



Peace Pieces



On 1st of June, The Uppsala Rotary Peace Center saw the fifth cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows concluding their Master Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies. Until today, around 50 Rotary fellows have successfully deepened their knowledge on the causes of war, peace agreements, different types of violence, and strategies that enhance durable peace. The Rotary Peace Center congratulates Fellows Class XV for their excellent achievements and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.

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Fellows class XVI enjoying Swedish winter at lake Mälaren in Sunnersta.

Annual Seminar 2018, Towards a Sustainable Peace: Imagining a World without War, Displacement or Oppression

On May 12th, 2018, the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center hosted its Annual Seminar. The theme for this year's event was "Towards a Sustainable Peace: Imagining a World Without War, Displacement or Oppression." The event had a significant turnout with 120 Rotarians, students, and faculty staff in attendance.

Erica Chenoweth, Ph.D, was the Seminar's keynote speaker. Erica is a Professor at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver in the U.S., and is internationally recognized for her research on

political violence and its alternatives. Erica's presentation focused on her research on nonviolent resistance, which indicates that nonviolent campaigns are more effective in instituting political and social change than violent movements. This topic is particularly relevant right now as non-violent initiatives are inciting change around the world from the global Women's March, to the Arab Spring in the Middle East, to the recent protests in Armenia calling for a change of power. In addition to Erica's address, Rotary Peace Fellows from Class XV led and spoke on three panels.



At the Annual Seminar on May 12, Rotary peace fellows class XV

The Fellows shared what they learned during their Rotary-sponsored Applied Field Experiences (AFEs) and thesis research. The panels were insightful and passionate. Fellows challenged the audience to better understand the complexities of global issues from local perspectives and encouraged participants to reach out to refugees here at home in Uppsala.

Michelle Maxon, Carolyn Williams, Takashi Ujikawa, and Francisco Magliano spoke on the first panel, titled “Refugees and Displacement.” The second panel focused on “Security and Conflict Resolution,” and featured Maria Osula, Kalina McCaul, and William Underwood. The final panel consisted of Jennifer Bradshaw, Pierre Thompson, and Richard Bell who discussed “Peacebuilding.”

The event culminated with an interactive session, giving participants a chance to work with Fellows, exchange knowledge, and ask questions about the day’s content.

The Seminar highlighted what an incredible opportunity the Rotary Peace Fellowship is. Through academic learning, research, internships, and information exchange, the Fellowship inspires and creates peace builders in Uppsala and beyond. The Uppsala Rotary Peace Center looks forward to hosting future Seminars that connect the community to its work.

By, Kaitlin McGarvey, fellow class XVI



Spring Activities

Field Trip to Oslo

For the second time (2016 and 2018) the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center and the Host Area Coordinator has organized a field trip to Oslo for the graduating fellows. This year, in mid-January, Fellows Class XV went to Oslo with the aim of broadening their knowledge on peace and conflict topics, visiting governmental institutions and local Rotary clubs. During the trip fellows visited, the Royal Norwegian Foreign Ministry,



the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the Norwegian Nobel Institute. Uppsala fellows also got the opportunity to meet and have lively conversations with Bradford University Rotary fellows.

International Guests

Through the Spring Semester the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center received many visits from international guests. We started the semester with the visit of Marios Antonios (Rotary Peace Fellow Alumnus, Class VII, University of North Carolina). He met and share his professional experiences with fellows and center staff.



In mid-April we welcomed Simona Pinton as the cadre visit from Rotary International. Simona met with Rotary peace fellows, department's staff and got the opportunity to learn about current relevant research projects at the department.

Tyler Allen, Uppsala's centers specialist, and Carol Fellows, member of the peace fellowship committee, attended the center's Annual Seminar in May and carried out the second site evaluation-visit to the center.

On the photo (from left to right): Tyler Allen, Erika Forsberg, Carol Fellows, and Paulina Cruz

After one year of graduating: Lucienne Heyworth

There's nothing quite like seeing a fresh faced graduating class of DPCR students throwing their sailor (or graduation) hats in the air in front of the iconic Uppsala Domkyrka to tug at the heart strings! I miss Uppsala, Sweden and being a Peace Fellow!

