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In August of this year, I arrived, jet-lagged, in the northern Italian city of Bologna. I was beginning a year-long study abroad program at the European campus of the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), a top-ranked foreign affairs graduate school. Though I was still apprehensive about my decision upon arrival, I can now confidently say that I'm glad I took the plunge.

Settling into Bologna was not difficult. Within two days of arriving, I was able to secure a housing tour with Salvatore, the SAIS Europe housing coordinator, and choose an apartment. I live with four other students in a spacious flat just ten minutes from school. It's cheap too—about half the price of a Baltimore apartment. Food here is also inexpensive, though you do have to shop for food daily. And of course there are pizza and pasta restaurants everywhere! Bologna is famous for its pasta, even inside of Italy. (There are also many gyms, to the relief of us all.)

In the two weeks leading up to fall semester, SAIS offers a Pre-Term Program, a selection of intensive math and Italian classes for those who would like to brush up on skills or learn new ones. With no background in Italian, I chose the Intensive Italian course. The class met five hours a day, five days a week—a lot of work but incredibly useful. While it can't guarantee fluency, the all-important ordering of pizza and asking for directions are certainly feasible after completing the class. It is similar to the intensive language classes held over Intersession at Hopkins. Pre-Term was useful for other reasons, as well. Because 75% of SAIS students decide to enroll in these early classes, it is a great opportunity to meet people before class enrollments segregate us into our respective concentrations.

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Laura Janss, '17 and JYA SAIS, in front of the Santuario Madonna di San Luca in Bologna

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

I hope that you enjoy this inaugural edition of *The Insider*, the new print newsletter of the International Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University. *The Insider* will be published annually and will contribute to creating a permanent record of the activities and achievements of ISP and its affiliated departments: Anthropology, Economics, History, German and Romance Languages and Literature, Political Science, and Sociology.

If you are new to Hopkins, you may not know that ISP is one of the oldest interdisciplinary undergraduate degree programs in international studies in the United States. Originally called the International Relations Major, the degree was launched in 1962-63 by the Faculty of Philosophy. In 1964-65, the well-known Bachelor's-Master's (BA/MA) Program with the School of Advanced International Studies [see page 12] was established "to prepare young men for research, teaching, or practice in international af-

fairs." In 1968-69, the name of the major changed to International Studies and the program came under the management of the Department of Political Science. The Junior Year Abroad Program in Bologna at SAIS Europe debuted in 1974-75 [see pages 1, 4-5], while the major's popular "gateway" course, *Contemporary International Politics*, was first taught during the 1985-86 academic year. Today, with more than 300 declared majors, International Studies is the third largest major in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences.

From the very beginning, the major has required language proficiency to the advanced level; coursework in economics, history and political science; and a "field of interest" organized in terms of region, theme, or language. More recently, the major created a select number of double-major and major-minor "tracks" in conjunction with affiliated departments that enable students to gain an in-depth disciplinary specialization within the major. One of these new tracks, the Global Social Change & Development Program with Sociology, has more than forty enrolled students. In the coming years, in consultation with the program's Advisory Board, we will be further enhancing the major by adding a new Society and Culture module and by strengthening offerings in the core fields of economics, history and political science.

It was a privilege to be asked to serve as the director of Johns Hopkins International Studies Program. During my first three semesters in this position, I have learned that ISP derives its strength not just from its impressive pedigree but also from an extraordinary team of staff and faculty as well as its outstanding students—many of whom you will learn about on the pages of this newsletter!

Thank you for your support of the International Studies Program and best wishes for a happy and productive 2016!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sydney Van Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S'.

Sydney Van Morgan
Director, International Studies Program

Aronson Center for International Studies Will Build New Bridges between SAIS and Krieger

The chair of the Johns Hopkins Board of Trustees, Jeffrey Aronson, and his wife, Shari Aronson (pictured right), have committed \$10 million to enhance international studies at Hopkins. The goal of their generous gift is to provide students of international studies with greater academic opportunities as well as to advance scholarly work on major world issues. The center will include two new professorships that will contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching as well as offer increased funding for undergraduates who wish to conduct research or study abroad.

The new Aronson Center for International Studies will also promote closer ties between the graduate program at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) based in Washington D.C. and the undergraduate International Studies Program at the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences in Baltimore. President of Hopkins, Ronald J. Daniels, called the gift "visionary," and said that "the Aronson Center will bring new resources and attention to our work in international relations and increase the global impact of our faculty and students."

As part of the gift, two new professors will teach both undergraduate courses at the Krieger School and graduate-level courses at SAIS. The Aronson Distinguished Professor will be a senior scholar whose work is focused on the Middle East, while the Aronson Professor will be an expert in international relations and comparative politics, international economics and social development, or conflict resolution.

Additionally, an endowment portion of the Aronson gift will support new undergraduate intersession and summer experiential learning trips and other overseas programs, including at the SAIS campuses in Bologna, Italy, and Nanjing, China.



Snapshot: Orientation 2015

During new student orientation in August, over 150 freshmen and transfer students attended the International Studies Open House in the Glass Pavilion to learn about the major as well as its student activities and many affiliated programs. Attendees spoke with faculty members, language lecturers, and student organization leaders about all that International Studies has to offer.



