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Khaleda Akhter

Australian National University

Area of interest: International trade, economic growth and development in South Asia

Discipline: Economics (International and development economics)

Khaleda Akhter is one of the participants for ANU Asia Pacific Week 2012 and looks forward to know how the Asia Pacific region is evolving in terms of economic and social development in the 21st century from this conference.

Au Fong Chi

University of Sydney/Mahidol University

Area of interest: Southeast Asia

Discipline: Human rights

Fong Chi is currently doing an internship in Thailand on the issue of ethnic minorities in Burma. She is concerned with the ongoing ceasefire negotiations that are taking place and hopes that Burma will achieve peace and democracy in the near future. When she's not busy, she enjoys travelling, meeting new friends and learning about their interesting experiences.



Paul Belesky

University of Queensland

Paul Belesky is a PhD candidate at the University of Queensland (UQ). His research focuses on food security in the Asia-Pacific. He is a recipient of an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) Scholarship and a Smart Futures PhD Scholarship. He holds a Master of International Studies (International Relations) from UQ and has tutored several courses in the School of Political Science and International Studies. Paul has worked as a Research Assistant at the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University; and the Institute of Social Science Research at UQ. He participated in the Australia-China Futures Dialogues: Emerging Leaders dialogue at Peking University, Beijing.



Edward Blaxell

Australian National University

Area of interest: International students in Australia

Discipline: Asia-Pacific Studies

Eddy is an Honours Student in Asia-Pacific Studies at the ANU. Having completed a B Asia-Pacific Studies with majors in Hindi and South Asian Studies, he is currently focusing on the experiences and social networks of Indian international students in Australia.



Bryan Bong

University of Western Australia

Bryan Bong is a fifth year Law/Arts student (majoring in international relations) and an academic tutor in the Political Science and International Relations department at the University of Western Australia. He has also studied at L'Institut d'études politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris. He was the former Communications Director of the UWA chapter of the Australia-China Youth Association and is currently a sub-editor of the ACYA Journal of Australia-China Affairs. Bryan recently completed his honours dissertation on the political implications of commodities trade between Australia and China and looks forward to spending next semester living and working in China.



Erica Bramlet

Indiana University

Erica Bramlet is currently a student at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Her interest in international environmental policy has led her to pursue a Masters in Public Affairs for which classes start in the fall. She became interested in the Asia Pacific region after travelling to Vietnam last summer to take a course in Hanoi, and is honored and eagerly awaiting the chance to participate in discussions and events this summer centering on trends and developments that will shape the next century.



Thiem Bui

The University of Queensland

Area of Interest: East Asian Politics

Discipline: Political Science and International Studies

Mr. Thiem Hai Bui is currently a PhD candidate in Political Science and an Australian Leadership Award (ALA) scholar. He received his MA in International Studies and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London with a Chevening scholarship by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office and a BA in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. He is Deputy Director of Department for General Affairs at the Institute for Legislative Studies (ILS) of the National Assembly of Vietnam, a member of the Vietnam Lawyers Association (VLA) and an editor of the VLA Journal of Law and Development.



George Carter

Australian National University

George Carter is a candidate Masters of Arts in International Relations and Masters of Diplomacy student at the Australian National University College of Asia and Pacific's Graduate School of International Affairs. He has Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Pacific Studies from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Prior to starting his course in 2012, he worked as the Political/State Program Advisor for the American Embassy in Apia, Samoa for five years. In that role he coordinated the Embassies political, economic, military and public affairs programming and reporting. He is currently employed as a Student Coordinator at the ANU Pasifika Australia Program- an equity program that aims to increasing Pacific students' participation and opportunities in higher education in Australia. From his previous work and studies, George has experience and interest in Pacific regional affairs, Pacific political governance and environment issues, and research on Samoa political-economic and social issues.

Yajing Chen

Indiana University

Joelle Chevrier

Bard College at Simon's Rock

Joelle Chevrier dropped out of high school at sixteen begin college early at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Massachusetts, US. She studied Chinese and Asian Studies for her B.A. degree which she received in May at nineteen years of age. In 2011, she studied abroad at Qingdao, China and was a member of a research team studying fengshui forests in southern China. She intends to go on to a Ph.D in East Asian studies. ANU's Asia Pacific Week will be an exciting opportunity for her to meet other students and scholars in the field of Asian Studies.



Philippa Clark

Australian National University

University: The Australian National University

Area of Interest: Japan and Korea

Discipline: Music/Asia Pacific Studies (Japanese/Korean)

Philippa (Pip) Clark is in her 3rd year of a combined Bachelor of Asia Pacific Studies/Music degree at the ANU where she is currently the President of the ANU Asia Pacific Studies Society. Her interests include Japanese-Korean relations, politics, history and culture. In 2010 she played the lead role in the ANU Za Kabuki Japanese production, Topknot Bunshichi, and in 2011 she took up the position of Treasurer, and then Vice President, of the Asia Pacific Studies Society.

In her spare time Pip sings acapella Asian pop and likes to get involved in cultural events around Canberra and the ANU.



