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# Foreword

he Brown International Advanced Research Institutes—BIARI are now five years young. During June over the past four years (2009-2012) Brown University has hosted 561 energetic, passionate and accomplished young scholars from 87 countries. Although specific interests and expertise divide them among four faculty-led institutes each summer, BIARI alumni are united by their commitment to making a positive difference in the world, and their recognition that, to paraphrase words attributed to American anthropologist Margaret Mead, working together with other thoughtful, committed citizens is one way—and perhaps the only way—to achieve that goal.

Fine and good: but how to locate your fellow change agents? This is the perennial challenge, even as forums of virtual community proliferate in the wired world. Facebook has over a billion active users each month; the once-infamous Kony 2012 video was viewed over 100 million times within 6 days of its release in March last year; social network maps show that the Stanley Milgram's meme of "six degrees of separation" to measure our distance from anyone else on the planet may now be somewhere between four and five (Backstron et al. 2012). Yet for all this apparent shrinkage in social distance, turning acquaintanceship, linkedin-ness or befriendment into sustained, meaningful exchange and partnership is still not easy.

Since its inception, BIARI has tried to tackle this challenge. We work hard to publicize the program, especially through the universities all

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around the world that are part of the growing Santander Universities network. Our Institutes attract around 1000 applications each year from universities, think-tanks, NGOs and other institutions worldwide. Besides broadcasting the word through electronic media, we are increasingly seeing the results of wordof-mouth recommendation from BIARI alumni, who are relaying their positive experiences to colleagues.

This creates quandaries every year, as conveners have to turn away many well-qualified applicants. But the selectivity, of course, also strengthens the program, and gives conveners the opportunity to invite a highly talented group of individuals whose specific interests and expertise contribute to that year's focus. And in 2012, for the first time, we were able to run all four institutes in the same two-week period, increasing opportunities for interactions across disciplines and regions.

With 8 conveners and 138 participants we were close to the famous Dunbar number of manageable face-to-face relationships, without even counting the 30 visiting faculty, and 50+ Brown professors and graduate students who also participated in one way or another. And out of a diverse group of individuals, a strong sense of community developed, across institute working sessions, convivial lunches and dinners, keynote events, and the now-traditional final clambake.

We hope that participants in BIARI 2013 will have a similarly positive experience to that of their 2012 predecessors. What we also hope—and are working to bring about—is that alumni from different BIARI cohorts will begin (and continue) to explore possible connections and collaborations with one another, to broaden and deepen the legacy and impact of BIARI in the world. With designated support from Santander Universities, we have created specific alumni opportunities for multinational team research, and also for short-term residencies at Brown University. Computing and Information Services at Brown have also provided key support in providing all BIARI alumni with a standardized BIARI gmail account (firstname\_lastname@biari. brown.edu) and access to the resources of Google+. We know also that alumni are in touch with one another through email, Twitter and Facebook.

This booklet represents a further, concrete contribution to that effort. It came about, as you will read, from the energy and enthusiasm of a group of participants in BIARI 2012, who wanted to represent and reflect on their own experiences through the production of an actual facebook for their cohort. We hope that for the cohort of 2012, browsing these pages will bring back positive memories of a productive professional experience. Perhaps it will recall to mind conversations that you now want to continue, ideas that you haven't had time to revisit and now will, friends or colleagues' accomplishments that you might now congratulate. And for other BIARI cohorts-whether they have found this online in its PDF form, or are reading one of the printed booklets handed out to BIARI 2013-we hope you are inspired to reach out to your fellow alumni described here-to read their work, share your own, explore common interests, or glean expertise. By so doing, you will find yourself one degree closer to all the folks who do the same—and part of a broader, thicker network of BI-ARI participants that we hope will be ever more lively and useful for its growing number of members around the world.

# Foreword from the editors

Maria Cecilia Trannin Juliana Sampaio Farinaci Glauco Umbelino Eduardo Marandola Jr. INE 2012 – Our wonderful two weeks of knowledge-sharing and collaborative work were coming to an end. We all had a feeling that this experience should never end...we need this network of research and friendship to last forever. Then questions arose naturally: How can we do it? What project could involve all participants from the four Institutes and, at the same time, be a tool for keeping in touch with each other? How could we ever thank Brown conveners, staff and our sponsors for such a unique opportunity? Would it be possible to translate the magic of BIARI into images and words, for past and future Biarists? A booklet, maybe? Let's try it...

