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FROM THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR

Welcome to the thirty-second edition of the UNAA Academic Network Newsletter. Over the last few weeks the Network has been conducting a “survey” of its membership. Participation within the survey has been somewhat low, and we continue to encourage you to have a say in the purpose, nature, and future for the Academic Network. The brief survey is available [here](#)

The Network conducted two events as part of the Emerging Scholars Programme, the details of which have been written up for your consumption below. We have also seen the first nationwide essay competition run by the network, a number of entries have been received, with a winner to be announced in due time.

UN Youth Australia has organised an excellent Middle East Experience for up to twelve high school students from around Australia. The Experience will take place in January of 2015 with students travelling through the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, and Israel. More details are included within this edition of the Newsletter below. Your assistance in spreading the word, would be greatly appreciated.

As you should be aware, the UNAA (NSW) State Conference has been finalised, you can access the program [here](#). The conference theme of “To End All Wars: Preventing War, Building Peace” has drawn an impressive lineup of speakers. The conference Facebook page is up and running [here](#). The Network intends to conduct a Roundtable just prior to the conference; details will be released over the coming days.

This newsletter will be supplemented with a follow-up newsletter late next week. There are some important events that needed to be distributed as soon as possible, so Network Members should anticipate a more robust Newsletter late next week. As always, if you wish contribute to the Network Newsletter, or have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to email via academicnetwork@unaa.org.au you can also like the UNAA Academic Network on Facebook [here](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#), if you are that way inclined.

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EMERGING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SYDNEY

In partnership with Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the UN Association of Australia has developed an Emerging Scholars Program, to encourage and support undergraduate and postgraduate students with an interest in UN-related academia.

Forty 'emerging scholars' attended the launch of the UNAA Academic Network's Emerging Scholars Program at the University of Sydney's Law School on May 27th. The forum was a practical workshop focused on the most effective ways to serve as an advocate for international issues in the media and how to engage government on international issues.



The forum was moderated by UNAA Executive Director Elizabeth Shaw, and held in conjunction with UN Youth. Two speakers led the workshops: Brian Gleeson, former Resident Coordinator of the UNDP in Libya; and Dr Peter Chen from the University of Sydney, whose focus areas include media, politics, and public policy.

The students actively participated in a discussion at the end of the workshop and stayed on to enjoy lunch and the opportunity to meet representatives of the UNAA and UN Youth.

BRISBANE

On Wednesday 28 May 2014, approximately 30 people gathered to participate in the first Emerging Scholars Program held in Brisbane at the University of Queensland.



Held in partnership with the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, the event provided students with the opportunity to present an overview of a current research project, respond to questions from academic staff from the University of Queensland, Griffith University and Bond University, and discuss the project with other students.

Professor Alex Bellamy chaired the event with Dr Russell Trood and Dr Mark Dinnen providing additional commentary.

The program of student presentations was:

Session One: Peace & Security: R2P and Intervention

Eglantine Raux – 'France and Humanitarian Intervention in the 1990s'

Olivia Anderson & Ashleigh Croucher – 'Game Changers: Youth Involvement in Norm Generation'

Rhiannon Neilsen – "'Toxification"' as a More Indicative Early Warning Sign for Genocide'

Session Two: The UN's Agendas for Peace

Andrea Warnecke – 'Rendering Violent Conflict Manageable? The Emergence of Peacebuilding as a Depoliticized Practice'

Daryl Morini – 'Feeble Magic: Policy Lessons from the History of Preventive Diplomacy'

Michelle Dunn – 'Localising the Australian 1325 National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security: a Matter of Justice.'



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Given the high demand from students keen to participate, a follow-up event is planned for August to allow another group of students to present their work and discuss their ideas.

UN YOUTH AUSTRALIA MIDDLE EAST STUDY TRIP

UN Youth Australia will be selecting 12 students from around Australia to attend the 2015 Middle East Experience. From January 10-24, students will travel through the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, and Israel, learning about the history, culture, and contemporary issues facing the region.

The theme of the 2015 Middle East Experience is *Walking the Path to Peace*.

The tour will explore the historical and contemporary challenges the region has been faced with, and the responses to these challenges from different levels. Delegates will meet with UN bodies, international NGOs, Australian and Foreign government projects, and community organizations who are working to build peace and understanding in the Middle East.

In order to apply for the experience aspiring delegates will first submit an online written application, which (if successful) will be followed by no more than two interview stages (by telephone or in-person, at the panel's discretion).

Importantly students must be Australian passport holders to travel.

All questions can be directed to Convenor, Lily Bentley via lily.bentley@unyouth.org.au

For further details click [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

PLURAL + Youth Video Festival

Deadline 27th June 2014, New York, USA

Recognizing youth as powerful agents of social change in a world often characterized by intolerance, and cultural and religious divisions, PLURAL+ invites youth to address key challenges related to migrant integration, inclusiveness, identity, diversity, human rights and social cohesiveness, both at local and global levels. Young people up to 25 years old are invited to submit short videos of five minutes maximum in length.

