



Megan Garcia, Eleni Ekmektsioglou, John Hemmings, Britney Bear, Timothy Stafford, Xenia DeGraaf, and Vital William Nero in front of the United Nations Office in Geneva. Photo by Britney Bear.

## Young Leaders meet in Geneva

**GENEVA** - Twenty-nine Young Leaders assembled in Geneva, Switzerland on Aug. 12 for a four-day program titled “Challenges and Opportunities for WMD Nonproliferation and Disarmament: Next-Generation Solutions.” The conference was primarily sponsored by Pacific Forum CSIS and Worldwide

Support for Development. In addition to substantive lectures and discussions, Young Leaders were treated to a welcome reception hosted by H.E. Ambassador Hisham Badr, Egypt’s Permanent Representative to the UN. The program’s key findings will be published in a forthcoming edition of Issues & Insights.

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## Director's Message



Juliet asks "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." Perhaps not a concern in

Nicole Forrester

Shakespeare's 16th Century, but today a name is essential to your brand's success or failure.

A name does more than identify you, it lets people know who you are and what you're about. And if done creatively, a name should differentiate you from others while piquing their interest enough to stimulate exploration.

It's important that our program develop, network and promote the next generation of international security and foreign policy experts has a name which reflects our values and vision. While a worthy name that has served us very well so far, a growing number of "Young Leaders" feel that the name (and therefore the brand) doesn't convey our depth of expertise or our vision for the future and doesn't distinguish us sufficiently from other leadership development programs.

I'd love to hear your ideas for a program name that truly reflects our brand, its people, values and vision. I don't imagine this name would include "young" or "next generation" and doesn't even have to be in English. Building a new brand name is a blue sky opportunity to show the world who we are, what we do and why we're doing it. Are the "Young Leaders" up for the challenge to really answer the question "What's in a name?"

## Young Leader Profile

### Chin-Hao Huang



Chin-Hao Huang visiting a Chinese UN peacekeeping camp.

Despite a focus on East Asia in general and China in particular, much of Chin-Hao Huang's research and travel happens outside of the Asian continent.

"One of the most interesting projects I have worked on recently was on China's changing attitude and policies toward international peacekeeping operations and interventions," he said in an email.

"The year-long research project involved going to Haiti, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Liberia, and Ethiopia to carry out

research interviews and collect data in the field. Going to these exotic, off-the-beaten-path countries has been an eye-opening and rewarding experience. You really get a first-hand opportunity to see how conflict management works (or not) and try to measure and better gauge the impact of development assistance and peacekeepers' work in contributing to post-conflict reconstruction."

Currently, Huang is working on his doctoral dissertation at the University of Southern California, which he describes as "[testing] the effects of socialization theory in international relations to explain why Chinese decision-makers may be moved to cooperate and abide by widely accepted international norms when doing so is not in their immediate material power or economic interests."

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-Chin-Hao Huang*

## **Young Leaders program to introduce water, energy, and food focus next year**

The Young Leaders Program will launch a water, energy and food focus in 2013 to highlight the issues' growing importance in international security. "We recognize that more Young Leaders are focusing on the water, energy, and food nexus and want to ensure that our Young Leaders programs are at the forefront of these important issues," said Nicole Forrester, director of the Young Leaders Program. "At this juncture, we are reliant on funding opportunities to take the next step." If you know of any organizations that may be in a position to financially support this new endeavor or enter in a partnership with Pacific Forum, please email [nicole@pacforum.org](mailto:nicole@pacforum.org).

## **Alumni chapters pilot project announced**

A new pilot project spearheaded by a Chinese Young Leader aims to expand the program's alumni chapters beyond Washington, DC to cities around the globe. Former Pacific Forum CSIS resident Vasey Fellow Yang Yi is organizing an alumni chapter in Singapore with a kickoff event scheduled for this fall, which will serve as a model for chapters elsewhere. If successful, the model will be exported to other cities with a high concentration of Young Leader alumni. If you are interested in participating in the inaugural Singapore event or would like to start a chapter in your city of residence, please email [nicole@pacforum.org](mailto:nicole@pacforum.org).

