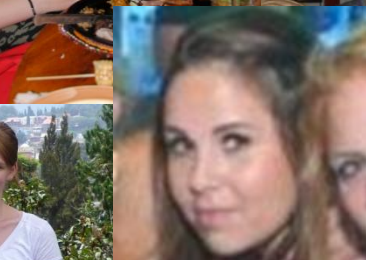




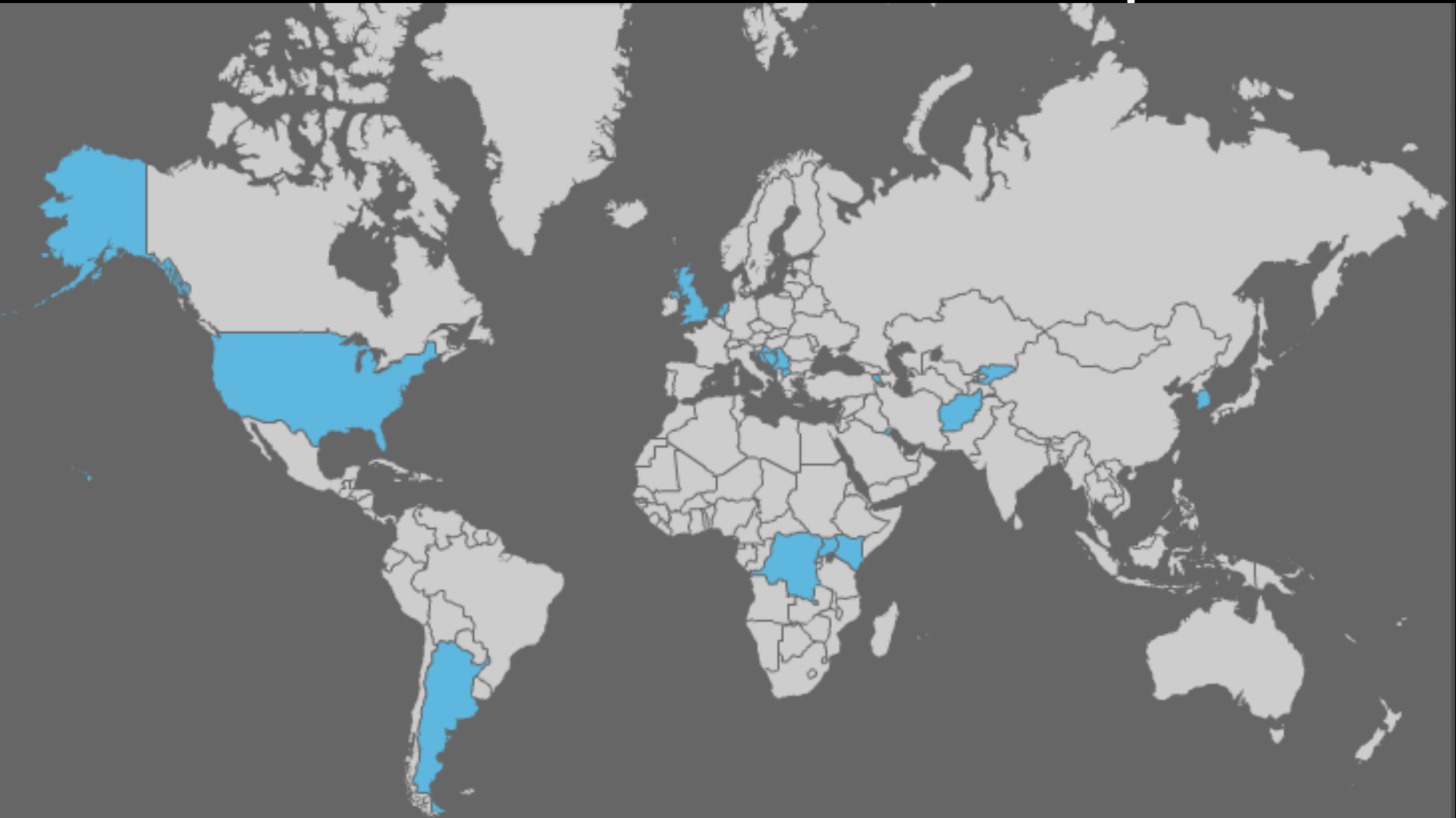
Internships CICAM students 2010 - 2011



Master students CICAM 2010 -2011



Countries where we have conducted our internships





www.hirda.org

In the Netherlands I did an internship at the Somali Diaspora organization HIRDA when researching remittances among Somalis. My research was about the transnational relationship between Somalis in the Netherlands (senders) and Somalis in Kenya (receivers). HIRDA helped me with finding contacts and respondents (senders of remittances) in the Netherlands and setting up my research in Kenya where I was going to interview the receivers of remittances.