Click [here](#) for further information.

NEW Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition

Deadline 30th June 2014

The Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition is an international program launched by The Goi Peace Foundation, Stiftung Entrepreneurship (Berlin) and UNESCO. The competition provides a global platform for young entrepreneurs who aspire to create positive change in their communities. By highlighting the best examples of youth entrepreneurship, the competition aims to empower the young generation to take the initiative in social innovation and become pioneers in building a harmonious and sustainable society.

Click [here](#) for further information.

21st Century Diplomacy

21st July 2014, DiploFoundation Online Course

Our world is increasingly interconnected, as demonstrated by the domestic impact of external issues. New subjects crowd the international agenda. At home and abroad, many actors participate in international affairs. Managing external affairs is more complex,



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involving focus on performance and reaching out to publics. This course gives insight into the contemporary practice of diplomacy and deepens understanding of significant issues in diplomacy management. The course is practitioner-oriented, and participants should have some prior knowledge of diplomatic theory and practice. The course was originally developed in a shorter self-learning format for the Canadian Foreign Service Institute.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Second International Summer Academy in Peace-building and Intercultural Dialogue

17th – 27th August 2014, Baar, Switzerland

The Institute for Peace and Dialogue are conducting their second International Summer Academic in Peace-Building and Intercultural Dialogue in Switzerland in August of 2014. The main goal of the summer academy is to support institutions' academic peace education and strengthen peace-building skills and intercultural dialogue of the international society.

[Click here](#) for further information.

NEW Best Sustainable Development Practices in Food Security Competition

Deadline, 15 September 2014. Milano, 2015

The Best Sustainable Development Practices in Food Security (BSDP) competition is part of the Expo "Feeding Knowledge" program, launched in 2012 by Expo Milano 2015 with the objective of identifying priorities and key issues to reduce food insecurity. The Best Practices will be promoted through a technological platform, which will become part of the Expo 2015 legacy.

Who can apply?

The call is open to national and local government authorities, inter-governmental organizations, civil society, the private sector, research and academic bodies and public-private partnerships that can demonstrate effective and efficient approaches which have genuinely improved people's quality of life.

[Click here](#) for further information.

NEW United Nations Political Cartoon Awards

Deadline 15 November, 2014

The United Nations, in its desire to promote the highest standard of excellence in political cartoons, has established this annual political cartoon award given in the international field, and named the award after political cartoonist *Ranan Lurie*. Winning cartoons will be chosen for their high professional standards in art, political analysis of events, projection of events to come, humor, while emphasizing the spirit and principles of the U.N. First prize is \$10,000.00USD!

[Click here](#) for further information.

A CSPRI Social Science Methodology Conference 2014

December 7th – 10th, 2014, Sydney, Australia

The Australian Consortium of Social and Political Research Incorporated (ACSPRI) will have a conference at the University of Sydney from December 7th to 10th. The goal of the conference is to provide a forum on current and emerging issues in social science methodology nationally, and internationally. The conference will be organized around three themes: research paradigms and designs; research methods, techniques, technology and tools; datasets and data collection. ACSPRI are now welcoming proposals from individuals or groups to convene sessions on all aspects of social science methodology.

Note: this is a call for session proposals only; the call for papers is anticipated to be on or around Friday April 11th.

[Click here](#) for further information.



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CALLS FOR PAPERS*

*Calls for papers are listed in order of abstract submission date; New Calls for papers are identified as such

2014 Winter Global Public Policy Symposium

December 5th – 6th, Los Angeles (Metro), United States of America

Submissions being taken until TBD

The organising committee has invited all government offices, practitioners, researchers, academics, professionals, students, and those interesting in attending the forthcoming Symposium under the theme 'Emerging Issues in Public Policy and Administration. The conference theme is concerned with the emerging issues in contemporary society, including security; civil society; environment and sustainability, leadership, and legitimacy. Topics of interest include: civil society; international relations; terrorism and public policy; education; knowledge and human capital; security and humanity; politics and governance; and law and legitimacy.

For full details pertaining to this call for papers, click [here](#).

7th International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and Responses

April 10th – 11th, 2015, University of British Columbia at Robson Square, Vancouver, Canada

For any person interested in, or concerned for, scientific, policy, and strategic perspectives in climate change. The conference will address a range of important themes relating to climate change. Plenary sessions will include some of the world's leading thinkers in the fields of climatology and environmental science. Proposals are welcome for paper presentations, workshops/interactive sessions, poster/exhibits, or colloquia. Proposals should address one of the following themes: scientific evidence; assessing impacts in divergent ecosystems; human impacts and impacts on humans; and technical, political, and social responses.

For full details pertaining to this call for papers, click [here](#).

10th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

June 9th – 12th 2015, University of Split, Croatia

The international Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences examines the nature of disciplinary practices, and the interdisciplinary practices that arise in the context of 'real world' applications. Themes of the conference include: social and community studies; civic and political studies; cultural studies; global studies; environmental studies; organisations studies; educational studies; and communication.

