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Director's Message



Nicole Forrester

Over the past two months, I've been waxing lyrical to all who will listen about how the Pacific Forum Young Leaders Program develops Next Generation skills, knowledge, and networks to help build peace and stability in the Asia Pacific. I've been struck by how little people, outside the hallowed halls of international security policy, know about who we

are and what we do. Why not? We travel extensively, host conferences, we've got a website, brochures and a slew of reports. But you've got to know what you're looking for to find it. So we need to better engage people that don't already know about the YL program. Who are they? Emerging professionals and scholars we want to recruit; more diverse organizations, like businesses, that may see value in investing in NextGen leadership, and partners that can share our analysis

with their network broaden who we're reaching and how. And this is where you come in -- Young Leaders are our most effective engagement tool. Talk about the program, recommend new candidates, identify possible connections, and pass on contact information. It's simple and free, but crucial to sustaining this amazing program into the future. With our YLs fully engaged, there's much we can achieve together.

Young Leader promoted to editor of leading Asia news website

Young Leader Harry Kazianis was recently promoted to Editor-in-Chief of The Diplomat from his previous position as Assistant Editor.

Young Leader Newsletter (YLN): Congratulations on your promotion! Tell us about your new position.

Harry Kazianis (HK): Thanks! As Editor for the Diplomat, I have a wide variety of duties. This includes sourcing new material for publication, leading all fact checking and editing, balancing the focus of the publication, as well as managing a team of smart, amazing people. I also often work one on one with authors to assist their material through the publication process.

The best part of my job, that I love more than anything, is working with the writers of the Diplomat, the life blood of our publication. I have had the opportunity to assist in publishing articles and interviews with Senator John McCain, Zbigniew Brzezinski, multiple members of the US Congress, Ian Bremmer, William Martel, and Joseph Nye.

YLN: Under your leadership, what can we expect from The Diplomat?

HK: I plan to really position the Diplomat as a place for all voices, Conservative or Liberal, left or right. I think of the Diplomat as a 'big tent' where all ideas are welcomed. We plan to show our readers we are a place for informed analysis, debate, and opinion on the Asia-Pacific. You will also see a slightly softer side. We are currently looking for an amazing Assistant Editor who will champion stories that focus on the environment, women's issues, LBGT concerns and new areas of the Asia Pacific we must focus on. We want to truly be a publication that looks at the Asia Pacific as a whole.

YLN: What's it like to work at a leading international news site?

HK: In one word: amazing. I wake up everyday and do something I have a passion for. I love working with people who are at the very center of the debates of our time. I could not imagine a few years ago I would be so blessed.

YLN: What tips do you have for Young

Leaders who want to get something published on The Diplomat?

HK: My best suggestion is to come up with an idea or piece of analysis that is original. Don't rehash old ideas or someone else's opinion - unless you can stamp your own spin on it. At the Diplomat, we are always looking for writers, on all levels, who can communicate good ideas, who have strong writing skills, and are looking to engage with our readers.



FEATURED YOUNG LEADER PUBLICATION

“EAST ASIA STABILIZATION: JAPANESE AND SOUTH KOREAN OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN” BY JOHN HEMMINGS, HARVARD ASIA QUARTERLY

“As the US and its European allies begin to reshape and adapt their foreign policies to the new fiscal realities, a new grouping of states could be set to help fill the gaps. This can be seen in the field of international aid and development, where East Asian giants Japan and South Korea are contributing more to non-traditional security. Afghanistan is the unlikely setting where Tokyo and Seoul have lately been honing their aid and stabilization capabilities, blending their skills and resources in diplomacy, defense, and development.”

A YOUNG LEADER’S OPINION: RYO HINATA-YAMAGUCHI

For over a decade, a constellation of countries have committed to reconstructing Afghanistan. John Hemmings’ article sheds light on the hitherto under-acknowledged efforts by Japan and South Korea. Seoul and Tokyo’s developmental assistance is headed by non-military organs: foreign affairs ministries and aid agencies including the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). From this article, readers can get a glimpse of the shortcomings in effectiveness and efficiency within the current aid programs. Of course, the continuing conflict, and the myriad political economic problems continue to be the main obstacles to success. However, as Hemmings correctly argues, some of the planning for development projects has been constrained by domestic politics, with donors failing to adequately deal (both intentionally and unintentionally) with local complexities in Afghanistan.

Japan and South Korea’s commitment to Afghanistan was largely motivated by two factors: paying alliance dues, and upholding their reputation as aid donors. However, Hemmings’ comparative analysis somewhat overshadowed the country-specific issues in Japan and South Korea’s development projects. Given that the two countries took fundamentally different approaches, we can assume that the problems they encountered are apt to vary. In fact, the differing issues faced by Seoul and Tokyo serve as an opportunity to take a cooperative approach for future of Afghanistan. If Japan and South Korea connect their operations for non-traditional security and development projects, this would act as a force multiplier for stabilization efforts.

