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Clara Orstadius from RTCYPP and Alden Jacobs from Visual Voices

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The Religious Track of the Cyprus Peace Process (RTCYPP) facilitates dialogue between the leaders of Cyprus' five official religious communities. It is neither really track I nor track II mediation but track 1 ½, or as the name suggests: the religious track.

Based on inclusive peacebuilding and created from the notion that all influential groups must be included in a peace agreement for it to prove sustainable, we work for the religious leaders to promote freedom of religion and belief, intergroup understanding and reconciliation on this divided island. Cyprus is not a religious conflict, but the influence of these groups cannot be neglected.

As religion is often a basis for division, we aim to show ways in which it's used for unity. For example: the Orthodox Archbishop and the Muslim Mufti advocating

communicates freedom of religion, and human rights at large, as a matter of principle as opposed personal interest. In short, we advocate respect of different identities as a necessary basis for reconciliation.

Our location in the UN Buffer Zone, in the midst of soldiers and peacebuilders alike, as well as the auspices of the Swedish Embassy, allows for neutrality and a safe space for the leaders to meet and discuss. Every day is a practical lesson of trust building, how diplomacy is used in very practical terms and how incredibly complex the conflict scenario is, in spite of the Cyprus conflict being a frozen one. Most of all; how oversimplification is the root of so many failed attempts at peace.

Text & interview: Stefan Döring

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www.visual-voices.org


**Office of the Religious Track
of the Cyprus Peace Process**

Under the Auspices of the Embassy of Sweden

www.religioustrack.com

In the field in South Sudan

"Ten years ago, during my Bachelor's in International Relations in Buenos Aires, the idea of working for the UN grew into a goal of mine"



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Oscar Golf Base, this is Oscar Uniform 345, calling for radio check, over". This is how I start my routine every Monday morning, calling the UN base radio room to check if my tetra handheld radio is working properly. For the past 10 months I have been working at the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS).

Ten years ago, during my Bachelor's in International Relations in Buenos Aires, the idea of working for the UN grew into a goal of mine. Leading up to today, I have been involved in different institutions; working for education for peace, with Asociación para las Naciones Unidas de la República Argentina (ANU-AR) in Buenos Aires; researching on local mediation at the Centre for Conflict Management (CCM) of the University of Rwanda in Kigali; and working at the intersection of technology, Human Rights, and Innovation at Civil Rights Defenders in Stockholm before getting the opportunity to achieve my goal as a Civil Affairs Officer for UNMISS in July last year.

Working at the Civil Affairs Division in Bor Field Office has been both a rewarding and challenging experience. Being in South Sudan and experiencing the conflicts first-hand has made me realize that the realities on the ground are more complex



Antonela Tedesco

than they appear when just reading academic articles. Working as a nexus between the mission, civil society, local communities, and government authorities, has given me the chance to participate and lead short and long, road and air missions in my area of operation.

During these integrated team missions, I have been able to interact with community members and local authorities. These missions are fundamental for UNMISS because they allow us to assess the security situation, to understand the relations within and between communities, and to discuss and organize locally initiated peace initiatives. These events range from peace dialogues, and conflict management workshops, to

national identity fora, and sports for peace tournaments.

Living in a civil-military base under a curfew, with travel restrictions, and limited access to food, water, and entertainment, has not been easy. Luckily, I have met great colleagues that I now call friends. The feeling of camaraderie of this 'UN family' has been vital for this experience that will come to an end in June when I check-out from UNMISS. As your peace and conflict fellow I totally encourage you to go, live, and serve in a peacekeeping operation at some point in your career. Trust me, it will be unforgettable!

Text by Antonela Tedesco

Mssc graduate of 2017

News from ViEWS

In 2017 the DPCR Alumni Association's newsletter contained a description of this ambitious new project, then in its starting phase. The acronym represents the full name, a **political Violence Early-Warning System**, which aptly describes what the project aims to produce. In sum, the project develops statistical models that, using large amounts of data, produce forecasts of the probability of armed violence in the future. Two years after its inception, a lot of progress has been made, so we sat down with the project leader, **Dag Hammarskjöld professor Håvard Hegre**, to get an overview of the current state of the project.

What are the main achievements so far?