It was very challenging to go alone and try to network myself into the Somali community. Overall, it was a very instructive and inspiring time.



Diede Sterenborg
Nairobi, Kenya





www.unhcr.nl

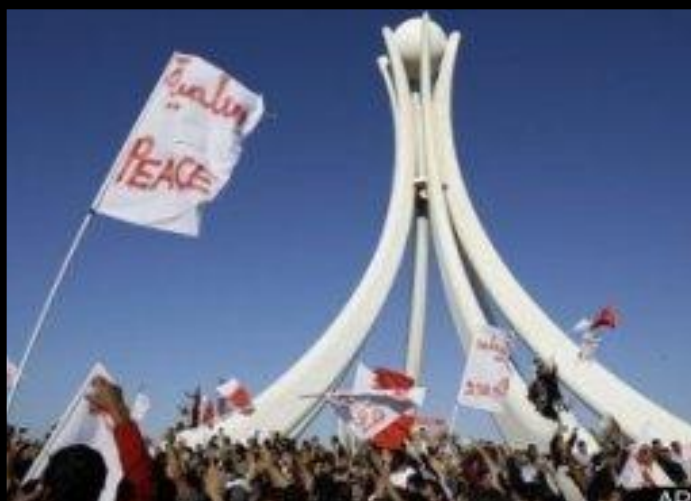


Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken www.minbuza.nl

UNHCR suggested to study the conflict in Bahrain that erupted in February 2011, and especially refugees resulting from this conflict. An additional task of the internship was to follow and translate news, policy and judiciary on the situation of refugees in The Netherlands, which was also very interesting.

During the initial phase of my research it appeared impossible to study the topic of refugees from Bahrain. Therefore, my research topic changed to the conflict *an sich*. To perform a thorough research I decided to do a second internship at the Dutch Embassy of Kuwait (also responsible for Bahrain) which will start in January 2012.

Jacqueline van Dooren – The Hague/Kuwait



When I applied for an internship at the OSCE I did not know exactly what to expect. The only thing I hoped for was that I would be able to experience how an international organization functions- inside as well as outside- the impact it has on the country it is stationed in and the concerning society. Simply to understand whether such an organization would fit in my future perspectives.



Looking back to the three months full of OSCE- experience, I can gladly state that I achieved those goals that I had set before me and much more. Not only did I experience how OSCE functions, I acquired new knowledge and practice by through various activities: by taking part in various conferences, meetings & seminars, fulfilling supportive work and other tasks assigned to me – I learned a lot about the functioning of OSCE from within as well as from the outside perspective.

Lajla Sjadijeva, Yerevan, Armenia





As an intern at the Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV) I contributed to two advisory reports: one on the Arab spring and one on international defence cooperation. I was also involved in the follow up of a third report on the Millennium Development Goals, which included the organisation of lectures, discussions and seminars.

Although the AIV is an independent advisory body, for all practical aspects it is part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Thus it offered me a highly political environment where I met and interviewed several people with relevant knowledge on my thesis topic.



René van Altvorst, The Hague

In DR Congo I conducted research on the roles and perceptions between the UN peacebuilding mission and local NGOs. DRC is a country with a long history of conflict and many local peacebuilding initiatives. I did lots of interviews which gave me an interesting insight of the weakness and strengthening in relations between UN and local NGOs in the peacebuilding process.



During 4 month living in DRC I extended my practical expertise and knowledge about peacebuilding in DRC, as I also experienced the warm-hearted Congolese people with all their impressive stories. An experience I will never forget!

Eline Pereboom
Bukavu, DR Congo



I did my internship at Partners Kosova, which is a well-established local NGO based in Prishtina, which runs several successful projects. My research evaluated the Kosovo Community Reconciliation and Development programme, a project that uses development as a tool for reconciliation between Serbian and Albanian communities in the north of Kosovo. I conducted several interviews in four different project locations; this helped me understand the nature of interethnic tensions and analyze some possible solutions.

Juri Grudina, Prishtina



Cooperation for Peace and Unity



Location of Taliban attack on US Embassy and ISAF HQ, Kabul

At the Cooperation for Peace and Unity (CPAU) I conducted research on communal conflicts. The regional focus of my research was on Takhar and Kunduz, two provinces in the North of Afghanistan.