## **PacNet Newsletter Update**

Pacific Forum is changing the email address from which PacNet newsletters are sent. Beginning Sept. 15, PacNets will be distributed from [pacnet@pacforum.org](mailto:pacnet@pacforum.org). Please add this address to your list of approved senders.

If you are not receiving PacNet newsletter, please email Mari Skudlarick at [mari@pacforum.org](mailto:mari@pacforum.org), and she will add you to Pacific Forum's general email distribution list.

## **Call for Honolulu-based interns**

Pacific Forum CSIS is seeking interns for the Fall 2012 semester. If you are a resident of Honolulu and interested in gaining practical work experience, please email [pacificforum@pacforum.org](mailto:pacificforum@pacforum.org). Internships are unpaid, however interns have the opportunity to participate in Honolulu-based Pacific Forum events.

## **Pacific Forum signs MOU with ISN**

Pacific Forum CSIS and the Zurich-based International Relations and Security Network (ISN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last month in an effort to strengthen and formalize ties between the two organizations. The primary purpose of the partnership is to "mutually promote internet-based information and communication networks, and to give a greater voice to next-generation international policy professionals," according to the memorandum.

"Pacific Forum and ISN will be sharing and cross-promoting content on both our websites and social networks," said Nicole Forrester, director of the Young Leaders program. "In practical terms, this presents a tremendous opportunity for Young Leaders to have their published material shared with broader global audience."

Both organizations' websites will feature links to the other's and will attempt to share each other's content when feasible.

YLS will also have the opportunity to publish through ISN directly in the form of articles for the Editorial Plan and Security Watch sections of their website. For more information about these opportunities, email [adam.dempsey@sipo.gess.ethz.ch](mailto:adam.dempsey@sipo.gess.ethz.ch)

Visit ISN's website at [www.isn.ethz.ch](http://www.isn.ethz.ch)

## FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

### “Cultivating Tomorrow’s Asia Hands”



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Discussions about the US “rebalancing” to the Asia-Pacific region have focused on the rhetoric and resources surrounding the effort. But after more than a decade of America’s aspiring foreign policy practitioners choosing and being directed to language training and graduate programs focused on terrorism and the Middle East, we also need a successful rebalancing of our human capital to the Asia-Pacific region to posture the United States for success. Kurt Campbell, assistant secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said at the annual CNAS conference: “We have now built an unbelievable cadre of people that can tell you every aspect about how to do post-conflict reconstruction. What I am hoping for and what I believe will be necessary [...] is to build a similar cohort of people that are deeply, profoundly knowledgeable about Asia.”

While it is difficult to quantify the challenge the US faces after a decade of focusing on the Middle East, I can attest that amongst my cohorts in Washington, there is a stark imbalance of Asia-focused experts age 25 to 35. This is true across the foreign policy spectrum: in think tanks, non-governmental organizations, graduate programs, at the State and Defense Departments, and on Capitol Hill. Part of this can be attributed to a decade of intense focus on the Middle East by the US government and other international organizations, creating droves of career paths focused on the region.

Read the full article, including Eric’s suggestions for charting an Asia-focused path career path, [here](#).

### “Turkey’s Energy Dance”

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Surrounded by a sea of uncertainty, Turkey continues a sustained effort to bolster its ties with

East Asia. Ankara has long established relations with the region’s key players, including China, Japan and South Korea. A historical lack of management of these key relationships, though, has led to Turkey underperforming in its attempts to brand itself in the region. At the same time, though, Turkey is facing considerable challenges and opportunities in its own geopolitical neighborhood.

The strategic topography of the Middle East remains dynamic and unpredictable, and the sovereign debt crisis in Europe risks jeopardizing Ankara’s significant interests in exporting and serving as a transit country to the continent. This region will always be Turkey’s backyard and the legacy of the Ottoman Empire allows a certain amount of exceptionalism – and sometimes isolation – when dealing with neighbors.

One area where Ankara is hoping to secure an agreement with Asia is through the development of its civil nuclear program. As Turkey’s economy and population have continued to grow, the government has remained committed to finding new energy sources to meet increased demand. But complicating matters have been strained relations with Syria, Iran and the Kurdish region of Iraq. Nearly half of Turkey’s energy imports come in the form of gas, mainly from Russia and Iran. Gas from Iran makes up as much as 20 percent of Turkey’s total energy imports – a number that’s declining rapidly due to American pressure to isolate Tehran over its nuclear program.

