

WELCOME FROM THE CENTRE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the University of Queensland's fifth annual Paul Harris Seminar. We are delighted that you are able to join us on this important occasion where Class Five Rotary World Peace Fellows present their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Class Six World Peace Fellows are also with us today and will be acting in various capacities to facilitate today's proceedings.

The Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at the University of Queensland was established in 1999, after an extensive world-wide search by Rotary International. Rotary wished to initiate a new program that would make a practical contribution to the quest for a more peaceful world. Each year sixty World Peace Fellows attend one of six Rotary Centres to undertake a Masters Degree in peace and conflict resolution.

Here at the University of Queensland, our first four intakes of Peace Fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The Class Five Fellows who will be presenting today are due to graduate shortly, so this is also an opportunity for the School and University to thank the Fellows for their superb contribution to the intellectual community and to give them our best wishes as they embark on their vocation as peacebuilders.

The Paul Harris Seminar is a vital component of the Fellows' activities in the Rotary Centre; it was designed as a way to build and maintain links between the Rotary Centre and Rotarians, and as an opportunity for Rotarians to hear first-hand about the special work that the Peace Fellows have been conducting. It is also the University's way of thanking Rotary for its continued support and funding of the program and indeed for its enlightened decision to work towards world peace, justice and understanding, values shared by the University and reflected in its excellent teaching and research programs in peace and conflict and international relations.

As Director of the Centre, I can say that not only is this a worthy project, but it is one that has enabled us all to benefit from the presence of these wonderful and very able Fellows. I am sure you will enjoy the presentations made by our Fellows today and that you will join me in wishing them well as they approach the completion of their studies in Queensland and head out to take their place in building a more peaceful and just world.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard.", followed by a period.

Dr. Richard Devetak
Director of the University of Queensland Rotary Centre for International Studies
in peace and conflict resolution

PAUL HARRIS SEMINAR 2008 PROGRAM

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	A Welcome from Class V <i>Christopher Moore and Sheunesu Hove</i> A Welcome from the School <i>A/Prof Gillian Whitehouse, Head of School: Political Science and International Studies</i>
9:15-9:30	Keynote address: "New Wars Demand New Response" <i>Prof Kevin Clements, Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies</i>
9:30-9:35	Simulation Teaser "Using Words" <i>Rita Gonzalez</i>
9:35-10:10	Panel One: "When Protection Goes Wrong" <i>Christopher Moore "The AFE Experience"</i> <i>Cecilia Nedziwe "Minority Protection in Ethnic-driven Conflicts with Reference to Burundi: Striving to Strike a Balance"</i>
10:10-10:30	Morning Tea
10:30-10:35	Rotary World Peace Centers: In Australia <i>Judy Magub, Host Area Coordinator for the Rotary Peace Centers Program</i>
10:35-11:10	Panel Two: "Spreading the word: Communication and its Implications" <i>Peter Emberson: "The Role of the News Media in Fiji's Post-Conflict Reconstruction"</i> <i>Sheunesu Hove: "The Importance of Dialogue"</i>
11:10-11:15	Simulation Teaser "Taking Action" <i>Andrea Fanta</i>
11:15-11:25	Rotary World Peace Centers: Around the World <i>David Chick, alumni of the UNC/Duke Rotary Peace Center in North Carolina, USA</i>
11:25-12:25	Lunch
12:25-12:30	Simulation Teaser "Working Together" <i>Kristin Post</i>
12:30-12:40	Rotary World Peace Centers: Looking Forward <i>Ron Burton, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation</i>
12:40-1:20	Panel Three "Managing Power" <i>Vikas Gora: "Transplanting Democracies"</i> <i>Cássio Furtado: "China as a Great Power: Peaceful Neighbour or Potential Hegemon?"</i>
1:20- 2:50	"An Uncertain Peace": Collective Action Simulation <i>Kristin Post , Ville-Veikko Pitkänen, Rita Gonzalez & Andrea Fanta</i>
2:50-3:10	Afternoon tea
3:10-3:40	Collective Action Simulation <i>Media reports & Group debrief</i>
3:40-3:55	Alumni update <i>Christopher Moore and Sheunesu Hove</i>
3:55-4:20	"The Future for Peace Fellows" <i>Dr Richard Devetak</i>
4:20-4:40	Questions
4:40-5:00	Farewell



CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Rotary Club of Carlsbad, District 5340, USA

The Applied Field Work Experience

Christopher will give a presentation on the Applied Field Work Experience, an integral part of all Rotary Centers throughout the world. He will talk about his placement with the Population Caring Organization (PCO).

PCO is a grassroots humanitarian organization based in the Buduburam Refugee Settlement (also referred to as "camp" and Liberia Camp) located 45 km outside of Accra, the capital of Ghana. According to PCO's mission statement, they aim to "educate young people, their immediate caretakers and their immediate communities in order to nurture the development of responsible, peaceful and productive citizens." PCO attempts to achieve their aims by way of many varied programs and projects.



Without fieldwork and experiences like the AFE, it is difficult to understand and find durable solutions to the multifaceted problems that exist in complex protracted emergency situations. Christopher will situate the AFE experience in the overall program that Rotary has created and how it relates back to the academic topics covered in the curriculum studied at UQ.

CECILIA LWIINDI NEDZIWE

Rotary Club of Pretoria-Silverton, District 9250, South Africa

Minority Protection in Ethnic-driven Conflicts with Reference to Burundi: Striving to Strike a Balance

My presentation will focus on minority protection in peace-making processes. This thesis is informed by the imperative need to strike a balance, in peace processes, between minority freedom and state stability. On the one hand, there is a need to ensure that a minority within a state enjoys the unrestricted right to self-determination and to participate unhindered in the state's political and economic life. On the other hand, there is also a need to ensure state's stability by making sure that measures aimed at minority protection do not engender the resentment of the majority and thus act as a catalyst for aggression towards the minority.

Why Burundi? Like many tragic conflicts, such as those in Sudan, Kosovo, Rwanda and the current conflict in Sri Lanka, the Burundi conflict has been largely ethnically driven. Since 1994 to date, the response to the conflict in Burundi has been a flood of international actors intervening. Their first intent is to stop the cycle of violence which developed as a consequence of the protracted conflicts, and, second, to build robust and concrete peace.



My presentation will show how power has been distributed among the major ethnic groups: the Hutu (85% of the population); Tutsi (14% of the population) and the Twa (1% of the population) and how this strategy has not addressed the underlying causes that gave rise to the Burundi war. I will show how over-protection of minorities may be detrimental to peace processes.

While it is important to recognize that vulnerable minorities need protection, it is equally important for peacemakers to strike a balance between minority protection and state stability. The thrust of this presentation will thus be to highlight the delicacy with which ethnic-based conflicts should be handled. When adopting conflict resolution strategies, international actors display a preoccupation with the victim group. In most cases this is also the minority. Thus there is a danger of alienating the majority group, which is often regarded as a persecutor group whose power must be thwarted. With reference to Burundi, I will show that the failure of external mediators to consider the sensitivities of majority groups (focusing instead on ameliorating the plight of the minority group) may be a factor in causing further conflicts. Hence, there is a need to adopt a programmatic strategy which takes into account the desires of all the belligerents, and tries to address a common denominator.

As future peacemakers, we face the challenge of crafting strategies and bringing about peace to war torn zones. The greatest challenge is to make a difference, that is, to "add value" to world peace and understanding (the goal of the rotary world peace programme) and to "do no harm".

PETER EMBERSON

Rotary Club of Suva North, District 9920, New Zealand and the Pacific Island

The Role of the News Media in Fiji's Post-Coup Conflict Reconstruction Process

Mention the name 'Fiji' and one will be forgiven for conjuring up images of pristine natural environments – a 'must see' traveler destination. Others who are more familiar with its political situation, will reference its military and civilian coups as Fiji's 'indelible' something – 'X-factor'.

Fiji has had four coups in a span of twenty years. Since the last military coup on December 5th 2006, the democratic systems and constitutional provisions (1997 Constitution) have been severely undermined. As a result, all citizens' basic human rights that are enshrined in the Constitution continue to be violated. The access and human rights Fiji citizens once enjoyed under a parliamentary democratic system prior to December 5th 2006 are no longer assured. Citizens are also not assured that government is accountable for actions taken thus far nor would they be informed of public policy decisions or consulted on any major changes.

Against this backdrop, this presentation will feature a music video – *We Are Fiji* - produced by the military immediately after the 2006 coups. Using this popular video as a case in point, the presentation will briefly tease out some of the powerful media 'givens' we often take for granted.



Presentation objective: After the presentation, the audience will understand and decipher at the most rudimentary level the coded meanings created by the media. As everyday consumers of the media, one can not emphasize enough the importance of critically evaluating their potential agendas.

