Words from the Chair

Dear DPCR Alumni,

In the past twelve months the Alumni Association has focused on connecting alumni and highlighting their meaningful work. In the autumn Henrik Persson, Mathilda Lindgren and Maria Lundin spoke about their rich experiences as Ecumenical Accompaniers in Israel and Palestine. Current Swedish Ambassador to Afghanistan, Tobias Thyberg, gave a lecture on the security situation in Afghanistan. At the end of this month Professor Gilberto Rodrigues will speak on ways to better integrate refugees in Brazilian society and beyond.

It also features a "heads-up" on two former Heads of Department, Erik Noreen and Magnus Öberg, who reflect on their time at the reins of the DPCR and their future plans. Moreover we interview Anna Norrman-Hedenmark, member of staff since 1990, who holds a fascinating perspective on the DPCR's evolution.

To finish, we present Class Notes, which is a collection of brief updates from our former Bachelor, Master and PhD students (as well as staff members) from all around the world!

All in all, the issue strives to acquaint you with the journeys of our many DPCR alumni. I also warmly encourage you to follow our Instagram account "dpcr.alumni" and tag your latest news and photos with #DPCRconnects.

Charlotte Grech-Madin
Chair, DPCR Alumni Association
Professor Gilberto M. A. Rodrigues is Professor in International Relations at the Federal University of ABC, in São Paulo, Brazil. He studied at the DPCR back in 1996, and we had the pleasure to interview him. Professor Rodrigues has worked on human rights and refugee policy, and co-coordinates the Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair on refugee services, in collaboration with the UNHCR Brazil Office. His next book “Refugees – the Great Humanitarian Challenge,” focused on middle and high school students, will be published in Brazil in 2018.

What inspired you to pursue a career researching human rights, refugee law and conflict prevention?

The inspiration comes from different sources - from my own interest in those fields, but also from the opportunities I had during my professional journey. Although it has much more to do with a long-term process than any specific moment, I can identify two important experiences as informing my decision to work with international relations focused on conflict prevention and human rights: my period as a Master student in international relations at the University for Peace, Costa Rica (1991-92) and as a DPCR student at Uppsala University (1996).

You are part of a team of Professors that host the Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair, in collaboration with the UNHCR. What type of work does the Chair do?

The Sergio Vieira de Mello Academic Chair (SVMAC) was conceived by the UNHCR in 2003 to honor the life of Vieira de Mello, a skillful UN Civil Servant devoted to humanitarian issues, and to contribute to the diffusion and learning of the International Refugee Law.

In Brazil, the SVMAC has had a peculiar development, not only focused on protection for refugees but also for contributing to public policies on integration, such as establishing quotas in universities and offering Portuguese courses for them. My experience with the SVMAC began at the Catholic University of Santos, where I coordinated the Chair (2007-2013). Then, in 2013 I began working at the Federal University of ABC, which, since 2014, has established the SVMAC in collaboration with the UNHCR. We, as a group of permanent faculty professors in charge of the Chair, have been working in teaching, researching and community services regarding asylum seekers and refugees. It is very comprehensive work.

The 2016 Rio Olympic Games featured the first Refugee Olympic Team, which was assigned the “country code” ROT. In your opinion, what are some future ways we can recognize and empower refugees?

The Refugee Olympic Team (ROT) launched in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games was a landmark initiative, a very important collaboration between the UNHCR and the IOC.
The power of this initiative relies on its capacity to make the issue of refugees globally visible and to show their huge ability to overcome unthinkable obstacles. Refugees should be treated not only as human beings, which is obvious, but mainly as citizens. This is a great challenge due to the growing restrictions many countries are imposing to mobility and to social/political participation of migrants.