Celebrating 40 Years of Study Abroad in Bologna



The 2015-16 academic year marks the 40th anniversary of ISP's JYA Program in Bologna, Italy at SAIS Europe. Known as the gastronomic capital of Italy, Bologna is a university town with one of the highest per capita incomes and lowest unemployment rates of Italy. It is consistently ranked among the top 10 European cities for quality of life. Students easily move about Bologna by foot or by bike and can also travel through Europe via the efficient railway system and cheap flights to numerous destinations. The benefits of living in the city, coupled with the academic rigor of SAIS, make it obvious why so many students choose to study abroad in Bologna. **Laura Janss**, class of 2017, writes about her experiences so far in Bologna, discussing the food, travel, housing, and of course, studying. Almost forty years ago, Carl Hull, Class of 1979 and JYA 1977-78, made similar observations during his year abroad at SAIS Europe, drafting a list of suggestions for future undergraduates studying abroad in Bologna (see opposite). Things sure have changed!

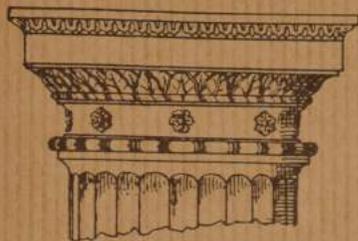
First Impressions of Studying Abroad in Bologna (cont. from p. 4)

We also were able to do a lot of traveling. A *lot* of traveling. In four weeks, we managed to explore the beach town of Rimini, the micro-state of San Marino, Florence, Ferrara for the Busker (street performer) Festival, and spend four days in Budapest, Hungary. Being surrounded by people who share a love of traveling is wonderful and always exciting. And with classmates from all corners of the globe, conversations are never dull. Every one of us has something interesting to share, from insights into the differences between national education systems, to debates about the crisis in Syria, to arguments over the best gelateria in Bologna. (The last is still a source of great debate—my favorite is Cremeria Santo Stefano, which offers flavors such as Venezuelan Dark Chocolate with Orange and Salted Pistachio).

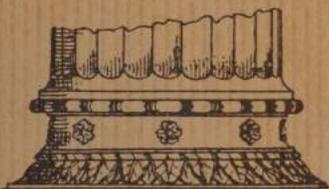
Class registration is quite relaxed at SAIS. If a class becomes too full (and very few do), a "bidding" system occurs with points. In the usual Hopkins fashion, I was still nervous about getting into the classes I wanted to take. *A note to future study-abroad students: you must take four courses *and* a language in order to fulfill the requirements of the program!* Most classes are held once a week, though I do have one class that meets twice every other week—Friday and Saturday—because the professor flies in to teach. Looking at the syllabus already, I can see there will be a great amount of reading. But with little class, it should not be unmanageable.

I have really come to appreciate SAIS' Professional Development Course. It is mandatory for all "real" SAIS students, and it was built to guide students in making use of connections and resources for better results in professional decision-making and, hopefully, job-searching. Because of the course, I have already looked into internships for next summer, updated my resume, and worked on my interview and elevator pitching skills—all things that would not have even crossed my mind this early in the school year. The goal is to have cover letters and resumes sent out by Christmas. With a course once a week, it really does a fantastic job in keeping us on track.

For anyone in International Studies or Economics, consider a study-abroad year at SAIS! Top-notch people, classes, and food make it a great program. It's an amazing opportunity and one more students should take advantage of. I am very grateful to the **Hull Family Fund** for making this experience possible!



UNDERGRADUATE
PROGRAM
IN
BOLOGNA, ITALY



THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY



Notes for Undergrads

by Carl Hull

More Realistic Expense Estimates:

Living: Rents range from 50.000 Lit. (\$60)/month for a shared room in an apartment to 90.000 (\$105) for a single in an apartment. Almost all are furnished.

Food: You can eat very well for 2.000-3.000 lire/day in various restaurants and trattorie in the city. The student Mensas cost 500-600 lire for an adequate meal with an average 20-30 minute wait in line. Food market prices are rising but still well below Baltimore prices. The lira was 882 to the dollar when we got here and is now down to 842 for one dollar.

Finding Housing: It's a mess! The Center keeps a list of landlords and has a person to arrange meetings and help with translations. Those people who arrived two or three days before the Center told us to be here this year (Sept. 1, I think) got first chance at the best and cheapest apartments. Keep this in mind and count on living in a hotel or pensione for a week to ten days. Also, many Italian landlords require 3 months rent as a deposit on the apartment and don't return it till after you have left the city, and they receive all the gas and electrical bills (which come every 3 months) and pay them. Make sure you have this money just in case.

Money & Mails: The Center arranges check-cashing privileges for students at a local bank so it is advisable to take advantage of this and not count on the mails for money. The mails are very unreliable for prompt delivery of even air mail items. Mail takes 6-12 days from Bologna to the U.S. Coming to Bologna the mail is usually from 1-3 weeks in arriving.

Weather: Pretty much like Baltimore. It does get very cold in the winter and the rainy season can last from December to April. Spring and Fall are pure joy.