A year on from graduation and you can find me working in Capacity Development for Education (CapED) at UNESCO's Regional Office for the Arab States located in Beirut, Lebanon. As a Technical Coordinator, I support three programmes, each focussed on Yemen, Syria or the broader Arab region respectively. The programmes focus on Education – either Sector Wide Policy and Programming or Teachers. As the lead UN agency responsible for supporting Member states in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) Quality Education, all our education interventions are designed to support member states in pursuit of all SDG4 targets. The work is interesting and complicated and has meant a foray into both new (Yemen) and familiar (Syria) territory for me.

When working in a large UN Agency, at a regional office and supporting countries with limited personnel access due to conflict and humanitarian crises, it is hard sometimes to be so removed from the situations and people you hope to support. So far, a few experiences have helped to make the work I do feel 'real' and relevant.

- For Yemen... we have hosted national level talks on future education planning for the country and engaged, including working with the in-country education cluster (a coordination mechanism comprised of and supporting education actors across the country) to better coordinate, share information and provide

quality programming to Yemeni children, of whom up to 2-million are estimated to be out-of-school. The Beirut office has



also provided training in Psychosocial Support Strategies for teachers in the country, which ultimately improves the quality of education provided in emergencies.

- In Syria... we have funded important education responses which respond to persistent gaps in the education system, including two large scale programmes supporting of students in primary and secondary grades beyond the academic year, particularly with attaining a successful completion of national examinations.
- Across the 19 Arab states under our mandate, I have supported, in coordination of activities designed broadly, the production and monitoring of education statistics, allowing for the better measurement of progress toward meeting individual SDG4 commitments.

I am grateful that my experience in Uppsala has allowed a professional orientation toward and greater and more in-depth knowledge about the circumstances of conflict affected and fragile states. My Master's undoubtedly has allowed a stronger contribution to my work in the MENA region, and specifically our programme son Syria and Yemen!

Reflections from Fellows Class XVI

I am amazed at what can happen in one year. Being a Rotary Peace Fellow is a gift of knowledge and experiences, engagement and connection, emotions and family. As a group, we have settled into our new home, forged friendships, braved the winter, and embraced fully what Swedish culture has to offer. We have learned what fika truly means, how not to sit close to someone at a bus, and how to properly eat a boiled egg (do NOT use your hands). We've trudged through essays, given speeches, volunteered, and spent hours of fun with our Rotary host families. More than ever, we have understood what it means to be invested in - and we took this responsibility very seriously. We are committed to cultivate the peace that we believe in, which you Rotarians, have made possible.

The year in review consists in the following: approximately ten essays per person, nine presentations at Uppsala Rotary clubs, eight fika meet-and-greets with past RPF alumni and Rotary International staff, seven days straight of snow, six side internship projects, five Bandy practices, three stolen bikes, three successfully planned surprise parties, two trips to Fjällnora,

and one Rotary Peace Fellow Annual seminar. Ten months never felt so full.

As Fellows we have contributed to Nobel Peace Prize winner causes, conducted international civilian-military trainings, spoken at peaceful protests for women's health, documented SI-PRI's annual conference, seen our past work translated into legislation and policies, conducted research with renowned professors and practitioners, created blog posts, newsletters, policy briefs, and even built new music spaces within Uppsala, to name a few.

Before we head to our Applied Field Experience and Internships, we welcome the new class of fellows and congratulate the class before us. Transition time is always full of reminiscing and excitement for what's next. The binding that keeps us all together now, and into the future, is our shared mission and our collective goal: to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

By, Christiana Lang, fellow class XVI



Fellows from class XVI actively participated at the Womens March at Stockholm.



Henrique Siniciato Terra (first one to the right) participated on the exercise Viking 18.

Words from the Center's director, Erika Forsberg

Last week, the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center saw the graduation of Class XV – the fifth cohort of the Uppsala center. During the past two years, these fellows have gained new and deepened insights about armed conflict, including what drives the onset and continuation of violence as well as how to make violence stop and achieve durable peace.

In Uppsala, a special emphasis is placed on the importance of letting the evidence speak when producing policy recommendations for successful peacebuilding. Although the long and extensive training in scientific methods might have been at times tedious, we hope that some of these insights will carry over into the graduates' future career. The peace fellows have also made new long-lasting friendships, especially so considering that all of fellows of the Uppsala center enroll in the same program and have plenty of opportunities to interact over the two years. The fellows will now enter new and exciting paths, not least as part of the alumni of peace fellows.