Kate Debenham

Macquarie University

Area of interest: China and Japan

Kate is currently undertaking a Master of International Relations with a focus on Asia, particularly China and Japan. Kate also works as a Management Consultant with Nous Group where she provides strategy, public policy and organisational capability services to a range of both public and private sector clients. Previously Kate has worked in the Philippines as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development and for Dutch investment bank ABN AMRO. She completed a combined Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Laws in her undergraduate studies.

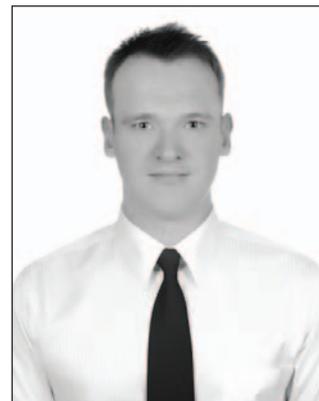


Stuart Dingle

National Cheng Kung University

Area of interest: China, domestic legitimation
Discipline: Political economy (governance/foreign policy/Chinese)

Stuart is an Australian student currently studying a Masters of Political Economy at Taiwan's National Cheng Kung University. His main area of interest is on China, with a focus on the country's internal process of legitimation and its broader domestic and foreign policy influences. These interests are currently being pursued through a soon to be completed thesis on the impact of CCP legitimacy on China's multilateral environmental negotiation.



David Duncan

Australian National University

Area of Interest: Indonesia
Discipline: Economics/Asia Pacific Studies (Indonesia)

David is an undergraduate student studying Economics and Asia-Pacific studies in his second year. His interest in Indonesia started when he studied in Indonesia on exchange in high school for six weeks, followed by a six-week practical assignment in West Kalimantan with ANU where he researched local economic policy. His main interest is economic development in Indonesia and improving Australian-Indonesian relations by promoting Indonesian studies within Australia.

Fritzie Dy

National University of Singapore

Phil Entwistle

University of Oxford

Area of Interest: China
Discipline: Politics

Phil is a DPhil Politics student at Oxford University. He researches the politics of national, ethnic and religious identity, with a particular focus on China, a country with which he has been fascinated since teaching English in deepest Henan many years ago. He is passionate about cross-cultural understanding, and co-founded the China-Britain Youth Association, which aims to deepen understanding between the young people in UK and China. Phil spends his free time eating, drinking, rowing, reading and trying to memorise zillions of Chinese characters. He is married to the lovely Aiman.



Kingsley Ezeani

University of Lagos

At age 18 Kingsley founded Information Nigeria a news portal which has become one of the most popular news portals in his country with 5 full-time staff, over 100 volunteers and is one of the 20 most visited Nigerian websites.

His passion for development led to the founding of Crowdsourced Education, a project which earned him the 2011 I.T.U fellowship. He has spoken at a number of international conferences and is currently an Earthday university coordinator and a Google student ambassador.

Now in his final year, he is a student leader and sponsors a number of events in his university.



Julia Famularo

Georgetown University

Area of interest: China, Tibet, Xinjiang and Taiwan

Discipline: Modern East Asian political history

Julia Famularo is a fourth year doctoral candidate at Georgetown University. She is currently conducting research in the People's Republic of China. Ms. Famularo is a research affiliate at The Project 2049 Institute in Washington, D.C. and a contributing writer for The Diplomat. In fall 2010, she interned for the United States Department of State in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. During the 2009-2010 academic year, she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs.



Lee Wei Fen

National University of Singapore

Wei Fen is a Masters student in South Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore. Her research interests include Indian diasporic communities and their literatures in English, as well as Tamil literary culture and history. Her current work focuses on tensions between established Tamil communities and recent Hindi-speaking migrants in Singapore. She has written about Indian festivals and the like for a variety of publications including *Open Magazine* (India), *Tabla!*, and *The Business Times* (Singapore). She is also the editor of *Ceriph*, a local literary journal promoting emerging writers and artists in Singapore.



Fitriani

Nanyang Technical University

Fitriani is an Associate Research Fellow at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technical University, Singapore. Her research foci are Gender in Defence and Security; and Gender and Politics in Indonesia. She obtained her Bachelor from International Relations Department, University of Indonesia and Master from Defence Management, Bandung Technological University, Indonesia. Aside of work, she voluntarily teaches migrant domestic workers at Aidha, World's Micro Business School. This year, if funding allows, she hopes to embark on PhD track. Philanthropist' contribution is welcomed and she promises to provide budgetary report to donators.



Brendan Forde

Australian National University

Area of interest: Chinese politics

Discipline: Political science

Brendan Forde is currently enrolled in the PhD program in the department of Political and Social Change at the ANU, examining the role of grass roots branches of the Chinese Communist Party. In 2011, Brendan completed an honours/masters thesis at the ANU, examining the institutionalisation of leadership transition in the CCP. From 2010-2011, Brendan was the President of the Asia-Pacific Studies Society. His work has been published in the ANU Undergraduate Research Journal. Brendan has also been published in the Canberra Times and China Daily.