SHEUNESU HOVE

Rotary Club of Harare West, District 9210, Zimbabwe

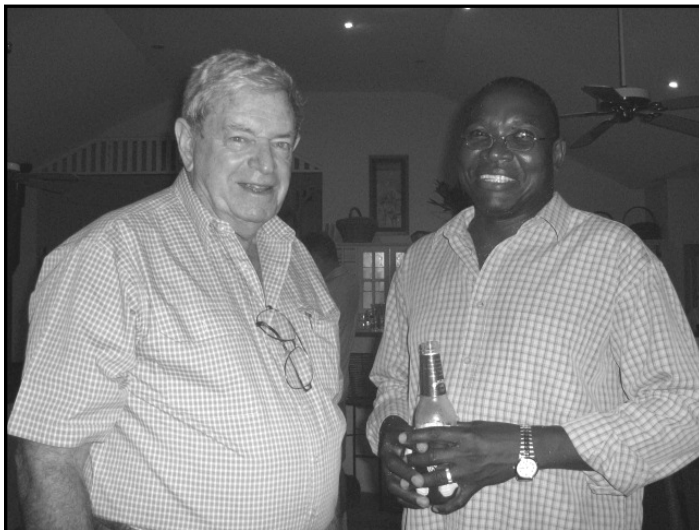
The Importance of Dialogue

An effective communication process can:

- lead to unity by addressing concerns or issues rather than suppressing them
- get people talking to each other (instead of about each other)
- enable people to be part of a team
- promote compromise or collaboration as people learn how to work harmoniously
- develop creative solutions to problems and reach outcomes that mutually benefit those involved
- strengthens relationships and builds teamwork
- encourages cooperative problem-solving
- resolve disagreements quickly and increases productivity



Problem solving guidelines



- attack the problem, not the person
 - be clear about what you see, how you judge, and how you react to people and situations
 - verbalize your feelings appropriately
 - understand and take charge of your own feelings and behaviours
 - move from justification to resolution
 - look forward (opportunity), not backward (blaming)
 - analyze the situation and attempt to view from both sides
- identify the points where you can compromise rather than demand
 - be open and make every effort to respond in a positive manner

VIKAS GORA

Rotary Club of Vijayawada, Krishna District 3020, India

Transplanting Democracies in Conflict Torn Countries

My presentation will be on the U.S. attempts to transplant liberal democracies in conflict torn countries. I will be focusing on Iraq and Afghanistan wherein war was used as an instrument to topple regimes; whereas in the case of Pakistan, diplomatic pressure worked. This clearly reveals the double standards of the U.S. in addressing the three cases.



These three cases share commonalities in terms of fundamentalist regimes, terrorism, ethnic divide and nationalist agendas. There are further similarities in the way the US has engaged with Afghanistan and Iraq. In both cases, the US ignored the ethnic divide and strong nationalist ideology present in these countries as they attempted to impose ideals of democracy in the post-war environment.

The integration of neoliberal agendas into the reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan are evident in their constitutions and the increase in the number of private contractors in the region. Meanwhile, Pakistan, though a strong ally of the US, has not allowed its economy to become privatized in a similar manner. It has attempted the democratic process, but also held on to its own identity, especially in its control of the economy.

My presentation questions as to whether democratization of the Iraq and Afghanistan is used as a pretext to promote capitalism and to gain control over the natural resources.

CÁSSIO FURTADO

Rotary Club Pelotas Norte, District 4680, Brazil

China as a Great Power: Peaceful Neighbour or Potential Hegemon?

China, for the past 30 years, has surprised even the fiercest of skeptics. In the 1970s China was a rural, backwards country that refused to open itself to foreign goods, capital and ideas.

Its citizens lived in widespread poverty and the Chinese state did not have a strong impact in international relations.



Thirty years later, China has developed into one of the world's top four economies and the most important commercial partner to a myriad of countries.

In the last decades, the streets of Beijing and Shanghai have become much like those of New York or Chicago. The economy has been open to foreign goods and capital for decades. Dozens of millions have moved to the cities and left a life of poverty.

In the international arena, will the Chinese giant accept a position of inferiority vis-à-vis the United States of America? And if so, for how long?

China is positioned to become a global player, gradually acquiring more clout in international institutions and in the economic arena.

China's efforts to become a superpower, however, will be severely hampered by its political system, its repeated human rights violations, and its positions on Taiwan and Tibet.



ANDREA FANTA

Rotary Club of Dickson High Noon, District 6760, USA

RITA GONZALEZ

Rotary Club of Dawson County, District 6910, USA

VILLE-VEIKKO PITKÄNAN

Rotary Club of Leppävirta, District 1430, Finland

KRISTIN POST

Chapel Hill Rotary Club, District 7710, USA

"An Uncertain Peace": A Collective Action Simulation

This is a participatory simulation wherein the audience will become part of the presentation. The simulation focuses on these three elemental lessons: first, that peace entails more than the absence of war; second, that conflict can be a part of the process toward achieving peace; third, that positive peace is achieved when everyone's voice is heard.

Peace Fellows Kristin Post, Rita Gonzalez, Andrea Fanta and Ville-Veikko Pitkänan have designed a group role play activity that investigates how certain voices get heard and others may initially be ignored. However, it is not always the case that those in power are also those in control. In order to participate in this scenario, the audience will be divided into groups and given specific information in how to play a certain role. Participants will represent civil society, "power brokers" or the media. With the assistance from Ryan Moore, Emily Todd and Lydia Bulmer in Class VI, we will ask you to temporarily adopt your role and interact with others to achieve the goal you are given during the simulation.

A general discussion and debrief will follow the activity, giving participants space to ask questions, share ideas and exchange thoughts.



INVITED SPEAKERS

A/PROF GILLIAN WHITEHOUSE

Head of the School of Political Science and International Studies

Gillian Whitehouse is Associate Professor and Head of School in the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland. She pursues an active research agenda in the areas of employment rights and labour market inequality, with particularly focus on gender pay equity, occupational segregation and parental rights. She has been involved in numerous inquiries, hearings and high level policy debates and has contributed to leading research, policy development and substantive outcomes on these issues in Australia and cross-nationally.

PROF KEVIN CLEMENTS

Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

Kevin joined ACPACS in September 2003 from being Secretary General of International Alert, in London England. Prior to that, he was the Vernon and Minnie Lynch Professor of Conflict Resolution and Director of the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia USA. Before George Mason he was Head of the Peace Research Centre at the Australian National University, Canberra Australia and a Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Coordinator of Peace Studies at Canterbury University, Christchurch New Zealand. He has been a Visiting Professor /Researcher at the University of Colorado at Boulder, USA; The Institute of South East Asian Studies in Singapore and the School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia. He was a lecturer in Sociology at Hong Kong University in the early 1970s and a Post Doctoral Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Oxford University. Kevin is a Past President of the International Peace Research Association, President of the IPRA Foundation and Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Peace Research Association. He was a member of the NZ Government Defence Committee of Enquiry in 1985 which explored how New Zealand could defend itself without nuclear weapons. Kevin was the inaugural President of the European Peace Building Liaison Organisation in Brussels and a Board Member of the European Centre for Conflict Prevention.

MR DAVID CHICK

Director, Pacific Programs, Strategy and Review for AusAID in Canberra, Australia

David is an alumni of the Rotary Peace Centre at Duke University, and received his Master of Arts in International Development Policy.

Prior to his fellowship, David was a Senior Adviser for the National Security Division of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australia where he provided advice to the Prime Minister and senior officials on a range of defence procurement issues and on developing a coordinated national response to terrorism between federal agencies and state governments. His career plans include promoting accountability and improving service delivery in weak and failing states, particularly in Australia's immediate region.

His Applied Field Experience was at The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, where he interned at the "Statelessness Unit" providing policy and legal advice in the development of permanent solutions to instances of protracted statelessness.

David has attained his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland, Australia. He has a Graduate Certificate in history from the University of Queensland, Australia; and a Master of Laws from the University of Melbourne, Australia

MR RON D. BURTON

Trustee, The Rotary Foundation

Ron D. Burton retired as President of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc. in 2007. A Rotarian since 1979, Mr. Burton is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma. He has served RI as a District Governor, Delegate to the 1992 and 1995 Councils on Legislation, International Assembly Group Discussion Leader, Zone Trainer, Rotary Information Counselor, member of several committees and task forces, and President's Representative to numerous District Conferences. While on the Board of Directors of Rotary International he served as Chair of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Administration Committee, and Chair of the Audit Committee. In 2003 he served RI as Moderator of the International Assembly. He served as Aide to the President of Rotary International in 2006-2007. Additionally, he has served the Rotary Foundation as a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, a National Advisor for the Permanent Fund Initiative, and as a consultant to the Rotary Foundation Development Committee. He has served as a member of the Permanent Fund Leadership Team, the International PolioPlus Committee, and continues to serve as a member of the PolioPlus Speakers Bureau. In 2003 he served as Moderator of the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Training Program. He currently serves as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

An attorney, Mr. Burton is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the American Bar Association, the ABA Section of Taxation Committee on Exempt Organizations, the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Committee on Charitable Organizations, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Cleveland County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals, member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and a charter member of the Association of University Real Estate Officers. He is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, and Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America.

Mr. Burton has been the recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award, the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award, and the Norman United Way/Junior League Civic Volunteer of the Year Award. He and his wife, Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of Bequest Society and the Arch Klumph Society.