This is how the idea of *Opening Science Frontiers: The BIARI* 2012 Experience was born, and why its creators got together. Maria Cecilia had the communication expertise; Juliana, the creative vein and the sense for visual arts; Glauco, our GIS specialist, could create beautiful maps; and Eduardo, our geek, had a lot of editing experience.

We presented the idea to Keith Brown and Leah VanWey, who were enthusiastic, and helped us get the support we needed. Our intention was to fulfill multiple purposes: to offer BIARI 2012 participants a research networking tool, so that every Biarist could easily identify their colleagues' research centers, as well as their areas of expertise and interests; to map the actual and potential networks created during BIARI 2012; to present a



gift for Biarists to come, which would help them better prepare for the BIARI experience; and to provide a product that could be used for marketing purposes.

Our project was presented in the BIARI Climate Change Institute, and was awarded with one of its grants. An online survey of the 2012 Biarists provided the basic information to elaborate the booklet.

All words and images should above all translate the feelings that never left us – we are part of the BIARI community.

We hope you'll enjoy it!

# Acknowledgement

We gratefully acknowledge BIARI staff and conveners, as well as all Biarists who shared with us two amazing weeks in June 2012. Special thanks to Keith Brown, Laura Sadovnikoff, Leah VanWey, Amanda Lynch and Hayden Reiss for their invaluable help and support. We are also immensely grateful to Santander Universities and Brown University for making it possible.





uring two weeks of June 2012, 138 early-career scholars and practitioners from 98 universities and 50 countries came together on Brown's campus. In 2012, BIARI convened four Institutes, each led by Brown University faculty: Climate Change, Population and Development, Theater and Civil Society and Global Health. Structured as a combination of lectures, workshops, participant presentations, small group sessions and roundtable discussions, each Institute harnessed diverse strands of knowledge to address pressing global issues.

Benefiting from 30 visiting contributors from universities and agencies around the world and the participation of over 50 faculty from Brown University, these young scholarly leaders had the opportunity to hear from leading experts in their fields, receive feedback on their ongoing research, and lay the groundwork for future collaboration. Representing a diverse mix of professionals from the network of Santander Universities and beyond, participants quickly built genuine rapport and collegiality during their time on



Source: BIARI 2012 repor

campus. Beyond their daily focused meetings, participants and visiting faculty also lived on campus, ate together, and enjoyed a number of programmed cultural and social events. All aspects of the BIARI program seek to foster community building at different levels of interaction, with an eye towards growing a future community of BIARI alumni, whose careers and intellectual lives will benefit in a sustained way from the networks and collaborative projects begun at Brown.

With an experienced team in place, and with the benefit of knowledge gained through Brown University's successful first phase of the program, BIARI 2012 featured a number of innovations and developments, including:

- Keynote artistic performances and scholarly talks at the BIARI in Providence, and webcast simultaneously for the BIARI alumni community around the world
- The launch of the BIARI GoogleApps site to serve as a central platform for future research collaboration
- The provision of a new @biari.brown.edu e-mail address to each participant (and over 400 alumni) to aid in communication
- Greater involvement of and outreach to Brown faculty, resulting in over 50 scheduled individual meetings between participants and Brown faculty beyond the conveners and presenters.
- The award of alumni seed grants to group projects conceived and designed during BIARI.



# THE 2012 INSTITUTES Source: BIARI 2012 report

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS: REGIONAL COUPLED HUMAN-NATURAL SYSTEMS AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING

34 participants; 7 visiting faculty, including 1 from Brown University

Convened by Leah VanWey and Amanda Lynch, the Climate Change Institute brought together scholars from social, physical and life sciences to focus on the study of coupled human-natural systems at the regional level, and how such study generates templates for adaptation at local, national and regional levels, and key inputs for decision-makers. The Institute was built on a spine of nine lectures given by conveners and visiting faculty on core issues including environmental justice, resilience, and adaptive governance, and also included workshops on climate modeling and interdisciplinary climate research. Institute participants also made short presentations on their research to the group, which served to enhance the group work of the second week, in which participants organized themselves into teams to produce grant proposals for collaborative research. Throughout the Institute, participants focused on developing interdisciplinary and cross-national research through communication and joint development of projects.