Environment migration as forced migration is not a new phenomenon, but is now much more visible and globally known due to the climate change threat. This will be one of the most important sources of instabilities in the world in the near future. In the next 10-20 years, millions of people will be forced to move from their homes to other parts of their own country (internal displacement) or to other countries (international forced migration). We should be ready to develop and implement international legal instruments for that. Brazil has already been affected by this phenomena as other countries, due to the fact that many of their most populated cities, such as Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Recife and Belem, are located in the coast.

In your opinion, what is one of the most challenging aspects of world inequalities facing us today?

In my vision, world inequalities are the most important source of violent conflicts and internal/international wars. The UN and the regional organizations, in collaboration with global civil society, should find innovative, creative and collaborative ways to create and implement global governance mechanisms and tools to face this problem.

In 1996 you undertook a Diploma in Conflict Resolution at the DPCR. What was that experience like? How did that influence your career?

The Conflict Resolution Course at the DPCR was one of the most pleasant
and memorable academic and personal experiences I’ve had in my life. It was a great experience to understand how conflict resolution can be researched and also implemented, including in the academic environment. One of the topics that most captured my attention was “autonomous solutions”. Years after the course, I developed my PhD research on federalism and I had the pleasure to have Professor Kjell-Åke Nordquist as a member of my PhD Examination Board, at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, in 2004. My thesis on a Brazilian Federative Policy and the International Relations of Subnational Governments in Brazil discussed, among other issues, how paradiplomacy affected the perception of autonomy of subnational units in a federation such as Brazil. The DPCR academic and research approach is still an important source of inspiration and guide to my work.

Is there anything about Uppsala or the Department that was especially memorable? Would you like to share an interesting or funny story about your time in Uppsala?

For me, Uppsala was the city where Bergman filmed Fanny & Alexander, a movie that I saw in Brazil years before. The city is marvelous and inspiring. Visiting Gamla Uppsala, Dalarna region, Stockholm and Åland Islands was also a great experience. The DPCR Faculty was incredible, a true team of “academic diplomats”, very competent not only as scholars, but also as inspirational human beings. A funny story was the “ping pong diplomacy” we practiced at the Linnaeus Hotel, our home during that period. Two colleagues, one from Armenia, and the other from Azerbaijan, came from countries which were in war (Nagorno-Karabakh War). We used to play ping pong for entertainment, but our colleagues from those countries took that seriously as a “non-belligerent” competition arena. One of them was always angry when losing a game. Yet his anger was not devoted to his “particular enemy,” but rather to anyone that won the game.

Finally, can you offer some advice for current students that wish to work on refugee or humanitarian issues?

Offering advice for students is always dangerous, in the sense that every personal experience has its particularities and context to be taken in consideration. Principles and tips cannot be applied in all circumstances. But, if I am allowed to say, refugee and humanitarian issues, as human rights in general, demand not only curiosity and a scientific approach. They also demand a sensibility and an emotional engagement. The challenge is to balance both approaches in order to address those issues without losing the path of the scientific method and the sense of humanity we need to keep.

If you’re curious to know more about Gilberto’s work, and the Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair, don’t miss our Alumni Talks (see below), or send an email to:

gilberto.rodrigues@ufabc.edu.br or go to http://ufabc.edu.br/en/

Interviewer: Charlotte Grech-Madin

"The DPCR academic and research approach is still an important source of inspiration and guide to my work"
“Heads–up” on the former Heads of Department

Leading a dynamic and evolving Department presents great responsibilities, and also great challenges. We connected with two former Heads of Department (HoD), to share their insights into the position. Erik Noreen, who will be retiring this summer, led the Department from 2006 to 2011. Magnus Öberg then took the reins from 2012 to 2017, subsequently passing them on to our current HoD, Erik Melander in 2018. We sat down with the two former HoDs to hear their reflections on the DPCR, as well as their plans for the foreseeable future.

Looking back, how would you summarise your tenure as HoD?

