Dear Friends of the Department of International Studies,

If ever there was a year to raise awareness about the world, 2017 is that year. I write this during the French election—which, as you probably know, the New York Times described as the most momentous election for France and for all of Europe in some time. But of course it follows historic referenda and elections in Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States; unrest in Venezuela, Brazil, and South Africa; dramatic changes in the Arctic and Antarctic; horrific slaughter in Syria and in West Africa; and strains concerning refugees leaving and entering countless countries. You surely have your own list of unexpected and significant events on the international stage.

As in past moments of global tension, students are turning toward International Studies, where they find ways to think about each of the questions above and more. In just the past year, enrollments in our courses have risen by 40%; majors are up by the same amount. Early signs are that next year will see numbers continue to go up. International Studies continues to be the home of exciting and relevant teaching and research. You’ll read about some examples of each in these pages. I am particularly proud to note that students in International Studies have the opportunity to engage in meaningful research, too—whether it is travel to conduct research in Panama, to view climate negotiations in Morocco, or to debate students in Toronto via videolink.

With the hiring of many new faculty and the opening of our MA program, International Studies has just about completed its transformation we began about five years ago. Take a moment to get to know the new faculty in the department, and to see where we’ve all been in the last year! I hope you’ll like what you see.

Sincerely,

Padraic Kenney, Chair
Humanitarianism and the Refugee Crisis: Professor Elizabeth Dunn

Dunn, who herself spent 16 months in a refugee camp as part of her academic research, says that the IU community offers unique resources for refugees, including speakers of both Arabic and Swahili. “When they come here, we’re giving them the chance to be the authors of their own lives again. We’re giving them back respect, dignity, self-esteem. I think that that’s enormous for them,” Dunn said. Thanks to these efforts, she has recently been named to the Executive Board of Exodus Refugee Immigration in Indianapolis.

Dunn’s current research focuses on humanitarian aid to refugees and internally displaced people. She is particularly interested in the problem of protracted displacement, and the ways in which humanitarian aid may prevent displaced people from resettlement for decades or even generations. Geographically, her work focuses mainly on Europe and the former USSR. She has conducted field research in Georgia, Poland, Kyrgyzstan, and Germany.

Her next book, forthcoming from Cornell University Press, is titled No Path Home: Humanitarian Camps and the Grief of Displacement (2018), and is based on her long-term fieldwork with victims of ethnic cleansing in Russia. Her work has also appeared in scholarly journals including Antipode, American Ethnologist, and Humanity. Dunn has also written for public media, including Boston Review, Slate, and Iowa Review, and her work has been featured in Science magazine. Her research has been sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Fulbright Program, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and the International Research and Exchanges Board.

Elizabeth Cullen Dunn, Associate Professor of International Studies and Geography at IU, continues to bring her lifelong advocacy for refugees both into the classroom and into the Bloomington community. In addition to regularly teaching classes like International Humanitarian Aid, Refugees and Displaced People, Global Humanitarianism, and Humanitarianism and Displacement, Dunn is also working locally to help people from Burma, Congo, Central African Republic, Syria, Iraq, and other places restart their lives as Hoosiers.

Dunn recently won approval to set up a Bloomington branch of Exodus Refugee Immigration, an Indianapolis-based organization that has been authorized by the federal government to resettle refugees. Founded in 1981 to help immigrants and Cuban refugees who had arrived as part of the Mariel boatlift, Exodus has a long history of welcoming refugees and asylees from many countries, of many different cultures, languages, faiths, and political opinions. In 2016, they welcomed 947 refugees.
IU Sends MA Student to UNFCCC Marrakech Climate Talks

With the generous help of the Department of International Studies, MA student Shafiqullah Fahim joined Professor Jessica O’Reilly at the 2016 UNFCCC Climate Change Conference in Marrakech, Morocco. Professor O’Reilly has since applied to the United Nations for Observer Status, granting Indiana University permission to take delegates to future conferences.