## THE 2012 INSTITUTES

# GLOBAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS: CUTTING EDGE ISSUES FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

39 participants; 24 visiting faculty, including 14 from Brown University

Convened by Susan Cu-Uvin, Mark Lurie and Abigail Harrison, this Institute focused on current knowledge regarding global HIV/AIDS epidemiology, pathogenesis, prevention and treatment, and social context, with a special emphasis on the current debate about treatment for prevention, and a focus on underserved populations. It convened a faculty of leading scholars and practitioners, and used a multidisciplinary team approach to these complex issues in both resource-rich and poor contexts. The Institute also combined discussions of the very different social and economic contours of the epidemic in different parts of the world, as part of its goal to encourage the sharing of best practices and insights between different locales. The Institute included in its roster several key world experts in HIV/AIDS, including David Wilson (Director, World Bank HIV/AIDS Program), UNC Professor Myron Cohen (Director of the award-winning and influential HIV Prevention Trials Network o52), and other distinguished faculty from Brown and other institutions.

The sessions consisted of lectures as well as interactive roundtable discussions and workshops. The participants also worked in groups created on the basis of their stated interests to produce research proposals to receive seed funding from BIARI, with the longer-term goal of pursuing major funding. Two research initiatives were funded, and a majority of participants, whether their work received funding of not, commented on the value of working intensively with other young scholars and practitioners from different countries, as well as the chance to meet distinguished experts in HIV/AIDS.

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#### POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: NEW APPROACHES TO ENDURING GLOBAL PROBLEMS

41 participants and 18 visiting faculty, including 9 from Brown University

Convened by Daniel Jordan Smith and Bianca Dahl, the PD Institute addressed the crucial and interlinked issues of population and development. The participants, from 23 countries, engaged with cutting-edge theory, tested and innovative research methods, and examples of first-rate scholarship upon which to build their own research programs. The typical day was divided between three major activities. In the mornings, prominent visiting international scholars and faculty affiliated with Brown's Population Studies Training Center (PSTC) presented on different aspects of the populationdevelopment nexus, and responded to participant questions and comments. In the afternoons, participants were divided into small discussion groups. These discussions were moderated by Brown faculty, post-doctoral scholars and doctoral students: they focused on assigned core readings, daily readings assigned by the guest lecturers, and issues emerging from the morning's lectures. While most participants spent the afternoon in these small group discussions, each day a group of four to five participants engaged in an intensive workshop focused on the research proposals they were required to submit prior to the commencement of the Institute. In these workshops, one convener and the day's external guest lecturer provided intensive feedback on each proposal. All proposals were read in advance by the entire workshop group, and participants were grouped together to maximize thematic coherence and appropriate expertise on the part of the external guest lecturer. Each participant received about 30 minutes of constructive suggestions. This emphasis on improving participants' research proposals and projects was inherited from the 2011 BIARI in Development and Inequality, and was enthusiastically received by participants and visiting faculty alike.

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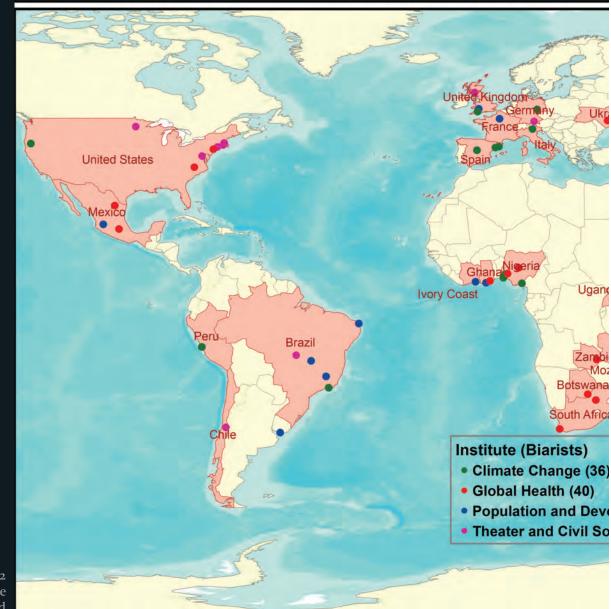
#### THEATER AND CIVIL SOCIETY: POLITICS, PUBLIC SPACE, AND PERFORMANCE