Within these first phases we have managed to set up an infrastructure that allows us to publish monthly forecasts along with monthly reports. This was more work than anticipated, but it is now up and running. Last year we launched the website where the forecasts along with the models and input data are published and updated on a monthly basis. We have now been publishing forecasts for almost a year online, making sure that the results and methodology are openly accessible.

We have also published an article in the [Journal of Peace Research](#) that describes the initial version of the system. The article is open access and it has generated lots of interest. In the first 3 months it has reached 1600 downloads.

What else are you currently developing?

We have several things that we've been working on. One of them is the expert survey, which is under development. We'll recruit up to 90 country experts to respond to a structured questionnaire about their country of expertise. They will help in identifying the major conflict issues in a country and the major stakeholders' positions as well as by stating what they expect about these conflict issues and levels of violence in the future. This is in its initial phase, we have begun to collect these data but we don't have a sufficient amount of information yet to draw any conclusions based on the survey alone. The evaluations provided by the country experts will later feed into the forecasts.

Another thing that we are exploring is how to incorporate global models. Currently our scope is Africa, but we're investigating how to use global models in the background in order to improve the forecasts for

Africa. This is, however, in very early stages. We are also working to develop and strengthen the models that are currently in use. For instance, we are collecting some new data on elections that will feed into the forecasting. We will also make more use of V-Dem's data in the near future. We are also developing means to include more information about conflict history in our models such as information about the intensity of violence in the past.

We are also developing onset and/or escalation models as well as actor-based models. The onset/escalation models will try to specifically capture new (or escalating) conflict events instead of conflict incidence in general. The actor models are designed to predict, for instance, the probability that an actor such as IS will be carrying out violence somewhere in Africa. These predictions are hence not geographically bounded. Instead we are thinking of the geographical predictions and the actor predictions as two separate things which we then let inform each other. Early actor-based models have been made and we are working on developing them at the moment.

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What are the longer-term next steps?

We are working on incorporating a climate component. This is already in progress but is more of a next step than the developments previously mentioned. Another thing we want to do is to improve the website. It is difficult to present what we do because there is so much information to convey, and we are currently restricted by the website set-up of UU. The website will be developed further soon. This is important given that we have quite a lot of traffic on the website. So far we have had over 4000 visitors. We are also expanding the team. We are currently recruiting a new post-doc.

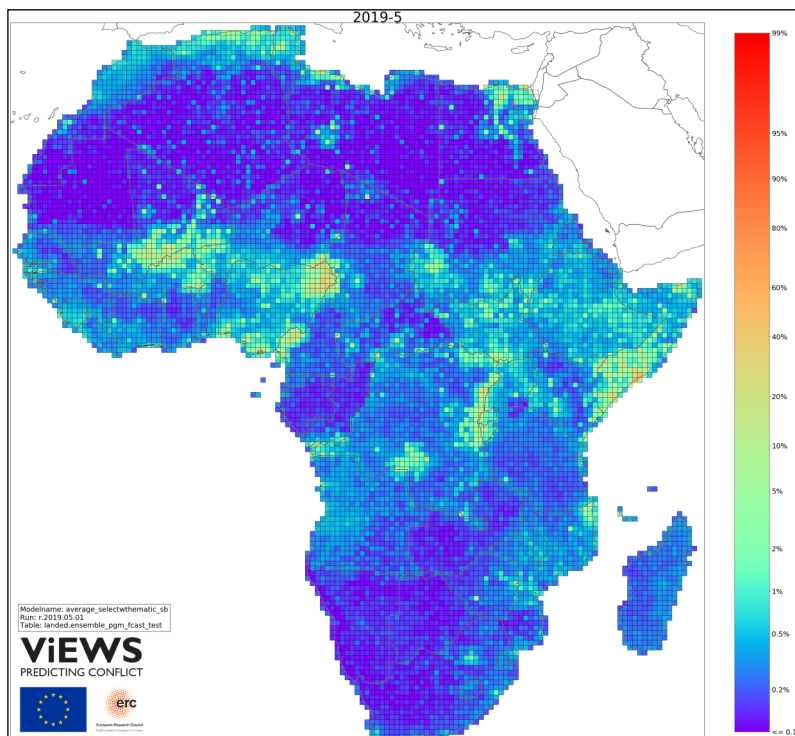
What about ViEWS connections to policy and practitioners?