Read the full article [here](#).

# PUBLICATIONS

## The Past and Present of Sino-US Relations: Avoiding a Repeat of 1989-2001

by **Miha Hribernik**

<http://securityobserver.org/2012/07/16/the-past-and-present-of-sino-us-relations-avoiding-a-repeat-of-1989-2001/>

## Cataloguing interconnected threats

by **Timothy Stafford**

<http://henryjacksonsociety.org/2012/08/30/cataloguing-interconnected-threats/>

## Chinese Westward FDI: Take it or Lose/Skip It? by **Ting Xu**

<http://csis.org/publication/pacnet-54-chinese-westward-fdi-take-it-or-loseskip-it>

## The Rare Earth Race

by **A. Greer Meisels**

<http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/the-race-rare-earth-elements-7120>

## War memories and territorial disputes in Northeast Asia by **Preeti Nalwa**

<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2012/08/31/war-memories-and-territorial-disputes-in-northeast-asia/>

## Half of the 6,000 plus spoken languages today will disappear by the end of the century by **Eddie Walsh**

<http://thediplomat.com/sport-culture/2012/09/02/saving-endangered-pacific-languages/>



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# Young Leaders Opportunities

## CFR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Council on Foreign Relations is seeking applicants for its 2013-2014 International Affairs Fellowship in South Korea, sponsored by the Asan Institute for Policy Studies.

The program seeks to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between the rising generations of leaders in the United States and South Korea by expanding cultural exchange and enhancing communication between both countries on global issues. The program assists mid-career scholars and professionals from the public and private sectors to advance their analytic capabilities and broaden their foreign policy experience in South Korea.

Deadline: The deadline to apply is Oct. 1, 2012.

How to Apply: Application instructions and program details can be found online at [www.cfr.org/fellowships](http://www.cfr.org/fellowships)  
<[http://www.cfr.org/thinktank/fellowships/iaf\\_southkorea.html](http://www.cfr.org/thinktank/fellowships/iaf_southkorea.html)>. For more information, please contact [fellowships@cfr.org](mailto:fellowships@cfr.org) or 212.434.9740.

## GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Georgetown Journal of International Affairs (GJIA) is currently seeking submissions for its blog from academics, students, and professionals. Blog submissions can be in the form of reporting, commentary, or analysis on any policy related topic in international affairs and should be approximately 500-800 words in length. GJIA is particularly interested in regular contributions from Young Leaders on current issues in the Asia-Pacific region.

Please contact Lucas Chan at [lchan.work@gmail.com](mailto:lchan.work@gmail.com) and Matt Sullivan at [mksull06@gmail.com](mailto:mksull06@gmail.com) if you are interested in submitting a piece or discussing a submission to the blog.

## FORD CHINA SCHOLARS

Applications for the program should be received by Sept. 15, 2012. Applicants will be notified by Oct. 10 2012. Applications should be submitted in English and must include a summary of the research work that the candidate proposes to carry out at the Beijing Center (no more than 1000 words), a detailed curriculum vitae, a letter of recommendation from the candidate's academic adviser, (sent directly by the recommender). Applications should be sent to [beijingcenter@uchicago.edu](mailto:beijingcenter@uchicago.edu). Please include on the subject line: "Applicant's name, and application for New Generation China Scholars Program."

For additional information, visit [www.uchicago.cn](http://www.uchicago.cn).

## PETERSON INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

The Peterson Institute for International Economics, a leading think tank located at Dupont Circle, Washington, DC, seeks a full-time research analyst to work with Dr. Nicholas Lardy on projects on China's economy. Responsibilities include gathering information on issues related to China's economy both in English and Chinese, collecting and analyzing economic data, producing charts and graphs for publication and presentations, and taking notes at meetings and conferences.

Applicants should have a solid understanding of international economics, a high level of Chinese language proficiency (especially reading), and attention to detail. In addition to a resume and three references, applicants should also submit a recent writing sample.

Please e-mail applications to [hr@piie.com](mailto:hr@piie.com) with the subject line "RA- China". No phone calls please.