INTRODUCING ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS

CLASS V

ANDREA FANTA

Rotary Club of Dickson High Noon, District 6760, USA

Andrea is proudly sponsored by the Dickson High Noon Rotary Club in Tennessee, located in the southern United States. During her time in Australia, she has found a Rotary home with her host counselors, Wesley Miles and Gillian Potter, and the Goodna Rotary Club of District 9630. Andrea completed her Applied Field Experience in Lima, Peru, where she worked for the UNESCO Field Office

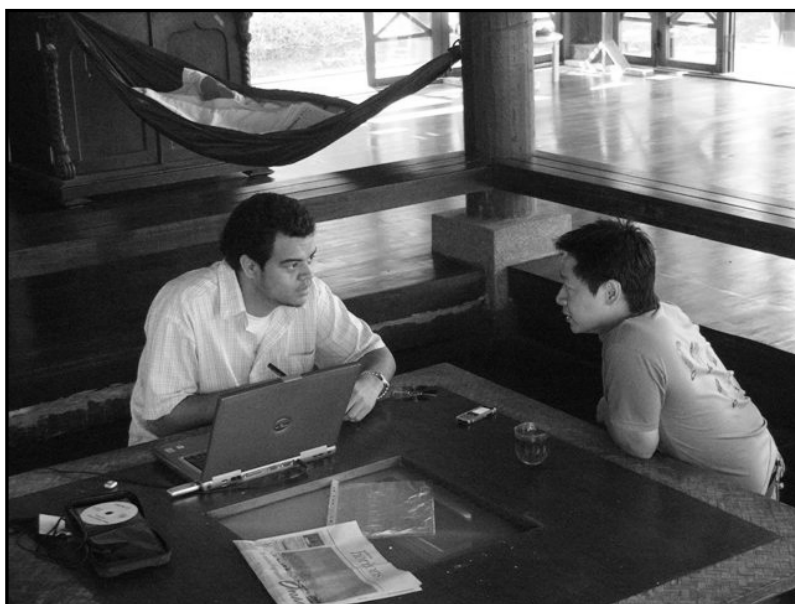


on communications duty and helping rebuild southern Peru's educational facilities following an August earthquake there. She will return to the United States on graduation to return to public service there. She would like to thank her parents, Ben and Kamla, and the rest of her family for their continued love and support, as well as, her country counselors Barbara and Robin Yule.

PETER EMBERSON

Rotary Club of Suva North, District 9920, New Zealand and the Pacific Island

Peter worked for the *Pacific Concerns Resource Centre*, in Suva Fiji as Assistant Director – [Information Division] for the past 5 years prior to commencing his Masters at the University of Queensland. He holds a Double Major Degree in History/ Politics and Journalism from the University of the South Pacific. Peter conducted his Applied Field Experience with the Spirit In Education Movement in Laos- Vientiane and wrote his thesis on *the Role of News Media in Fiji's Post Coup Reconstruction Process* focusing on blogs as a form of resistance.



RITA GONZALES

Rotary Club of Dawson County, District 6910, USA

Rita comes from Georgia, USA. Her sponsor Rotary club is Dawsonville Rotary Club and my host club is Mt. Gravatt. Rita is currently doing her thesis research on the global governance of HIV/AIDS. In her thesis, Rita analyses the United States' President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), its implementation in select sub-Saharan African countries and its impact and implications on the global governance of HIV/AIDS. Upon the completion of the fellowship program, Rita plans to return to the U.S. and hopes to work with global health issues.



CECILIA LWIINDI NEDZIWE

Rotary Club of Pretoria-Silverton, District 9250, South Africa

Born on 2 December 1978, in Lusaka, Zambia, Cecilia attended primary school in four different schools in Zambia and high school at Caritas-Convent Girls School in Kabwe where she obtained an Ordinary Level School Certificate. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics with the Don-State University, Rostov-on-Don, Russia, a Pre-Higher Education certificate and a certificate in Professional Development Programme on the Methodology of teaching Russian Language as foreign language from the Don-State University.



Before moving to Brisbane, Australia to pursue her Master's programme in International Studies-Peace and Conflict Resolution, Cecilia worked as researcher for a regional peace organization called Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa, based in Harare, Zimbabwe. Previously, she also worked for a Quaker organization called the American Friends Service Committee as Programme Intern under the Southern Africa Quaker International Affairs on the Peace and Economic Justice Programme. Her area of interest is peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

Cecilia spent her summer in Oslo, Norway where she interned at the International Peace Research

Institute (PRIO) - one of the first peace research centres in the world. PRIO's founding and early influence were critical at projecting the idea of peace research. She worked as a research assistant on the project - The Return and Reintegration of Refugee Warriors. The project aims at explaining why some returning refugees come to destabilize the peace process in their home country upon their return, whereas others do not. This internship programme provided Cecilia with an opportunity to acquire additional knowledge and skills in field of peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

VILLE-VEIKKO PITKÄNEN

Rotary Club of Leppävirta, District 1430 Finland



Ville was once a member of Finnish Rapid Deployment Force; a special military unit tailor-made for international crisis management. Ville has international work experience from Kosovo, Egypt and Cambodia. He has a master's degree on social sciences from the University of Kuopio, Finland, where his studies incorporated also a year of university studies in the University of Minnesota, USA. In his previous studies, Ville has concentrated on social policy planning, and particularly in easing the life of individuals in the biggest need. In his thesis at University of Kuopio, Ville explored the definition and measurements of poverty. At the UQ, he has just finished his thesis investigating UN peacekeeping blunders of the 1990s. After graduating, Ville hopes to work within social justice issues either in Finland or abroad.

As a Finn, Ville is naturally a keen follower of Ice-hockey and F1, but the time in Australia has made him a Big NRL fan. He'll certainly miss Friday Night Football back in home. Ville would like to thank all the Rotarians in Australia, as

well as in Finland for the chance to take part in the Rotary's innovative study-program. Ville thanks also his home team; his dearly loved wife Liisa and his son Luukas for their continuing support.

VIKAS GORA

RI District 3020, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, India

Vikas Gora hails from a family of Gandhian social reformers from India. He is a social worker by profession and has 10 years of integrated development and disaster management experience, and also had worked in the fields of human rights, coastal and drought prone area development, institution building and promoting environment consciousness. His last job was as the Director, Disaster Management Wing of Arthik Samata Mandal, an NGO working for vulnerability reduction and disaster preparedness in south India. He also worked in CARE India, Child Rights and You, Coady International Institute, and is a consultant to various international organizations and managed high value projects. He has studied environmental journalism, community development, people's diplomacy and nonviolence in India and abroad. His passion in disaster management led him to pursue a part time Ph.D., on Community Based Disaster Preparedness. His career goal is to work in the UN at the policy level and to address the socio-economic vulnerability issues in the South East Asian region. He is grateful to the Rotary Foundation in trusting and investing in him to make a difference. He thanks his sponsor Rotary Club of Vijayawada, Krishna, R.I. District 3020 and host Rotary Club of Loganholme RI District 9640.



KRISTIN POST

Chapel Hill Rotary Club, District 7710, USA

Before arriving to the University of Queensland, Kristin lived in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and completed a Master's Degree in Education that focused on Curriculum and Public Policy. Prior to that, she worked in a global education museum that emphasized cultural understanding through participatory learning. She also travelled around the world for one year, and enjoyed the hospitality of her neighbours in several countries.

Kristin's experiences as a Rotary Fellow and international studies scholar have been life-changing. Though she did not start the degree with a background in international relations theory or politics, she now has a comprehensive understanding of the field and its practices. Furthermore, she gained experience in fundraising and using the arts (particularly theater) for peacebuilding through her Applied Field Experience in Acre, Israel. She will not forget the lessons she learned on the ground in the midst of one of the most protracted conflicts in the 20th century; and she appreciates learning



personally from meeting Israelis and Palestinians while there. She also spent several days in Phuket, Thailand for a conference on Educational Leadership in Globalization, which merged her passion in education with her concerns over the impact of globalization.



Throughout Kristin's life, she has enjoyed a close relationship with her maternal grandmother, Shirley Kelly. Mrs. Kelly was always proud of her granddaughter, but she was particularly pleased when Kristin received the Rotary World Peace Fellowship to study in Australia. Mrs. Kelly had an independent spirit, an insistence on proper grammar, an appreciation for good writing, and a wide array of interests that have influenced Kristin's outlook and ambitions in life. Sadly, Mrs. Kelly died in September, while Kristin was studying in Brisbane. Fortunately, Kristin received a great deal of support from her classmates, the Rotary

staff, and her host club in Chapel Hill, making it possible for her to fly home and speak at her funeral. Kristin dedicates her entire school experience and this Paul Harris Seminar to her beloved grandmother.

Kristin is deeply grateful for the support she has received on all levels of Rotary. She is inspired and energized to dedicate her life to the transformative community building experiences through education.

SHEUNESU HOVE

Rotary Club of Harare West, District 9210, Zimbabwe

Sheunesu Hove hails from Zimbabwe. His is a practitioner, with 17 years of experience in working in the fields of peace, conflict resolution and education, both at the grassroots and at the organizational level. He is active in promoting peace through National Council of Churches, Zimbabwe. He is actively involved in advocacy by being a member of Institute of Personnel Management, Zimbabwe, Amnesty International, Australia and Peace to Come International. His career goal is to join UN to work in the fields of human rights, good



governance and capacity building of civil society organizations, which he believes are important for any democracy. He is thankful to Rotary for giving him the prestigious opportunity as a Peace Fellow which will help in strengthening his tenacity of purpose.

CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Rotary Club of Carlsbad, District 5340, USA

Christopher Moore received his undergraduate degrees in International Affairs and Spanish from the University of Nevada, Reno. He has lived in Spain, Mexico, China, the USA and Australia. His work experience includes the Northern Nevada International Center, UNESCO, Habitat for Humanity International, and the Telluride Mountainfilm Festival among others.

Christopher's career plans are to enhance the stability of our global community through the development of peaceful solutions working as a mediator with NGOs, government institutions, the UN and charities operating in conflict areas and other volatile regions of the world.



CÁSSIO FURTADO

Rotary Club Pelotas Norte, District 4680, Brazil



Cássio Furtado, 29, holds a Master of Arts degree in Social Sciences from the Global Studies Programme of the University of Freiburg, Germany, and undergraduate degrees in International Studies, Journalism and Political Science from the University of Kansas, U.S.A. Cássio's university career began when he was 16 and became the youngest student to be admitted to Law School in Southern Brazil, his native country.

Since then, he has conducted studies or research at universities in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Germany, India, South Africa and the United States, and, as a journalist, he has worked as a reporter for newspapers such as *The Miami Herald*, *The Tampa Tribune* and *Knight Ridder*, all in the United States.

As a journalist, he interviewed four world presidents, covered the September 11 attacks in Washington DC and, in 2002, uncovered a fraud at the U.S. Embassy in Qatar.

Cássio worked, in 2005, as a press aide at the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations. When the agency was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize that year, he gave interviews on behalf of the IAEA in Portuguese and Spanish. In 2006, he was recognized by the IAEA for his contribution at the agency.

That same year, Cássio created a lecture series to teach teenage Brazilians about the world around them. He lectured to capacity crowds across Southern Brazil. In 2007, he participated in meetings at the Club of Madrid, Spain, that will lead to a series of recommendations on how to address issues of social cohesion in societies across the globe.

He has extensive public speaking experience, having taught at the university level, and has worked as a political commentator for radio and television.

Cássio currently writes a column on geopolitics for a Brazilian newspaper and works as the main international commentator for a news radio station in Southern Brazil, where he has two weekly commentaries on international issues.

CLASS VI

KEVIN MELTON

District 7610, USA



Kevin has spent the last six years as an international development professional and post-conflict transition specialist with experience in project design and development, international conflict management and mitigation throughout the world. He has experience in US government-funded projects, post-conflict economic development, international crisis management, risk analysis and project training, design and implementation. For the past three years in his work with Chemonics International Inc., one of USAID's largest contractors, Kevin has focused on transitional development projects in conflict areas including Afghanistan, Colombia, West Bank/Gaza, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia and Sudan. Acting as a team leader for the Crisis Prevention and Recovery technical sector at Chemonics, he has had the opportunity to work with a variety of issues including

DDR, community strengthening, and economic development. He is looking to continue his work in transitional development focusing on civil military relations, peacekeeping and community development.

EMILY TODD

District 6560, USA

Emily Todd is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Attica-Williamsport. Her host club in Australia is the Rotary Club of Ashgrove-The Gap. She attended The College of Wooster in Ohio for her undergraduate work, where she majored in International Relations and Spanish. Prior to her arrival in Brisbane, she worked for two and a half years as a community educator with *Proyecto Generando Vida*, a grassroots NGO in Managua, Nicaragua. She also has experience working with immigrant advocacy groups, refugee resettlement programs and the Peace and Social Justice Institute of Catholic Charities.



VERONICA HYNES
District 4860, Argentina



Veronica was born in Mendoza Argentina in 1973. She obtained a law degree from the University of Mendoza in 1999 and a L.L.M. from the Georgetown University in 2003. Prior to coming to Australia she was a practising Commercial Law in Mendoza. She enjoys reading, hiking and travelling and has travelled extensively through Europe and the Americas. She speaks fluent Spanish, English and German. Her travelling opened her eyes to the many injustices occurring throughout the world and she has sought to gain a better understanding for solving conflict issues through peaceful means, her main reason to undertake the Peace and Conflict Resolution program.

VIRORTH DOUNG
District 3350, Cambodia

Virorth started work as program manager for Human Security and Peace Building program with Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), a leading policy research institute in Cambodia in early 2005. He has intensive skill and experience in peace building and conflict resolution. He was a program manager for Conflict Transformation Program (CTP) of SILAKA since 2002. He holds a double in English Education and Khmer Literature and has attended many intensive courses on peace building and conflict



resolution in Cambodia and abroad. Virorth is familiar with Cambodian law and international law. He has four years of experience as a trainer for peace and conflict resolution and training of trainers.

RYAN MOORE

District 1160, Northern Ireland

Ryan Moore comes from Co. Antrim in Northern Ireland and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ballymoney. After completing his undergraduate degree he worked in South Africa with an NGO for 18 months in community development through sports programmes. He has worked since 2004 for Local Government in Northern Ireland as a Community Relations Officer focusing on building contact, understanding and relationship between divided communities. Ryan spent three months last year with the World Council of Churches Ecumenical



Accompaniment Programme in Israel / Palestine on a Human Rights project. A keen rugby union enthusiast, he is kindly hosted by the Rotary Club of Toowong and has really enjoyed his first few months so far.

KATHYN CLARK, *District 6540, USA*



After graduating with a BA in Anthropology, minors in Conflict Resolution, Spanish and Women's Studies, Kathy began a career with the American Red Cross. In collaboration with others, she created and directed a program to serve refugees, asylees and immigrants. She has facilitation skills in the areas of English as a Second Language, Spanish, economic justice (www.procott.org), intercultural communication and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Presently she is training for the Master of International Studies in pursuit of her goal to work in the fields of IHL and conflict prevention.

TAMARA TURCAN

District 1600, Netherlands

Tamara has worked for American Councils for International Education, conducting democratic and educational programs in every region of the country as well as the conflict breakaway region of Transnistria in the eastern region of Moldova. Tamara has also coordinated the "Disability with Ability" campaign aimed at raising disability awareness among Moldovan youth. Her long-term career goal is to become an effective advocate for social interests; undertake reform projects in the public sector, and collaborate with international aid agencies and organizations in order to improve the lives of children around the world.

**LYDIA BULMER**

District 1250, United Kingdom



Lydia Bulmer is a 2004 Graduate of International Politics and Third World Politics of the University of Aberystwyth, Wales. A particular area of interest for Lydia is the use of sanctions as an alternative to war. Lydia would like to carry on with her research on sanctions whilst at U.Q. and do her thesis on whether sanctions are an effective tool to end the conflict in Israel-Palestine. Lydia has been very involved in campaigning on a wide range of issues to do with peace and justice. She would like to use her Masters' degree to advance peace and justice across the world.

MATHIAS OMAR

District 9200, Tanzania

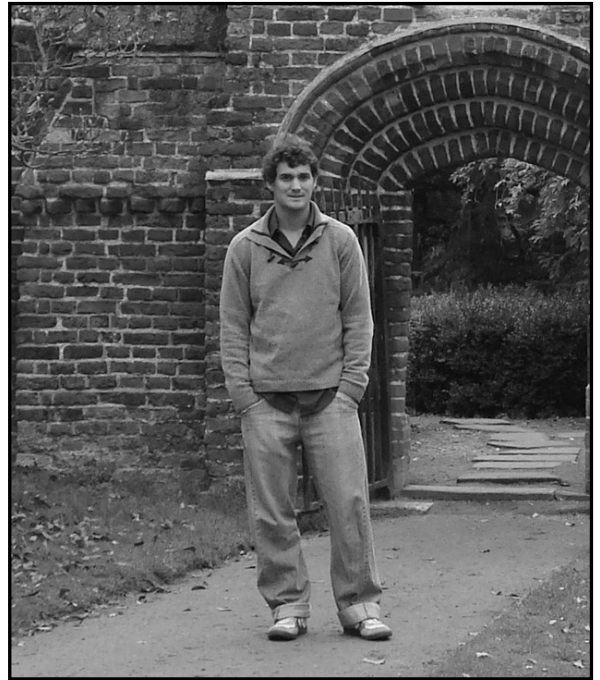
Mathias Omar is a Tanzania Human Rights Lawyer. He graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Law (LL.B-Hons) at the University of Dar es Salaam, in Tanzania in 2000. For the past 8 years Mathias has been working with UNHCR in Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan. Mathias has undergone several other trainings in Human rights and Humanitarian Law in the UK, South Africa, Norway and Ivory Coast.



MARCOS ZUNINO

District 4820, Argentina

Marcos Zunino was born in Buenos Aires. He studied law at the University of Buenos Aires, where he graduated with honours as a lawyer on July 2001. Afterwards he worked in a firm specialized in international insurance law. From 2002 until 2007 he worked for the Judicial Power of Buenos Aires Province as a legal clerk in a civil and commercial court.