ViEWS is a co-organizer of the Policy Dialogue Days that take place once a year in Gothenburg, where we bring together academics, policy makers and practitioners to discuss issues relating to democracy and governance. ViEWS has also been presenting at different workshops on early-warning systems. Recently Håvard Hegre, Lisa Hultman and Håvard Mokleiv Nygård visited the UNDPD to present a paper that uses prediction to analyze the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations.

Text & interview: Gudlaug Olafsdottir

"We'll recruit up to 90 country experts.../....they will help in identifying the major conflict issues in a country"

Predicted probabilities of state-based conflict in May 2019



Visit ViEWS [here!](#)

News in brief from DPCR

Policy Dialogue Day

ViEWS team attended this year's Policy Dialogue Day in Gothenburg, Sweden, May 30, 2018. The event was organized by the V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute, the QoG (Quality of Government) Institute, GLD-Gothenburg (Program for Governance and Local Development), UCPD (Uppsala Conflict Data Program) and ViEWS (a Political Violence Early-Warning System). The conference provided insight on questions relating to democracy and governance, and served as a meeting platform for practitioners, policy makers, and academics.

Uppsala Rotary Peace Center fifth Annual Seminar

On Saturday 12th of May 2018, the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center hosted the fifth Annual Seminar, "Towards a Sustainable Peace: Imagining a World without War, Displacement, or Oppression". Through the day, participants had the opportunity to listen and ask questions to Dr. Erica Chenoweth on the topics of history and future of non-violence efforts during conflicts. Rotary peace fellows, class XV, presented on diverse topics, such as their Applied Field Experiences, thesis topics, and the roll that Rotarians have in fostering peace at a local, national, and international

level. In addition, peace fellows carried out a participative session to promote higher engagement from participants. The Annual Seminar Committee was extremely glad that many Rotarians, students, and university staff participated during the day. Visit the [Uppsala Rotary Peace Center](#) for more information about the Center.

Visiting Researcher at UN Environment



During April and May 2018, Stefan Döring (above) worked as a visiting researcher within UN Environment's Freshwater Unit at the United Nations Office Nairobi. Supporting UN Environment's work on peace and water issues, Stefan also presented findings from his PhD project and a review of research on water and peace-conflict issues.

Integrating Refugees in Society: The Sergio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair in Brazil

The DPCR Alumni Association held its fourth Alumni Talks on 30 May 2018. For the talk we welcomed Professor Gilberto Rodrigues, currently Professor in International Relations at the Federal University of ABC in São Paulo, Brazil. Professor Rodrigues is an alumnus of the DPCR, having taken the Conflict Resolution Course in 1996. In his talk, Professor Rodrigues shared his insights on the protection and integration of refugees in Brazil, and how government and civil society are dealing with this great humanitarian challenge. He spoke about the Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair on refugee services that he currently co-coordinates in collaboration with the UNHCR Office in Brazil. He also shared the personal story of how his academic career has developed, from early university studies to a professional academic.

The event was moderated by Professor Peter Wallensteen. The event was particularly symbolic for Professor Rodrigues, as the date marked the same day that he had received his Diploma (from Professor Wallensteen) in Uppsala, 22 years ago.



First public forecasts from ViEWS: a political Violence Early-Warning System

The challenges of preventing, mitigating, and adapting to largescale political violence are daunting, particularly when violence escalates where it is not expected. With funding from the European Research Council, ViEWS is developing a system that is rigorous, data-based, and publicly available to researchers and the international community. On 7 June 2018, ViEWS released its first public forecasts for Africa.

The ViEWS project (2017–2021) is an ERC Advanced Grant project, led by Dag Hammarskjöld Professor Håvard Hegre. ViEWS assesses the risk of three forms of political violence: state-based armed conflict involving states and rebel groups, armed conflict between non-state actors, and violence against civilians. It makes available predictions for countries, sub-national geographical units, and actors. The predictions are systematically compared to what actually happened and models are revised to optimize predictions. The models' performances are also evaluated and the results made public. ViEWS is committed to providing full transparency on data, documentation and source code. The current forecasts are based on data recorded by the Uppsala Conflict Data

Program (UCDP). Please visit <http://pcr.uu.se/research/views/> for more detailed information.