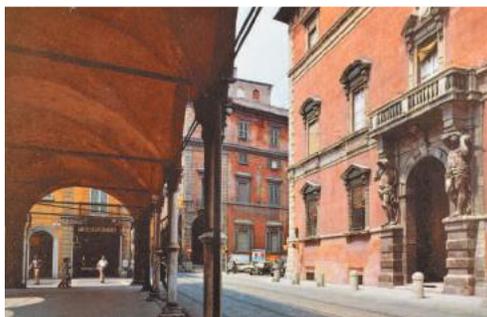
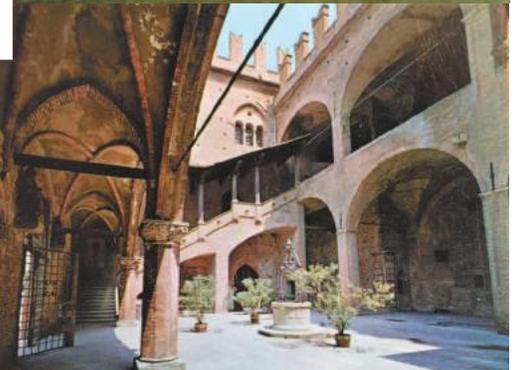
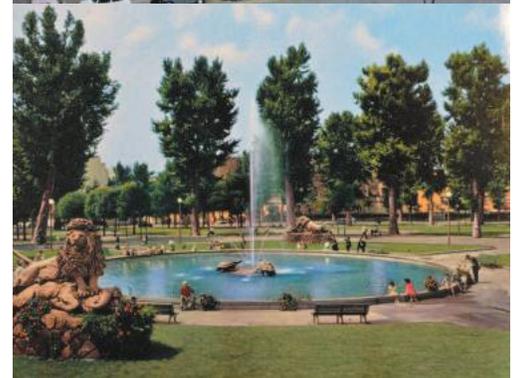
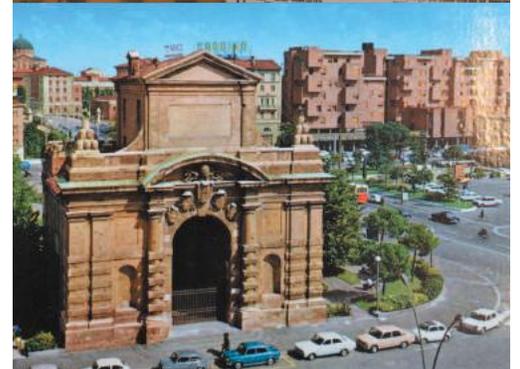
Travelling: You will find that travelling to Bologna from the U.S. in groups of 2, 3 or 4 people is much better than going it alone. It helps to have a phrase book with you in case you get stuck. Milan is closer to Bologna than Rome. From Milan Airport you have to take a bus to the air terminal in the city. From there, take a taxi to the train station (about 700 meters away) and then a train (around 2½ hours) to Bologna. It's easier when you travel light so you don't need to hassle with porters or lug heavy bags around and try and get them on the train. Try to arrive in Bologna between 9 AM- 7 PM so that you can get to the Center by taxi (1.200 lire) while the receptionist is here to help you find a hotel, etc.

Try to take the intensive language course somewhat seriously because it really helps you get into the normal city life instead of just hanging around the Center (which is definitely abnormal). Teaching English to Italian students who leave notices at the Center is also a good way to meet some Italiana and pick up a few easy dollars. The Center has a few jobs available in the library, but they pay 1.500 lire per hour (less than \$2) and aren't worth it (believe me, I worked there!)

Otherwise, enjoy the trip, prepare to explore Bologna and its environs during the language course period before school actually begins, and don't worry - you probably won't be kidnapped anyway. Also, try to arrange, before you come, a reliable contact at school for help with getting Financial Aid applications, registration materials, etc. on time!!

Buon Viaggio

Opposite bottom left: 1978 promotional pamphlet;
Above, notes from Carl Hull, Bologna JYA 1977-78



Student Funding Spotlight

Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship Initiative

In fall of 2014, the Krieger School at Johns Hopkins was awarded a \$960,000 Title VI grant from the US Department of Education to establish a new Foreign language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) Initiative. The funding supports undergraduate and graduate students studying in modern foreign languages and international studies and also contributes to the recruitment of undergraduate students into the International Studies major. Programs for 13 modern foreign languages are offered at the Krieger School. The James B Knapp Dean of the Krieger School, Beverly Wendland said "The FLAS grant is a testament to the Krieger School's commitment to international education... this funding affirms [the excellence of our programs]."

Fellowships are awarded in two categories, academic year and summer intensive:

Academic year fellowships are designed to allow students to pursue language and international studies on a full-time basis during the regular academic year. Students must enroll in an area studies course and a language course each semester. Levels of funding vary.

Summer intensive fellowships enable students to enroll in language training programs at other institutions in the United States and abroad. These fellowships offer \$5000 of tuition coverage and up to \$2500 of travel funding per award. These summer fellowships are exclusively used for intensive language training, and the training must provide the equivalent of a full academic year of instruction.

The Frank & Alice Adelberg Summer Research Awards

The International Studies Program administers the Frank and Alice Adelberg Summer Research Awards in human rights, humanitarianism, and conflict resolution.