JANELLE WEISSMAN

District 5450, USA

Since 1997, Janelle Weissman has worked to strengthen programming and operations of an array of non-profit organisations tackling issues from empowering women and supporting people with HIV/AIDS, to promoting youth development. For the past five years, she served as Executive Director of two organisations: Social Venture Partners Boulder County (SVP), and the Rita and Harold Divine Foundation. Through SVP, she facilitated grantmaking, directed capacity building projects, and provided training to nonprofits and donors alike to help increase their impact on communities. At the



Rita and Harold Divine Foundation, Ms Weissman worked with three generations of Divine family members to develop and implement a grantmaking strategy directing support to diverse nonprofits around the world, with a focus on building bridges to promote peace and coexistence. Ms Weissman participated in Rotary District 5450's 2004 Group Study Exchange team to Thailand, and was a 1992-93 Rotary Youth Exchange student in Charleroi, Belgium. She is a founding member and former Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the BlueFlower Project, which raises funds to support progressive women candidates in elected office throughout the state of Colorado. She served on the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado's Community Funding Panel from 2001-2003, the last year as Chair, making grants to support a wide range of nonprofits while highlighting key contributions gay men and lesbians make to build vibrant and strong communities. She completed her Masters in Nonprofit Management from Regis University in Denver, Colorado USA, as a Colorado Trust Fellow, in 2001.

CLASS IV

LEAH AYLWARD, USA



Leah is from Cheyenne, Wyoming. During her time as a Fellow, Leah was sponsored by District 5540 in Wyoming, and hosted in Australia by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City, Inc, in District 9600. Leah completed her Applied Field Experience in Santiago, Chile, where she conducted research for the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2008, she was awarded two scholarships from the University of Queensland: a research scholarship and an international research award. She is now working as a PhD candidate at UQ, and hopes to teach and carry out research at the university level that will contribute to the advancement of knowledge and

understanding of issues related to international development and inequality and their relationship to violent conflict and peace.

JOHN FOSTER, USA

John Foster is a 2003 graduate of Davidson College, where he majored in Religion and minored in Spanish. After graduation, John studied as a fellow with the Humanity in Action Foundation in Berlin and served as an intern at the United Nation's International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. John began his studies in International Relations as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2004. After a brief stint as a research analyst with the Corporate Executive Board, a consulting firm in Washington, DC, John resumed his studies in International Relations in 2006 as a Rotary World Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland. As a Rotary Fellow, John has focused his research on the role that rule of law establishment plays in peacekeeping operations. For his applied field experience, John worked at the Institute for Justice Sector Development, which is a non-profit organization that is developing international standards for setting up war crimes tribunals in post-conflict countries. Sincer graduating from UQ, John has begun study in law in the United States and specializing in the field of international humanitarian law.

MAYUMI FUTAMURA, CANADA

Before attending the University of Queensland in Class IV, Mayumi was living in Calgary Canada. She received her undergraduate degree Communication from Mount Royal College in Canada, and a BA in Economics from Soka University in Japan. Her prior work experience is as a freelance journalist and researcher for the Center for Faith and the Media. She is currently living in Brisbane, and she will be working as a lecturer with the School of Journalism and Communication at the University of Queensland. She will be designing an undergraduate course on Peace and Journalism on the faculty while working on her PhD. Her dissertation topic will be to develop a concept and philosophy of Peace Journalism. She enjoys mountain trekking, reading/watching news.



MNEESHA GELLMAN, USA



Mneesha is currently traveling in Central America, networking with peace and conflict organizations and volunteering as an NGO consultant. She is planning a July wedding with Josh Dankoff and they intend to move to Chicago in August, where Mneesha will begin a PhD in Political Science at Northwestern University to continue research on post-conflict reconstruction.

SALLIE LACY, USA

Sallie is currently living in Frankfurt, Germany with her newly acquired German husband. She is currently in the third month of an integration program subsidized by the German government with the purpose to both learn German and to learn about the culture and laws of Germany. Participants in this program come from Burma, Thailand, Ukraine, Russia, Eritrea, Kenya, Mexico, Brazil, Iraq, Pakistan, Morocco, etc. It has been interesting to learn their stories of why they migrated to Germany (often for political reasons!). The integration program ends in mid-May 2008. In addition to attending this program, Sallie has done some research on organizations working in environmental and international development work. She has had some interviews, and "keeping her fingers and toes crossed," hopes to find relevant work by the time she is done with the integration program.



OLÖF "LOA" MAGNÚSDÓTTIR, ICELAND



After a sad goodbye to Brisbane Loa went travelling around New Zealand and to Bali before the return to the iceberg she calls home. Loa went to work straight away for UNICEF in Iceland, organising fundraising campaigns, coordinating with the Icelandic Peacekeeping Unit, writing the annual report, etc. etc. Four months into her in Iceland Loa got an opportunity to go on a three month assignment to Freetown in Sierra Leone where She is now working on child participation issues, such as children-run radio programmes and newsletters, as well as organising events such as the Day of the African Child. Sierra Leone is an amazing place to visit for a peace and conflict resolution

enthusiast, please drop by if you are in the area!

AKIKO OKUDAIRA, JAPAN

After completing her Rotary World Peace Fellowship at the University of Queensland, Akiko returned to Tokyo, where she has been working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan as a Research Analyst on South East Asian Affairs. She is engaged in research and analysis of situations in the countries such as Myanmar/Burma, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia, as well as their relations to regional and global affairs. Since Japan has been elected as a chair to the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, peace and conflict resolution have increasingly been taking up a viatal area within Japan's foreign policy. While her work has been a challenging endeavor, Akiko feels extremely grateful that she is taking part in the service during this crucial time of change, making the most of the knowledge and experiences she has gained through the Rotary World Peace Fellowship.



ROBERT OPIRA, UGANDA

Robert is currently in Gulu, Northern Uganda. Robert works as a consultant. Since the Fellowship, he



has worked for Save the Children, Care International, Chaford Uganda, and Concerned Parents. He has helped these organizations to improve the quality of their service delivery to the Internally Displaced Persons in the region. Robert has also engaged in peacebuilding work, especially with people living in refugee camps. Robert feels comfortable at the moment. He has also decided to join Rotary Club of Gulu, and will be officially inducted at the end of June 2008. Since Robert has started working as a consultant, he has started to receive phone calls from many people. Robert is proud of this. The Rotary World Peace Fellowship

has given him a true momentum.

VADIM OSTROVSKY, UKRAINE

Vadim holds a Bachelor Degree with double majors in Global Marketing Management and Management Science as well as double minors in History and Political Science. He received his Bachelor from Averett University, Danville, VA. After the University, Vadim worked as a Global Business Development Manager for a private company in the US. He also managed on volunteer basis a non-profit project, ClickUkraine, that centred on establishing computer labs and providing basic computer literacy in Ukrainian Foster Homes. Vadim did his AFE with the United Nations Development Program in Cairo, Egypt. In the future, Vadim hopes to continue his contributions towards peace and conflict resolution via a corporate route. Vadim speaks fluent Russian, Ukrainian and English. German and Spanish are the next languages on his list.

AMANDA RADER, USA

Amanda Rader comes from U.S.A. She belongs to Class IV Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Upon her recent completion of her Masters, she has been working with Carpe Diem as a trip leader for the FANZ Program (Fiji, Australia and New Zealand). She will be mentoring a dozen teenagers (17-23 years) for a semester outside of the U.S. Prior to the present job she was a substitute teacher on the Navajo Reservation in Ganado, Arizona. She feels grateful to the Rotary Foundation for giving her the fellowship which was a great opportunity to enhance her learning and cement her career.



PERTH ROSEN, USA



After finishing her University of Queensland chapter in February, Perth spent a rejuvenating two months enjoying a bit of Australia's majesty. Most notable was a much-awaited trip to Perth, WA, a special place she has waited 32 years to enjoy. Perth now considers Perth, WA Australia's best kept secret! While back in the US, Perth has gingerly reacquainted herself with life in her land of birth which feels more like a foreign place after eight years of living elsewhere!? While she awaits full time employment, Perth has done some consulting work with a local non-profit which supports trafficking victims; which has included trips to Tijuana, her southern neighbour. Returning to

her home in San Diego has confirmed her commitment to work in the area of migrant rights despite her, at times, unpopular position. Perth remains eternally grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow with Rotary and UQ and is on the speaking circuit in Rotary Clubs in San Diego.

ETSUKO TERANISHI, JAPAN

Etsuko has Bachelor degree in Intercultural Studies, focusing on Intercultural Communication. Prior to becoming a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Etsuko had worked with a non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Lao PDR and Cambodia as a project coordinator in rural development and post-conflict reconstruction (including participatory development, literacy education and small arms reduction project). Etsuko spent there for four years. Etsuko speaks Japanese, English and Lao as well as a bit of Indonesia.

During her study in the UQ, Etsuko did her Applied Field Experiences with a European NGO in The Hague, The Netherlands engaged with knowledge-generation and research in grassroots peacebuilding project. After the graduation of the UQ, Etsuko intends to work in post-conflict reconstruction program - reintegration program for former combatant- with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Aceh, Indonesia.

MJ VUINOVICH, USA

During her studies in Journalism at the University of Montana, USA, MJ spent one year abroad attending the University of Ghana, in Accra, where she became familiar with Rotary International. Further involvement with rotary included an Ambassadorial Scholarship to the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. MJ has held positions as a photojournalist, worked with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Services in Puerto Rico, and volunteered with several organizations in Latin America.

MJ most recently completed an internship with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in their Cairo regional mission. During her time in the Middle East, she mainly worked with Sudanese refugees before their departure for the United States, Canada, or Australia as part of a refugee relocation program. While in the region, she also visited Jordan and Israel to not only to see the ancient sites, but to also visit former Peace Fellows and learn about their good work. Due in large part because of her experience in the Middle East, MJ has focused her final research project on refugee and ethics. She hopes to continue in the field of refugee and migration studies now that she has returned to the U.S.