International Training on Dialogue and Mediation (ITDM) 2018

The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Uppsala University's Department of Peace and Conflict Research convened the second International Training on Dialogue and Mediation (ITDM) from 4 – 14 June 2018. Participants came from Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Palestine, Nepal, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, Afghanistan, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Georgia and Bosnia Herzegovina. These women and men work with civil society, international organizations such as the United Nations and academic institutions to facilitate conflict resolution and peacebuilding in a varied set of contexts. The program provided a learning platform on cutting edge research, skills on dialogue and mediation and policy and practice for sustaining peace.

Ending Atrocities Workshop

On 15-16 June, 2018, Lisa Hultman and members of the [Ending Atrocities Research Project](#) hosted the Ending Atrocities Workshop. The workshop

gathered an international group of 30 scholars with a diverse set of approaches to the question of how different forms of third party interventions affect atrocities against civilians, covering topics like mediation, sanctions, military intervention, peacekeeping, peace building and the International Criminal Court. The workshop was funded by the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation and the Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice.

Peace or conflict? Are there solutions? Panel debate in Almedalen

On 2 July 2018, Professor Erik Melander and Uppsala Rotary Peace Center alumni Paulina Cruz Velasquez participated in a panel debate titled "Fred eller konflikt? Finns det lösningar?" (Peace or conflict? Are there solutions?). The panel debate was organized by the Swedish Rotary service and Uppsala University and was held in Visby as part of the annual *Almedalsveckan*.



Workshop on Climate Change and Security

On 27-28 September 2018, the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) co-hosted a joint Workshop on Climate Change and Security. The workshop brought together an international group of twenty scholars and experts to discuss ongoing and emergent research on a variety of topics related to climate change and security. The discussions highlighted a variety of topics including the consequences of resource scarcity, extreme weather events, food price shocks, land use competition, demographic pressure, and environmental migration. The program included presentations on 14 projects as well as a keynote lecture by Professor W. Neil Adger on sustainable urbanization. The workshop was co-organized by Nina von Uexkull of the Department of Peace and Conflict Research and Halvard Buhaug of PRIO.

Claude Ake Professor 2018 - Heidi Hudson

The 2018 holder of the Claude Ake Visiting Chair, Heidi Hudson, worked at the Department during the autumn semester. The Claude Ake Visiting Chair is hosted

jointly by the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University and the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI).

Heidi Hudson is a Professor of International Relations, Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities and former Director of the Centre for Gender and Africa Studies at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa. She specialises in feminist security studies, with a specific focus on Africa.

DPCR congratulates new doctor in peace research

On 23 November 2018, Annekatriin Deglow successfully defended her dissertation *Forces of Destruction and Construction: Local Conflict Dynamics, Institutional Trust and Postwar Crime*. Faculty opponent at the defense was Professor Alexander De Juan, University of Osnabrück. Professor Desirée Nilsson chaired the dissertation.

Dr. Muvumba-Sellström on panel with 2018 Nobel Laureate Dr. Mukwege

On December 12, the Swedish Riksdag organized a seminar with Nobel Laureate Dr. Denis Mukwege. The seminar centered on how effectively to prevent sexual violence in armed conflict and to

support victims of the violence. Participants included the Speaker of the Riksdag Andreas Norlén, Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström, and Ambassador-at-large for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law Annika Ben David. In her remarks, Dr. Angela Muvumba-Sellström, from the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, emphasized the usefulness of drawing on research in order to design effective preventive action. We can learn much from the fact that there is great variation in the behavior of armed actors, including those operating in the same conflict area.

Preventing Sexual Violence by Armed Political and Security Actors

On December 13-14 2018, the Department of Peace and Conflict Research organized a workshop with the aim to better understand existing armed actors' practice of stopping conflict related sexual violence before it occurs; i.e. to learn more effectively from existing efforts for practices of prevention. Participants included leading scholars, such as Professor Elisabeth Jean Wood (Yale University), key decision-makers such as the UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict Pramila Patten, and central practitioners, for example,



from Geneva Call, Centre for Domestic Violence Prevention (CEDOVIP), South African National Defence Force, and Nordic Center for Gender in Military Operations.

Peter Wallensten awarded the Torgny Segerstedt Medal

Senior Professor Peter Wallensten was awarded the Torgny Segerstedt Medal on January 25, 2019. He received the medal for his extensive contributions to peace and conflict research. The medal is awarded every two years to “Swedish scientists for especially outstanding contributions within the humanities and social sciences”.