Om Prasad Gautam

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Om Prasad Gautam, a public health professional with more than ten years of work and research experiences in Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Child Health, Diseases Surveillance, Vaccination campaigns, Immunization, HIV/AIDS sector. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Health (MPH) and Master's Degree in Social Sciences (Sociology). Mr Gautam is currently doing his PhD at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), London and his research focuses on 'Food hygiene intervention to reduce the diarrhoeal diseases and food contamination' in Nepal. Mr. Gautam is natively from rural Nepal.



Sainyam Gautam

National University of Singapore

A computer engineering and business double degree student at the National university of Singapore, Sainyam's interests span far and wide. As a University Scholars Programme member at NUS, he is involved in disciplines like international relations and recently participated in the Princeton Interactive Crisis Simulation in the US. He is an avid reader and loves to travel and meet people from diverse backgrounds. At the APW, he is expecting to be exposed to interesting experiences and network with peers from across the globe. So if you happen to read this, do drop by and say hello!



Jack Georgieff

Australian National University

Area of interest: Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan and New Zealand

Discipline: International relations

Jack is currently undertaking the Master of Arts (International Relations) at the ANU this year as a Hedley Bull Scholar and Freyberg Defence Scholar. He previously studied at Victoria University of Wellington, gaining a First Class Honours degree in International Relations. His main interest area in international relations is the privatization of security. His honours work gave particular attention to Papua New Guinea in this respect. Additionally, he recently presented a paper at the UK Political Studies Conference in Belfast. Alongside university work, Jack tutors undergraduate courses at the ANU and recently begun interning in Hon. Julie Bishop's office.



Yida He

Australian National University/National University of Singapore

Yida HE is a third year undergraduate student pursuing a joint honors degree offered by the Australian National University and the National University of Singapore, majoring in Actuarial Studies and Economics. He has a genuine interest in Asian Pacific region with an emphasis on social welfare. He has done internship with HSBC and PICC, and has been a teaching volunteer at a Chinese deaf-mute school and an elder care volunteer in Singapore. He would like to take this very opportunity to share ideas with fellow participants of APW 2012.



Ben Henschke

Australian National University

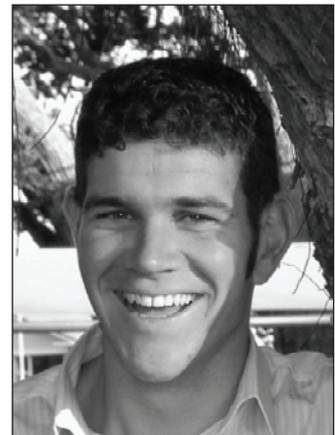
Ben Henschke is an Honours student in Asia-Pacific Studies at the ANU. Born and raised in Adelaide, he has come to the ANU via the University of Adelaide and Osaka University. He is researching the impact of lobbyists on Japan's foreign policy towards North Korea in the last decade. He has also worked on Australia's bilateral relationships with Northeast Asian countries as an intern in the office of ACT Senator Gary Humphries. Aside from his studies, he is a part-time translator and full-time language lover, and would jump at the chance to chat with any Japanese, Korean or French-speaking delegates.



Richard Higgins

University of Oxford

Richard is a New Zealander reading for the MPhil in Development Studies at the University of Oxford. He graduated from the University of Auckland in 2010 having majored in Economics, Finance, and International Business. During his undergraduate degree he spent five months on exchange at Keio University in Tokyo, and will undertake research in China this August, looking at government interaction with the Chinese Solar PV industry. Richard has previously worked in Sydney and, sports rivalry excluded, is a big fan of Australia, so he can't wait to be back down-under for the APW2012.



Tony Hirasiasa

University of the South Pacific

Area of interest: Solomon Islands/Melanesian countries
Discipline: Politics

Tony is from the Solomon Islands and a Masters (by research) student at the University of the South Pacific (USP) with specific interest in the politics of the Melanesian states. His current research deals with the influences of culture (gift giving and exchanges) on the voting behavior in the Solomon Islands. Tony believes that his research will contribute toward good governance in his country and other Melanesian States. He hopes to learn from the conference and make new friends.



Clemens Hofmeister

University of Cambridge & Dongbei University of Finance and Economics

Clemens Hofmeister received a Master of Sciences degree in business administration and a European Master of Business Sciences degree from the Universities of Regensburg and Reading. After successfully completing a Master of Philosophy degree in Chinese Studies, Economics and Management at the Universities of Cambridge and Peking (China Centre for Economic Research), he decided to pursue his Ph.D at Clare Hall College, Cambridge. As a 'Seung Jun Lee' Scholar he conducted in-depth fieldwork in Yunnan province as well as countries of the Greater Mekong sub-region. His thesis analyses the unique conditions of China's border province Yunnan that limit the impact of the global economy (Barriers to FDI inflow).



Andy Hwang

Monash University

Andy is in his final semester of a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) degree at Monash University and is the current President of the Monash University Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Apart from his Golden Key commitments, Andy works for Monash University, in addition to volunteering for Language Connection, the Engaging China Project and the Australian-China Youth Association. Andy recently returned from a 6 week study program in China, and hopes to graduate and work in Asia post-graduation.