CLASS III

LARISSA BRUUN, Finland & SUKHTAWEE (Dao) SUWANACHAIROP, Thailand

Larissa and Dao belong to Class III Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Larissa belongs to Finland and Dao is from Thailand. Upon completion of their Masters at the University of Queensland, Dao became the Project Manager for the *Spirit in Education Movement* in Laos /Vientiane. The objective of the movement is to train Buddhist monks to take control of locally grown community initiatives and rethink development approaches that are sustainable. Larissa is presently the Acting Country Director for the Finnish Service Centre of Development Cooperation, Kepa which focuses on just trade related issues for marginalized indigenous producers.



KARLA CASTELLANOS, USA

Karla Castellanos was sponsored by Rotary International District 6990 of Southeast Florida, USA and the Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas. She is a member of Class III, and attended the University of Queensland from 2004 to 2006. Karla was born in New York and grew up in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. She returned to the United States to enroll in the architecture program at Miami-Dade College (MDC), and then transferred to the University of Miami where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture with honors in 1998. In 2000-2001, Karla was awarded the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, and she studied at the Joint Centre of Urban Design at Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England.

Her role as an Ambassador of Goodwill encouraged her to apply for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship. As a Peace Fellow, Karla focused on issues of development and fulfilled her Applied Field Experience collaborating in community development projects in remote villages in Coimbatore, India. After the Peace Fellowship, Karla worked in Singapore, supporting mass transit projects and other infrastructure developments in the Asia-Pacific region as a Senior Architectural Designer for Parsons Brinckerhoff. After a rewarding experience in Singapore, Karla has recently relocated to Sydney, Australia where she plans to continue working in regional community development and urban regeneration projects.

In March of this year, Karla returned to her sponsor district in Florida. She was a guest speaker at the Florida Presidents Elect Training where she was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow for her work in Asia and overall efforts as a Rotary Peace Fellow. Rotary Foundation Trustees Chairman, Robert 'Bob' S. Scott, was the keynote speaker at the event and presented her with this prestigious award. Karla feels very honoured by this recognition and hopes to continue dedicating her life to service above self.



PEDRO DELGADO, PERU

Pedro was born stateless until the Peruvian Government granted him nationality on his first birthday. After getting his Bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from the University of Lima, he took a three and a half years break to travel the world and the seven seas. After being exhausted from flying as a Flight Attendant he decided to go back to politics and studied in the Diplomatic Academy of Peru for two years. After that he joined the Peruvian Diplomatic Service. He has worked twice in the Cabinet of the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, and he has represented his country as a diplomat in the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. After completing his studies at UQ, he plans to change Statecraft's philosophy, by expanding the concept of Foreign Policy, where it won't be any more understood as the defense of the national interest but as the defense of the world's interest. Pedro speaks English, Czech, French and Spanish, and soon will start learning Klingon.

ALESSANDRO DE CARVALHO SOUZA, BRAZIL

With language proficiencies in English, French and Portuguese, Attorney at law Alessandro de Carvalho Souza has worked as a business law consultant in Brazil and practiced pro bono law for non government organizations. Alessandro is involved with volunteer service since he was 16 and during two terms was the President of the Rotaract Club Sao Jose do Rio Preto - Boa Vista, a NGO for youth persons in his city. Alessandro is hoping that once he completes his masters at UQ he will be able to work in the field of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. He hopes to work with international humanitarian agencies such the United Nations or the International Red Cross.



Alessandro is back in his hometown - São José do Rio Preto - in the north western São Paulo State, Brasil. He is practicing business law and in 2008 he will be partner of an important law firm in the field of International Business Law.. At the moment he is deeply involved with International Environmental Law (Kyoto Protocol Carbon Credits Market) and advice on future and stock market. Alessandro is currently writing articles for the Diario da Região Newspaper on International Politics, Culture and other topics of interest. He is also preparing a Doctorate Research Proposal to submit to an university in Brazil or in Europe.

JUDE EWING, U.K.

With a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Organizational Management from the University of Lancaster, and language proficiencies including Swedish, Jude has found that his studies and work experience have helped him to become a successful mediator and special branch advisor to a United Nations Association. He has been the Neutral Chair / Mediator of a Muslim-Jewish Dialogue for 2 years, an international project manager and founded and ran one the largest and most successful United Nations Association Student and Youth branches in the UK. Jude intends to use his skills in mediation, organizational management and his education in the Masters degree at UQ to move into working for the UN or another humanitarian agency in disaster.



CAITLIN FITZPATRICK, USA



Caitlin is searching to find her dream job and have been keeping busy doing volunteer work with Make-A-Wish Foundation, working locally with immigrant and refugee populations, giving Rotary speeches and promoting the fellowship. Caitlin lives in Colorado, and enjoys being home again.

ARIK GUTLER-OFIR, Israel

Arik Gutler-Ofir was sponsored by Rotary International District 2490 in Israel. He is a member of Class III, and received an Advanced Master's from the University of Queensland in 2006. He earned is B.A. in Theatre and General History from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1994.

Although he had a short stint as a newspaper journalist, Arik has mostly dedicated himself to education and theatre. He has taught in several schools across Israel, including the Dead Sea, Karmiel and currently he is teaching high school students in Cabri, Western Galilee. He has also founded and directed multi-cultural performance groups, a Jewish-Arab circus, and an Arab-Bedouin Youth group.

Arik went to Vancouver, Canada for his Applied Field Experience and trained and worked in *Theater of the Oppressed* techniques with David Diamond. That same year, and also as part of his Rotary Peace Fellow experience, he trained in New Zealand and became a *Playback Theater* facilitator. Arik is well-qualified in these two participatory performance techniques and he has brought this knowledge back to Israel, where he has founded the first ever short-plays festival that is focused on social justice issues. The festival is scheduled to take place in June, 2008.

Arik's future goal is to establish a "theatre centre for social change" that will train, support, and promote participatory theatre and social justice activities throughout Israel.



LEAH KLASS, USA



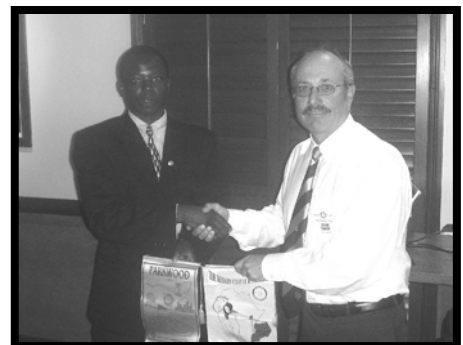
Leah Klass is a Class III Rotary World Peace Fellow from U.S.A. Upon completion of her Master of International Studies at the University of Queensland, she is presently working as the Director of Trade and Investment for South America and Caribbean at State of Colorado Office of International Trade. She believes that the Rotary Fellowship has given her a prestigious opportunity to enhance her learning and also in facilitating to choose her career of interest. She has been actively involved in the youth leadership and recently she has been to the U.S.-Spain Council's 2008 Young Leaders Program. She is thankful for Rotary for all that they have done for her.

SANTOSH MEHRA, INDIA

Santosh Mehra is a serving Indian Police Officer, presently on Study Leave from the Government of India. He has handled a wide gamut of assignments in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India which include handling terrorism, investigating economic offences, and tracking down hard –core criminals and managing traffic. He also has worked with United Nations as a Peacekeeper in Angola. Proficient in English, Hindi and Telugu, Santosh has earned a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Business Administration from Lucknow University in India, and a Master in Public Service and Administration from Texas A&M University in the USA. Santosh aims to integrate his work experience and freshly acquired knowledge at UQ to formulate and implement policies and strategies that help resolve conflicts in some of the world's most troubled regions.

GODFREY MUKALAZI, UGANDA

After completing a Bachelor of Arts in social science from Makerere University in Uganda, Godfrey became a trainer in Peace Building with Borrow a youth friends of young people program in Kampala, Uganda. In this program Godfrey has facilitated workshops for young people in order to promote peace in the North Eastern part of Uganda. Speaking Kiswahili and Luganda as well as English has helped him developed his expertise in the areas of peace and conflict management. He hopes to work as a diplomat, advocating for peace through preventive diplomacy in the Great Lakes region of Africa. Gofrey has just returned from his internship in Durban – South Africa where he has been for the last three months. He was working with the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Conflicts (ACCORD) as a research assistance tracking and reporting on conflict situations in East and Central Africa.



MARIA FERNANDA SALINA, ARGENTINA



M. Fernanda Salina, a Rotary Peace Fellow at UQ from 2004 - 2006, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rosario in Rosario, Argentina, and hosted by the Rotary Club of Loganholme in Australia. M. Fernanda found a second home with Rotarian Ronald Dennings and his family. She is now studying at The University of Geneva, where she is developing a speciality in the role of mediation in international disputes and also teaching international law to students who come from a non-legal studies background. Last year alone, more than 20 nationalities were represented in her class of students.