Alumn Meeting, Amman, Jordan

The Department's second alumni meeting for participants in its International Training programs (ITP) took place in Amman, Jordan in February 2019. The meeting was jointly organized with the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation. It brought together 28 alumni from the Department's Advanced International Program on Conflict Resolution (PACS), the Top Level Seminar on Peace and Security

(TOPS) and the International Training on Dialogue and Mediation (ITDM). The alumni have attended programs during the years 1990-2018.

Charlotte Grech-Madin wins two paper awards at ISA



Charlotte Grech-Madin

Charlotte Grech-Madin was awarded two paper awards at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) in Toronto, March 2019.

Charlotte received the ISA environmental studies section's Graduate Paper Award, as well as the Lawrence Finkelstein Award from the ISA-IO section. The awards were given in recognition of her research on “Currents of Conscience: Evolution and Operation of the Water Taboo” presented at the last ISA 2018.

Uppsala Rotary Peace Center hosted Sixth Annual Seminar on theme “Gender in Peace and Conflict”

On 4 May 2019, the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center welcomed guests for the sixth Annual Seminar. This year's theme was on “Gender in Peace and Conflict”. Professor Miriam Coronel-Ferrer delivered the keynote address, sharing her experience as chief negotiator for the Government of the Philippines during the Mindanao Peace Talks and signing the Agreement on the Bangsamoro with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in 2014. In her role of chief negotiator, she is the first woman in the world to sign a final peace deal with a rebel group. Professor Coronel-Ferrer discussed the challenges women face in public work, the importance of achieving gender equality, and the need for women's participation in peace processes.

DPCR congratulates new doctor in peace research

On 18 May, Sophia Hatz successfully defended her dissertation *Coercion and its Effects: Evidence from the Israel-Palestine Conflict*. Faculty opponent was Assistant Professor Yuri Zhukov, University of Michigan.

Alumni Talks 2019



Professor Isak Svensson, Martina Klimes and Alberto Fernandez Gibaja

On 7 May, the DPCR Alumni Association held its fifth Alumni Talks, a well attended event. This year we welcomed Alberto Fernandez Gibaja and Martina Klimes, both alumnus from DPCR. The event was moderated by Professor Isak Svensson.

Alberto Fernandez Gibaja (DPCR Master class of 2009) is a Programme Officer in the Political Participation and Representation Programme at International IDEA. Alberto's work focuses on the politics of economic development and its

explores the relationship between political participation and new technologies, i.e. the linkages between democratically elected institutions and organizations and citizens, and how technology can strengthen citizen's ownership of democracy. Previously, he worked as a Governance Officer for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor Leste, among other positions.

Martina Klimes (DPCR Master class of 2006) is an Advisor for Water and Peace in the Transboundary Water Management Dept. at the Stockholm International

Water Institute (SIWI). In this role she is advising on SIWI's activities in transboundary basins affected by water scarcity, political tensions, and armed violence. Martina Klimes has over 10 years of experience working with dialogue facilitation, conflict resolution, political and security analysis, including practical work in the field and informal diplomacy processes. Her main research focus is on peace processes, incentives, and third party involvement in peace negotiations.