The Adelberg awards support field research abroad by sophomore or junior students in good academic standing who have an interest in any part of human rights and conflict resolution around the world.

The recipients of the 2015 Summer Adelberg Awards were **María Belén Wu, Carly Greenspan, Michelle Oguine, Caroline Plapinger, and Eli Wallach.**

*Eli Wallach
(center) in
China, summer
of 2015*



2015-2016 FLAS Fellowship Recipients

Spring 2015

Brian Tilley • Hindi, Anthropology PhD student
Lauren Judy • Portuguese, German and Romance Languages & Literature (GRL) PhD student
Rebecca Loescher • Arabic, GRL PhD student
Ryan Nielsen • Hindi, Sociology PhD student

Summer 2015

Emma McGlennen • Wolof, Anthropology PhD student
Emily Mancuso • Chinese, Mechanical Engineering major
James Skelton • Arabic, Anthology PhD student
Lauren Judy • Portuguese, GRL PhD student
Mary Speer • Chinese, GRL PhD student
Matthew Pittman • Chinese, Chem/Bio Engineering & East Asian Studies major
Rebecca Loescher • Arabic, GRL PhD student
Rishi Awatramani • Hindi, Sociology PhD student
Thomas Thornton • Korean, Anthropology PhD student

Academic Year 2015-2016

Elizabeth King • Chinese, International Studies & East Asian Studies major
Grace Scott • Chinese, International Studies & East Asian Studies major
Ian Anderson • Urdu, International Studies & Anthropology major
James Skelton • Arabic, Anthropology PhD student
Lucinda Chui • Chinese, Neuroscience & Anthropology major
Rebecca Grenham • Italian, International Studies & Sociology major
Rishi Awatramani • Hindi, Sociology



"FLAS allowed me to deepen my spoken and written literacy in Hindi, opening many doors to better research later in my graduate program."

- **Rishi Awatramani**, PhD student, Sociology

Student Spotlight: Maria Belen Wu, '18

MARIA BELEN WU, CLASS OF 2018, IS PURSUING MAJORS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND ECONOMICS. DURING THE SUMMER OF 2015, SHE CONDUCTED RESEARCH AT *CONSEJO ARGENTINO PARA LAS RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES* (CARI) IN BUENOS AIRES. HER WORK WAS SUPPORTED BY A FRANK AND ALICE ADELBERG SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD. IN THIS LETTER, SHE REFLECTS ON WHAT SHE GAINED FROM THE EXPERIENCE.

Looking back, I now recognize how scarce and shallow my actual knowledge of Argentina's domestic political environment and international standing was. It is quite astonishing how these three months have provided me the insight that a full nineteen years of living in Argentina had not.

A month previous to applying for the Adelberg Award, I was presented with the opportunity of interning at the think tank *Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales* - CARI (Argentine Council for International Relations) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. CARI is a non-partisan, non-profit organization ranked globally as one of the top Spanish language and Latin American think tanks. Undoubtedly, I was thrilled to return home for the summer and work as a member of CARI's Asian Affairs Committee and the China Workgroup.

Within the think tank, I established meaningful connections with several professionals in the commercial, agricultural and political sectors, as well as faculty members from Argentinean universities. I worked most closely with Dr. Carola Ramona Berjano, an economist, lecturer and consultant specializing in Chinese-Latin American relations. I was fortunate enough to collaborate with Dr. Berjano in a special research project. In the resulting paper, we examined the ongoing concerns and future opportunities of the current trade and investment relations between China and the emerging continents of Africa and Latin America. In addition, we proposed strategic improvements for future negotiations with China, including the strengthening of intra-regional integration and the pursuit of more unified economic goals, as well as the possibility of establishing a free trade area between Argentina and China.

Dr. Berjano had been planning to publish a collection of recent research papers in the form of a book, titled *El relacionamiento de China con América Latina y la Argentina: Significado de la Alianza Estratégica Integral y recientes Acuerdos Bilaterales* (*Chinese Relations with Latin America and Argentina: The Significance of an Integrated Strategic Alliance and the Recent Bilateral Treaties*). As a result, the research paper that Dr. Berjano and I co-authored was also included as the book's introductory chapter.

The book is currently in its final stages of publication, just in time to present it to the Argentinean presidential candidates running for office in late October. The Asian Affairs Committee has scheduled several meetings in this month with campaign advisors, in order to promote this book as prospective advice on Argentinean foreign economic policy for the future administration.

It was beyond my imagination that I would be able to collaborate on a project that might have real impact on the future of Argentinean politics. It was humbling and extremely motivating to be in close contact with so many experts in the political and economic spheres who have an interest in the improvement of Argentinean society and the growth of global emerging markets.

Apart from gaining knowledge in the field of international trade, I also became more sensitive to the cultural differences in the Argentinean work environment and relationships with coworkers. I enjoyed the free-flowing, informal style of the committee meetings at CARI as it encouraged me to express my viewpoints without fear of judgment. The casual relationship I achieved with Dr. Berjano made our work dynamic much more fluid and effective during the research process. Last but not least, I thoroughly enjoyed the lively discussions at CARI and became good friends with many other young interns.