Participants gathered November 7-18 in Bab Ighli to discuss the implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement; however, the US Presidential election, which occurred while the conference was in session, became a hallmark of the event. In light of the Trump administration’s skepticism toward climate change, conference attendees discussed their new role as negotiators over the next four years.

According to Shafiqullah, the ability to attend these conferences is an incredible opportunity for students, offering exposure to high-stakes political discussions, and remarkable networking opportunities with influential climate change officials. Also in regular attendance at these events are major celebrities like Akon and U2’s Bono!

Shafiqullah, whose research explores the role of climate change in the ongoing Taliban insurgency, details his experience at the conference:

“Being part of the UNFCCC conference was a very educational and informative experience. The most memorable thing was being able to sit in the conference room where the delegates of states would share their thoughts, suggestions, and sometimes disagreements regarding climate change. I saw the real mastery of high-stakes diplomatic intercourse between major states in the policies of climate change. Seeing more than thirty thousand diplomats, state representatives, environmental advocates, etc. also provided a sense of hope and determination for the future.

I came to the United States as a refugee through the UNHCR program. In one of the presentations, I saw that one of the guest speakers was representing the UNHCR. Her talk confirmed precisely the thesis of my research: that climate change has been a major cause of recent human mobility and it is poised to increase. I was very happy to meet someone from the organization that
that helped my family to come to the United States. I told her that I consider myself a displaced person as a result of climate change as much as I consider myself as displaced person due to armed conflict in my country.

While there I was also able to meet with the Afghan delegation. They were supportive of my research and directed me toward some previously ignored data on Afghanistan. I was also able to converse with some high-ranking Afghan officials who explained the Afghan approach towards climate change policy. I have pursued these leads and what I have learned about Afghanistan’s climate change policy will be useful in forming the background for my research. I was lucky enough to receive funding of $750 for my expenses from the Department of International Studies. I am grateful to Professor Jessica O’Reilly and to the Department of International Studies for supporting my research. “

IU Students Attend Global Commons’ Transnational Conference on Nationalist Politics

On March 22, IU Bloomington joined campuses in France and Canada for an International Global Commons conference hosted by Hart House, the Munk School for Global Affairs, and the University of Toronto Centre for International Experience. The event was moderated by CBC News host Natasha Fatah.

Students from all three countries came together (digitally) in the Great Hall at Hart House to discuss the rise of populist and nativist movements around the world. The goal of this event was to engage students in a truly transnational conversation, expanding their understanding of the world, and identifying opportunities to effect meaningful change. Students spoke in real-time with each other, sharing their conceptions of nationalism, noticing how they varied or overlapped, and brainstorming transnational ideas for positive change.

Participants were joined by Doug Saunders, a journalist from The Globe and Mail, whose opening remarks offered economic, demographic, and political theories on the rise of new nationalism. Saunders argued that new nationalism is not, in fact, “new,” and that it has been slowly gaining legitimacy for many years, originating in the US perhaps as early as the 1960s.
Respondents included IU’s own Professor Stephen Macekura, whose presentation considered how the North American nativist platform in particular has gained popularity by using and misusing history. For decades, he said, North American nativist platforms have mobilized a nostalgic conception of the 1950s, basing their campaigns upon a promise to restore the US to this “lost” golden age. These platforms have emphasized ideas of family values and economic stability, while downplaying the role of federal funding in producing that stability, and glossing over phenomena like segregation, racial violence, misogyny, and apocalyptic fears surrounding nuclear weaponry. Since this view of an American golden age is demonstrably false, Macekura asked conference participants to consider why it has worked so well.

Students were given a chance to respond to these points, as well as to the conference’s overarching questions, including how we ought to define new nationalism, why (and where) it’s taking hold at this particular historical moment, what drives nationalist movements, and how we might respond together, regardless of national borders. IU students Dana Vanderburgh and Kieran Hatton offered prepared remarks. Kieran suggested the importance of keeping an open dialogue with far-right voters in order to better understand their viewpoints, and Dana expressed concerns about new nationalism as a government-sanctioned lack of empathy toward those of different nationalities. Students in Paris and Canada were invited to respond, as were those in attendance from IU: Sabrina Tish, Olivia Houston, Katelyn Testerman, Trevor Owens, and Victoria Barnard.