MAIKO SHIMIZU, JAPAN

Maiko is currently working as a researcher in economic affairs at the Embassy of Japan in Dili, East Timor, since March 2007 (until Feb 2009). Her responsibilities include: 1) working as a liaison person for international agencies (UNICEF, UNDP, ADB, IMF, WFP, etc) for their Japanese government funded programmes as well as for UNMIT (PKO mission in East Timor), and 2) monitoring state budget, petroleum fund, and doing research on other economy issues And also doing some extra activities aside from the regular Embassy works. Maiko also works with the Akino-foundation-funded field research on youth organisations in East Timor which is almost completed! Maiko is also working on a book chapter on peace and conflict in East Timor with a co-author, they hope to publish it (in Japan) next year.



CLASS II

BRIAN ADAMS, USA

After completing his Rotary Scholarship, Brian received a scholarship from the Australian Government to undertake a PhD at the University of Queensland. He is studying with the School of Political Science and International Studies. He is also working as a Researcher with Griffith University. He is also working as the communications manager for an Australian Research Council-funded project on governance.



YOSHIO CHIKAMATSU, JAPAN

Yoshio Chikamatsu, was a member of the second class of Rotary World Peace Fellows at UQ. He is currently working for a development consultant and recently finished a two year project in Tanzania for the provision of training on financial management and internal audit to the government official. His time and research at UQ has helped him to improve the quality of his work.

NOELLE DePAPE, CANADA

Noelle has returned to Canada after working in Hill Country, Sri Lanka with the NGO PALM. She was conducting leadership training with Tamil tea plantation workers and running conflict management training for field workers and senior staff. While she has been in Canada she has been laying the foundation to start a peace camp, where she will work with young people of different ethnic backgrounds aiming to deconstruct prejudice and work toward a more inclusive and peaceful pluralism. She aims with the help of the NGO Institute of Community Peacebuilding to work locally on a number of racial and gang problems.

MARIANO GRIVA, ARGENTINA

After completing his Rotary Scholarship, Mariano received a scholarship from the Australian Government to undertake a PhD at the University of Queensland. He is studying with the School of Political Science and International Studies

SANJANA HATTOTUWA, SRI LANKA

Sanjana is currently a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives in Sri Lanka. He is also the Editor-at-large of the Research Unit and the Head of ICT and Peacbuilding at infoshare.com. Info Share is an Information Communications Technology initiative created to bridge communications between and within actors in the peace processes and enable greater public participation, accountability and transparency in conflict transformation initiatives. Sanjana is also primarily responsible for the Sri Lanka Peace Library project. He is also on the Editorial Board of the Online Journal of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

JOSEPHINE MANUEL-BAHUL, PHILIPPINES

Josephine B. Manuel-Bahul is a Class II Rotary World Peace Fellow from Philippines. Her interests have been in the field of communications and media advocacy. After her Masters at the University of Queensland, Josephine went ahead to pursue her career as the Director for media Affairs & Publications at the University of Baguio, Philippines. She is keen on reaching out to people and doing well for them, for which she is trying to contest as a Mayor in Philippines.



COLIN SPURWAY, U.K.

Colin Spurway is a Class II Rotary World Peace Fellow from the U.K. Furthering on her Master of International Studies at the University of Queensland; he is presently working in Mercy Corps, Kyrgyzstan, managing a programme on economic development and peace building. He is a firm believer that change comes from within and people need to be partners in progress.

CLASS I

MATTHEW BRIGHT, USA

After completing the Rotary Program, Matthew answered the call for volunteers to help out in Tsunami-affected Aceh. Working with Save the Children, he helped with relief operations for close to six months. On returning to UQ, Matthew has embarked on a PhD. Matthew has found that the most rewarding aspect of the Rotary Program was being able to put what he has learned into practice during the disaster relief operations. Matthew's PhD will provide him with an opportunity to more fully investigate the causes of conflicts and to provide possible solutions to them.

FRANCESCA DEL MESE, U.K.

Francesca Del Mese is a Rotary World Peace Fellow from U.K. belonging to Class I. She is presently working on issues related to criminology. She works for the government and is an advisor for U.K. which recently took her to Uganda. She gives credit for her education, which encouraged her to start a project to help former abductees go back to full-time education.

CAROLYN FANELLI, USA

I am still working with Catholic Relief Services in Zimbabwe, but my job is undergoing some changes right now, so it is a bit hard to say what I am doing! Basically my focus is on integrating participatory communications initiatives into our projects, and documenting and sharing the sound practices, lessons learned and success stories that emerge from our programming. A colleague and I just finished drafting a How-to Guide on Child Participation in Education Initiatives, which will be published by CRS, that draws upon the sound practices of our community-based partner organisations. My most exciting news is that I am going to Rome next week to present at the World Congress on Communication for Development. The paper looks at how Zimbabwe is using a child-friendly communications strategy to facilitate child participation in its new National Action Plan for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children. Probably the most interesting project I am working on is one that helps provide care, treatment and support to children living with HIV and AIDS. As part of this project, I'm managing the development of child-friendly pediatric treatment literacy materials - basically a toolkit of information that will help children learn more about anti-retroviral therapy. Other than that, Mark and I are doing just fine! We are enjoying living in Zimbabwe, but miss Brisbane desperately. Visitors welcome anytime, as long as they bring TimTams, Cherry Ripes and a Coopers Pale Ale.

PATH HEANG, CAMBODIA

Path Heang hails from Cambodia and belongs to Class I Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Path is presently working as Community Conversations Specialist in UNDP's Access to Justice Project. The project is focused on preventing and resolving conflicts in selected provinces in Cambodia. Prior to this, he was involved in the World Bank – Cambodia Country Office in three projects which include: Demand for Good Governance; Project to Enhance Capacity for Social Accountability, and an analytical study on civil society's contribution to good governance. He feels indebted to the Rotary Fellowship which he believes was instrumental in helping him gain knowledge as well as be selected for the jobs of his interest.



RYAN HENDY, CANADA



Employer #1: Still with the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) in Ottawa, Canada. It's a government agency who's mandate is to detect and deter money laundering and terrorist financing by providing law enforcement and intelligence agencies with financial intelligence. I'm currently a Senior Analyst in the Operations Sector. I continue to apply and develop much of the material that I absorbed at UQ and continue to apply it to my agency's anti-terrorism mandate. Employer #2: Continue part-employment with the Canadian Forces Army Reserves as an Infantry Section Commander in Ottawa. I'm currently leading a section of soldiers in all aspects of military training. Also assisting Regimental training in stability operations for current overseas deployments of Canadian soldiers. Although Afghanistan is the military's priority at the moment, I am also assisting with deployments and tactical requirements for Canada's current commitment to the UN mission in Sudan. Of course, I remain in touch with Rotary since my return to express my eternal thanks and to get more involved in Rotary activities generally. In particular, I have made presentations on the World Peace

Fellowship to clubs around my district. As I mentioned last year, my sponsor club, Windsor St. Clair Rotary recently made me an 'Honourary Rotarian', which was great honour in itself. I noticed I was quoted in a recent Rotary publication as saying: The Rotary Fellowship Program at UQ has been one of the most significant professional and personal adventures in my life. Every day, I make use of the expertise that I developed from the program's rich blend of academic, work and life experience. The program fostered incredible friendships and has strengthened my resolve to pursue peace and conflict resolution as a life-long commitment". Still rings true this year.

AMY KAY, USA



Amy Kay is an HIV-AIDS expert and has worked in policy, gender, development, poverty and human rights dimensions of HIV. She has experience in research and working in UN agencies, private sector, and also at the grassroots level, with community based organizations, and other stakeholders. She has in-depth knowledge on HIV issues in Africa as she worked in Somalia and Sudan with UNDP. She was also an advisor

to USAID on Middle East & North Africa Health Policy Initiative. Her present job is as the Lead Consultant, HIV and AIDS Curriculum Development with UNDP, Somalia.

Amy was the recipient of Class I Rotary World Peace Fellowship which facilitated her Advanced Master of International Studies in Peace & Conflict Resolution. Prior to being a Peace Fellow, she also received Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship which she utilized for gaining education in Arabic at the American University, Cairo, Egypt. She was also a Common Wealth Scholar which helped her to earn her Bachelors in English from Virginia Tech University, USA.

SOFIA KNÖCHEL LEDBERG, SWEDEN

Since returning to Sweden, Sofia has been working as the Program coordinator for the Cotemporary Silk Road Studies Program at Uppsala University. As well as a busy family life, with two young boys, Sofia has coordinated and facilitated numerous workshops and projects on peace and conflict management and prevention. The Rotary Program has strengthened her desire to work towards the peaceful resolution of conflicts. The Program also gave Sofia a deeper understanding and knowledge of a range of pressing issues.

REBECCA MILLIGAN, USA

Working as a researcher for the International Organisation for Migration, Rebecca is finding the training and expertise she gained during the Rotary Program at UQ invaluable. She is currently focused on researching and bringing to the media's attention the trafficking of children from Bangladesh and Pakistan to the United Arab Emirates, where they work as slaves. It is her current aim to bring about an end to this practice.

CHRISTIAN OAKES, USA

Chris and Rosemary have completed work on the building they purchased upon returning to the US. Chris is now scanning the adverts and submitting his C.V. for positions in organizations doing international development work. He is also considering the possibility of working in New Orleans to help rebuild there.