Erik N: I had been the Director of Studies for 12 years before I was recruited to become HoD, and had a few years to concentrate on research and teaching between these positions. When I took over as Head, the economic situation of the Department was in a bad shape. At the beginning of my tenure I had to dismiss two employees – that was a tough start. I would say that the first three-year period as HoD was marked with budget deficits, and I had to explain these to the faculty. But with the help of colleagues, and above all the Financial Officer at the Department, Anna Norrman-Hedenmark, things began to improve and we turned the situation for the better by the second tenure: finances were stable, publications picked up, and teaching improved.

Magnus: When I took office six years ago we were in a situation characterized by significant risk and at the same time great opportunity. We had just come out of an economic crisis, started to address a rather severe faculty shortage, and at the same time we were about to lose several of our senior faculty who had been the driving forces and the backbone of the Department for decades. We were in the process of changing the guard. I think it all went well in the end. We were able to recruit some great new faculty and pass through this generational shift with flying colours.

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When I was previously Director of Studies I had to work not only with the pedagogical aspects of teaching, but also held a lot of administrative duties, such as recruiting teachers to all of our courses. When I later became HoD, I recruited Christofer Hägg as the Deputy Director of Studies, and that was one of my best recruitments! It enabled the Director of Studies to focus on improving the pedagogical aspects, and was one of the most important “reforms” I initiated during my six years as HoD.

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Erik N: The Department was smaller in those days, and we were very close. The social life was intense and I have some nice memories of wonderful times that we spent together, and I mean the whole Department. Once my wife Roxanna and I invited the Department to our apartment, and people were hanging around until the very early morning. I remember we were singing long into the night, and some of my colleagues were fantastic singers. We also had nice summer parties in Anna’s garden, and even...
Princess Victoria was invited to one of these. We drank “lådvin”, known as bag-in-box nowadays. Those were the days!

Magnus: The passing of Professor Thomas Ohlson in 2012 stands out. He was one of the pillars of the Department and a source of joy and inspiration for many people. That was the most difficult moment of my tenure, but most of the memorable moments have been very positive. The inauguration of the Rotary Peace Center and the many outstanding achievements of our faculty and students – recognized in numerous awards and prestigious grants. Those are the things that stand out in my memory, together with the support I have had from colleagues in making some difficult decisions.

Could you share with us a funny story from your time in the position?

Erik N: The PACS courses, with participants from mostly developing countries, were very successful and it was through one of these courses that I got to know Victoria. We had chances to talk and she is really very nice. I actually invited her and Daniel to pick mushrooms near our summer cottage in Hälsingland because they didn’t find any in Ockelbo (where Daniel’s parents live). We’ll see when they show up.

Magnus: Nope, the only (funny stories) I can think of are unfit for publication.

What do you think will be the biggest challenges for the DPCR in the years ahead?

Erik N: I think the Department is in extremely good shape, and I do not see any immediate threat or danger. However, I think it can be challenging to maintain the success we have and at the same time keep the whole staff together, as we are growing.

What are your plans for the foreseeable future?

Erik N: I will retire in July this year but will do some teaching here at the Department (my participation in one course is already planned). I also plan to do some research in Lund with my wife, who has a position as a senior lecturer there. I will take care of our daughter, dropping her off and picking her up from school, as we live 3 km from her school. And I want to do some gardening at our house and spend time in our cottage in Mellanfjärden, Hälsingland.

Magnus: This year I am on research leave and will be doing some research on welfare trade-off ratios among refugees together with Jonathan Hall. I will also be developing my own research agenda around grievances and civil war, and write funding applications for future research. I would also like to develop a course on governance, society and conflict that I have been thinking about for a while. In 2019 I hope to be back teaching and doing research on grievances and civil war.

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-Erik Noreen
Anna “the rock” now leaving the Department

The Department’s financial officer, Anna Norman-Hedenmark has been a much-valued member of staff since she first began working here in 1990. Anna will be retiring this summer. To celebrate her long-standing work, we asked Anna to reflect upon her time and tasks at the Department, and to hear what she is looking forward to doing next.

Anna, you have been at the DPCR since the 1990s. What strikes you the most about how the Department has evolved over the years?

