

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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TUFTS PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## IR Program Welcomes New Director and Assistant Director

By Katherine Schaefer

Welcome back to Tufts! The IR Program is looking forward to a brand new year, full of exciting program initiatives that will both deepen and enrich the experiences of our students. Most importantly, we would like to welcome two new members to the IR Program Staff who will take a leading role in promoting the academic and personal development of our students. Professor Malik Mufti will be assuming the role of IR Program Director, and Kirk Okano-Lange will take on the Assistant Director position of the IR Program.

A member of the Tufts faculty since 1992, Professor Mufti comes to us from the Political Science department where he specializes in

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Professor Malik Mufti, IR Program Director



Kirk Okano-Lange, IR Program Assistant Director

## EPIIC Celebrates 20 Years

By Heather Barry

Since 1985, the Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC) program at Tufts University has been challenging students, as well as policymakers and the public at large, to think critically about issues of great importance to the world. In 2004-05, EPIIC is celebrating its 20th anniversary year. Beginning in the Experimental College as The Symposium Project, EPIIC is now the cornerstone program of the Tufts Institute for Global Leadership.

Throughout its 20-year history, the overarching themes of the program have been redefining international security and linking theory to practice. Past topics have included: "International Terrorism," "Religion, Politics, and Society," "Race and Ethnicity," and "The U.S. Role in the World." EPIIC's 20th anniversary theme is "Oil and Water."

One area of particular growth over these 20 years has been the Global Research and Internship Program, with the generous support of Tufts alumnus Javier Macaya and the Office of the Provost. In the 2003-04 academic year,

23 students (out of a class of 46) pursued research projects in Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Israel/West Bank, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Uganda, and the United Arab Emirates. On October 15, the students will be presenting their research findings. For more information: [www.epiic.org](http://www.epiic.org).

### 20th Anniversary Celebration

As part of this year's anniversary celebration, EPIIC will be sponsoring lectures and events related to its themes over the years.

Working with de.MO and the VII Photo Agency, the Tufts University Gallery is hosting two exhibits in the Koppelman Gallery in honor of EPIIC's 20th anniversary: "Evidence: The Case Against Milosevic" and "Envoys of War." Evidence, photographs by Gary Knight from Albania, Macedonia, and Kosovo during the Kosovo conflict, opened on September 9 and will run through October 31. Envoys of War is a collection of photo essays by five VII photojournalists documenting wars and conflicts in Yugoslavia (Ron Haviv), Chechnya

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# Upcoming Events

## **BORGHESANI COLLOQUIUM**

Come enjoy presentations by the past winners of the Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize. Learn about their experiences and how you can develop your own plan to go abroad.

*“Certainly, travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the idea of living.”*

**John Dulac**

“Environment and Technology: Progressive Use and Control”

**Anastasia Konstantakatou**

“Greek Immigration to Latin America”

**Eva Skillicorn**

“Internet Access Project: Santiago, Chile”

**Date: Thursday, November 4, 2004**

**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Location: New Faculty Dining Room, Carmichael Hall**

**Hors d’oeuvres will be served**

If you want to go abroad this summer to undertake an international project of your choice, come to the colloquium to learn about the prize, its application process and to obtain application materials. More information is available at the IR Program Office, Cabot 605.

# IR Program News

## Internship Takes IR Student to the UN

By Daniella Burgipalomino



Daniella and fellow intern in front of the UN

World Information Transfer (WIT) probably isn't the name of the first Non-Governmental Organization that comes to your mind when you think of the world's NGOs. I myself hadn't heard much about WIT before last June, when I learned I would be interning for them this past summer, in downtown Manhattan. And while I can say that I had no major expectations going into it, this internship ended up more than just defying my expectations; it ended up being my introduction and gateway into the world of international affairs.

Admittedly, I did do "typical" intern tasks. Three other interns and I took turns in WIT's one-room office overlooking Park Avenue, transcribing tapes of speeches from WIT's last conference, checking the translation and the grammar of the speeches of Spanish-speaking panelists at the conference, answering phone calls, making phone calls to ambassadors and representatives at missions, helping in the production of WIT's quarterly journal, "The World Ecology Report," running to missions to deliver mail, and even in one instance helping to carry out brand-new chairs that the WHO office was giving us for our office.