The majority of the population is dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. Land and water are therefore the most common issues for communal conflicts. The Afghan government is not able to control the whole country and in large parts of Kunduz and Takhar people resort to informal justice and mediation institutions to solve their problems.

I wrote two reports on contentious issues and how people resolve local level conflicts.



View from my office, Kabul



Chilling with my home-boys, Kunduz

I was offered a 1 year contract as a project manager after my internship and I am currently living in Kabul (and Kunduz).

Nils Witte, Kabul, Afghanistan

www.nlembassy.rs



I had three great months working as an intern at the Netherlands Embassy in Belgrade. It was the perfect place to learn more on the political situation of Serbia and a good introduction to the diplomatic world. As a bonus, Mladic got caught during my stay in Belgrade.

Some of the things I have done:

I wrote a report on the relations between Serbia and BiH, organized a seminar with the Serbian Foreign Ministry and had the responsibility of coordinating the Embassy's contribution to the visit of a Parliamentary delegation from the Netherlands.



Eline Berghuis - van Westering
Belgrade, Serbia



At Human Rights Watch I conducted research on access to health care in conflict areas. Living and dying while suffering from an incurable disease in poverty and pain is all too common in sub-Saharan Africa. I wrote a report on the current situation of access to morphine and made recommendations for the possibilities of nurse prescribing of morphine.

In February 2012 I will go to Uganda to do a second internship at Hospice Africa Uganda. I hope to get more in depth knowledge about the palliative care provision and services in Uganda.

Wout Linsen, New York /
Kampala, Uganda.





www.nlada.nl

I did an internship at the Netherlands Defence Academy. The main reason for choosing the NLDA was the (to some extent) military subject of my thesis.



As a former student of the NLDA, I was already acquainted with most of the lecturers and researchers on this institute, which turned out to be very helpful for my thesis research about Hugo Chávez' hostile allegations towards The Netherlands.

Bernd Peeters, Breda

Stefan in South-Korea

www.justice4nk.org/en/



The failed internship:

The start of my time in South Korea was a bit troublesome and in hindsight pretty funny:

Day 1: Arriving in Seoul, meeting my boss, realizing he:

- Sleeps at the office (he has nothing else)
- Is the only employee (he has no one else)
- Is extremely arrogant (his newspaper was better than the NY times)

Day 2: Find out that articles written for the Seoul Times should not be too critical and witness my boss yell and fight with the dry cleaner for over half an hour

Day 3: Finally got my own place to stay, get into an argument with my boss and quit my internship that night 😊

The successful internship:

After quitting my internship I got into contact with Justice for North Korea, a local NGO that works with North Korean refugees, and funds shelters in China along the underground railroad (not a real railroad) that tries to bring North Korean refugees into safety, as China sends the “North Korean defectors” right back to North Korea, where they face prison, labor camps and sometimes execution. I helped them in the office, designed a poster that was printed in a South Korean magazine that hopefully generated more donations. In return I got access to great sources: they know and worked with North Korean refugees, the founder of Justice for North Korea was jailed in China for helping those refugees and was a great source of information and inspiration!



Stefan Verweij,
Seoul





Conflict and Cooperation over Natural Resources in Developing Countries - CoCooN www.nwo.nl/cocoon

For the CoCooN project I conducted research in the Turkana district in Northern Kenya on the relation between natural resources, conflict and cooperation with a specific focus on water issues. With the continues droughts in the region the competition over available water resources intensifies. Furthermore, the porous borderlands between Kenya and Ethiopia and South Sudan makes the area prone to violent clashes. The CoCooN project provided an amazing opportunity for me to translate my theoretical knowledge on conflict and natural resources to day-to-day life in Turkana.

Iris du Pon, *Turkana district Kenya*





CIBR: Center for International Borders Research
www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/CentreforInternationalBordersResearch/

At CIBR, I have conducted research on the tourist tours in West Belfast, which originated my master thesis *“Touring discourses: legitimizing division at The Shankill-Falls”*. Belfast’s city tours are an essential and fruitful ways to experience the city’s history , struggles and context. I also contributed to the International conference *“Conflict in Cities”*, 2011.



International Wall, The Falls



Belfast's Castle

Being a visiting research associate at CIBR gave me the opportunity to experience how research, particularly in-depth field research is done. Check the link below for more info about my experience: www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/CentreforInternationalBordersResearch/Aboutus/VisitingFellows/PreviousVisitingFellows/



Débora Terra, Belfast - UK



At the museum of memory I conducted a research on the struggle for collective memory in a society which is dealing with the horrors of the dictatorial regime of 1976 - 1983. Until today human rights organizations are fighting for truth and justice with the intention to get disappeared people out of silence and prevent repetition of the cruelties that took place.