The two alumni spoke about their current jobs

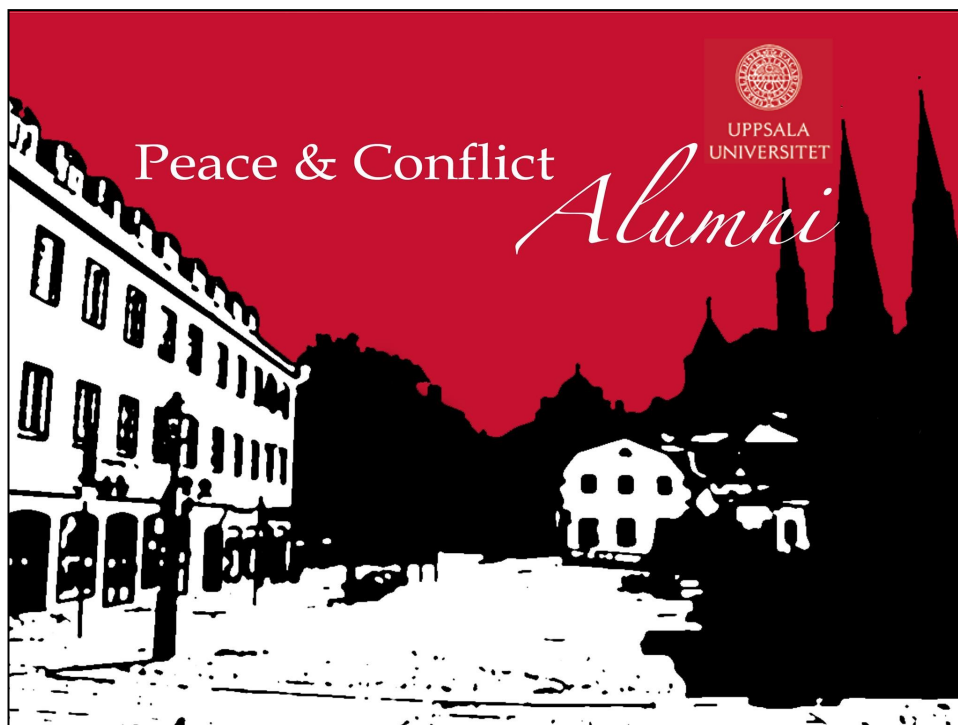




Professor Isak Svensson, Martina Klemes and Alberto Fernandez Gibaja

and the paths that lead them there and provided insights gained along the way. Several questions were asked by the attentive audience, and interesting insights were shared.

The previous Alumni Talks have always been filmed and made accessible through DPCR's website, but this was unfortunately not possible this time. We appologize for this and hope that we will be able to film our next Alumni Talks.



Class Notes 2019

1993

Helena Grusell:

I am the coordinator for the alumni network for participants of the Department's International Training Programmes, given in various forms since 1988. We have organized alumni meetings – one in Bogotá 2018 and one in Amman 2019 and are currently planning the 2020 event.

1994

Henrik Hammargren:

Since 2015 Executive Director of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation working in close cooperation with the DPCR.

Magnus Öberg:

Attending a meeting on measuring SDG16 in Geneva in February, I ran into Anton Ingstedt at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies where Anton is finishing his MA degree.

1997

Carl Fredrik Birkoff:

Conflict Prevention Specialist UNDP Kenya

2000

Isak Svensson:

I am currently a Professor in peace and conflict research, doing research on international mediation and conflict resolution, religious

dimensions of armed conflicts, and civil resistance.

Hans Wågman:

Living in Uppsala.

2008:

Johan Dittrich Hallberg:

Ministry of Defence

Marie Allansson:

I work as Information Officer at the DPCR and is currently Vice President of the DPCR Alumni Association. Outside work I teach swimming to adults for the Red Cross.

2010

Maria Posey:

I am helping Winrock International become a global leader and implementer in the fight against human trafficking and child labor. And getting ready to welcome a second son in May.

2011

Annkatriin Tritschoks (@nnkatrin):

After working as a research assistant at DPCR, then for a German foundation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and then for almost 3 years at the Europe and Central Asia division of Human Rights Watch, I returned to DPCR to start my PhD which I am currently expected to finish in spring 2020.

2012

Julia Wittig:

I'm currently on a short-term deployment to Eastern DRC to support the coordination of the Ebola response. My regular job is with OCHA in New York.

2013

Daniel Lee (@danleeuk):

Currently working on UK Government priorities for Brexit in the UK Civil Service as a senior policy adviser in the business department. Future moves impending.

2014

Kajza Jansson (@kajzajansson):

Completed my Masters in International Security at Sciences Po in May 2018 and I am currently working in Data Analysis and Information Management at UNHCR Jordan's country office in Amman.

Tamar Papavadze:

Currently I am based in Tbilisi. Work as a Counsellor, Department for Europe at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

Benjamin (@CPS_UiT):

Well, not much new from my side yet, other than I am in the final stages of my PhD here at the Centre for Peace Studies, UiT - The Arctic University of Norway.

Vinicius Feitosa:

I am working with UNHCR in the field of information management and inter-



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agency coordination for the Venezuela emergency response.

Michaela Danišová:

I currently work as a primary school teacher in eastern Slovakia as part of Teach for All programme.

Nick Tobia:

I am working on my PhD in Peace Studies at the NCPACS in the University of Otago. I research the politics of peace agreements and democratic institutions in Colombia and the Philippines. I am also engaged in human rights projects in Asia through the NCPACS Consultancy Group.

Stefan Döring
(@stefandoring):

Still working on my PhD (which is about water scarcity). I will be in Michigan this fall.