SUPPORTING TEAM

DR RICHARD DEVETAK

Director, Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict studies resolution



Richard Devetak is senior lecturer in International Relations and Director of the Rotary centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland. He completed his BA and MA degrees at Monash University (Australia), his PhD at Keele University (UK) and lectured at Manchester and Warwick universities in the UK before returning to Monash University. He is co-author with Scott Burchill, Andrew Linklater, Matthew Paterson, Chris Reus Smit and Jacqui True of *Theories of International Relations, third Edition* (Palgrave, 2005), and co-editor of three recent books: Richard Devetak, Jim George and Anthony Burke, *An Introduction to International Relations* (Cambridge University Press, 2007), Richard Devetak and Christopher Hughes, *The Globalization of Political Violence* (Routledge, 2008) and Alex Bellamy, Roland Bleiker, Sara Davies and Richard Devetak, *Security and the War on Terror* (Routledge, 2008).

Richard's current research interests include: 1) the history of international political thought, 2) international law, the laws of war and humanitarian intervention, 3) 'new wars,' the changing character of warfare and the globalisation of violence, and 4) the impact of terrorism, torture and states of exception on international society. He has also published on contemporary theoretical debates in international relations, theories of the state, justice and globalisation, as well as foreign policy, refugees and national identity in the Australian context.

CLAIRE POMERY

Administrative Officer, Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict studies resolution

Claire Pomery is the Student Enquires Officer at the School of Political Science and International Studies and is the administrative support behind the Rotary World Peace Centre at the University of Queensland. Claire commenced this role in 2005, having directly worked with all Rotary cohorts except Class I. This is Claire's fourth Paul Harris seminar and 9th rotary function, including her representation of the Centre at the 2006 Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City, USA. Claire provides advanced administrative support to the Director of the School's Rotary Centre which includes administering the "Applied Field Work Experience" program, organising orientations, inductions and welcome events for new fellows, answering queries and advising potential scholars of application processes and admission procedures, assisting with the coordination of site visits and acting as the contact person for administrative queries for past, current and future fellows. Claire has a long association with the School after completing her Bachelor of Arts Political Science double major from the School.



ESPEN MALMBERG

Rotary Centers Senior Coordinator

Espen Malmberg supervises the Rotary World Peace Fellowship program at the Rotary Foundation in the United States.

Espen has experience in coordinating peace fellows at different centers, in processing applications and in program development.

He recently visited the University of Queensland and met with fellows, professors, staff members and Rotarians.

A native of Norway, Espen holds a Masters from the University of Bradford, in the United Kingdom. A talented tennis player, Espen speaks Danish, French, Norwegian, Spanish and Swedish.



MICHAEL DONLAN

Rotary Centers Specialist



Dear Class V Rotary World Peace Fellows at UQ,

I would like to express my sincere regrets at not being able to be with you on this special day. I have honestly greatly enjoyed working with all of you, and I would have loved to be able to share this special day.

It was recommended that I write a little about myself. I was born and raised in Boston, MA, and went to university at Georgetown in Washington DC, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Languages, namely Japanese and French, and with a certificate in Western European Studies.

Immediately upon graduation, I moved to Japan, as I was (and still am) passionate with learning the Japanese language, and at that time, it was fairly easy to find work in Japan teaching English.

In total, I spent about five years in Japan. I was an English teacher, a waiter in both a rooftop café and in a "hostess" nightclub, and during my final year in Japan, working as the only non-Japanese person in a department store in Tokyo. It was, to this point,

the most rewarding experience of my life.

Upon my return to the United States, I worked in New York at Chase Securities as the Administrative Manager in both the Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Placements divisions. Due to the merger of Chase and JP Morgan, I was unfortunately downsized but received a very generous severance package. With that severance money, I moved to Boca Raton, Florida to help a friend of mine who

was working with recovering drug and alcohol addicts. He had a method of recovery by using theater and play-acting. Although the experience was completely unpaid, it really helped to define who I am now.

Almost immediately before 11 September 2001, I got a job at the CNN Center in Atlanta, GA. Money was running out, and it appeared as though I would be using my language abilities. Although it was fascinating to be part of the CNN experience during 9/11 and its aftermath, my job became secondary and uninteresting due to the attention to 9/11.

Also, I was not very fond (at all) of the city of Atlanta.

In a stroke of boldness I moved to Chicago in 2002, and almost immediately found the job at The Rotary Foundation as they needed a Japanese speaker. At that time the Rotary Centers Program had just started, and as they say, "the rest is history".

Please stay in touch and let me know how you are doing. I hope, one day, to be able to meet some of you.

JUDY MAGUB

Host Area Coordinator for the Rotary World Peace Fellows Program

Judy has been a Rotarian for 17 years. She was Club President in 1995 and District Governor in 2000. She has held many District and international positions and is currently

1. Australian Chair for Rotary Public Relations
2. Host Area Coordinator for the Rotary World Peace Fellows Program
3. Member of the international committee for Major Gifts to the Rotary Foundation for the Rotary Centres
4. 2008 Training leader for the District Governors in Australia and New Zealand.
5. District 9600 Membership Chairman
6. Member of the Birmingham 2009 International Convention Promotion Committee

Judy is a Paul Harris Fellow and has received the Rotary Service Above Self Award. She has a background in nursing and health care and was the Brisbane City Counselor for Toowong Ward for 13 years until her retirement in 2007.



"AN UNCERTAIN PEACE" SIMULATION BRIEF

Our simulation is set in a country called Italy. Though the name and the imagery are real, the details of the scenario are fictional. On the following page, you have access to the most up-to-date information on Italy and its political, social, and economic status. You will see that although Italy is widely considered to be a peaceful and stable nation, many of its people are suffering. The conditions are so precarious that war and violence can break out at any time.

The National Student Union is one civil society group among many which does not want to wait until Italy reaches its breaking point. They have decided to take action now rather than wait for Italy to make the global headlines only after many lives are lost. Now is the time to encourage change from within.

On Saturday, May 17, the National Student Union has mobilized a meeting between civil society groups and the political leaders within and outside the country. You will become a member of one of several groups that will engage in this meeting. The students are pressuring all of the groups to help fulfill Italy's potential as a great nation, which was the promise that was made at independence.

All of you will be working on a plan of action, steps that can be taken to change direction and put Italy on the right track. The National Student Union suggests you propose specific steps that can result in:

- Better access to jobs, especially among Italy's underserved sectors
- More accountability and transparency in government
- A plan to address government and police corruption
- A truly representative government, where all Italy's voices are heard
- More equitable resource sharing and management
- Better care for women, displaced persons and children (including former child soldiers)

You will receive more information and details in the second half of the day.

Buona fortuna!



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WORLD FACTBOOK

ITALY

COUNTRY DESCRIPTION: Italy is one of Europe's jewels. The "boot" nation has long been a destination for tourists lured there by her history, cuisine, arts and landscapes. Moreover, the instability created by wars that have raged in neighboring Switzerland and France, has not been as dire in Italy. In fact, she stands out as a center of political and social stability – this is in part because Fabio Maldini, Italy's Prime Minister, has had a firm grip over the government, military and police since the nation for eighteen years, since Italy gained its independence from Athens in 1990.

ECONOMY: Joblessness is high, and inflation is rising. Some outside investors have left, partly due to corruption, partly to do with poor returns on Italy's main crops after changing weather patterns and lack of water have decreased production. Moreover, the proceeds from these farming exports come primarily from Italy's rural farmers, but they claim they see none of the benefits. However, relative to surrounding countries in the region, the economy is still stable.

POLITICS: Tensions are strong between Italy's ruling Catholic party (led by Maldini) and the opposition party, whose constituents are mainly Muslim. The opposition party is calling for Maldini to call elections or step down, alleging the government is responsible for intimidation, illegal disappearances, corruption, and irresponsible use of the national resources. Rumors have spread that outspoken opposition leaders, as well as journalists who have criticized the government, have disappeared, but these reports have not been confirmed.



SOCIAL: AIDS rates are rising, and infant mortality in underserved sectors is high. Though many will not discuss the circumstances, studies show that rapes are increasing, especially at the hands of corrupt police officers. Women are now taking desperate measures, including leaving their communities, trying to escape the threat of harassment or violence. Meanwhile, young men who were forced to serve as child soldiers in the war of independence have still not been successfully reintegrated into their communities.



GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

Location: Southern Europe, a peninsula extending into the central Mediterranean Sea, northeast of Tunisia

Geographic coordinates: 42 50 N, 12 50 E

Area, comparative: Slightly larger than Arizona

Environment, Current Issues: Recurrent drought in north severely affects agricultural activities; deforestation; overgrazing; soil erosion; habitat destruction threatens wildlife populations; water pollution; inadequate supplies of potable water

Natural Resources: gold, timber, industrial diamonds, bauxite, manganese, fish, rubber, hydropower, petroleum, silver, salt, limestone



PEOPLE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Population: 58,145,321 (July 2008 est.)

Note: estimates for this country explicitly take into account the effects of excess mortality due to AIDS which affects the birth rate, death rate, the age structure and ratio of males to females.(July 2008 est.)

Infant mortality rate: total: 52.31 deaths/1,000 live births

Life expectancy at birth: 58 years: male; 62 years: female

HIV-adult prevalence rate: 4%

Religion: Roman Catholic 40%, Muslim: 50%, Protestant 10%

Literacy: total population: 52.9%