What strikes me is the overall growth in scholarly perspectives, education, research, finances, administration, people, and fame. We went from being a very small unit that not many people knew anything about, to now a famous Department well known all over the world, which makes me proud to work here!

How have your daily work duties changed during this time?

When I started on an hourly basis a long time ago, being a student myself, my work was to type clean copies for researchers at the Department. Imagine how long I have been around! My titles and duties have changed considerably over the years. Being a personnel and finance administrator for a long period means focus on decentralized and quite advanced finance assignments.

Could you share with us a funny story from the time in your position?

I have been addressed a couple of times as “Professor,” which makes me laugh, however it did not result in a salary raise... I also want to mention the very amusing spex moments during dissertation parties. I am so impressed by our PhD students’ artistic, musical and humorous talents, which always result in much laughter! It is fun to see another side of my colleagues that is hidden during their ordinary work days.

What are your plans for the foreseeable future?

In the future I look forward to more time to travel - already this autumn I will visit Denmark, Spain, Los Angeles and San Diego. I also long for more time to spend with my family and grandchildren, and time to fix my baby = my house. But if you should ever need me to come to the Department and help out I will try to find time for that too, and will be glad to do so and meet you all again.
News in brief from the Department

Håvard Hegre elected into the Norwegian Academy of Science Letters

Dag Hammarskjöld Professor Håvard Hegre was elected into the Norwegian Academy of Science Letters in March 2017. The Academy is a non-governmental, nationwide body which embraces all fields of learning. The photo to the right shows Håvard Hegre and Academy President Ole M. Sejersted during the ceremony accepting the new members at the Academy annual meeting 3 May 2017.

Visit by Dr. Thabo Mbeki

On May 16, 2017 the Department hosted a visit to Uppsala University by Dr. Thabo Mbeki, former President of the Republic of South Africa, now Chancellor of the University of South Africa. He participated in a seminar and shared insights from his experiences of mediation throughout the African continent. President Mbeki also paid his respect to former UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld at the Uppsala Old Cemetery.

The photo above is taken in the Dag Hammarskjöld room and shows (from left to right): Dr. Johan Brosché, Senior Professor Peter Wallensteen, President Thabo Mbeki, Professor Isak Svensson, Professor Erik Melander, and Associate Professor Desirée Nilsson.
International Training on Dialogue and Mediation

The first International Training on Dialogue and Mediation (ITDM) 2017 was organized in collaboration with the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala. The training brought to Uppsala a qualified group of practitioners, policymakers and researchers working in the field of dialogue and mediation from a range of inter- and non-governmental organizations working both regionally and nationally as well as universities and research institutes from a total of 17 different countries. The group is now part of the Department’s alumni of 750 participants who have attended International Training Programmes (ITPs) at the Department since 1988 and the discussions on sustainable peace will continue in different alumni settings and on social media.

Professor Ashok Swain appointed UNESCO Chair on International Water Cooperation

Ashok Swain, Professor at the Department and Director of the Research School on International Water Cooperation, was appointed as UNESCO Chair on International Water Cooperation. This is the first UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Chair at Uppsala University. The task of the chair holder is to promote research and teaching on international water management.

Professor Håvard Hegre awarded for research of great importance

Professor Håvard Hegre received the Lilly and Sven Thuréus award. The prize is awarded by the Royal Society of Sciences at Uppsala. Professor Hegre received the award for his distinguished research of great importance for peace and development in the world.

Jan Eliasson held the annual Martin H:son Holmdahl lecture

Jan Eliasson, Honorary Doctor of Uppsala University, and previous lecturer at the Department, gave the annual Martin H:son Holmdahl lecture on Human Rights in the Grand Auditorium. Eliasson spoke on ‘Human Rights in a Time of Global Insecurity’ drawing on his recent experiences as Deputy Secretary General of the UN. His lecture focused on connections between development, security and human rights. It was followed by a discussion with Professor Peter Wallensteen as well as questions from the audience.