At the end of the group discussion, students were asked to transform their talk into action, brainstorming practical responses and actionable items to foster social change on their respective campuses. The live Twitter feed for this event is still accessible via #HHGlobalCommons.

In his class, “Computers, Cultures, and Our Globalized Future” (I-426), Professor Hamid Ekbia’s students are undertaking government-sponsored research exploring the global impact of computing. At the core of this class is a Diplomacy Lab research project, which is sponsored by the US State Department.

Launched by the Department of State in 2013, the Diplomacy Lab Project “course-sources” global research questions, enabling government agencies to harness the expertise of students and faculty at universities across the United States.

In Diplomacy Lab, IU Students Conduct State-Sponsored Research on ICT in the Developing World
To receive their assignment, IU students submitted a bid for a project identified by the State Department. Projects typically address international issues and challenges, including climate change, counterterrorism, global health, energy security, economic policy, and conflict resolution. By assigning global research questions to universities like IU, the Diplomacy Lab makes political problem-solving a collaborative, educational effort, allowing college students to become an integral part of social and political solutions.

Professor Ekbia’s students are being funded specifically by the US Embassy in Tunisia, and are addressing several special research areas. In particular, they are assessing the impact of ICT (Information and Communications Technology) investments in the developing world. Their areas of focus include economic growth, entrepreneurship, and job creation, as well as national plans for ICT development in developing countries. They are in the process of compiling an official report that will be submitted to the State Department at the end of the semester.

Every year the US government—along with many international organizations—invests millions of dollars in ICT research with the goal of social, economic, and cultural development. One of the purposes of Professor Ekbia’s Diplomacy Lab project is to evaluate the outcomes of these investments, as well as the opportunity costs that they incur in other areas (i.e. how money invested here could have been used elsewhere).

Regarding the scope of this project, Professor Ekbia comments, “while this sounds like a narrowly economic question, we are taking a broader approach in the course, looking at it from social, cultural, economic, and political perspectives. For this purpose, the class is divided into three groups, each studying a different region—Africa, Asia, and South America—and each examining two case studies.”

Through these comparative studies, students are given the chance to widen the scope of this project beyond Tunisia. The countries students have chosen are as follows:

**Africa**: Tunisia, Mozambique  
**Asia**: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan  
**South America**: Argentina, Bolivia

Each group first looked at the ICT plans laid out by these governments, then investigated the real-world implementation of these plans by carrying out surveys, interviews, focus groups, and so on. As the end of the class nears, students are offering explanations for discrepancies between the plans and the outcomes in terms of socio-economic, cultural, and political contexts.
Meet the New Faculty

Jessica O’Reilly

Jessica O’Reilly, assistant professor, is an anthropologist who studies the science and politics of climate change, in Antarctica and among climate experts internationally. A Michigan native and a former park ranger in the National Park Service, she earned her PhD at the University of California, Santa Cruz, held a postdoctoral research fellowship jointly at University of California, San Diego and Princeton University, and previously taught at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. Her monograph, The Technocratic Antarctic: an ethnography of scientific expertise and environmental governance (Cornell University Press) was released this year, and she has another, co-authored book forthcoming, Assessing Assessments: A Historical and Philosophical Study of Scientific Assessments for Environmental Policy in the Late 20th Century (Chicago University Press). Her current research project, an interdisciplinary social science analysis of the production of knowledge in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is supported by the National Science Foundation. Professor O’Reilly serves as an advisor to the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) and the United States delegation to the Antarctic Treaty meetings, and regularly observes the conference of parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Clémence Pinaud