Apart from committee meetings, I attended several academic debates, book reviews and speaker events organized by CARI on a weekly basis, open to all interns, members and professionals.

Most importantly, this summer has reinforced my national and cultural ties to both Argentina and China in a deeper way than ever before. I look forward to continuing my research pursuits as an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins as well as in my future career. And I am very grateful for the Adelberg Award, and to the Harnik family that created the program, which permitted me to have this extraordinarily worthwhile experience.



CARI's entrance hall and auditorium

Where are they now?

RECENT GRADUATES AND CURRENTS STUDENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM ARE DOING EXCITING THINGS ALL AROUND THE GLOBE. CHEER

Dennis Hong, BA/MA student, is currently studying at SAIS in Washington, D.C. after spending a year at the Hopkins Nanjing Center campus.

Jess Fong is currently working at ZS Associates in New York City, a firm that focuses on sales and marketing consulting. She also continues with ballroom dance, an interest she first pursued at Hopkins.

Hana Glasberg graduated in May 2015 with majors in International Studies and East Asian Studies. She is now an Analyst in the Global Compliance division of Goldman Sachs in its Salt Lake City branch.

Rachel Kassler is pursuing a double major in International Studies and Spanish. She is currently studying abroad in Santiago, Chile with CIEE.

Amanda Edwards is a double major in International Studies and Psychological & Brain Science. She is studying at the Hopkins in Buenos Aires program in Argentina.

Alexander Weis is currently studying International Studies abroad at Universidad...

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Victoria Michaels is spending the fall semester of her junior year studying at Sciences Po in Paris, France.

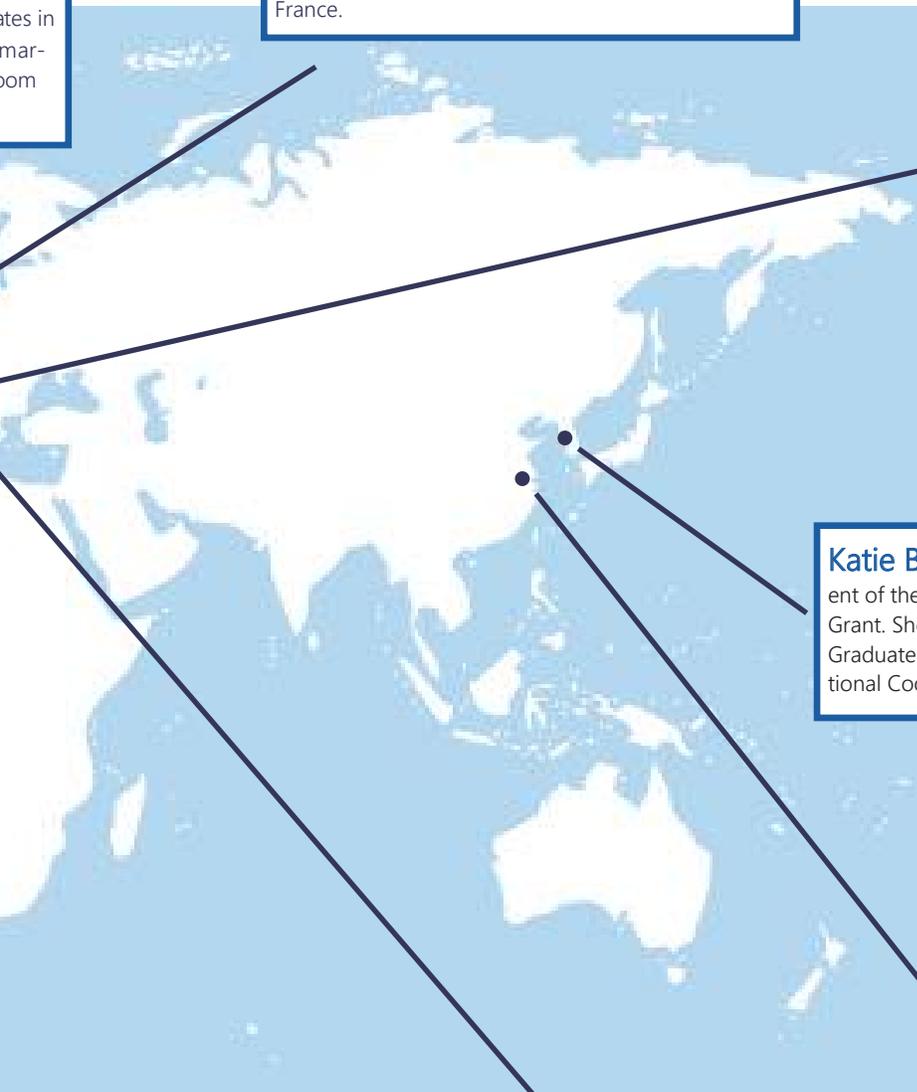
Jacque Fedida is spending her junior year abroad at the SAIS Europe campus in Bologna, Italy.

Katie Botto graduated in May 2015 and is a recipient of the Fulbright Korean Studies Graduate Degree Grant. She is currently studying at Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies in the International Cooperation program.

Libba King and Eli Wallach are part of the BA/MA program between KSAS and SAIS and are both spending the first year of master's study at the Hopkins Nanjing Center campus.

man, a double major in and Economics, is studying Carlos III in Madrid, Spain.

