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"10th ISF 2013: Facing a World of Transition" and "Europe 101" Seminar Young Leaders Program **•** April 22-26, 2013 **•** Geneva and Zurich

ISN and WSD-Handa Young Leaders Conference

The Pacific Forum CSIS together with the International Relations and Security Network (ISN), Dr. Haruhisa Handa and Worldwide Support for Develoopment are delighted to welcome you to Switzerland for the "10th ISF 2013: Facing a World of Transition" and "Europe 101" Seminar Young Leaders Program.

ISN is one of the world's leading open access information services for international relations (IR) and security professionals. Established in 1994, ISN's mission is to facilitate security-related dialogue and cooperation within a high-quality network of international relations organizations, professionals and experts, and to provide open-source international relations and security-related tools and materials in accessible ways. Pacific Forum and ISN have partnered to mutually promote internet-based information and communication, and to give a greater voice to the next generation of international policy professionals. ISN has generously assisted with financial support and coordination for this conference.

Worldwide Support for Development (WSD) is a not-for-profit organization that supports academic, educational, and various philanthropic projects around the world. It provides relief for people in difficult economic and social circumstances and improves the educational environment. Through these activities WSD aims to support the creation of a safe society where the people of the world are all equal and live a fulfilled life. Pacific Forum CSIS, with support from WSD and the vision of its Chairman, Dr. Handa, holds conferences in conjunction with senior-level dialogues in addition to Young Leader-only seminars and forums.



The WSD-Handa Program, established at Pacific Forum CSIS in 2010, sponsors annual conferences in addition to individual research projects through fellowships. Fellowships offer resident and non-resident research opportunities to increase Asia-Pacific, North American, and European participation in Pacific Forum programs.

2012 WSD-Handa Conferences



Description of the WSD-Handa Fellowship



Resident Fellowship: This fellowship provides East Asian, European, and North American scholars and professionals with a venue to delve deeper into the political, economic, and security issues that affect East Asia in general and Japan in particular. WSD-Handa Fellows work at the Pacific Forum office in Honolulu for several months to one year. Special consideration is given to young professionals and scholars from lesserdeveloped Southeast Asian nations and to those in Europe and the US who focus on East Asia security issues.

Fellows spend half their time on an independent research project, under the guidance of Pacific Forum senior staff, which will be published in the Pacific Forum *Issues & Insights* series. The other half of his/her obligations are to assist with Pacific Forum research and programs. WSD-Handa Fellows are expected to attend Pacific Forum conferences and, through those conferences, have the opportunity to hear from experts on US-Asia policies. WSD-Handa Fellows also participate fully in the Pacific Forum's Young Leaders program. Applications and additional information can be found at: <u>http://csis.org/programs/pacific-forum-csis/wsd</u>.

2013 RESIDENT WSD-HANDA FELLOWS



Ms. Ellise AKAZAWA (USA) is the public relations and outreach coordinator at Pacific Forum CSIS and concurrently holds a resident WSD-Handa fellowship. She is pursuing an M.A. in political science from the University of Hawaii. Akazawa is writing her Master's thesis on fresh water conflicts. She obtained her B.A. in international business from the University of Puget Sound and spent one year studying at the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne, Australia.



Ms. Nicole Forrester (AUS) is the Director of the Young Leaders Program at Pacific Forum CSIS and concurrently holds a WSD-Handa Fellowship for her research into the impact of social media on Next Generation attitudes towards international issues. In 2011, Nicole was awarded an Asia Pacific Leadership Fellowship by the East-West Center, Honolulu. Formerly, Nicole was the Senior International and Government Relations Adviser for the Australian Industry Group. At the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra, she served as the Acting Director of the United Nations and Commonwealth Section and as Consul for Economic and Political Affairs at the Australian Consulate-General in Los Angeles. Prior to her diplomatic service, Nicole was an associate lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology.



Ms. Cristin Orr SHIFFER (USA) is a resident WSD-Handa resident fellow at Pacific Forum CSIS. She is currently researching opportunities through which the US military can employ smart power and whole-of-government approaches to US overseas basing challenges in the Asia Pacific. Shiffer also holds a position in the Research and Policy Department of Blue Star Families, a national non-profit that researches and advances policy options in support of military families. Shiffer has formerly held positions with the Australian Defence Community Organization and the US House Foreign Affairs Committee staff. She is reading for her comprehensive examinations at Old Dominion University's Graduate Program in international studies.



