



# BIARI 2017 June 3-17

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International Advanced  
Research Institute (BIARI)  
convenes early-career  
scholars and practitioners  
from around the world to  
address pressing global  
issues through collaboration  
across academic,  
professional, and  
geographic boundaries.**

BIARI offers four parallel tracks, each convened by Brown University professors. The institutes offer lectures, seminars, workshops, and simulations led by distinguished international guest faculty.

BIARI participants share their own work and develop new lines of inquiry, with ample opportunities to benefit from Brown University's world-class campus and facilities.

Made possible by support from Santander Universities and Brown University, BIARI represents a distinctive professional development experience for outstanding young academic and policy professionals, wherever they are based, to interact with their global peers and lay the groundwork for lasting, productive relationships.

# OBJECTIVES

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## Research That Matters

Based at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and directed by Brown University anthropologist, Matthew Gutmann, BIARI offers rigorous, innovative, interdisciplinary programs that further Watson's mission: to promote a just and peaceful world through research, teaching, and public engagement.

## Global Exchange

BIARI provides a unique space for rising scholars from diverse backgrounds to meet, connect, and identify areas of potential collaboration.

## Sustainable Network Building

Each year's BIARI participants join a dynamic alumni community of over 1,150 members from 120 countries. Alumni teams can apply for seed funding for longer-term research, teaching, and outreach collaborations that are outgrowths of BIARI initiatives.



## Climate Change and Its Impacts: Connecting Local Variability and Knowledge in a Global System

Meredith Hastings, Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences | Siri Veland, Environmental Studies

The knowledge of global scale climate change science is rich and well established, but the variability in climate encountered at the local level is critical to sustaining human development. How do we best predict regional to local scale changes in future climate? How does this knowledge feed into local practices for ecosystem-based management and sustainable agriculture? How can local knowledge systems contribute to best practices? How do historical legacies influence our ability to adapt and transform? What can be learned and transferred between societies to inform tractable strategies and policies? Primary themes in this institute surround climate change and agriculture, including water stress, use of technology, local/indigenous knowledge, and policy. Participants will be provided opportunities to develop research projects with scholars across disciplines, consider issues related to environmental and social justice, and practice oral and written communication skills.



## Ethnicity, Conflict, and Inequality in Global Perspective

Glenn Loury, Economics | Ashutosh Varshey, Political Science

Co-convened by faculty from the Departments of Economics and Political Science, this institute offers participants a thorough exploration of the conceptual and theoretical foundations of scholarship that connect conflict, inequality, and ethnicity. Best practices in comparative and interdisciplinary research design, implementation, and exposition will be explored, with a particular focus on the dilemmas of doing justice to context-specific data while producing generalizable insights. Lectures and workshops led by distinguished guest faculty will constitute the core of this institute, to be supplemented by participants' individual research presentations and panel discussions on pressing contemporary cases in line with participants' expertise and interests. Applications are especially welcome from scholars interested in evidence-based policy-making.



## Forced Population Displacements and the Making of the Modern World

Beshara Doumani, History | Keisha-Khan Y. Perry, Africana Studies

Massive population displacement has long been an engine for the formation of the modern world as well as for producing modern knowledge regimes. The institute explores the historical roots of displacement from the colonial conquest of the Americas and the slave trade, to industrialization and rise of nation states. It brings together scholars, practitioners, and activists working on present day displacements from the Syrian civil war to the Three Gorges Dam project in China. Participants will discuss the conceptual tools and forms of political and social mobilization shaping our understanding of and responses to the human and ecological dynamics of forced displacements.



## Humanitarian Response and Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Increasing Effectiveness and Accountability in the Age of Complex Emergencies

Robert Blair, Political Science | Adam Levine, School of Medicine

“Natural” disasters and political unrest pose chronic threats to human security. Separately or in tandem, they turn citizens into refugees and displaced people, stretch government capacity, and, increasingly, spark chronic disorder, instability, or military conflict. What are the implications of complex emergencies, where natural and man-made factors combine, for the future of humanitarian action? This institute will convene an interdisciplinary and international group of academics and practitioners to develop a better understanding of the underlying political, social, and environmental factors that affect human security before, during, and after humanitarian emergencies. Topics will include the effectiveness and sustainability of existing disaster preparedness systems in different regions; best practices in humanitarian assistance delivery, training and monitoring; and the politics of compassion in disaster and conflict zones. Discussions will focus in particular on the ethical issues that arise at the intersection of human security and humanitarian assistance; rights-based approaches to humanitarian relief; and the potential for new technologies to transform humanitarian response.



# APPLICATION FOR BIARI 2017

“BIARI gave me the opportunity to connect with colleagues from around the world, young professionals who are having a significant impact in the development of their countries. I keep in contact with them, even after five years. That, I think, was the best thing BIARI gave to me.”

Mauricio López Ruiz  
Development and Inequality 2011  
Associate Professor, Sociology,  
University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica

“I went to Brown and met the world in Rhode Island. I used to see the world through a health focus lens but now I am able to visualize the world in all its facets through a development lens.”

Pauline Babinka  
Population and Development 2014  
Associate Research Scientist, APHRC-Nairobi, Kenya

“BIARI helped my academic thinking to go beyond the given boundaries and limitations by thinking across scales and disciplines on the global challenge of climate change.”

Ethemcan Turhan  
Climate Change and Its Impacts 2012  
Postdoctoral research fellow at Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden and Research Fellow at Istanbul Policy Center, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey

“BIARI has given me a meaningful experience meeting with practitioners working in humanitarian field. As a researcher, there is always a gap between theories and practice that we wish to bridge. BIARI has it all.”

Ratu Ayu Asih Kusuma Putri  
Humanitarian Response and Post-Conflict Reconstruction 2016  
Deputy Head (Lecturer), International Relations, Bina Nusantara University

Applications are invited for BIARI 2017, which will be held at Brown University’s Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, June 3-17, 2017. We especially welcome applicants who are early in their professional careers. Practitioners normally have four to ten years’ experience in their professional field. Participants from an academic background are usually within seven years of having finished their PhD or professional terminal degree. The working language is English.

To apply, please visit [watson.brown.edu/biari](http://watson.brown.edu/biari).

Thanks to generous support from Santander Universities and Brown University, BIARI covers the full cost of tuition, meals, and university housing for the duration of the program; and air travel when institutional support is not available. Early-career faculty from institutions that are members of the Santander Universities network are particularly encouraged to apply.

## QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT

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