PUBLICATIONS

North Korea’s Defence Planning: Symbolism vs Substance by Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi

<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2012/08/02/north-korea-s-defence-planning-symbolism-vs-substance/>

A Long and Winding Road for Cybersecurity Cooperation by Mihoko Matsubara

Harvard Asia Quarterly, Spring/Summer 2012

The Role of Nuclear Weapons in the Future Security Environment by Elbridge Colby

<http://gt2030.com/2012/06/29/the-role-of-nuclear-weapons-in-the-future-security-environment-2/>

The Predicaments of Chinese Power by Minghao Zhao

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/13/opinion/the-predicaments-of-chinese-power.html?_r=1&ref=global

Philippines’ Defence Build-up: Revival of the Self-Reliant Posture by Ava Patricia C. Avila

<http://www.rsis.edu.sg/publications/Perspective/RSIS1252012.pdf>

Japan’s Zimbabwe Dilemma by Jonathan Berkshire Miller

http://www.asiasentinel.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4704&Itemid=176

Establishing a Myanmar Style of Democracy by Billy Tea

<http://www.faiobserver.com/article/establishing-myanmar-style-democracy>

State Department Must Send Right Signals at Pacific Islands Forum by Eddie Walsh

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/eddie-walsh/pacific-islands-forum_b_1690092.html

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YOUNG LEADER PROFILE: YAPING WANG



At age 5, Yaping Wang already understood the real-world importance of US-China diplomatic relations in a highly personal way “ ... My brother, who was born in China with congenital heart disease, was saved by an American doctor who only made it to China after [the two countries] formalized their relationship,” she said in an email.

Wang has taken that interest in, and passion for, international relations and transformed it into a successful career. She is currently the Asia Program Manager at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she researches and writes about issues related to Asian affairs, edits the organization’s Chinese language website and newsletter, and manages the daily operations of Carnegie’s Asia Program in Washington, DC. Her long-term career goals are to become a policy scholar with expert knowledge of Southeast Asia and China. She also hopes to be an interlocutor for US-China relations. Her goal is to “explain the US strategic foreign policy thinking to the Chinese in the language and ways that the Chinese people truly understand.”

Like many Young Leaders, Wang loves to travel in her free time. “Adventure travel satisfies my curiosity and love of new experiences,” she said. “One month’s backpacking in the mountains and rivers of Burma remains my favorite piece of memory. I tried bungee jumping on my 25th birthday. Two years ago I challenged fate by trying to snowboard on the icy slopes near my home in Virginia. When I’m feeling a little more cautious, I dance to hip hop.”

If you’re interested in being profiled as a Young Leader, email ellise@pacforum.org

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Tell us about publications you’re featured in, your favorite articles, job & fellowship opportunities for other Young Leaders, etc. Our wall is your wall.

OPPORTUNITIES: INTERNSHIPS/JOB/PUBLISHING

Know of something you'd like to share with your fellow Young Leaders? Email ellise@pacforum.org with as detailed a posting as possible and we'll spread the word!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Pacific Forum is seeking Handa, Vasey, and Kelly Fellow Applicants. Application deadline is Aug. 15. Visit www.pacforum.org or email pacificforum@pacforum.org for more details.

CALL FOR PAPERS

ISN is seeking papers on climate change, identity politics, demography-migration, WMD/CBRN, food security, water security, and other topics. **To learn more about this opportunity, email ellise@pacforum.org**

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Next Generation National Security Leaders

The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for the annual Next Generation National Security Leaders Program for the 2012-2013 class year. Applicants must be US citizens. Applications for the program are being accepted now through Friday, Aug. 31, 2012.

For the fourth successive year, CNAS will gather a bipartisan group of future national security leaders to participate in a series of frank and open discussions on immediate and long-term US national security and foreign policy challenges with the goal of developing a shared understanding of the nation's security interests and international priorities. During the program, Next Generation Leaders will engage with influential figures in the national security field in a series of candid discussions on several of the most pressing issues facing the United States.

To be considered for the Next Generation National Security Leaders Program, applicants must submit a complete application, which includes:

- Online application form
- Letter of interest
- Résumé/CV
- Nominating letter from a non-family member describing the candidate's strengths.

Visit <https://cnasjobs.wufoo.com/forms/q7x2m3/> to apply.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Editor, The Diplomat

The position will entail working remotely for much of the time and so an enthusiastic self-starter is essential. The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in international affairs, a proven background in the Asia-Pacific (through education or experience), and will have demonstrable experience working in an online environment. Special consideration will be given to candidates with prior journalism experience, especially in environmental concerns, women's issues, and cultural news.

Applicants should also be strongly familiar with social networking and outreach. We're not just talking about being able to update Facebook and Twitter – candidates should understand how to use a range of media to build an audience and further develop the reputation of a quality news publication.

In addition to outreach, the assistant editor will be responsible for supporting the editor with day-to-day editing duties, fact checking, research and sourcing new material for the magazine. There will be writing opportunities for the right candidate, but we are looking for more than just enthusiastic, budding journalists – we need someone who knows how to find new readers as well as take responsibility for enhancing the content of our blogs and generate ideas for features. This is a varied and challenging role, but has enormous potential for someone able to take initiative and help us build on our success.

Please send a resume/CV, cover letter and two references to the editor: harry@the-diplomat.com