Elizabeth Ingleson

University of Sydney

Elizabeth Ingleson is a PhD candidate in History at the University of Sydney. Her research examines the economic and cultural ties established between the US and China following rapprochement in 1972.

Elizabeth holds a first class honours degree from UNSW and is a recipient of the Commonwealth Government's Australian Postgraduate Award. Interested in both social and foreign policy, she has worked at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and completed internships with the Social Policy Research Centre and UNICEF.

Elizabeth enjoys travelling, reading, and running.



Jatupon Innacchit

London School of Economics

Hello there, my name is Jatupon. I am currently studying at the LSE, UK. I look forward to the APW event to learn more about Asia Pacific and to make new friends. Next year I'm going to study Southeast Asian Studies (MA) at SOAS, London. After graduation, I will return to Thailand and work for the government in the ministry of foreign affairs. During my undergraduate year I wrote a dissertation on the US-Thai relation during the Johnson administration.



Jiang Zhicong

National University of Singapore

Mr. Jiang Zhicong was born in a small city of Jiangsu Province, China. He is now in a MPP programme of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. He has achieved OCBC scholarship for his study in Singapore. Mr. Jiang's current areas of interest are government governance, international relations and securities, and finance. He achieved his bachelor's degree of management from Shanghai International studies University.



Hugh Shi Ren Jorgensen

University of Queensland

Hugh is an honour roll graduate in Economics and International Relations and is currently completing his honours thesis on the evolution of the G20. Hugh is a former spokesperson for the United Nations 'Youth UN' and is presently employed as a tutor in IPE and as a researcher on an ARC discovery project comparing national banking systems in the GFC. He also manages a tawdry blog and is the host of 'politics in the pub' at the University of Queensland.



Rina Kikuchi

Shiga University

Rina is currently on leave from Shiga University, Japan, where she works as an associate professor and working on her PhD research on modern Japanese women's poetry at the ANU. Her main focus is on a Hokkaido-born woman poet, Sagawa Chika (1911-1936), who boldly challenged newly founded free-style poetry called *kōgo-jiyū-shi* in the early twentieth century. Other research interests include comparative literature and translation studies, in which she was awarded MA from University of Warwick, and contemporary Irish poetry, in which she received her first PhD from Chiba University.

Ha-Neui Kim

University of Michigan

Ha-Neui is a Master's student in Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan. She is interested in post-'80s generation and State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in China. Her M.A. thesis is analyzing political characteristics of Chinese post-'80s students and its reason. She wants to continue her study in Ph.D. program, focusing on the international relations of China and its influence on the privatization of Chinese SOEs. In ANU Asia Pacific Week 2012, she wants to meet other delegates with various academic interests and expand her knowledge getting closer to what she dreamed to be a *zhongguotong*.



Deniz Kocak

Freie University Berlin

Deniz Kocak is a Research Associate at the Collaborate Research Centre (SFB) 700 and works on international security sector reform (SSR) in Timor-Leste. Also, he pursues his PhD at the Berlin Graduate School of Transnational Studies, Freie University Berlin. He studied at the Humboldt-University Berlin, the University of Potsdam and Chulalongkorn University Bangkok and holds a MA in Political Science and Modern/Contemporary History. His research interests include Civil-Military Relations in non OECD-countries with a focus on Southeast Asia as well as policing and state formation processes in post-colonial countries.

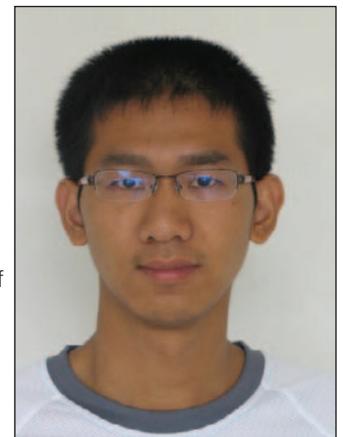


Kuang Chao

Peking University

Area of interest: Asia & the Pacific economic development
Discipline: Philosophy, politics and economics

Kuang Chao is a sophomore in an honor college in Peking University. He likes researching on Asian development and communicating with people all around the world. He hopes to enjoy a pleasant and fruitful week in Canberra with potential friends and looks forward to meeting all of you guys.



Ashutosh Kumar

University of Delhi

Area of interest: India and Pacific Islands (labour migration)
Discipline: History/development studies

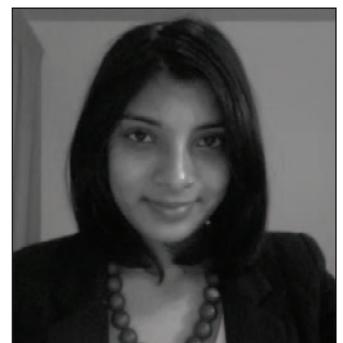


Juna Latheef

University of Queensland

Area of interest: Middle East, South Asia, US foreign policy
Discipline: International relations

Juna is an honours student at the University of Queensland, majoring in International Relations. She has interned at a number of international organisations, including the United Nations, and the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. Juna has also worked on several political campaigns in her home country, the Maldives. Her current honours thesis is titled 'US and Turkish Norm Promotion in post Arab Spring Egypt'.