Clémence Pinaud is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of International Studies. She graduated in 2013 from the Sorbonne University in Paris, France, with a PhD in History on the impact of the second civil war (1983-2005) on women in South Sudan. She was a postdoctoral Fellow at New York University’s campus in Shanghai, China and a Fulbright fellow at the Center for African Studies of UC Berkeley. She has undertaken research in the Philippines, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, and spent two years in South Sudan in 2009 and 2010 working for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees as the lead investigator of a multi-agency survey on protection and gender-based violence issues. She returned to South Sudan several times since, most recently in 2014-2016. Her work has appeared in African Affairs and the Review of African Political Economy amongst others. She is currently working towards the completion of a book on the social and military history of the second and third civil wars in South Sudan.

David Bosco

Associate Professor David Bosco focuses on international organizations and international law. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Before entering academia, he worked on refugee issues in Bosnia, was an attorney at a large international law firm, and served as senior editor at Foreign Policy magazine. He is author of books on the United Nations Security Council and the International Criminal Court and is now researching a book on governance of the oceans. His writing has appeared frequently in Foreign Policy, the Washington Post, and other publications.
New Visiting and Affiliated Faculty

Mostafa Beshkar (Department of Economics) Research interests: international trade policy; law and economics; industrial organization.

Deborah Cohn (Department of Spanish and Portuguese) Research interests: comparative literature of the Americas; Faulkner and Spanish American literature; Mexican intellectual infrastructure and Cold War cultural relations between Spanish America and the U.S.; Cold War cultural diplomacy.

Tim Hellwig (Department of Political Science) Research interests: comparative and international political economy; mass political behavior; research methods.

Tod Lindberg (Hoover Institution, Stanford University) Research interests: U.S. foreign policy and national security; American politics; international cooperation for the prevention of genocide and mass atrocities.

Mike McGinnis (Department of Political Science) Research interests: public policy; global conflict policy; faith-based organizations; health care policy.

Emily Metzgar (The Media School) Research interests: public diplomacy; international communication; media and society; political communication.

Michelle Moyd (Department of History) Research interests: African military history; militaries and labor; everyday history of colonialism; power and its expressions; World War I.

Shruti Rana (SGIS) Research interests: international and comparative law in the areas of corporate governance and social responsibility, gender and human rights, business and technology policy, and immigration and refugee law.

Dina Spechler (Department of Political Science) Research interests: comparative foreign policy; international relations.

Liz Stein (SGIS) Research interests: media in post-authoritarian transitions.

Faculty News

Keera Allendorf assessed the extent of a decline in arranged marriage in India from 1970-2012 in an article that appeared in Population and Development Review. She also examined gender differences in expectations and experiences of spouse choice and love before marriage in Nepal in an article published in the Journal of Marriage and Family.

Sarah Bauerle Danzman continues to develop her book manuscript, “Liberalizing for Liquidity: How Domestic Business Influences Policies toward Foreign Investment,” and will host a book workshop at IU Bloomington in the fall. She is also developing a new project related to the politics of investment promotion that has taken her to research trips in Nairobi, Istanbul, and Washington, DC. She anticipates her recently accepted co-authored article entitled “All Crises are Global: Capital Cycles in an Imbalanced International Political Economy” to appear in International Studies Quarterly sometime later this year.

In addition to working on a new book about ocean governance and the law of the sea, which is under contract with Oxford University Press, David Bosco has been finalizing an article for the American Journal of International Law that examines the choices the International Criminal Court has made about which situations to investigate. He has written more timely articles on recent developments in international law for the Washington Post, the Columbia Journal of International Affairs, and Foreign Policy magazine.

In summer 2016 Gardner Bovingdon traveled to Almaty, Kazakhstan to do a month of field research for his book project on urban planning, architecture, and identity in Almaty; he will return to Almaty for six weeks in summer 2017 to continue this research. In June 2017 he will present a paper on this research at the Central Eurasian Studies Society biennial regional conference in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Elizabeth Cullen Dunn, who works on refugees in Europe, has a new book coming out: No Path Home: Humanitarian Camps and the Grief of Displacement. Thanks to her work on refugee resettlement in Indiana, she has been named to the Executive Board of Exodus Refugee Immigration in Indianapolis. She continues working to help people from Burma, Congo, Central African Republic, Syria, Iraq and other places restart their lives as Hoosiers.