Alva Myrdal’s place inaugurated

On 8 September, in memory of Alva Myrdal and her efforts for peace and nuclear disarmament, Alva Myrdal’s place was inaugurated in Uppsala. In her speech, researcher Louise Olsson, highlighted Alva Myrdal as a source of inspiration since she successfully combined the collection of research findings, diplomacy and great personal commitment. Other speakers were Lena Hjelm Wallén, former Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs, and representatives from Uppsala municipality.
Symposium on democratization

On the occasion of the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation’s centenary, an international symposium was organized at Uppsala University on September 21, 2017. The aim of the symposium was to present and discuss current research on the bright and dark sides of democratization, with the aim of exploring how democratization processes best serve human progress in the 21st century.

VIEWs first workshop

Last September, VIEWs held its first annual workshop in Uppsala. The workshop consisted of a total of 30 participants who over the course of two days discussed forecasting advances in the field as well as within the project. As part of the workshop, meetings were held in advance, and a smaller group met for an extended workshop day to discuss strategies for how to extract data from news sources.

Dissertation findings presented

Emma Elfversson and Mathilda Lindgren in September presented the findings of their respective dissertations in a seminar arranged by EBA (Expertgruppen för Biståndsanalys) at the Royal Coin Cabinet in Stockholm. The purpose of the seminar was to highlight implications of the dissertations for policymakers and aid agencies. In connection to the seminar, the dissertation summaries were also published as EBA reports.

Professor Isak Svensson formally installed

Professor Isak Svensson was formally installed as Professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research on 17 November during the professors’ inauguration ceremony in the Uppsala University Grand Auditorium. The inaugural lecture was entitled “International mediation in civil wars - the effects of biased and unbiased mediators”. Professor Isak Svensson received his PhD in Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in 2007 and was promoted to professor in 2015. His research focuses on international mediation, religion and conflict, and nonviolent resistance.

Training workshop on prevention and management of environmental and water conflicts

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research, in collaboration with the Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, has been organizing biannual training workshop at Lima since 2013, on prevention and management of environmental and water conflicts in Peru.

The third workshop in this series was offered by Professor Ashok Swain together with Azril Bacal and it was held on 2-4 November 2017. The participants came from a wide range of actors: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other Peruvian government agencies, civil society organizers, and researchers.

The impact of climate variability on the risk of armed internal conflict

With Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallström in attendance, Nina von Uexkull, researcher at the Department, reviewed the state of knowledge about the impact of climate variability on the risk of armed internal conflict. The seminar was jointly organized by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Stockholm Resilience Centre and SIPRI.
Associate Professor Hanne Fjelde appointed Wallenberg Academy Fellows career program

In December 2017, Associate Professor Hanne Fjelde was appointed to the Wallenberg Academy Fellows career program. The program was established by the Knut and Alice Wallenberg’s Foundation in 2012 and provides long-term funding for promising young researchers from all academic fields. As an Academy Fellow, Hanne Fjelde will investigate the effects of political violence during election periods.

Five new Doctors

On 26 January 2018, the Department congratulated Doctor Niklas Karlén, Doctor Nynke Salverda, Doctor Sara Lindberg Bromley, and Doctor Emma Elfversson who were conferred as Ph.D. at the University’s Winter Conferment Ceremony. At the center of the photo (above right) is Professor I. William Zartman, Johns Hopkins University, who became Honorary Doctor of Social Science, in recognition of his negotiation studies and long cooperation with the Department. Professor Peter Wallensteen acted as his host.

Emma Elfversson (far right) defended her dissertation “Central Politics and Local Peacemaking: The Conditions for Peace after Communal Conflict” on 6 October.


Nynke Salverda (second from left) defended her dissertation “Complex Conflicts: Causes and Consequences of Multiparty Civil Wars” on 18 November 2017.