Jessica Laughlin

Australian National University

Area of interest: Security, Indonesia, gender in the Asia Pacific

Jess is an Asia Pacific Studies/ Law student from the ANU with an interest in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. She is currently President of the ANU Branch of the Australia-Indonesia Youth Association and she can't wait to meet all the delegates to the conference and learn about different perspectives on Asia and the Pacific.



Allan Layug

Sophia University

Huong Le Thu

National Chengchi University

Huong Le Thu is a PhD Candidate in Asia-Pacific Studies at National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. She was born in Hanoi, Vietnam; lived many years in Poland, where she obtained her BA and MA from Jagiellonian University in International Cultural Studies and East Asian Regional Studies. Huong conducts research in Southeast Asian regionalism and the community building, Asia-Europe cultural inter-regionalism, and the cultural development in Vietnam. Her publications include studies on ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and Vietnamese cultural policy as strategy of sustainable development since the Renovation Doi Moi in 1986.

Huong is also a fellow of UNESCO U40 World Forum "Cultural Diversity 2030" and is a member of Young Researchers Team working for Asia-Pacific Regional Center of the CultureLink Network (APRCCN) in association with Korean National Commission for UNESCO. She is interested in the practices of cultural diplomacy, sustainable development, and multilateral governance of international institutions.



Wei Fen Lee

National University of Singapore

Wei Fen is a Masters student in South Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore. Her research interests include Indian diasporic communities and their literatures in English, as well as Tamil literary culture and history. Her current work focuses on tensions between established Tamil communities and recent Hindi-speaking migrants in Singapore. She has written about Indian festivals and the like for a variety of publications including *Open Magazine* (India), *Tabla!*, and *The Business Times* (Singapore). She is also the editor of *Ceriph*, a local literary journal promoting emerging writers and artists in Singapore.



Chen Liu

University of Sydney

Miss Liu Chen is accomplishing her Master of Commerce program in University of Sydney. Previously, Chen was a Beijing-based PR executive consultant, leading her team handling media relations and government relations for clients. Chen is also a professional translator for business and governments. Besides, Chen is VP (China Public Relations) of Australia-China Youth Association. Chen graduated with a double major in Diplomacy and Translation from Xi'an International Studies University. In 2010, she studied in Harvard University sponsored by Harvard Association of US-China Relations. Studying Finance and International Business Strategy, Chen focuses on Australia-China economic relations, business prospect and media transformation.



Cornelius Lutkefels

University of Cologne

cornelius Lütkefels studies social sciences at the University of Cologne and is member of the Executive Board to the Organizing Team of the World Business Dialogue, the world's largest student-run business convention, which takes place in Cologne every March. If you have any questions concerning the World Business, don't hesitate to ask him.

Cornelius is interested in political and economic issues, besides that he loves sports and enjoys travelling a lot.

With several long term stays in foreign countries Cornelius improved his language skills over the year, so that he is able to communicate in German, English, Spanish and a little French.



Selena Martinez-Pacheco

University of Technology Sydney

Area of interest: Foreign policy, China

Discipline: International relations, China studies

Selene Martinez-Pacheco is a PhD candidate at the China Research Centre at the University of Technology, Sydney. She received her B.A. (*honours*) in International Relations from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico, and her Mandarin-Chinese training at Beijing Normal University, China. Her research focuses on Chinese foreign policy challenges in Latin America, in particular as a result of the engagement of Chinese energy state owned companies in the region.



Brandon Joseph Miliate

University of British Columbia

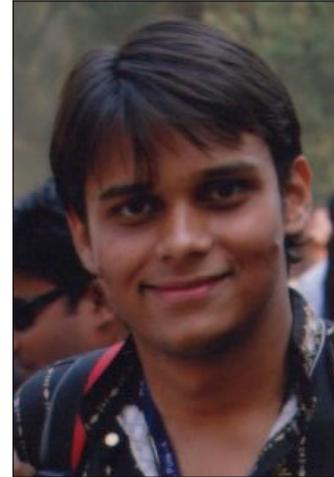
Brandon received his B.A. with Honors in International Relations from the University of Southern California, and is currently an M.A. Candidate in Asia Pacific Policy Studies at The University of British Columbia. His primary interest is in small state foreign policy, specifically focusing on how smaller nations seek to balance the rise of China and India by partnering with multiple actors. Brandon has spent several years focusing on Mongolian foreign policy, and is currently expanding his research into Southeast Asia. He hopes to begin his PhD work in 2013.



Deepanshu Mohan

London School of Economics

Currently working on a thesis on *Trade Liberalization and Internal Divergence: A case of India from 1980-2010*, as the final dissertation for MSc Economic History at London School of Economics. I also completed a research on *Foreign Direct Investments: Its Scope and Impact on the Growth of India*. I suggested solutions to attract 'quality' FDI and foreign technology in certain sectors and also focus on export-oriented FDI. Through the paper I presented a unique understanding of FDI in the context of liberalization and the prevailing political climate and how has it fuelled India's growth.



