



**JENNINGS RANDOLPH SENIOR FELLOWS AND PEACE SCHOLARS  
2009-2010  
ORIENTATION PROGRAM  
OCTOBER 5 – 6, 2009**

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009**

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*USIP 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Main A and B*

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.      **Breakfast and Welcome**

Tara Sonenshine, Executive VP, USIP and Chantal de Jonge Oudraat,  
AVP, JR Fellowship Program

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.      **Roundtable I:  
New Understandings of Conflicts and Armed Groups**

*What is the role of ethnic politics in conflict? What are current debates and triggers of ethnic politics? In ethnically heterogeneous societies with one dominant ethnic majority, which factors account for the likelihood of stability or violent conflict? How much of a role, if any, does ethnic heterogeneity play in electoral violence, and which institutional arrangements work best to prevent contested elections and the likelihood of violence? What factors can account for variations in early-stage relationships between governments and armed groups? What appear to be the most important factors in igniting armed conflicts?*

*Moderator:* Steven Heydemann (Grants and Fellows)

*Fellows and Scholars:* Janet Lewis [PS], James Long [PS], Sammy Smootha [SF], Paul Staniland [PF], Andreas Wimmer [SF]

*USIP Discussants:* Dorina Bekoe (CAP), Scott Lasensky (CAP), Lawrence Woocher (CAP)

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.      **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:15 p.m.      **Roundtable II:  
Economic Factors in Conflict Onset and Resolution**

*What are the links between natural resources (particularly hydrocarbons), the environment, and social conflicts? How do exploration and production, in particular, exacerbate conflict in Latin America? What are the primary social and economic costs of the resource curse in Nigeria? What can the case of India tell us about how economic reforms promote or undermine political stability in a developing democracy? How do questions of political economy shape post-conflict security sector reform choices?*

*Moderator:* Mike Lekson (ETC-I)

*Fellows and Scholars:* Judith Asuni [SF], Louis-Alexandre Berg [PS], Emmanuel Teitelbaum [SF], Patricia Vasquez [SF]

*USIP Discussants:* Raymond Gilpin (COE/Economics), Jeremiah Pam (JR Guest Scholar), David Smith (ETC/D),

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.     **Lunch and Discussion:**  
**USIP: Think, Act, Teach and Train**

*Moderator:* Chantal de Jonge Oudraat (JR)

*Speakers:* Pamela Aall (ETC-D), William Taylor (PPSO), Abiodun Williams (CAP)

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.     **Roundtable III:**  
**Conflict and Peace-Building: Local Experiences and Institutions**

*What are the local, regional and international influences on the Pakistani Taliban and how do they shape the potential for peace? What are the most promising developments in local peace-building? How can they most effectively coordinate with peace-building initiatives at the national level? How have recent developments in the conflict in Afghanistan, including the elections, impacted women and local peace-building? What is the role of schools/education in rebuilding social trust and cohesion after violent conflict? What are parents, students, teachers and other local stakeholders looking for from education as they begin to rebuild after conflict? How does the construction of victimhood at the local, regional and national levels affect peace-making? How is this process unfolding in Colombia today?*

*Moderator:* Virginia (“Ginny”) Bouvier (JR)

*Fellows and Scholars:* Xanthe Ackerman [PS], Imtiaz Ali [SF], Paola Castaño-Rodriguez [PS], Palwasha Hassan [AF], Andries Odendaal [SF]

*USIP Discussants:* Andrew Blum (Grants), Jeff Helsing (ETC/D), Steven Riskin (Grants)

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.     **Coffee Break**

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.     **USIP’s New Building and Public Education and Training Center**  
Tara Sonenshine, Executive VP and Charles “Chick” Nelson, VP,  
Headquarters Project

4:30 p.m.     **Bus Departure from USIP to new building site (For Fellows and Scholars only)**

*Site tour led by:*

Donna Ramsey-Marshall, Senior Project Officer, Headquarters Building Project; John Stranix, Owner’s Representative; Cheryl Hughes, Project Manager

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Dinner at Nora Restaurant** (For Fellows and Scholars only)  
2132 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC (Tel.: 202-462-5143)

*Remarks by:*  
**Dr. Richard Solomon**, President, USIP

9:00 - 10:00 p.m. **War and Peace by Night: Monuments of Washington, D.C.**

*Tour by:*  
Craig Jones, Teacher/Educator and USIP Consultant for education programs (optional)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009**

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*USIP 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Main A and B*

8:30 - 9:15 am **Working Breakfast for Peace Scholars and JR Staff**  
Looking Forward: Contacts over the Coming Year

9:30 - 10:45 am **Roundtable IV:**  
**International Law, Global Governance, and Economic Sanctions**

*What were the characteristics of major historical debates over the place of international law in U.S. foreign policy, and how have they shifted over time? What are the key dilemmas and debates regarding the use of economic sanctions today, and how have they changed in recent decades? What do we know about the effects of economic sanctions on nuclear weapons programs? What is currently known about the relationship between nuclear weapons acquisition and the behavior of states? What norms and standards are emerging or strengthened by the successful development of health diplomacy, and what are the implications for transnational institutions and regional and global governance?*

*Moderator:* Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, AVP, JR Fellowship Program

*Fellows and Scholars:* Benjamin Coates [PS], Neerada Jacob [PS], William Long [SF], George Lopez [SF], Tanya Pegahi [PS]

*USIP Discussants:* Beth Cole (PPSO), Paul Hughes (CAP), Colette Rausch (ROL)

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:15 p.m. **Roundtable II:**  
**Cultural, Social and Religious Factors in Conflict**

*What are the most important trends in media and popular culture in the Middle East for US dialogue with the region? How do forms of popular culture travel between societies, and what do we know about how they affect propensities to violence or to peace among youth? What are the successes or failures of various European governments in engaging*

*local Muslim communities to oppose radicalization of Muslim youth? What can the most developed programs thus far in Europe tell us about the challenges of counter-radicalization? What do we know about how local media affects the struggle for “hearts and minds” in counterinsurgency warfare? What new opportunities and challenges do new forms of media and social networking offer? How do religious, social and/or cultural factors shape civilian attitudes toward insurgency and counterinsurgency? How does the legal framework regarding religious practices impact communal conflict in Sri Lanka?*

*Moderator:* David R. Smock (CMCR/Religion and Peacemaking)

*Fellows and Scholars:* Patrick Johnson [PS], Ben Schonthal [PS], Marc Sommers [SF], Matt Venhaus [AF], Lorenzo Vidino [PS], Robin Wright [SF]

*USIP Discussants:* Virginia Bouvier (JR), Susan Hayward (CMCR), Jonathan Temin (CMCR)

12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

**Lunch and Discussion:  
The Work of USIP: Major and Emerging Themes**

*Moderator:* Elizabeth (“Lili”) Cole, Senior Program Officer, JR Fellowship Program

*Speakers:*

Raymond Gilpin (Sustainable Economies), Sheldon Himelfarb (Science Technology, & Peacebuilding/Media, Conflict, & Peacebuilding), Kathleen Kuehnast (Gender Working Group/Grants)

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**USIP Press, Public Affairs and Congressional Outreach**

*Publications:* Valerie Norville, Director of Publications and Kay Hechler, Publications Promotion Manager

*Public Affairs:* Lauren Sucher, Director, Public Affairs & Communications and Liz Harper, Senior Editor, Office of Public Affairs and Communications

*Congressional Relations:* Laurie Schultz Heim, Director, Congressional Relations and Anne Hingeley, Congressional Relations Specialist

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**USIP Reception**  
New Fellows, Scholars, Alumni and USIP staff