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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE: ROTARY FELLOWS IN ACTION

2014 Annual Seminar of the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center

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Norrland's Nation

The Annual Seminar, organized by the Uppsala Rotary Center for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution (for short [Uppsala Rotary Peace Center](#)) hosted by the [Department of Peace and Conflict Research](#), Uppsala University, features a full-day of exciting events!

The Rotary Peace Fellows from Class XI will present their research and share experiences of peace work from around the world. In addition conference participants will hear from a Rotary Peace Fellow alumna and keynote speaker Hans Corell on "Rule of law – a prerequisite for global governance"

Address your questions to rotarypeace@pcr.uu.se

Most welcome!

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VENUE

The venue of the Annual Seminar 2014 is [Norrland's Nation](#) on V. Ågatan 14. It is located in central Uppsala, within a few minutes' walk from the train station, the host institution (Department of Peace and Conflict Research), and most hotels. A map is found further back in this program.

SHORT PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:45: Registration and coffee

10:00 – 10:15: Welcome address

10:15 – 11:00: Keynote speaker Hans Corell

11:00 – 12:00: Session 1: “Rotary’s Role in Peace”

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch

13:15 – 14:15: Parallel sessions 2(a): “A Stitch in Time Saves Nine: Research and Practice in Conflict Prevention” and 2(b) “Framing Peace”

14:15 – 14:45: Coffee

14:45 – 15:45: Session 3: “Strengthening Societies for Peace: Post-Conflict Peace Building”

15:45 – 16:00: Concluding remarks

PROGRAM IN DETAIL

9:00–9:45

Registration and coffee

Sign up for either Session 2(a) or 2(b).

Reception Desk, 2nd floor

10:00–10:15

Introductory notes

Welcome address from the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center
John Kenny, Trustee Chair Elect for The Rotary Foundation

Main Hall

10:15–11:00

Keynote speech

Main Hall

Hans Corell: “Rule of Law – A Prerequisite for Global Governance”

Ambassador Hans Corell is former Judge of Appeal, former Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations 1994-2004

In his speech, Hans Corell will address the need for the rule of law both at the national and the international level. He will in this context also discuss the role of international organizations in this field with special focus on the Security Council of the United Nations. He suggests that participants orient themselves in a short publication entitled *Rule of Law – A guide for politicians*. The publication is freely available for reading and/or printing (including translations into twelve languages) from this address: <http://rwi.lu.se/what-we-do/academic-activities/pub/rule-of-law-a-guide-for-politicians/>.

11:00–12:00

Session 1

Main Hall

“Rotary’s role in Peace”

This panel session will feature the Rotary Peace Fellow alumna Marina Kharlamova to speak about the Peace Fellowship experience put into use – to give a view beyond the direct educational investment Rotarians have made. It will also have a panel of current Fellows to share the work of the Fellowship in action featuring the Applied Field Experience work with youth in post-conflict

Solomon Islands, to conduct pertinent field research in Rwanda, and to attend summer training run by a Rotary alumnus. It will also feature a brief inspiration about Rotarians' projects in action now.

12.00–13:00

Lunch

Outside Main Hall

Menu: Smoked salmon with a wheat berry salad and cloudberry dressing

Viewing of the Fellow Profile Gallery

13.15–14:15

Session 2(a)

Main Hall

Sophie Miller, Juliet Ramzan and Yasmin Espinoza Goecke: “A Stitch in Time Saves Nine: Research and Practice in Conflict Prevention”

In this session, Fellows will present their masters' theses research and professional experience exploring theoretical and practical measures that can reduce the likelihood of violent conflict. Specifically, this session will explore the relationship between rule of law and violent conflict when controlling for democracy, patterns in gender equality and violent or nonviolent tactics in contentious politics, and nuclear nonproliferation.