Alison Musgrove

Australian National University

Area of interest: China

Discipline: Economics, Security studies, Chinese

Alison is an honours student at the ANU researching water scarcity in China and China's relationship with India. She is the current editor of the Asia-Pacific student magazine 'Monsoon' and has a love of all things Mongolian, Himalayan and Central Asian. She has also recently developed an interest in mainland Southeast Asia, in particular Burma/Myanmar, and is keen to learn more about this region.



Shiori Neoh

University of Oxford

Shiori is an MSc candidate in Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford. Prior to Oxford, she received the Yoshida Foundation Scholarship to intern at the human rights organisation, The Carter Center, in the USA. She completed a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours at the Australian National University in 2010. Shiori's academic interests include Anthropology of Development, Anthropology of Law and Anthropology of Art. Her area focus is on Japan and Malaysia. She is currently writing her MSc dissertation on the ritual of purchase in fair trade markets.



Angus Nicholson

University of London

I was born and bred in Canberra, graduating from Narrabundah College. In my final year of a B.A. Chinese (Hons) at the School of Oriental and African Studies. HSK 6 qualified Chinese linguist. London President of the China-Britain Youth Association. Have had a paper published by Chatham House's China Studies Network, and have been published in Chinese. Keen follower of Australia's role in the politics and economics of the Asia-Pacific region.



Jessica Noske-Turner

Queensland University of Technology

Jessica is a PhD student at QUT in Journalism. She has been interested in the value of media in development over a number of years and her research follows this trajectory by investigating ways to evaluate the impact of Australia's media assistance programs on good governance. Jessica is also a freelance radio documentary maker and has produced features for Radio National. When she's not at her desk Jessica is usually out on a walking track in one of Australia's National Parks.



Navhat Nuraniyah

Australian National University

Navhat is a postgraduate student with ANU Graduate School of International Relations. Her areas of interest are human security, gender in IR and development, and religiously motivated terrorism. As an undergraduate student, she was working part time for a local NGO in Indonesia before doing internship in Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Together with Indonesian delegates, Navhat gave a presentation on youth participation in counter-terrorism efforts at the ASEAN-Korea Frontier Forum 2010. She was awarded with an AusAid scholarship right after completing her bachelor degree. She is looking forward to meet and share experience with everyone at the conference.



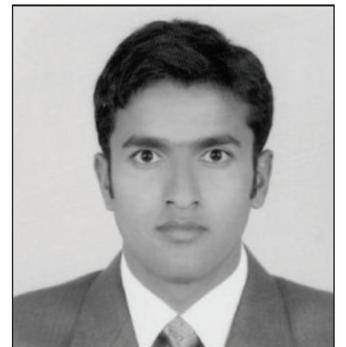
Rajesh Kumar Pathak

Purbanchal University

Area of interest: Media and crime control (South Asia)

Discipline: Humanities and social sciences, mass communication and journalism

Rajesh is involved as General Secretary in Worldwide Nepalese Students Organisation (WNSO) and student at Kantipur City College. Rajesh strives for change through team efforts and loves expanding the networks, more he wants to contribute and attend events or programs having real impact on change and development. Rajesh is also open minded and friendly person. He is eagerly waiting to meet the delegates from different countries to see and make active participation in Asia Pacific Week-2012.



Trang Pham

Indiana University

Area of interest: International trade policies and public policies

Discipline: Economic development and policy analysis

Trang has graduated from the Master of Public Affairs program in Indiana University and is currently a lecturer at Foreign Trade University in Vietnam. Some specific topics that she is working on now include common currencies, FTAs and foreign aids. Coming to APW conference, she hopes to learn and exchange knowledge as well as promote friendships in the Asia Pacific region.



Trang Pham

Australian National University

Trang holds a Bachelor in International Relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam and is currently doing her Master Degree in Public Policy – Policy Analysis at the Australian National University. Before joining the ANU, Trang worked in development sector in areas of education, ethnic minority children and HIV/AIDS. Her academic interests focus on areas of political theory and social policy such as political legitimacy, gender equality, and child labour. Her current research is on performance legitimacy of the Communist Party of Vietnam.



Phan Phuong Hao

National University of Singapore

Area of interest: Southeast Asia (Singapore and Vietnam)

Discipline: Southeast Asian studies

Phan Phuong Hao (Ms) graduated from Hanoi National University, Vietnam, majoring in Cultural Studies. Currently, she is pursuing her M.A (by Research) in Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. Her Master's thesis focuses on how Vietnamese brides who marry Singaporean men through matchmaking agencies adapt to the new living environment and negotiate their social position in the host society. Joining ANU Asia-Pacific Week 2012, she expects to share her research findings and her experiences in working with foreign migrants in Singapore with other delegates.



Hannah Purdy

Australian National University



Misael Racines

Australian National University

Misael is a PhD Candidate in Asian Studies at the Australian National University, where he also obtained his MA in Asian Studies (with Honours). His dissertation examines the everyday practices of crossings and illicit trade at the border region of the Philippines and Indonesia. Prior coming to ANU, he worked as Program Officer of the Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP) Foundation based in Manila, Philippines. He has keen interest in maritime history, migration and border studies.