But the "ordinary stuff" is only half the story.

A major part of my internship included gathering information for WIT by attending and representing them at the United Nations Headquarters conferences, roundtables, and seminars. Having been founded after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster of 1986 and as an NGO that promotes environmental health, WIT is interested in not only the issue of conflict affecting human health, but also in a range of issues in which the UN is involved, including AIDS awareness, sustainable development, sanitation, and water issues. I was to attend conferences whose topics were relevant to the issues WIT worked with, which happily gave me a lot of flexibility in choosing which meetings I attended from the vast variety of meetings held every day at UN Headquarters.

*"We shared the feelings of being in the presence of the world's greatest diplomats and the most amazing international organization the world has yet seen..."*

My favorite moments at the UN included attending meetings of the Security Council, the days that it was "open" which meant that anyone with a UN Grounds Pass could attend it instead of only the delegates. In late June I attended meetings whose topics ranged from the "Convention on the Law of the Sea" to the "International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities." There was also a Seminar on Regional Financial Arrangements organized by the Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, (DESA) in which I spoke to Francisco Sagasti, a member of the Peruvian delegation, whose words of advice I still remember. Mr. Sagasti, who spoke on "Comparative Vision of Regional Development Banks," told me that, while he was pleased that I wanted to work with Peru and Latin America in the future, I should take advantage of opportunities I have

now that are not available to many people in places like Peru. I felt the amazing impact of those opportunities several more times this summer, such as when I heard Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi speak to a conference room overflowing with people.

At the end of July came a moment in which I knew I was witnessing an important event in history. I listened as the General Assembly voted in a resolution stating that the Israeli security barrier needed to come down. The excitement of walking into a room full of reporters, photographers, and armed security, and feeling the tension in the room as the Israeli delegate stated that the meeting was a waste of his time, was well-worth the two hour wait.

I wrote reports on the annual ECOSOC, or Economic and Social Council meeting, one of the only main bodies of the UN that works directly with NGOs. The discussions held there about, for example, the Least Developing Countries, disaster relief, and the status of nations in accomplishing the Millennium Development Goals, were of great interest to World Information Transfer and to me.

A seminar chaired by the former President of Brazil, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, which discussed the changing relationship between civil society and the UN, gave me the most knowledge about the role of NGOs at the UN. The process by which the UN accredits NGOs, the need to overcome the "northern bias" and reach out to southern NGOs were issues that I had never thought about before, but suddenly found myself getting very defensive about whenever someone shrugged off the importance of NGOs at the UN.

I have often heard friends say that what made their internship experience so memorable was not the job itself, but rather the environment and the people that they had the opportunity to interact with. I found this to be more than true in my internship, especially during my

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## Upcoming Events At and Around Tufts

"Pre-emptive Use of Force: A Reassessment"

A conference co-sponsored by the Fletcher School and the National Defense University  
Friday, October 1, 2004  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m

For more information please visit the web site  
<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/preemption/>

"Limits of Culture? The Role of Culture in  
Foreign Policy Outcomes"

Dr. Brenda Shaffer will present the arguments  
from her forthcoming book Limits of Culture:  
Islam and Foreign Policy.

October 7, 2004 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM  
Harvard University, JFK Government School  
BCSIA Library

The Empire Has No Clothes: A Discussion with  
Author Ivan Eland

Author Ivan Eland will discuss his new book,  
The Empire Has No Clothes: U.S. Foreign Policy  
Exposed, in which he examines U.S. expansion  
and military intervention around the world.