2015

Viktor Sundman
(@ViktorSundman):

Currently doing a MA in International Peace and Security at King's College London, and interning at the Armed Conflict Database at the IISS.

Johan Wahlström:

Working as a Due Diligence and Compliance analyst, head of my company's product development within this sector.

Ingrid van der Heijden:

Working as a policy advisor on countering violent extremism in The Netherlands.

Zodiac Maslin-Hahn:

I am working as the Director of Programme Development at Afghanaid, a British humanitarian and development organisation in Afghanistan. Currently splitting my time between Kabul and working from home, in a village on the south coast of England.

2016

Isabella Björkman:

As part of my undergrad I did an internship in the Swedish MFA and after graduation I worked for 1,5 years in the Folke Bernadotte Academy. Now I am undertaking my MSc, Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding, at Durham University. After this, I am looking at moving to London.

David Randahl
(@doktorandahl):

Still working on my PhD and teaching methods ;).

Johannes Wander
(@jowander):

Still working as an advisor to the German development ministry in Bonn (GER). Currently focusing on projects' use of cyber security in fragile contexts.

Katharina Maria Wuropulos:

PhDing & Living in Munich, Germany. Always up for DPCR meet-ups.

Holly Langham:

After two years working at CARE International UK in grants management, I have recently left London for pastures new and will be as of this month (March '19) embarking on a short-term consultancy for an EU Capacity Building project in Gagauzia, Moldova.

2017

Renze Terpstra:

I work at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague. I coordinate negotiation trainings for humanitarian aid workers. I am also responsible for monitoring & evaluation of those projects. The methods course proved very useful. Thanks Erik, very intuitive!

Amr Ali:

Cheers from Egypt. I am currently working as a desk officer for South Sudan and Sudan at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A great opportunity to be directly exposed to the conflict dynamics and mediation efforts in a quintessential example of African conflicts.



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Christie Nicolson:

Currently working as Research Assistant as DPCR (projects on peace agreements and gender), Project Coordinator for the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center at DPCR, and as a consultant on climate research.

Gulla Olafsdottir (@G_Olafs):

I have recently started as a PhD candidate at the department. My focus is on the consequences that electoral violence may have for democratization. Before I started this position I worked as a research assistant at the department and have since graduation also moved to Stockholm.

Emil Petersson:

Currently enrolled as a PhD student (Strategic Studies) at the Swedish Defense University (SEDU).

Nina Jernberg:

Working with transnational cooperation on civil security (civil protection and law enforcement) in the Baltic Sea Region at the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

Kristen Hope:

Worked one year as National Training Coordinator at Cykelfrämjandet. Now taking a step back for the sake of my mental and emotional health. Studying French part time and working as a

substitute teacher in schools.

Petra Altebo:

I'm going to Mali this year as a liaison officer with the Swedish military contribution to MINUSMA.

Dino Krause:

I work as a research assistant in the "Resolving Jihadist Conflicts?" project at the DPCR.

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Magnus Lundström:

First year MA program at Swedish Defense University. Associate fellow at Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Invited to Europe Korea Expert Panel through Vrije Universiteit Brussels and the Korea Foundation. Working on article with Professor Linus Hagström.

Hedvig Schylander:

I'm currently working as a project coordinator for a Nordic LGBTQ+ film festival that will tour around Cuba during April-May. In the autumn I return to my Masters in Global Studies at Gothenburg University.

Emma Södergren Wall:

I currently study a master's in Humanitarian Action and Conflict focusing on youth, edu, and peace, work as a SFI teacher, sit on a local Red Cross board, and act as a leader for one of Kvinna till

Kvinna's "Gemaket" groups for girls/women who have newly arrived to Sweden.

Joel Martinsson (@joelmartinsson):

Living in beautiful, although rainy, little land (Småland). Pursuing a PhD in Political Science at Linnaeus University. Come visit!

Shawn Davies:

I've been working at the UCDP since finishing my master's.

Alvaro Sardiza:

Currently in Geneva working for IDMC/NRC.

Siena Uiterwijk Winkel (@SienaUiterwijk):

AMID-traineeship by Radboud University Nijmegen while working as a junior policy officer at the International Institute of Social Studies (part of Erasmus University Rotterdam) in the Hague.