Rosaline Rimes-Reich

Australian National University

Area of interest: China, contemporary art in China, sustainability
Discipline: Chinese, Asian art, environmental studies

Rosaline Rimes-Reich has studied in Beijing and Taipei previously and has done field research in Indonesia. Rosaline enjoys underground Chinese culture and wants to be an art collector in China or an environmental journalist. Rosaline is excited about the opportunity to meet Asia experts from around the world.



Kalman Robertson

Australian National University

Area of interest: Nuclear safeguards, export controls, arms control and international verification
Discipline: Strategic studies, law, physics

Kalman Robertson joined the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC) at ANU as a doctoral candidate in February 2011. An expert in nuclear physics and public international law, Kalman holds the University Medal for Physics at the Australian National University (ANU) where he also holds First Class Honours in Law. Kalman was previously engaged by the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department (AGD) in counterterrorism and nuclear security (2009-2010).

Anthony Ross

Indiana University

Anthony Ross is a current Master's student in East Asian Studies at Indiana University, having returned to the classroom after spending a number of years living and working in Asia and Europe. His research interests lie at the intersection of sexuality, national identity, and transnational cultural flows, specifically in the context of South Korean sexual minorities. He will continue preparing his thesis and studying advanced Korean throughout the coming academic year as a recipient of Indiana's Korean Studies Graduate Fellowship. Anthony is very much looking forward to meeting fellow delegates in the land down under.



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Natalia Sanz Cerezo was born in Sucre, Bolivia. She lives in Cologne, Germany since she's 17 years old and is currently studying BSc. Media Management and Science at the University of Cologne. Last year, Natalia has been part of the organizing Team of the World Business Dialogue, also a student-run business convention at her University, where she was head of the International Relations Department in charge of selecting and taking care of 350 students from all over the world.

She loves to play the piano, photography and is very interested in knowing more cultures every day.



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Discipline: International health

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Area of interest: Myanmar and China

Discipline: Development studies

Stephanie is currently completing a Bachelor of Asia and Pacific Studies/Bachelor of Arts (Honours) majoring in Development Studies, International Relations, Strategic and Security Studies and Chinese Language. She is writing her honours thesis on the role of the ethnic Chinese minority in Myanmar's economy during the SLORC/SPDC years. Stephanie spent a year studying Chinese at Tsinghua University in Beijing, has undertaken fieldwork at the Thai-Myanmar border and has travelled extensively in Asia. She also works for the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), the peak body for Australian not-for-profit aid and development organisations, and previously worked for World Vision Australia.



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Eric Shek is currently a fifth year student of a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Studies degree, with a major in Japanese. He has a deep passion for linguistics, and explored his particular interests in sociolinguistics during a year of exchange study at Osaka University in 2011. Eric was Sponsorship Officer of the Asia-Pacific Studies Society in 2010, and has been an ANU Ambassador since 2009. Additionally, he was an assistant to the Australian Network for Japanese Law in 2009 worked in Hong Kong as an Assistant English Teacher and law intern. Eric enjoys practising martial arts and violin.



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Social Movement, Democratization, Media

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Simon Sottsas

Freie University Berlin

Area of interest: Development and conflicts under circumstances of global-local interactions, historical materialism, and IT-based research
Discipline: Political and social sciences, conflict studies

Simon Sottsas is currently analyzing conflict lines on the southern Philippines for his doctoral studies. During his early university years he worked as a software developer in Italy. After completing his postgraduate studies in Berlin, he worked for the Mayor's Office Berlin, the German Institute for Economic Research, and the German Development Service in Laos. He lives, works, and commutes between Germany, Laos, and Italy, where he enjoys his leisure time by exploring the world with his small family, by discussing global politics with friends, and by playing volleyball.



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Area of interest: Environmental and social justice, development and impacts to ethnic minorities in Southeast Asia and marginalisation
Discipline: Political ecology, political geography and international development

Worawan or Wora is a PhD candidate in Human Geography at the School of Geosciences, University of Sydney. She is passionate about environmental and social justice in the context of hydropower development in Southeast Asia. Her research involves the politics of water resources management in the transboundary river basin in the Mekong and Sesan River.

Isaac Tan

National University of Singapore

Area of interest: East Asia, especially Japan
Discipline: History

Isaac Tan is an honours student majoring in History. A self-professed Japanophile, he enjoys watching *anime* and reading *manga* in his free time. He also loves to travel and enjoys backpacking to other places. His research interests include the modern history of East Asia, and other pockets of knowledge concerning gender, science and ethics.



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Michael Tan is in his fifth year studying a Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of Arts (International Relations, Political Science). He has a strong interest in International Law and recently completed a course on International Organisations in Geneva, Switzerland. He is an assistant editor for the weekly digest of international law and hopes to one day work overseas in the UN or an NGO.

Michael has also had some experience in domestic politics, having volunteered in state and federal political campaigns. He has completed a period of work experience with a Victorian MP and is contemplating undertaking Honours in Political Science.