Laura Janss is studying abroad at the SAIS Europe campus in Bologna, Italy, where she enjoys the food scene, traveling, and Italian language study.



International Studies Leadership Seminar: Waseda University

By Jessica Mervis,
Assistant Director of Study Abroad

I was thrilled to be a part of the first annual International Studies Leadership Seminar in May 2015. The seminar developed as a collaboration between the International Studies Program and Office of Study Abroad in an effort to promote departmental study abroad programs and exchanges as well as provide leadership training and international experiences to students. The two offices had the first conversation about this idea in mid-March. Less than two months later, we miraculously pulled off a successful seminar in Tokyo with a group of spectacular students! The first IS Leadership Seminar took place at one of Japan's premier tertiary education institutions, Waseda University in Tokyo. It was an exceptional experience that strengthened institutional and academic connections, and we hope that it will be a template for more JHU Abroad International Studies Leadership Seminars in the future.

Karyn Wang, PhD candidate in Political Science, and I led a group of six students to Tokyo from May 18-25. The Leadership Seminar introduced students to key elements of Japan's politics, economy, culture and society through a pre-departure workshop, site visits in Tokyo, and interaction with Japanese college students through participation in academic activities at Waseda University. The students were assigned readings about which they gave presentations using the Japanese PechaKucha style. They also led group discussions while in Tokyo about the various excursion sites. Each student wrote four reflective blog posts and they collaborated on a three minute video with their impressions of the leadership seminar.

We visited sites of historical and cultural significance that corresponded with the assigned readings in Tokyo; including Tokyo Tower, the Tsukiji Fish Market, the Meiji Shrine, and NHK World headquarters. One of the major highlights for students was the ability to interact with their peers in the Global Leadership Fellows Program (GLFP) at Waseda University. Through informal conversations with students and visits to two of the core courses in the program, the JHU students were able to gain a sense of what it would be like to be a student in this program at Waseda.

Johns Hopkins is one of seven elite U.S. universities that has partnered with Waseda University on the Global Leadership Fellows Program, which comprises about 50% Waseda students and 50% students from the seven U.S. institutions. JHU accepted our first two incoming exchange students from Waseda during the 2014-2015 school year and will be sending our first fellow to Waseda this fall. The goal of the GLFP is "to identify students of promise in multiple fields of study and promote their development as leaders in a world of ever-changing demands and opportunities". Their mission of developing future leaders made the GLFP program at Waseda the perfect host for the inaugural International Studies Leadership Seminar!



Front Row: Danny Jeon, Ava White, Monica Guo, Katie Link, Karyn Wang

Back Row: Simon Bohn, Jessica Mervis, Elyse Oliver

"The trip to Japan and Waseda University was a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the many things I have learned about Japan in my East Asian Studies classes. We met with many current Waseda students and [even sat] in on a class discussion. Different from the perspective of studying a country by examining it from the outside, the trip to Japan allowed me to look at Japan through a lens from within. Aside from learning more about topics such as politics, economy, and the history of Japan, our group was also lucky to experience and learn about Japan's culture. We visited several well-known shrine/temples, witnessed the famous tuna auction, [and] toured NHK headquarter. I personally attempted to pack Japan into a suitcase by buying as much Japanese snacks as I could afford! Something else worth mentioning is how welcomed we all felt at Waseda. Everyone we met was so polite and willing to help to make our trip more enjoyable. Overall, it was a very humbling and valuable learning experience for me."

-Monica Guo, Junior, International Studies & Economics major



Double Major Programs with International Studies

ISP'S DOUBLE MAJOR TRACKS ENABLE STUDENTS TO COMBINE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES WITH HISTORY, SOCIOLOGY, OR GERMAN

Germany in a Globalized World

Students who pursue this track earn a double major in International Studies and German. It is geared towards students who are interested in developing a broader knowledge of the German language, literature, and culture.

With its status as one of the world's largest export economies and a geographical position in the center of Europe, Germany makes an ideal location to study the history and dynamics of globalization. Students explore cultural diversity through the lens of the German language providing them with interpretive skills to analyze the media, political discourse, and literature.

A focus area program is also available, in which students earn a major in International Studies and a minor in German.

Global Connections & Historical Comparisons

Today's globalism and its challenges have important historical antecedents. Students in this specialization study important concepts such as how oceanic and transcontinental circuits of commerce, warfare, the slave trade, shared technologies, and religious movements have connected Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas for hundreds of years.

The GCHC specialization is for students who are interested in training in historical interpretation and methods, which includes the use of primary sources in conjunction with sustained historical research. For the double major in History and International Studies, students take courses in history, political science, economics, and languages. Major topics and themes are geared towards developing a historical perspective on the processes, institutions, and ideas that are shaping the contemporary world.