Panel 2(b)

“Inre läs” (next to Main Hall)

Bakhtiyar Aslanov, Sofia Deria and Niccolo Tobia: “Framing Peace”

In this session, Fellows explore different approaches to framing our understanding of the different meanings and aspects of peace. Bakhtiyar explores the necessity of recognizing and mobilizing underpinning biases in conceptualizing fair and reasonable peace negotiations. Niccolo questions the monopolization of legitimacy by the dominant discourse of liberal peace. Finally, Sofia challenges the very vocabulary we apply in order for us to understand the phenomena that surrounds us, such as conflict, war and peace.

14.15–14.45

Coffee break

14.45–15:45

Session 3

Main Hall

Anna Crumley-Effinger, Heather Murphy, Paulina Cruz Velasquez and Thiyagaraja Waradas: “Strengthening societies for peace: Post-Conflict Peace Building”

In this session, Fellows present research on post-conflict peace building. How do countries rebuild after violence has enveloped a nation and widely affected the population? How can the functions of a state and society as a whole restore? The panel looks at the role of state-building and reconciliation processes in countries that have emerged from violent conflict. The role of external donor governments as well as the role of internal processes to strengthen societies will be examined. Examples from West and Central Africa as well as Bosnia-Herzegovina and Sri Lanka will be addressed.

15.45–16:00

Concluding remarks

Main Hall

ABOUT UPPSALA ROTARY PEACE CENTER

Since 2011 the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University hosts one of the six Rotary International Peace Centers. This means that students from all over the world can apply to Rotary scholarships to pursue the Master Program in Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University.

The Uppsala Rotary Center selects and educates Rotary Peace Fellows to have a significant, positive impact on peace and conflict resolution during their future careers. The ideal candidate holds a Bachelor’s degree in peace and conflict studies, international relations, political science or a related field. Students should demonstrate strong academic achievement and strong commitment to the field of peace and conflict resolution.

PRESENTATION OF THE PEACE FELLOWS

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows earn a master's degree in international relations, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies.

Fellows selected to study at the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center will enroll in the two-year Master Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. The program enables students to critically examine, assess and analyze the origin, development and resolution of armed conflicts on a scientific basis. It provides the students with a broad competence to analyze conflicts and to understand processes of war termination and peace building at local, national, regional and global levels.

At the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center, Rotary Peace Fellows are supported by the fellowship for the 2-year duration of the program. The Rotary Foundation supports about ten Fellows per year. Thus, twenty peace Fellows are currently enrolled in the Master Program (ten in the first year and ten in the second year). The Annual Seminar is partly organized to celebrate that the first cohort are about to graduate from the program. These ten Fellows are presented with short bios below. Please see the gallery during the seminar to meet and learn more about the Fellows.



Anna Crumley-Effinger is interested in healing processes at personal and national levels that occur or are envisioned after violent conflict. She spent her Rotary Applied Field Experience (AFE) in the Solomon Islands with the United Nations Development Program supporting the government's Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace. Anna's work background is in supporting small civil society groups in central Africa to build their capacity to meet the needs of their communities. She focused on policy and approach change at the UN and with the U.S. Congress, advocating for more funds for violent conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Anna is from Sponsor District 6560 and the Rotary Club of Richmond, Indiana, in the USA.



Bakhtiyar Aslanov is a humanitarian worker and peace activist in South Caucasus. He is originally from the conflict region, Nagorno-Karabakh. He has many years of working experience in humanitarian, conflict resolution and peace building and conflict transformation between the societies in Azerbaijan and Armenia. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the faculty of International Relations at Khazar University in Azerbaijan. His applied field experience (AFE) was at the Frankfurt Peace Research Institute in Germany. While studying, he also interned at the Institute for Security and Development Policy in the fall 2013 in Stockholm, Sweden. He plans to return to humanitarian work and research, teaching in peace and conflict studies in Azerbaijan after completing his studies at Uppsala University. Bakhtiyar's sponsor district is 2430 and the Rotary Club of Baku International, Azerbaijan.