Matthew Todd

Australian National University

Matthew is a student of Japanese language and culture. He is particularly interested in literature written in Japanese by authors who are not ethnically Japanese, and the ways in which politics and art interact. He also has a soft spot for literature from all over the Asia-Pacific region. If you have any good recommendations, let him know!



Ginger Turner

University of Oxford

Ginger Turner is a PhD student in Economics and Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, where her research focuses on natural disaster risk and insurance. She also supports a collaboration with the Lahore School of Economics in Pakistan on field experiments related to risk behavior in flooded areas. Previously, she worked in the World Bank Office of the Chief Economist and helped start a manufacturing company in India. She holds an M.S. Engineering and B.A. Economics from Stanford University.



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Serhat is currently enrolled in a doctoral programme at the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at Humboldt-University in Berlin, where he is researching the socio-political functions of Bangkok's Siam/Ratchaprasong commercial district. He holds a B.A. degree in area studies from Humboldt-University and an M.A. in international studies from the University of Leeds. He is a trained newspaper journalist and works voluntarily as an expert on the state of press freedom in Southeast Asia for Reporters Without Borders, German section. Serhat is one of the co-founders of the Thailand Study Group at Humboldt-University and runs the Thailand@HU lecture series and regular research workshops.



Ravi Prakash Vyas

University of Sydney

Area of interest: Human rights, international law, international relations
Discipline: Law, South Asia studies

Ravi Prakash Vyas holds a Law degree from India and is a Master of Human Rights and Democratisation Scholar on full scholarship from European Union at University of Sydney. He is currently based at Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal where he is a part time lecturer and is also writing his Master's dissertation. He is an avid writer and has been invited to present papers at various International conferences and they are in process of publication in reputed journals on a wide range of topics. He is flying to this event straight from City University Hongkong, where he was invited to present his paper on Nepal's Foreign Policy. He is interested to work in the field of human rights and international law particularly in relation to prevention of torture and he plan to pursue his doctoral studies in this filed.



Anna Wang

University College London

Area of interest: China
Discipline: Economics

Anna is a graduate in Philosophy and Economics from University College London. A subsequent semester at Peking University convinced her to bring her focus onto China. After interning in the financial services sector and in Latin American microfinance, she decided to combine her two interests and intern for the Economic and Financial Affairs section of the European Union Delegation to Beijing, analysing Chinese economics. She hopes to undertake a Master in International Development in 2013. Anna has travelled extensively throughout Asia Pacific, Europe and Latin America and is fluent in English, Chinese, French and Spanish.



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Area of interest: Labour migration, wage and welfare discrimination, regional wage differentials

Discipline: Labour economics

Haining Wang is a PhD student. His research is "Work, Wage and Welfare entitlement: Migrant Workers in Urban Labour Market in China". The aim of this study is to estimate to what extent the discrimination against migrant workers contributes to the labour market differentials between urban residents and migrant workers. He looks forward to discussing with scholars the issues about China's labour market and migrant workers, and improving the research methods.



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Discipline: Global governance and diplomacy

Xiaoqing Wang is an MSc student studying global governance and diplomacy in Oxford University. Her current research is on the perception and reality gap between the Sino-US relations. She is looking forward to meeting and communicating with all the distinguished delegates and honorable organizers there during the ANU Asia Pacific Week 2012 in Canberra.



Patrick Williams

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Patrick Williams is a fourth year Bachelor of Economics / Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Studies student at the ANU. His research interests include Australia-China trade relations, modern Chinese history, and Chinese economic policy. While at ANU, Patrick has studied Mandarin and spent a year in 2011 living in Beijing to improve his language ability!!

Nicki Wrighton

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Area of interest: Donor practice in Pacific Island nations

Discipline: Development studies

After 10 years working as a development consultant/official in the Pacific Nicki commenced a PhD. Her research is looking at the extent to which current donor practice, undertaken in good faith, undermines the development sovereignty of Pacific Island nations. She is interested in how 'development sovereignty' is conceived from a Pacific perspective. She hopes this understanding might be mobilised to reduce the apparent gap between the policy of 'aid effectiveness and its practice.



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Shuang Zhao is a joint PhD Student at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Political Science at Indiana University in Bloomington. Her research fields are International Relations and Environmental Policy. She is currently working on a research project on China's market economy status with Dr. Scott Kennedy and another research project on US SO₂ regulations with Dr. Evan Ringquist. Prior to joining SPEA, she worked as a consultant with Climate Lab and as a research intern at Eco-Coach. She obtained her Master's degree in Public Policy from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin. While at the University of Texas, she completed internships with the Institute of Sustainable Communities, with NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and with the Women's Outreach Department of Hillary Clinton for President.



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Zhiying Zhang is a third year student at the University of Toronto with a double major in Asia Pacific Studies and Economics. Zhiying has been infatuated with Chinese politics and later extends her interest to Taiwanese politics, cross-strait relationships, and female politics. She presented her paper at the Rise of China Panel at the Munk School of Global Affairs. As the U of T delegate, she did field research in Taiwan. She was also the editor of the academic journal, *Passages*. She is now the Co-President of INDePth Conference 2013 and welcomes worldwide scholars and students to participate.



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