Global Social Change & Development

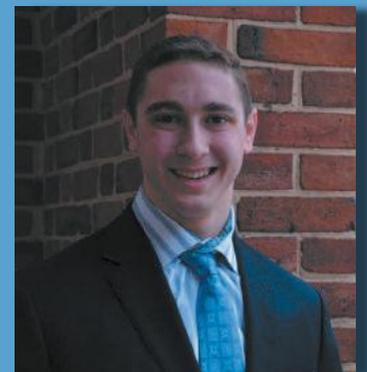
A rigorous, research-oriented program, students double major in International Studies and Sociology and study the dramatic rapid transformations associated with contemporary processes of globalization. Some key themes addressed in the course of study include global inequality and development, urbanization, migration, land, labor, and environmental rights and struggles. Students benefit from interdisciplinary education, with a strong grounding in sociology, theory, statistics, and comparative historical methods.

The track also provides interested and eligible students with a pathway into the Research Working Groups of the Arrighi Center for Global Studies, which is a interdisciplinary research unit devoted to the study of urgent contemporary problems arising from processes of globalization.

For more information about this and the other double degree tracks, visit the International Studies website.

International Studies Leadership Council (ISLC)

The ISLC is the student government committee of the International Studies Program. The purpose of the ISLC is to bring greater unity and direction to the IS major and to provide an outlet for students wishing to play a leadership role in the program. ISLC members work directly with the program director, academic program coordinator, and associated faculty and act as liaisons between students and faculty. They organize events, listen to student opinions and recommendations, and work to publicize news, information, and opportunities across campus. The sub-committees of the ISLC include Speakers, Social Events, Outreach, and Communications. The ISLC manages a budget provided by the Aronson Center for International Studies.



Sam Sands, Class of 2017, ISLC Chair

JHU-SAIS BA/MA Program

The five-year Bachelors-Masters Program with SAIS permits select students to earn an undergraduate degree in International Studies at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore followed by a graduate degree in International Affairs at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) based in Washington, DC.

Hopkins' SAIS is a respected graduate school of international affairs; in addition to its main campus in Washington, DC, it has two more in Bologna, Italy, and Nanjing, China. SAIS alumni have gone on to become political, business, and organizational leaders in more than 140 countries around the world, including more than 130 graduates who have served as ambassadors for their nations.

Formal attendance at SAIS begins in what would have been the senior year of undergraduate study. All students may apply to spend their first year of SAIS at the Bologna campus, while students proficient in Mandarin may apply to spend their first year at the Nanjing campus, followed by two to three semesters at the DC campus.

The BA is not awarded until the end of the fourth year, but it is expected that most undergraduate requirements will have been completed by the third year in order to continue toward MA study at SAIS.

The admissions competition, which takes place in the spring semester of the sophomore year, is highly competitive.

SAIS BA/MA Class of 2017: Elizabeth Chen, Rebecca Grenham, Elizabeth King, Zoe Kirshenber, Melissa Levy, Putt Rodchareon, Anna Schneider, Carly Segal, Eli Wallach, and Madison Wilcox

SAIS BA/MA Class of 2018: Alexander Alm-Pandeya, Michelle Oguine, Ali Delen, Dong-Hyun (Danny) Jeon, Dylan Etzel, Tyler Lee, Wanda Zhan, Cole Novatt, Alex Weisman, and Warner Mason



Clockwise from top left: Zoe Kirshenber, Tyler Lee, Michelle Oguine, Alexander Alm-Pandeya

Sciences Po BA/MA and JYA Programs

Johns Hopkins' five-year BA/MA program with Sciences Po offers students an opportunity to pursue an accelerated dual-degree that results in a bachelor's degree from Hopkins and a master's degree from one of four schools at Sciences Po. During the program, students also complete a one-semester full-time internship at a French or international organization or business. Sciences Po's graduate programs prepare students for a wide range of professions in the public and private sectors. Graduates of the BA/MA program will possess a strong academic background and in-depth knowledge of how the professional world really works. Students may also elect to spend one or both semesters of the junior year studying at Sciences Po, either in Paris or at one of the university's branch campuses across France.

During their sophomore year, students in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences can apply to spend an academic year or a semester at Sciences Po. Courses can be taken in either English or French.

Students currently studying at Sciences Po are **Charlotte Butash** (JYA), **Victoria Michaels** (JYA), **Joshua Hong** (BA/MA), **Alexander Grable** (BA/MA), **Lauren Yeh** (BA/MA, below left) and **Mere-**



Spring 2015 Events

During the spring 2015 term, the International Studies Program hosted many of its own events and co-sponsored other events with East Asian Studies, the Center for Africana Studies, and the Department of Political Science, among others. ISP events provide a forum for undergraduate and graduate students to engage with leading scholars to discuss scholarly issues and current affairs.

Charlie Hebdo Panel February 6, 2015

Niloofer Haeri, professor of anthropology, Nicolas Jabko, professor of political science, Todd Shepard, professor of history, and Jacques Neefs, professor of French, spoke at this panel about the terrorist attacks in Paris.

The Next Cold War? Ukraine, Russia, and the West

April 2, 2015

Daniel Deudney, professor of political Science along with Hans Maull and Stephen Szabo, both scholars at the Transatlantic Academy, spoke during this panel debate about current and future relations between Ukraine, Russia, and the United States.