For full details pertaining to this call for papers, click [here](#).

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

AUSTRALIA

US and China Energy and Climate Policy and the G20

18th June, 2014, Canberra

Click [here](#) for more information.

G20: Meeting Global Challenges? – Strengthening the G20's Accountability and Effectiveness

25th June, 2014, Sydney

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The Indonesia Election – Prospects for Australia-Indonesia Relations

2nd July, 2014, Sydney

Click [here](#) for more information.

2014 Economic and Social Outlook Conference

3rd – 4th July 2014, Melbourne

Click [here](#) for more information.

Dangerous Allies – Malcolm Fraser & Michael Fullilove on Australian Foreign Policy

9th July, 2014, Sydney

Click [here](#) for more information.

UNAA NSW State Conference

To End All Wars: Preventing War, Building Peace

July 25th – 26th, 2014, Sydney

Click [here](#) for more information.

Melbourne Sustainability Perspectives and Ethics Conference 2014

15th August, 2014, Melbourne

Click [here](#) for more information

INTERNATIONAL

6th International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and Responses

June 27th – 28th, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

Click [here](#) for more information

4th Annual International Conference on Political Science, Sociology, and International Relations (PSSIR 2014)

August 25th to 26th, 2014, Bangkok, Thailand

Click [here](#) for more information

SAFE2014

Asia Pacific Network for Sustainable Agriculture, Food, and Energy Conference

17-19 September, 2014, Bali, Indonesia

Click [here](#) for more information

FORTHCOMING UNAA EVENTS

New South Wales

'To End All Wars' Preventing War. Building Peace.

UNAA NSW State Conference, 25th – 26th July

Customs House, Sydney

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Queensland

'The Future is in Your Hands

UNAA QLD State Conference (Details TBA)

August 22-23

[Victoria](#)

Business and Human Rights Workshop: Rights Due Diligence

18 June, 2014

Click [here](#) for more information

Adaptation and Risk Reduction Seminar

24 June, 2014

Click [here](#) for more information

[Western Australia](#)

Human Rights Forum

Saturday 5th July

Click [here](#) for more information

UNAAWA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday 10th July

Click [here](#) for more information

Education Working Group

Friday 18th July

Click [here](#) for more information

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Reports, Working Papers, and Journals

Post-2015 UN Development: Making Change Happen?

Stephanie Browne and Thomas G Weiss (Eds)

Routledge

[Link](#)

Based on extensive original research that has critically examined the role and functions of the organization of the UN development system, this book seeks to capture in a single volume a comprehensive review of the UN's performance and prospects for development. The contributors each offer extensive experience and familiarity – as practitioners and researchers – with the UN and development; and the book will contribute urgently needed debate on the reform of the UN development system at a critical juncture. The main rationale for this book, and its timing, is the unusual opportunity provided by the 2015 threshold to re-think UN development system and to empower it to support a new development agenda and will be of interest to students, scholars of international organizations and development studies. *(N.B- Taken from publisher's website)*

Divided Nations: Why Global Governance is Failing and What We Can Do About It

Ian Goldin

Oxford University Press

[Link](#)

The UN, World Bank, and IMF were all created in a post-war world radically different from



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today's. It is becoming increasingly apparent that these global structures are struggling to cope with the challenges faced by the globalized, interconnected world of the twenty-first century. As a former Vice President of the World Bank, and head of the multi-disciplinary Oxford Martin School of Oxford University, Ian Goldin is in a superb position to provide new perspectives and approaches to our world order. He explores whether the answer is to reform the existing structures or to consider a new and radical way of tackling inherent failings. In this groundbreaking work, he sets out the nature of the problems and the various approaches to global governance, highlights the challenges that we are to overcome, and considers a roadmap for the future.

Voices of the Poor: Reports

The World Bank

[Link](#)

Voices of the Poor consists of three books which bring together the experiences of over 60,000 poor women and men. The first book: *Can Anyone Hear Us?* Gathers the voices of over 40,000 poor women and men in 50 countries from the World Bank's participatory poverty assessments; the second book: *Crying Out for Change*, draws material from a new 23 country comparative study. The final book: *From Many Lands*, offers regional patterns and country case studies. All three books are available from the embedded link above.

Is Time Up for WHO? Reform, Resilience, and Global Health Governance

Sophie Harman

FUNDS Briefing #17

[Link](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) according to Harman "provides a litmus test for reforming the UN development system. While often praised as among the most competent and essential, it occupies an increasingly crowded institutional terrain. It must emphasize its comparative advantages." As the deadline for the Post-2015 development agenda approaches, the fundamentals of development assistance for health are being rethought. A shift towards regional actors and regional thinking and the value of technical knowledge over normative agenda-setting gives WHO a critical opportunity to assert its relevance as one of the few universal-membership organisations with regional expertise and offices. For reform to generate institutional resilience rather than managed decline, WHO should emphasize its technical and research capacities as a basis for greater political leverage.



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