Mr. Billy TEA (FRA/USA) is a WSD-Handa fellow at Pacific Forum CSIS. Prior to joining Pacific Forum, he was an analyst for the Bureau of Foreign Policy and Security Studies at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Tea was a trainee at the Political Section of the European Union Delegation and at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies in New Delhi, India. He has written articles on the implications of China's political and economic rise, China and India's relations with Southeast Asia, and the political-economic development of Myanmar. In 2007, he volunteered at the Thai-Myanmar border working with refugees, where he experienced the spillover effects of civil war which pushed him to graduate from King's College London with an M.A. in War Studies. Tea also graduated magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a B.A. in political science.



SELECTED FORMER RESIDENT FELLOWS

Ms. Eleni Georgia EKMEKTSIOGLOU (GRC) is a project assistant at the European Union Institute for Security Studies, which is an EU agency. Prior to that, Eleni was a resident WSD-Handa Fellow at Pacific Forum CSIS. Her research examines strategic studies-related questions, focusing on the PLAN modernization and A2/AD (Anti-Access/Area-Denial) military capabilities. Her work has been published on The Diplomat, EIAS newsletter and in other European journals and newspapers. She holds a Master's degree from the King's College London War Studies Department. Eleni studied international relations and European studies at Panteion University of Athens and spent one year as an exchange student at Science Po Lille.



Mr. Justin GOLDMAN (USA) is a visiting scholar at De La Salle University in the Philippines. Previously, he was an Associate Research Fellow in Military Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) in Singapore and a Sasakawa Peace Foundation fellow at Pacifici Forum. He also served as a US Marine and participated in two Western Pacific naval deployments training with partner nations ranging from Singapore to the United Arab Emirates. He provided humanitarian assistance in East Timor before operating in Afghanistan and Pakistan during 2001-2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He earned an MSc in Strategic Studies in 2010 at RSIS.



Mr. John Hemmings (USA) is a PhD candidate at the London School of Economics. Hemmings assisted in developing and coordinating Royal United Service Institute's Japan-related research and conference activities both in RUSI's Whitehall premises and in Tokyo with partners as diverse as the British Embassy, Asia Forum Japan (AFJ), National Institute of Defense Studies (NIDS), and Japan Forum for Strategic Studies (JFSS). He has published various commentaries in RUSI as well as the Japanese and British media on Japanese politics and security issues.



Ms. Gintare JANULAITYTE (LIT) is Advisor to the Minister of National Defence for the Republic of Lithuania. Previously, she was a resident WSD-Handa Fellow at Pacific Forum, where she researched Burma/Myanmar. She also interned at the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington, DC. Gintare holds a Master's degree in international law from Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania) and a Master's in diplomacy and military studies from Hawaii Pacific University, where she delivered the graduate valedictory speech. During the pursuit of her Bachelor's degree, she studied at Ghent University (Belgium), Girona University (Spain) and in Vietnam.



Dr. Ta Minh Tuan (VNM) is secretary to the deputy prime minister of Vietnam and former associate professor and deputy director of the Center for Foreign Policy and Regional Studies, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. He received a BA from Hanoi University, an MA from MGU in India, and PhD in political science from the Polish Academy of Sciences. His major research interests include US foreign policy, Vietnam's politics and foreign policy, Vietnam-US relations, and nonproliferation of WMD and nuclear energy. He also worked as a research fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington DC.



Ms. Ting Xu (PRC/USA) has been a senior project manager for the Bertelsmann Foundation in Washington, DC. Before joining the Foundation she worked on several sustainable development projects at the World Bank. Ting was a member of the World Bank team on Wenchuan Earthquake Emergency Relief and Reconstruction in 2008. She has also worked for the International Fund for Agricultural Development in Washington, DC and for the Asian Development Bank Institute in Tokyo. She began her career as an account executive for Dentsu Inc.



Ms. Yuan (Maggie) Ma (PRC) is a PLA Air Force major and former MA student at the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) focusing on Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies. Yuan has studied WMD science and technology, policy analysis, and global politics. She has written on China as a factor in India's missile defense program. Yuan was a liaison officer at China's National Defense University, where she studied Marxism and its New Development in Contemporary China, Chinese Military Strategy, Military High Technology and Informationized Weapons, National Security Strategy, Foreign Military Strategy, Geo-Strategy, and Military Thought and Modern Warfare.

<u>Non-Resident Fellowship:</u> Non-resident WSD-Handa fellows attend two to four conferences annually as part of the Pacific Forum CSIS Young Leaders program. In this program, the Pacific Forum CSIS brings the next generation of security policy specialists (ages late 20s to early 30s) to conferences to give them unique insights, network with future peers, and provide a next generation perspective on critical issues. Pacific Forum CSIS gives special consideration to those from lesser developed Southeast Asian nations and to those in Europe who focus on East Asia security issues. For more information, please visit our website http://csis.org/programs/pacific-forum-csis/wsd or contact Brad Glosserman, Executive Director at pacificforum@pacforum.org.