Niklas Karlén (far left) defended his dissertation “Sponsors of War: State Support for Rebel Groups in Civil Conflicts” on 8 December 2017.

Panel presented ongoing research

On Tuesday 25 April 2018, the Swedish Core Group of “Resolving Jihadist Conflicts” arranged a panel and presented ongoing research within the framework of the project, at the conference “Risks, roots and responses: Nordic conference on research on violent extremism”, organized by the Segerstedt Institute at the University of Gothenburg.
DPCR Class Notes:

Class Notes is a collection of updates from our alumni all around the world. This quickly updates you on what your former classmates and colleagues have been up to lately. The Notes are not only fun to read, but are valuable for your career networking. If you would like to get in touch with fellow alumni, you can find many in our Facebook group (search for DPCR Alumni Association). Alternatively, contact the Alumni Association (dpcr@alumni.uu.se) and we may be able to connect you.

1993

Henrik Hammargren: Since 2015 I work at the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation as its Executive Director. The Foundation is involved in many areas related to sustaining peace, working mainly the UN. We also work with DPCR on an international training program on dialogue and meditation - and its alumni. Please visit our website: daghammarskjold.se

2000

Master


2001

Master

Mikael Weissmann: I’m Associate Professor (Docent) in War Studies at the Swedish Defence University and a Senior Research Fellow at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. I’m also a member of CSCAP-EU and the European Think-Tank Network China (ETNC).

2002

Tomas Nordberg: I’m Mentor, Project Access; Co-Chair, Yale Alumni Non-profit Alliance Europe Chapter, Founding Chair of the Sweden Chapter; Nomination Committee Member, PeaceWorks; President, Yale Club of Sweden; Member, The Swedish Pugwash Group; Researcher, PeaceQuest International.

2006

Master

Cheongsoo Nam: I studied in Uppsala Program for International Studies and currently staying in Seoul, South Korea. I’m working for the International Aid agency in Korea.

Jonas Lindgren: I work for the Head Office of the Swedish Prison and Probation Service as an expert in international affairs, mostly focused on international civilian crisis management.

2007

Master

Annette Fisher: I am a freelance governance and accountability practitioner working on projects in Pakistan, Kenya and Rwanda. In addition, I am enrolled in a 2nd Master’s programme at the Institute of Development Studies focusing on Action Research methods.

2010

PhD

Roxanna Sjöstedt: I am Senior Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Lund University.

2011

Master

Annkatrin Tritschoks: I am now a PhD candidate at the Department, working on "Explaining Justice Behaviour in International Negotiations". Currently, I am spending a year in the US as a Graduate Research Fellow at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.

2012

Master

Daniel Rönnbäck: I am with the Swedish Armed Forces, Stockholm

2013

Master

Annerose Nisser: After finishing my Masters, I stayed on working as a research assistant at DPCR (2013-
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2014. After that, I completed a PhD in Konstanz, Germany (2014-17). I’m currently working as Analytics Specialist in a management consultancy. Happy to stay tuned! :)

Bia Albernaz: After doing humanitarian work in Kenya, South Sudan, Eastern DR Congo and at Unicef HQ in New York, and being an observer to the peace process in Colombia last year, I decided to take time off work and volunteer at a refugee camp in Greece, where I am now.

Constanze Litt: I’ve recently joined the European Commission as an official, thus reaching a goal I’ve worked for for almost a decade.

Daniel Lee: In 2017, I joined the UK civil service, in the Department for Business. I am currently working on the UK’s future relationship with the EU, in particular the temporary movement of people following the UK’s withdrawal.

Vanessa Rehn: I moved to Canberra and joined the Australian foreign service in 2014. I have provided policy advice on a number of Australia’s interests, including human trafficking, countering violent extremism and economic diplomacy. I will commence a diplomatic posting to Berlin in 2019.

2014

Bachelor

Kajza Jansson: I will graduate from my master at Sciences Po Paris this Summer and I am looking for new opportunities to get field experience in the MENA or Central Asia.