Hamid Ekbia’s new book, Heteromation and Other Stories of Computing and Capitalism (MIT Press), examines a new division of labor driven by the computerization of the economy, where people produce value without reward or compensation. During his sabbatical leave Hamid joined the Center for
Cultural Studies (Internationales Forschungszentrum – IFK) in Vienna as Senior Fellow. During this time he also gave a number of talks and interviews in Berlin, Copenhagen, Siegen, and Vienna.

Amali Ibrahim has been awarded the New Frontiers Experimentation Fellowship to pursue a new research project titled “Fatwas for the Environment: Indonesian Politics of Conservation,” which examines the recent emergence of religious environmentalism in Indonesia.

Hilary Kahn became president of the Association of International Education Administrators, a premier international organization that supports university and college leadership in areas academic internationalization. Her article, “Scales of Global Learning: Prisms, Knots, and a Cup of Coffee,” was reprinted for a fourth time in NAFSA’s Trends and Insights (originally published in 2015 in AAC&U’s Diversity and Democracy). In October 2016 Hilary gave the keynote address at the Assessment Institute, the leading conference on assessment in higher education. Her co-edited volume on Islam and the media (Rescripting Islam, IU Press, with Rosemary Pennington) will be out in 2018.

Stephanie Kane’s article “Enclave Ecology” has been published in Human Organization, and her book Where Rivers Meet the Sea: The Political Ecology of Water has been released in a new audiobook edition. She recently received a $2,500 travel grant to begin “Humanizing Remote Sensing,” a collaborative research project with geoscientists from CSDMS at the University of Colorado-Boulder. She participated in a video talk for Sage Press on “Unconventional Methods of Cultural Criminology,” which was filmed in the SGIS studio and has been released online. Stephanie co-coordinated the establishment of new internship program with Gagieg Mama Weijan: Cross-Regional Research Alliance on the Implications of Hydro Development for Environments and Indigenous Communities in Northern Canada. One undergraduate and one graduate student have been selected from an excellent applicant pool for the summer of 2017.

In 2016 Padraic Kenney served as President of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, which has 3,000 members from all over the world. In November he delivered an address entitled “Area Studies and ‘The False Song of Globalism’” to the annual convention in Washington, DC.

This year Stephen Macekura published an article on the new “history of capitalism” and two new books chapters, one of which is the first to appear from his current research into the global history of economic growth. He presented new research at workshops at Cornell University and the University of Virginia and at conferences in Bloomington, Chicago, and Stockholm. Stephen will soon present his current research in Shanghai and Sydney as well.

Jessy O’Reilly has just published her book, The Technocratic Antarctic: An Ethnography of Scientific Governance and Environmental Management (2017, Cornell University Press). Pursuing her newer project on the generation of scientific knowledge for climate policy, she observed the 23rd Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, Morocco, in the immediate aftermath of the U.S. presidential elections. She is looking forward to tracking how scientists, policy makers, and people working in non-governmental climate organizations navigate the changing political landscape.

The College Arts & Humanities Institute awarded a Research Travel Grant of $5,670 to Clémence Pinaud in support of her travel to Uganda for her project “Unraveling Genocide in South Sudan.”

Shruti Rana has just published the article The Global Battle over Copyright Reform: Developing the Rule of Law in the Chinese Business Context in the Stanford Journal of International Law. She has also been appointed to a second term through the end of 2017 as Vice-Chair (Policy), American Bar Association, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee.
From August to December 2016 Bill Scheuerman was a Fulbright Research Professor at Goethe University, Frankfurt. There he completed a new book, Key Concepts: Civil Disobedience, now forthcoming from Polity Press.