Harvard University, JFK Government School,  
Bell Hall, Belfer Building, 5th Floor  
October 13, 2004, 2:30 PM

Evelyn Abdalah Menconi Memorial Cultural  
Series presents its Inaugural Program of  
Cultural Voices: Arab American Representations  
with presentations by:

Filmmaker Jocelyn Ajami "Crossing Borders: A  
Cultural Journey" with clips from her films

Master Musician Simon Shaheen "Composed  
and Improvised Forms in Arab Music"

Tuesday, September 28, 2004  
Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston  
5:30-6:30pm Reception in Boston Room  
6:45 - 8:30pm Program in Rabb Lecture Hall

## Student Internship

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time spent at the UN. Some of the most  
valuable hours of my internship were spent  
eating lunch with UN interns. I learned so  
much from the insight and diversity of these  
interns, nearly all of whom were not American,  
and many who were studying to get their  
Masters or Ph.D. degrees. The conversations  
we had about the bureaucracy of the UN,  
and the frustration of doing, sometimes,  
mundane paperwork while having the skills  
to do so much more were ones that I will  
always remember. We shared the feeling  
of being in the presence of the world's  
greatest diplomats and the most amazing  
international organization the world has yet  
seen, which surrounded us with so much  
inspiration and idealism. At the same time we  
were left feeling limited, overwhelmed and

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international relations and politics in the  
Middle East. Specific publications include  
Sovereign Creations: Pan-Arabism and  
Political Order in Syria and Iraq (Cornell  
University Press, 1996), "A King's Art: Dynastic  
Ambition and State Interest in Hussein's  
Jordan" in Diplomacy and Statecraft, and  
"From Swamp to Backyard: The Middle East  
in Turkish Foreign Policy" in The Middle East  
Enters the 21st Century, edited by Robert O.  
Freedman. He is currently working on two  
projects: a book on Turkish strategic culture  
and an investigation of war in the thought of  
medieval Islamic political philosophers.

Professor Mufti has a B.A. in Economics from  
Middlebury College, an M.A. in International  
and Development Economics from Yale  
University, an M.A. in Regional Studies - Middle  
East from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in  
Political Science from Harvard University.

The IR Program would also like to welcome  
the new Assistant Director of the IR Program,  
Kirk Okano-Lange. Kirk comes to us from the

even sometimes bored and confused about  
what exactly we could do next in our lives.

In conclusion, yes, there were days when the  
meetings were long, the delegates wouldn't  
reach an agreement, and when I felt that  
my job as a note-taker was useless. Yet the  
memories of all the meetings I attended and  
of all the great words I heard spoken surpass  
those days, and I know now that I will take  
everything I experienced in this internship  
with me, no matter where my future takes me.  
I thank World Information Transfer for having  
given me the opportunity to do all this and I  
encourage all of you to seek out these small  
organizations because of the journeys they  
will surely take you on, as I have discovered  
this summer.

University of Hawai'i at Manoa in Honolulu,  
and brings with him experience in academic  
administration, as well as NGO and public  
sector program management. He has a  
background in international development,  
community health, and policy development  
with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

Kirk holds a B.A. in International Studies from  
Vassar College and an M.P.H. in International  
Health from the University of Hawai'i. He  
has twice been granted fellowships from  
the East-West Center, where he also earned  
a Postgraduate Certificate in Asia-Pacific  
Leadership Studies. His current research  
interests include communal conflict and  
means of operationalizing the human  
security framework. He has just finished co-  
editing the most recent edition of Cakalele:  
the Maluku Research Journal and is at work  
on a book project — both exploring violence  
in Eastern Indonesia.

Feel free to stop by the IR Office at Cabot 605  
to meet them personally.

# Tufts Community News

## EPIIC

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(Christopher Morris), Afghanistan under Taliban rule (James Nachtwey), East Timor in 1998 (John Stanmeyer), and Iraq in 2003 (Alexandra Boulat). This exhibit will run from November 8-21.

Other 20th anniversary events to date are: "The Dilemmas of Nation Building: Rethinking Afghanistan" with Julia Taft, director of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery of the United Nations Development Programme and head of the UNDP Task Force for Afghanistan (Oct 7); "Rethinking Iraq" with Jon Lee Anderson, author of *The Fall of Baghdad* (Oct. 8); "A Critique of US Foreign Policy" with Stanley Hoffmann, Bottenwieser University Professor at Harvard University (Oct. 13); "Waging an Effective Fight Against Terrorism: The Role of Human Rights" with Ken Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch (Oct. 25); "The 2004 Presidential Election" with Matt Bai (A '90, EPIIC '90), contributing writer for *The New York Times Magazine* (Oct. 27); and "The Closing of the American Mind" with Dr. Allan E. Goodman, president of the Institute for International Education (Nov. 18). For more detailed information, please see the Events Calendar at [www.tuftsgloballeadership.org](http://www.tuftsgloballeadership.org).