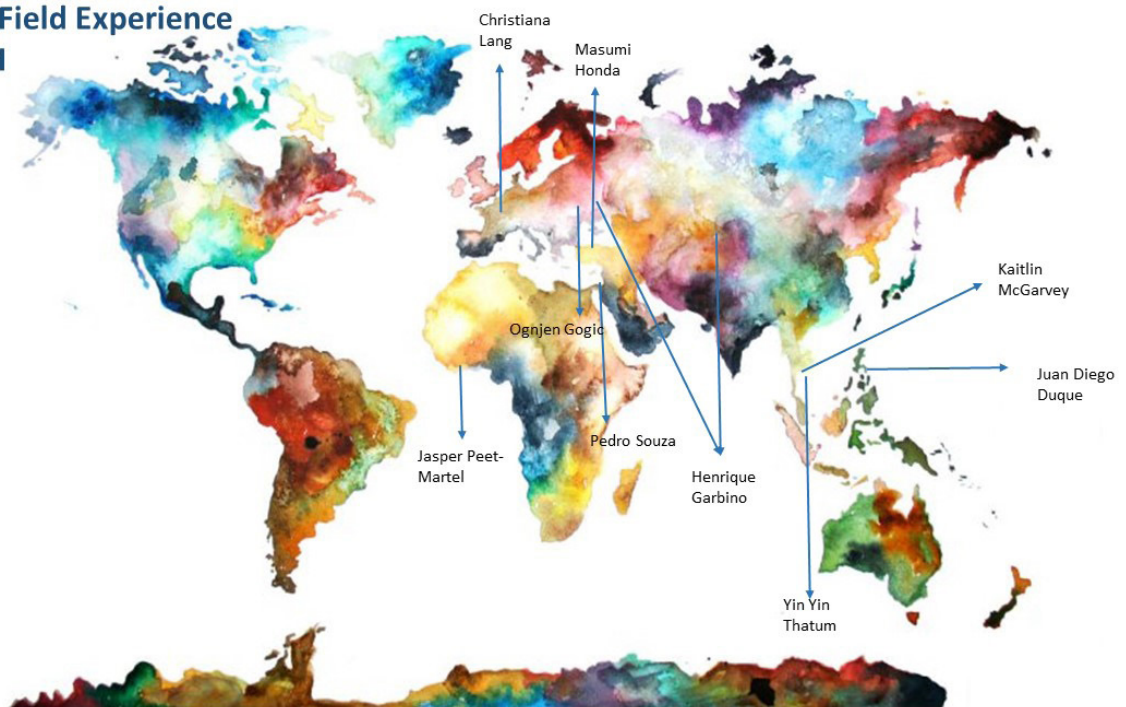


A new cohort of ten peace fellows, representing a diverse set of background and expertise, will begin their studies in late August. They are adding to the immensely diverse network of peace fellows, yet are united in their shared goal of working for peace, security and development throughout the world. At the center, we are eager to welcome the new group and to watch them grow professionally, academically, and personally during the two years of working towards a degree in Peace and Conflict Studies. We are also excited about continuing to broaden and deepen our relationship with Rotary, within Sweden and internationally, and work towards our joint goal of identifying and educating the leaders of the future.

Get a glimpse on where fellows class XVI will be during this summer

- Christiana Lang ➡ internship at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Right to Development Branch in Geneva, Switzerland
- Juan Diego Duque ➡ independent research in the Philippines
- Ognjen Gogic ➡ independent research in Georgia with field visits to Armenia and Azerbaijan
- Pedro Henrique Motta de Souza ➡ volunteer at Windows – Channels at Tel Aviv, Israel
- Henrique Garbino ➡ internship at Swiss Foundation for Mine Action in Ukraine and Tajikistan
- Jasper Peet Martel ➡ internship at Part-nerships 4 Peace (P4P) in Ghana
- Masumi Honda ➡ internship at Hand in Hand for Syria (HiHS) in Turkey
- Kaitlin McGarvey ➡ independent research in Cambodia
- Yin Yin Thatun ➡ internship with the Rakhine Advisory Commission in Thailand

Applied Field Experience Class XVI



About the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center

Uppsala Rotary Peace Center educates current and emerging leaders. Admitted Peace Fellows earn a Master degree at Uppsala University.

Uppsala Rotary Peace Center is hosted by the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, established in 1971 to conduct research and offer courses in peace and conflict studies. Both research and teaching at the department focus on the origin, dynamics and resolution of armed conflicts on a scientific basis. Students will acquire knowledge and skills that provide the capacity to solve problems independently and the ability to monitor and critically evaluate the development of knowledge within peace and conflict research.

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