Heather Murphy has spent over 10 years working in international project design and implementation with an emphasis on women's leadership and civil society building initiatives. Prior to starting her masters at Uppsala University, she spent five years working on projects supporting non-profit development and access to education in the Middle East and North Africa. Heather also spent several years working on resettlement issues with refugees and asylum seekers from the former U.S.S.R. and served in Kazakhstan with the Peace Corps. Heather completed her AFE in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Rwanda where she researched the role of quotas for women in parliaments. Heather Murphy's sponsor district is 5150 and the Rotary Club of Fisherman's Wharf, CA, USA.



Juliet Ramzan is a lawyer and has worked as a solicitor for the government of South Australia negotiating land agreements with Aboriginal Australians and assessing claims made under the State Inquiry into Children Abused as Wards of the State. She has also worked as a Judge's Associate at the District Court of South Australia. Juliet has overseas experience working in human rights at the Centre of Justice and International Law in Buenos Aires, Argentina and as a consultant working on accountability for alleged war crimes at the National Peace Council in Sri Lanka. She has represented Australia as a member of the Australian delegation to the India-Australia Workshop on Environmental Law Courts. Juliet completed her Applied Field Experience at Johns Hopkins University's Bologna campus where she attended the International Peace and Security Institute Symposium. She also completed an internship at the Life and Peace Institute in Uppsala. Juliet is planning to return to Australia shortly and hopes to pursue a career with the Australian federal government in international relations and peacebuilding policy. Juliet's Sponsor District is 9520 and the Rotary Club of Norwood, SA, Australia.



Niccolo Tobia is human rights professional from the Philippines. His academic background is in law, human rights and democracy. He had worked in public policy at the human rights commission in the Philippines and in development aid management at the Asia Foundation. He recently worked for the Hugo Valentin Center as a legal researcher for his Applied Field Experience (AFE) in 2013. He wishes to return to project management and in the near future continue his research on transnational human rights cooperation in a PhD program. Nick is from Sponsor District 3780 and the Rotary Club of Midtown Quezon City, Philippines.



Paulina Cruz Velasquez has a background in encouraging civil participation, transparency, accountability and good governance. She trained observers, especially women, young people and indigenous groups to take part in a National Electoral Observer Network in Guatemala as well as a project to prevent electoral violence. In addition she has a background working with youth empowerment and involvement. For her Applied Field Experience (AFE) Paulina gathered information for at German Institute of Global and Area Studies and she completed voluntary work with Transparency International in the fall of 2013, gathering data on resource conflicts. Paulina is from sponsor district 4250 and the Rotary Club of Guatemala Vista Hermosa, Guatemala.



Sofia Deria is interested in integrated approaches to facilitate social transformation of societies, particularly in post-conflict environments. She studies the involvement of various disciplines in addressing the underlying issues that foster conflict, and how new approaches of conflict behavior can come together to facilitate peace and stability. Sofia is also very interested in non-violent methods, transformational tools, and different forms of self-awareness training that can be used in facilitating a peace nature. She completed field research for her Applied Field Experience, including some time in Tunisia. Sofia has a project assistance background working with the Somali diaspora community in Denmark and a Masters in Sociology. Sofia is from sponsor district 1470 and the Rotary Club of Kobenhavn, Denmark.



Sophie Miller is particularly interested in issues of equality, women's rights, and inclusion in democratic processes. Prior to the Fellowship she spent four years working at the National Endowment for Democracy, where she managed a grants portfolio of civil society governance and democracy programs in Latin America and the Caribbean, working on issues such as civil society participation, freedom of expression, NGO strengthening, and access to justice, among others. She also volunteered with her local Rape Crisis Center. Sophie completed her Applied Field Experience (AFE) with Crisis Action, international advocacy NGO in London. Sophie Miller is from sponsor district 7620 and the Rotary Club of Washington, DC, USA.



Thiyagaraja Waradas is a peace and conflict researcher and a civil society activist from Sri Lanka. His academic background is in politics, international relations and peace and conflict resolution. He had published articles on reconciliation in Sri Lanka. He had worked on reconciliation and development in Sri Lanka and had taught in University of Colombo. Recently, he completed his Applied Field Experience (AFE) in Rwanda researching Post-Conflict development and Chinese development assistance to Rwanda. He is expecting to continue his career as an academic parallel to a PhD program. Waradas is from Sponsor District 3220 and the Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town, Sri Lanka.