Snapshot: Spring 2015 Events



2015 graduation reception for graduates on International Studies and Political Science, Levering Hall

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The Next Cold War? Panel Discussion in Mudd Hall, April 2



Professor Daniel Deudney with Alex Mason-Sharma, winner of the 2015 Tucker Prize for the Best Senior Thesis in International Studies



Nicolas Jabko, Political Science, moderated a panel discussion on the Charlie Hebdo on February 6, 2015

Fall 2015 Events

Global Empires, American Republics, and the Novel, October 22, 2015

Columbian novelist Juan Gabriel Vásquez, Harvard historian Maya Jasanoff, University of Maryland literary Peter Mallios, and Utah State historian James Sanders spoke at this symposium.

The Rojava Revolution in the Context of War in Syria, November 16, 2015

This panel discussion brought together Sinam Mohamad, the co-president of the People's Council of Rojava, and professors Deborah Poole, Beverly Silver, and Ryan Calder from Hopkins to discuss the establishment of three autonomous regions governed by democratic self-rule since 2013.

Sid Tarrow: Connecting War, States and Contention: Does History Help?



On November 13, 2015, Sidney Tarrow, emeritus professor of government at Cornell, visited Hopkins to discuss his latest book *War, States and Contention*. During his talk, Dr Tarrow explained how in wartime, the 'inside' of domestic contentious politics fundamentally shapes, and is shaped by, the 'outside' of international relations. He makes it clear that to understand the dynamics of war-making, one must simultaneously examine the internal domestic conflict of the state and civil society.

International Education Week 2015



FOCUSED ON GETTING STUDENTS INFORMED ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS WELL AS OF ALL THE DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES INSIDE THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM, THE WEEK HOSTED MANY SUCCESSFUL EVENTS.

Global Leadership Fellows Junior Year Abroad Program at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan

At the event, students were able to chat with delegates from Waseda University and ask questions about the university and the study abroad program.

Dumplings with the Director of the China STEM Program

Over a dumpling dinner, students met and talked to the director of the China STEM program, which provides a unique opportunity for intensive Chinese language study alongside STEM classes.

Aronson International Experience Grants for ISP Majors Info Session

A new grant opportunity made possible by the gift from the Aronson family. Students learned about what the grants provide and how to apply for them.

JHU Global China Connection

The event, whose theme this year was "Future Paths for East Asian Studies Students," gave students a chance to learn more about working in China after graduation and about programs such as the SAIS BA/MA dual degree. Additionally, students had the chance to discuss Chinese-American relations, Chinese economics, and politics from leaders in the field.

International Studies Meet & Greet

The meet and greet brought together students and faculty tied to the International Studies Program to present the resources, programs, and organizations available to International Studies majors.

Breakfast with PBS Newshour Anchor Hari Sreenivasan

A GROUP OF TEN SELECT STUDENTS BREAKFASTED WITH HARI SREENIVASAN TO DISCUSS JOURNALISM AND STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMIZING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



Before joining PBS Newshour, Hari Sreenivasan worked for CBS evening news with Katie Couric and Peter Jennings and at c-Net, an American media website that publishes articles and videos on technology and consumer electronics. On September 11, Sreenivasan and a group of ten students discussed how to be successful as a reporter, and in other careers, over breakfast. While describing his life as a reporter, Sreenivasan also offered advice to students who were interested in the field of journalism. "Always ask yourself, what is a compelling story?" He says that it's "pretty easy to decide" which story to report if "you're passionate about it." Sreenivasan left the students with a few pieces of advice: reach out to alumni, learn as much about history, economics, science, technology, language, and politics as possible, and push for what you want. He encouraged the students to do what they love; for him, career satisfaction is necessary to produce good work. He told students that if they weren't spiritually nourished, they should leave their job. Why? He says "because you can always make more money, but you can never make more time."

A Presentation and Discussion on the Conflict in Syria with Dr. Joseph Bahout



The International Studies Program was delighted to host Dr. Joseph Bahout on campus on November 18th, 2015 as the inaugural speaker for the International Studies Leadership Council. A current Visiting Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and a former Professor at Sciences Po and Permanent Consultant to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Bahout brought a uniquely insightful perspective on the current conflict in Syria. After an informative presentation about the general situation and its broader regional consequences, Dr. Bahout engaged in discussion with students, professors, and other audience members.

Given the recent and unfortunate events in Paris and Beirut, the discussion was particularly timely. Among many other interesting points, Dr. Bahout warned against current assumptions that the Islamic State may be a self-limiting phenomenon and cautioned that a failure to adequately address both the Islamic State and the al-Assad regime

could result in Syria-like situations in surrounding nations.

He also explained that sending Western or Russian ground troops into Syria would be tantamount to a gift to the Islamic State, highlighting the increase in recruiting that has occurred following the initial Russian campaign in Syria. As Dr. Bahout emphasized, "The only way to substitute for external 'boots on the ground' is to find the proper local forces able and willing to fight both IS and the regime and to prepare for the longed political transition; this takes however international agreement that Assad's departure has become a sine-qua-none condition for structurally resolving Syria's ordeal."

Dr. Bahout's experience in the region and in policy, his approachability, and his willingness to share his thoughts made for a terrific evening. The department looks forward to future discussions on a range of issues in international affairs as the ISLC 2015-16 Speakers program continues.

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Commencement 2014, Nikhil Gupta (left), ISP '15 and SAIS BA/MA '16



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