Liz Stein has published two journal articles and has a third forthcoming in Comparative Political Studies, the Journal of Politics in Latin America, and Social Science Quarterly, respectively. She also published an entry on information and civil unrest in dictatorships in the online Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics. She co-authored a blog post with Marisa Kellam for Washington Post’s “The Monkey Cage,” putting President Trump’s war on the news media in context based on their research of Latin American presidents’ attacks on press freedom. As a follow-up on the blog post, Liz was interviewed by Professor Gregory Weeks on the subject for the podcast “Understanding Latin American Politics.” She participated in a special panel for the event “Democracy and the Media Challenge in the 21st Century” in December 2016 sponsored by SGIS and the Center for International Media Assistance of the National Endowment for Democracy.

Mercedes Farias, a junior double-majoring in International Studies and Political Science with minors in East Asian Languages, Spanish, and History, received a Freeman Asia Scholarship of $3,500 to study in Nagoya, Japan.

IU’s Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President featured International Studies major Yassmin Fashir on its “IU is Home” site. Read about Yassmin’s interests and watch a video about some of her experiences.

International Studies major Megan Kelly delivered the undergraduate address at the Spring 2016 School of Global and International Studies (SGIS) Convocation. She majored in International Studies with certificates in Latin American and Caribbean Studies in SGIS as well as non-profit management at SPEA. Megan was a Hutton Honors student, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and a member of the International Studies honor society, Sigma Iota Rho. Her achievements include being a Founders Scholar at IU for four years as well as earning the Capstone Scholar Award in International Studies.

Senior International Studies major Trevor Owens was awarded a $400 travel grant from the Department of International Studies to attend the 31st Annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Memphis, April 6-8, 2017. Trevor presented the paper “Work and Peace: Economic Opportunity as a Determinant of Political Stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1997-2014,” which was chosen from more than 4,000 submissions.

Erin Patterson has been awarded a 2017 Boren Scholarship and will be studying Russian in Kazakhstan in 2017-2018.

Emily Tallo was awarded a $400 travel grant by the Department of International Studies to present at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago. Her paper, “Delegitimizing Political Dissent in Kashmir,” examines the Indian government’s rhetorical strategies in responding to post-insurgency political dissent.

Sabrina Tish has been awarded a 2017 Boren Scholarship. A student in the Turkish Flagship Program, she will be studying in Baku for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Dana Vanderburgh, who is the first student in the department’s BA/MA degree program, presented an interactive workshop entitled “Dancing Towards Reconciliation: A Creative and Somatic Approach to Building Relationships Between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Youth” at the Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE)’s 2017 Annual Youth Conference in Winnipeg in March. She was excited to be able to present a portion of her current Masters research in Canada.

Have news to share? Please keep in touch: intl@indiana.edu
Alumni News

Rebekah Cuevas has been teaching in South Korea and will most likely be working in Bangladesh next. She also has been teaching online for an organization called Center for Innovative Language Learning, which she plans to continue.

Robert Ellis is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Policy at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt in Germany.

After leaving Windsor Mountain International, Patrick Hernandez completed an internship at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, where he remains involved with their Young Professionals Program. Patrick currently holds a full-time position with Insight Global, where he is enjoying the competitive, fast-paced, and challenging environment.

In the summer of 2016 Emily Marie interned in the Digital, E-commerce and Strategy Department at Fossil Group in Hong Kong.

After graduation Savannah McDermott moved to Zafra, a small town in rural western Spain, where she taught at a public high school for two years. She then moved to southern Thailand, where she lived in a shipping container home in the jungle, taught classes of 55 adorable second graders, and managed a small English academy for 18 months. Homesick for Spain, she moved to the heart of Madrid to teach in a public school, work on her Spanish, and regularly eat her weight in tapas. She is currently the Teach and Work Abroad Program Coordinator at Greenheart Travel.

Nicole Phillips recently co-wrote an article about refugee resettlement in the U.S.

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