Yasmin Espinoza Goecke has worked for over ten years with Amnesty International, first coordinating on women's rights and more recently with the Arms Control Campaign. She has been very actively involved in NGO work on cluster munitions and arms control conventions participating in multiple conferences and preparation committees for treaties. She has received international invitations and recognitions in this work. Yasmin spent her Applied Field Experience (AFE) and an internship period with Global Firearms Program of Treaty Affairs at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna. Yasmin's sponsor district is 4340 and the Rotary Club of Vitacura, Chile.

In 2015, the Peace Fellows of Class XII—who are currently enrolled in the first year of the Master Program in Peace and Conflict Studies—will host the Annual Seminar. They will also participate in this year's Annual Seminar.

- Milena Abrahamyan (Armenia/US)
- Sarah Louise Agnew (New Zealand)
- Daniel Cano (Colombia)
- Pablo Ernesto Cuevas Ortiz (Paraguay)
- Luisa Fernanda Guzman (Colombia)
- Jorunn Edda Helgadóttir (Iceland)
- Richard James LeSueur (Canada)
- Jose Guillermo Lopez (Guatemala)
- Zodiac Maslin-Hahn (UK)
- Stephanie Woollard (Australia)

PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZING TEAM

The Annual Seminar is organized by the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center in cooperation with the Peace Fellows and the Host Area Coordinator Suzanne Brenning. Short bios of the Peace Fellows are found above and below follow brief introductions of the co-directors and the Host Area Coordinator. Please direct any questions about the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center and/or the Annual Seminar to the center's co-directors Erika Forsberg and/or Liana Lopes at rotarypeace@pcr.uu.se



Erika Forsberg is co-director of the Uppsala Rotary Center for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. She is a researcher and lecturer at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University (PhD 2009) and affiliated with the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP). Her principal research interests include contagion of civil war, ethnic conflict, and gender inequality and armed conflict. Forsberg has mainly explored these research questions by employing statistical analysis of global data. In addition, she has experience from field work in Northeast India. Forsberg teaches courses at the undergraduate, Masters and postgraduate level at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research.



Liana Lopes is co-director of the Uppsala Rotary Center for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. She works at Uppsala University since 2009 as researcher and lecturer. Her main research interests are on the international relations of the Middle East, U.S. foreign policy, and conflict resolution processes. Since 2010, she is the coordinator for the master program in peace and conflict studies at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research. She holds a PhD in International Relations (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) with a collaborative period in Tel Aviv University (Israel).



Suzanne Brenning is the Host Area Coordinator for Rotary Peace Center in Uppsala. Suzanne became a Rotarian in 1992 and since then she has had many assignments within Rotary such as President, RRFC Zone 15, District Governor, etc. Suzanne is a former opera singer and has been working all over the world. Today she works full time for Rotary and the Rotary Peace Program. Suzanne is a Major Donor.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Airport transportation

Uppsala is located within a short distance from Stockholm-Arlanda International Airport and there are several transportation options:

	<i>Estimated cost</i>	<i>Estimated duration</i>	<i>Where?</i>
Bus 801	SEK 125	45 minutes	Bus stop outside terminal building
Train	SEK 145	18 minutes	SkyCity (between terminal 4 and 5)
Taxi	SEK 522	25 minutes	Outside terminal building; we recommend Uppsala Taxi

Accommodation: For those of you who require accommodation, the organizing committee recommends the [Radisson Blu Hotel](#). Address: Stationsgatan 4, 753 40 Uppsala. Phone: +46 (0)18-474 79 00. Refer to the following code—**Rotary Peace**—to get a discounted price.

Double room : 1071 SEK

Single: 891 SEK

Parking 24 hours: 150 SEK

Please note that the center is not able to cover your costs for travel and accommodation.