Lani Anaya (@LaniAnaya):

I just finished a certificate with an specialization in Social Ethics (Peace & Justice, Migration) and Missiology (youth participation, reconciliation and interreligious dialogue) at the University of Genève, Switzerland. I'm back to Sweden, looking for jobs.



Class Notes 2019

Aron Woonink
(@AronWoonink):

I am program coördinator at the Public Affairs Academy in The Hague, Netherlands. We organize workshops, trainings and all sorts of events related to public affairs in general, and politics more broadly. Our current aim is to extend our audience to the wider public!

Tom Renvall:

Research assistant at DPCR until June 2019.

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Henrik Hedberg:

Director of Media Relations at FMV.

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Ilmari Käihkö (@kaihko):

Assistant Professor of War studies @ Swedish Defence University #nodienorest. We're constantly expanding, so keep an eye out for opportunities of various kinds.

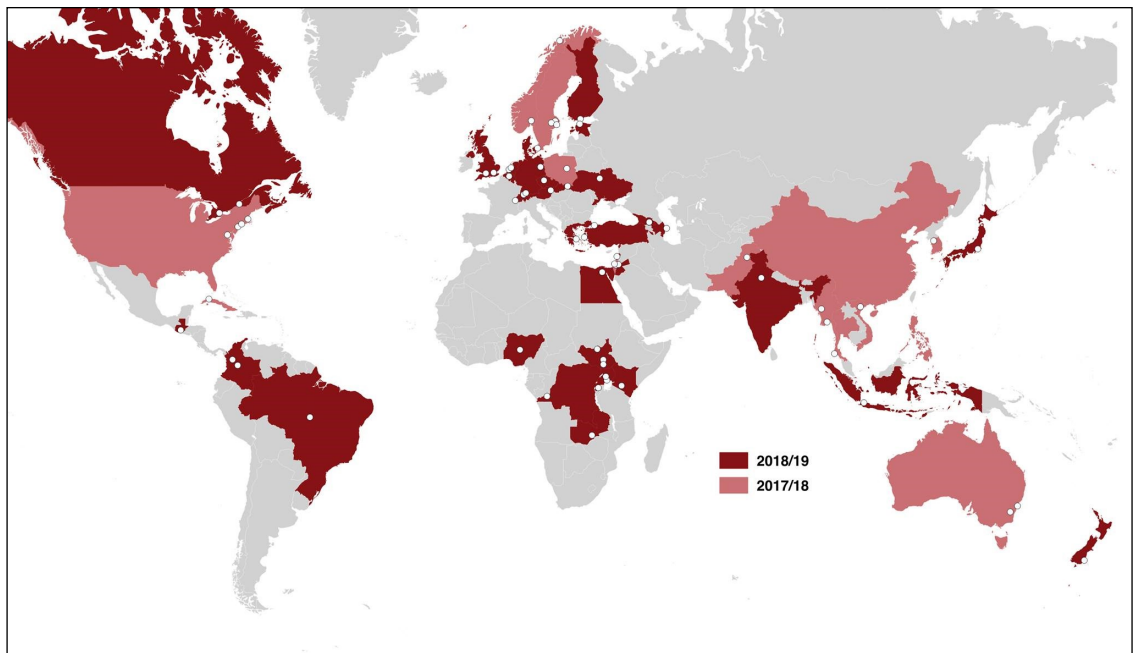
Tomas Nordberg (@Tomas_Nordberg):

Webinar Coordinator, Yale Blue Green. Chairman of the Nomination Committee, PeaceWorks. President, Yale Club of Sweden. Member, Harvard Club of Sweden. Board Member, PeaceQuest International. Member, The Yale Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) Program.

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Annual General Meeting 2019

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting 2019

At the meeting, a new board for 2019/2020 will be elected.

You can find the agenda, statutes and more on DPCR's website; www.pcr.uu.se/alumni

After the meeting you are invited to enjoy snacks and refreshments while mingling with other alumni's and the newly elected board. This is an excellent opportunity to talk to the board and share your ideas and expectations on the association.

When? 27 May at 17.15

Where? Hall 1 (Gamla Torget 3, Uppsala)

Most welcome!

The DPCR Alumni Association Board

About the DPCR Alumni Association

The DPCR Alumni Association aims to strengthen the link between former and current students and staff, professionally and socially. It also seeks to deepen the connection between alumni and the Department. In doing so, we arrange lectures, social gatherings and other events open to all members. If you have ideas for future activities, please let us know!

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