Master

Benjamin: I am still working on my PhD project at UiT - The Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø.

Henrik Persson: Since returning from an EAPPI mission in Israel and Palestine in May last year, I have been working at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala.

Jennifer Unelius: Greetings from Brussels!

Lea Tries: I am currently living in Nairobi, Kenya, where I work at the EU Delegation. I work as a Regional Crisis Response Planning Officer on Sudan, South Sudan and Madagascar. I identify and manage projects in the areas of mediation, peace building and conflict prevention.

Maria Lundin: I’m finishing up work at the Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation as a Programme Manager, before heading to Uganda in May for as of now unknown adventures of the future :) Hope you all are enjoying life! Please let me know if you ever find yourself in Kampala!

Stefan Döring: I reached the halfway mark of my PhD on water security at the Department. This year I will be in Nairobi during the spring, and in Oslo for September and October. I am on Twitter @stefan.doring

Tamar Papavadze: Since April 2016 I work as First Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. My portfolio is focused on South Asia, Australia and Pacific Islands. Meanwhile I pursue an academic career at Tbilisi-based International Black Sea University.

2015

Bachelor

Fanny Isaksson Lantto: After the B.A. I began my Master studies at the Freie Universität Berlin for the degree of “Sociology – European Societies”. I recently completed my master thesis and I am currently working as a student research assistant at the research institute DZA in Berlin.

Karin Uggla: For six months I have done an internship in Yangon with UNDP Myanmar as part of my Master’s programme. For my thesis I am conducting interviews and handing out a survey on women’s vulnerability and resilience to the 2015 floods in Magway, Myanmar.

Viktor Sundman: I work at the peace and security team of UN Association of Sweden since September 2016, mainly on Security Council related issues. Will begin my Master studies in International Peace and Security at King’s College London in the fall.

Master

Alexander Jäättmaa: Living in Stockholm, still focusing on Burma, currently working at the Swedish Burma Committee.

Anna Bogg: I’m currently working at Migrationsverket.

Daniel Finnbogason: I have been working as a RA at the Department since Feb 2016, in a research project exploring the prospects for conflict resolution in Islamist armed conflicts.

Johan Wahlström: Working as a Due Diligence and risk analyst, helping companies understand who they do business with and avoid illegalities and unsustainable business practices.

Mohamed El Meadawy: I work as a delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The ICRC monitors the implementation of the Geneva Conventions in places of conflict. I am currently serving in Tel Aviv, Israel. My files are mainly concerned with protection of civilian population.
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Nina Bilal: I am doing PhD on the entrepreneurship of refugees at the University of Warsaw and I am leading the “Hospitality Project” (www.goscinnosc.org), which are educational cooking workshops led by migrants and dedicated for youth. We teach what diversity can bring to the table.

2016

Master

Alexandra Brandner: I am doing a traineeship with GIZ (German Corporation for International Cooperation) and currently working in a project that supports peacebuilding in Colombia. As part of the traineeship my next assignment will be to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva.

Camilla Arvastson: After one year as a Desk officer at the Swedish Migration Agency, I moved to Vietnam for an internship at UNODC. This led me to my new position which I just started at the European Commission in Brussels, as a trainee at the DG for International Cooperation and Development.

Fabian Fossum Hylin: I have been working for Sweden’s Ministry for Foreign Affairs since graduation from DPCR. Currently live in Islamabad where I work as the political councilor of the Swedish Embassy in Pakistan.

Holly Langham: Currently in London, working in a junior programmes role for the UK branch of the humanitarian/development INGO CARE International. In my spare time I work as a freelance youth trainer and also volunteer a large number of hours with a pop-up Migration Museum project.

Johannes Wander: Working as an adviser in the project "Digital Development" at GIZ. Consulting the German development ministry on the use of ICTs in peace, conflict and migration.

Lenka Olejnikova: I have just started my PhD in IR at UNSW, Sydney.