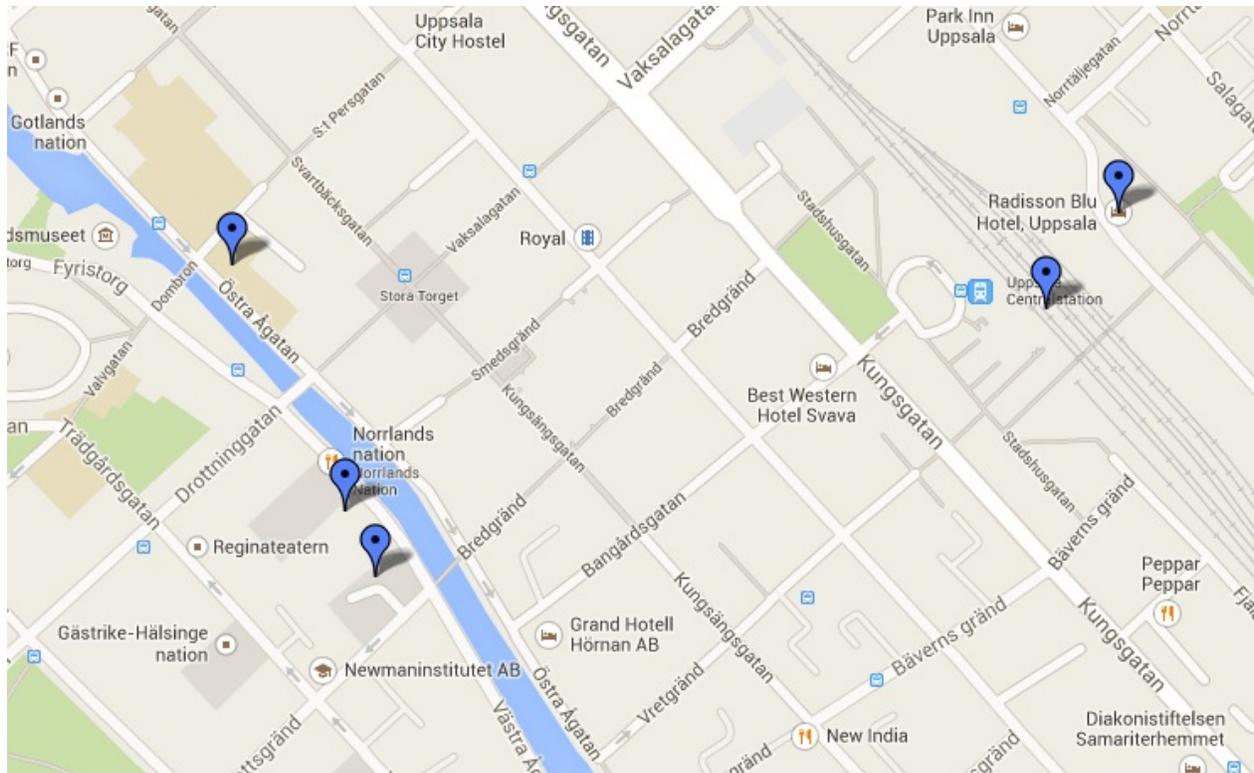
Meals: Lunch and refreshments will be served at the seminar venue (Norrländ's Nation). Please indicate any special food requirements by contacting the organizing committee on rotarypeace@pcr.uu.se, if you have not already done so.

In conjunction with the Annual Seminar, the Host Area Coordinator of the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center, Suzanne Brenning (suzanne.brenning@telia.com), is arranging a dinner at Västgöta Nation (Slottsgränd 12). Invitation for this event is sent separately.

MAP OF UPPSALA

The following link takes you to a Google map, where the location of seminar venue, hotel, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, etc are indicated.

<http://g.co/maps/4b4s9>



From left to right:

- The Department of Peace and Conflict Research (Gamla Torget 3)
- Norrländ's Nation – the seminar venue (Västra Ågatan 14)
- Västgöta Nation – location of dinner hosted by Host Area Coordinator Suzanne Brenning (Slottsgränd 12)
- Train Station
- Radisson Blu Hotel (Stationsgatan 4)