### EPIIC 2004-05 "Oil and Water"

Oil and water have been critical to the development and sustainability of civilizations, states, and communities. As world population expands, as economies and industries grow, what is the future of these vital resources? EPIIC will be investigating both petropolitics and hydropolitics, as oil and water provide opportunities for both cooperation and conflict. EPIIC will explore these issues and many more from the Niger Delta to China's Yangtze River, from the Caspian Sea to the Ganges River... from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Cochabamba... from the oil fields of Iraq to the Nile River. EPIIC is collaborating closely with the University wide interdisciplinary program,

Water: Systems, Science and Society (WSSS), on this year's topic.

EPIIC's Practitioner-in-Residence for the fall is Professor Peter Droege, Asia-Pacific Chair of the World Council for Renewable Energy; director of Solar City for the International Energy Agency; a leader of United Nations Development Programme missions in Africa



James Nachtwey, *Afghan Grave*; gelatin silver print, 2000

and the Middle East; and editor of *Intelligent Environments: IT, Telecommunications and Urban Form*. He will be at Tufts from September 30-October 27 and will lecture on the global ecosystem and sustainability nexus, probing the links between the petroleum economy, ecosystem exhaustion and global water scarcity. His visit is cosponsored by the Tufts Institute of the Environment.

### Other Events and Opportunities

• The Olof Palme Foundation of Sweden will support five pairs of Swedish and EPIIC students in summer research projects in fields that include environmental protection, human rights, social justice, conflict resolution, and agricultural and food security.

• The US Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, together with the Centers for Disease Control, will provide training for selected students as foreign disaster assistance interns.

• EarthWatch, which sponsors 140 global field research projects addressing critical environmental and social issues, will help EPIIC create its own group research trip as well as sponsor students to accompany their research scientists on field research to such places as Belarus, Inner Mongolia, and the Peruvian Amazon.

• The exhibit "Vanishing" -- photographs by Antonin Kratochvil of VII on what has either departed from view, or has barely clung to existence in humankind's "progress," from the tin mines of Bolivia to the Black Rhinos of Zimbabwe -- will be held in the Slater Concourse, February 7-March 4, 2005.

• The U.S. Military Academy at West Point has invited EPIIC to send students to its annual SCUSA Conference, and USMA cadets will participate in the EPIIC symposium.

• Sponsored by the Office of the President, EPIIC will convene the fourth Voices from the Field, a forum to bring Tufts alumni working in fields related to oil and water back to Tufts.

• Cosponsored by WSSS and the GIS Program, GIS workshops will be led by Joe Breman, editor of *Marine Geography: GIS for the Oceans and Seas*.

• Inquiry, EPIIC's high school global issues simulation program, will focus on the world's oceans, from piracy to climate change, from pollution to maritime terrorism. For those interested in working with high schools students, there is the Inquiry Teaching Group (EXP 91AF).

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# IR Program Announcements

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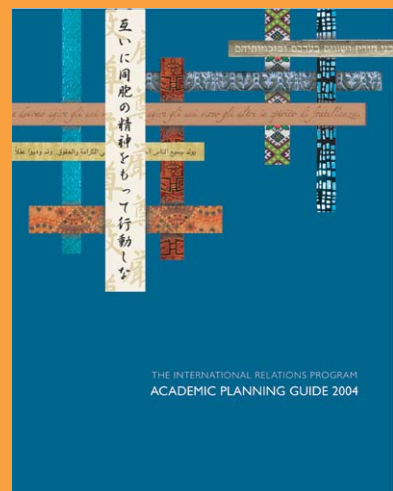
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*The IR News & Views newsletter highlights events and people in the Tufts IR community and provides selected information about the larger Boston community. The publication appears twice a semester and welcomes feedback from students and faculty.*

If you haven't picked up your Academic Planning Guide, stop by the IR Office to get your copy!

Coming Soon:  
**Inaugural IR Summit and Social**

Tentatively scheduled for  
October 12th  
More details to follow soon...



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