During my internship I have learned to set up and conduct a qualitative research and to dance the Tango. But for me the most important; I have experienced up close how a society tries to deal with a violent past.



Marije Oudshoorn
Rosario, Argentina

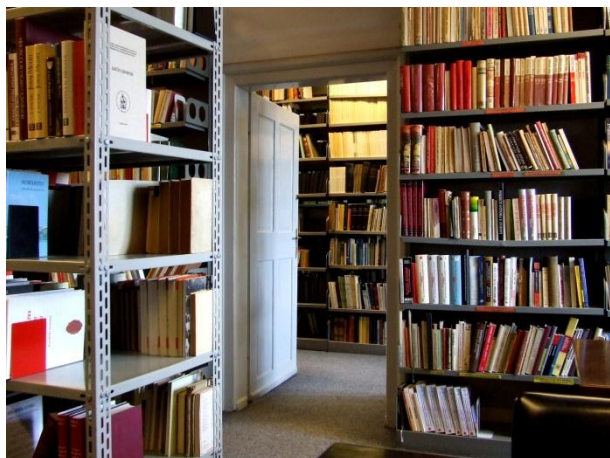
Hrvatski Institut za Povijest

Croatian Institute of History

www.isp.hr

“As a graduated historian I wanted to take a look at the historical dimensions of the conflicts on the Balkan, and I was lucky enough to get an internship at the Hrvatski Institut za Povijest, the Croatian Institute of History. Although I was a bit sceptical about the idea of doing an internship at first, I have to say I found it very useful. My work at the institute mainly consisted of doing my own literary research in their library and interviewing experts on the subject. Working on my thesis in Zagreb gave me more insight in how people thought about the conflict and how it still affected their daily lifes (I’ve had plenty discussions in various bars in Zagreb about the break up of socialist Yugoslavia with the locals), but also how it affected local historians. For instance, two of the historians I’ve interviewed described the other person as ‘communist pseudo scientist’ or ‘nationalistic history falsifier’. I have to say that Zagreb was a pretty interesting place to do my research!”

Chris van Gorp, MA
Zagreb, Croatia





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I did my internship at Accenture, at the Health & Public Service department. Main activity was organizing the Innovation Awards 2011 (www.innovation-awards.nl). Despite the fact that this internship is not an obvious choice for a conflict studies student, I was able to link the internship to my Master thesis. I investigated the linkage between innovation and the influence of the Kosovo - Albanian diaspora.

Accenture Innovation Awards
Health & Public Service



The internship at Accenture gave me the opportunity to get an insight in the business world. I learned a lot and I developed myself more broadly.



Vera Dormans, Amsterdam

At the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, I conducted research for my master thesis. The topic of my master thesis was conflict potential and the role of youth in the Ferghana Valley, with a case-study about Osh. In June 2010, ethnic violence occurred between ethnic Kyrgyz and Uzbeks. On the one hand neighbourhoods are still destroyed, which are now being reconstructed. On the other hand people got back to normal life as can be seen at the central bazar.



Doing research at the OSCE Academy was very useful, as it gave me access to many contacts and resources. In total I conducted over 40 interviews for my research.

Simone de Bruijn,
Bishkek / Osh, Kyrgyzstan





www.defensie.nl/landmacht



At the Defence Intelligence and Security Institute of the Royal Netherlands Army I conducted a research on military intelligence gathering and cultural awareness. Most western militaries are confronted with an enormous cultural gap when on a peace-mission. This hinders them in collecting intelligence to successfully complete this mission. How to implement more cultural awareness without losing an effective military force was a key ingredient in my research.

During this internship, I learned to look at conflicts from both a military and a civilian perspective alike; both of which are indispensable in a conflict region.



Jord
'T Harde, Netherlands

At the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Bijeljina, I conducted research for my master thesis. The topic of my master thesis is called *The influence of the European Union on nationalism in Republika Sprska*. It is about the role of the European Union in the construction of civil society in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Although there is still a lot of International presence in the country, nationalism remains a big problem .



Femke Dekker,
Bijeljina, Republika Srpska,
Bosnia-Herzegovina



Being an intern at the HCHR in RS was very useful. It gave me access to many contacts and resources. I traveled throughout the country, attended conferences and conducted several interviews for my research