PhD

Ilmari Käihkö: Working with armed groups in West Africa and Ukraine, conflict ethnography and core concepts of war. Post-Doctoral Researcher at Sociology @Uppsala and Visiting Fellow at Anthro @Yale, supported by the Ryochi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF).

Mathilda Lindgren: I am researching the processes and effects of a very interesting and unique peace leadership at Human Dignity A Center For Leadership, developed by Leadership Developer Annika Sundbom Åström, in order to identify and share the recipe for world peace and sustainable development.

2017

Bachelor

Angelica Lindqvist: Currently enrolled in a Master program in Holocaust and Genocide studies at Uppsala University. Completed a 5-month internship at the Embassy of Sweden to the U.S., in Washington D.C. Board member and Market Coordinator for NGO Pratham Sweden.

Master

Amr Ali: Working at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo, Sudan and South Sudan desk. A new perspective into mosaic cultures with insights into dynamics of internal conflicts and peace efforts in Sudan and South Sudan.

Antonela Tedesco: After a great internship experience with the Human Rights Innovation Initiative of Civil Rights Defenders in Stockholm, I got offered a position as Civil Affairs Officer in the UNMISS (United Nations Mission in South Sudan). I will be based 1 year in Bor starting from early June.

Aron Vrieler: Compliance analyst at Equiniti KYC Solutions (Amsterdam), security policy advising for the political party D66 (voluntary). Seeking to continue a career in security policy advising and research. Always open for renewing connections :)

Becky Holmes: I recently started working for a global mental health charity that supports projects in developing countries (mainly). I’m based in the UK but have been given the opportunity to travel to China and Laos to visit two of our programmes this year.

Christie Nicoson: After graduating, I did a short internship with Florian Krampe at SIPRI and am now working for UCDP. In April, I will transition to a project on gender and peace agreements, also at the Department.

Dino Krause: I work as Research Assistant with the DPCR.

José Alvarado: I am Research Assistant in the Gender, Marginalisation and Insecurity team at SIPRI in Stockholm.

Julia Landers: Currently working in a local Foundation in Phuket - Thailand focused on providing English Education and vocational opportunities to underprivileged youth and children. My position includes fundraising events, campaigns, donor relationship, human resources, and marketing.

Kristen Hope: Since March, I am with National Training Coordinator for Cykelfrämjandet to coordinate and lead trainings of instructors who will then lead courses teaching adults to ride bikes.

Linn Häggqvist: I began working at Plan International Sweden in January 2018, as a Program Officer in their Programme Department. Still live in Uppsala, but plan on moving to Stockholm in the summer/autumn 2018.
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Marcus Tan de Bibiana: Completed an evaluation of peacebuilding and governance project for Saferworld in the Horn of Africa. Currently working as a photography instructor for Lakeshore Arts with youth in Toronto, Canada, and freelance photographer, planning to base out of the Philippines. Look forward to hearing what other awesome alumni have done.

Mieke Molthof: I’m currently working as Policy Officer for the Dutch Foreign Ministry (humanitarian aid department).

Nina Jernberg: I am a Policy Officer at the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (in Stockholm), working with civil security issues and the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Pernilla Nordqvist: Stockholm bound, working for Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) as a research assistant, conducting research on climate change and security risks. At the moment my focus is on climate variability and violent conflict in South and Southeast Asia.

Work

Stein Tønnesson: I live in Oslo and Yangon and am engaged in three projects on Myanmar’s ethnic armed groups. I work with Erik Melander, Marte Nilsen and Julie Marie Hansen and with the Myanmar Institute of Peace and Security (MIPS), led by Min Zaw Oo.

Björn Hagelin: Spent one year in London after which I left the Department and moved to Stockholm. Became leader of the arms transfers project at SIPRI. Retired in 2013.

END OF CLASS NOTES

Our fellow alumni are everywhere!

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

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Warm welcome!

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