24 participants; 10 visiting faculty, including 2 from Brown University

Convened by Erik Ehn and Patricia Ybarra, TCS explored the role of theater and new media in political and social movements, with a focus on the potential of diverse art forms to advance principles of non-violence and civic debate. The Institute addressed issues through lectures, readings, performances and discussions around four interconnected themes: transgression, translation, transformation and transcendence.

The 24 participants came from 14 countries, and as well as scholars included strong representation from community theater practitioners and new media professionals from diverse locations including Iraq, China, India and Kosovo. The Institute's daily schedule featured presentations from visiting faculty and from every participant, each of whom presented their work and had the chance to respond to questions and comments. Faculty included academics and scholar-practitioners from the global south, as well as colleagues from Brown and other leading U.S. universities; Latin America was especially well-represented among the visiting faculty, with two noted performers: Ana Correa from Peru, a member of the noted theater collective, Grupo Cultural Yuyachkani (www.yuyachkani.org), and Violeta Luna from Mexico. Ana Correa took on the person of Rosa Cuchillo to explore embodied social memory, particularly in relation to questions of ethnicity, violence, and memory in Peru; Violeta Luna presented her performance piece NK603, a reflection on genetically-modified corn and its disastrous consequences for life. The two performers presented to all BIARI participants in a keynote, and also led discussions with the Theater and Civil Society Institute.

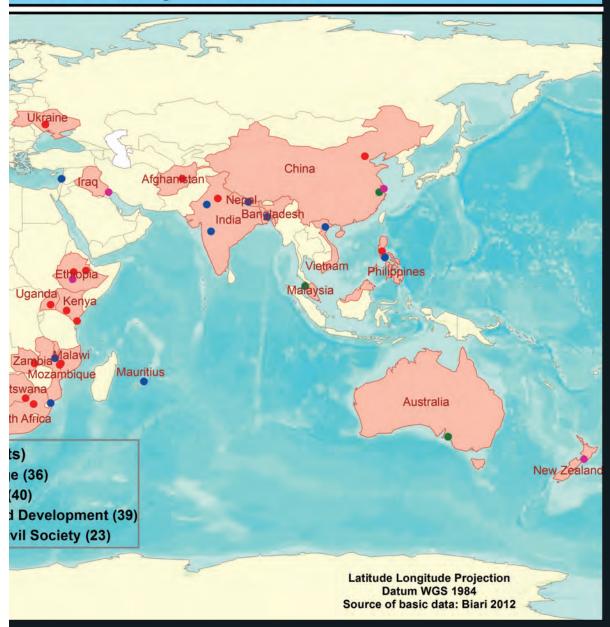
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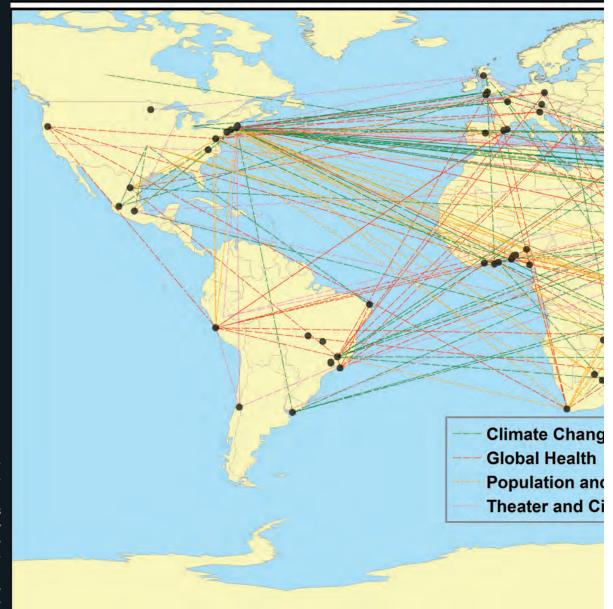
> The map shows the 2012 Biarists, classified by the Institutes they attended

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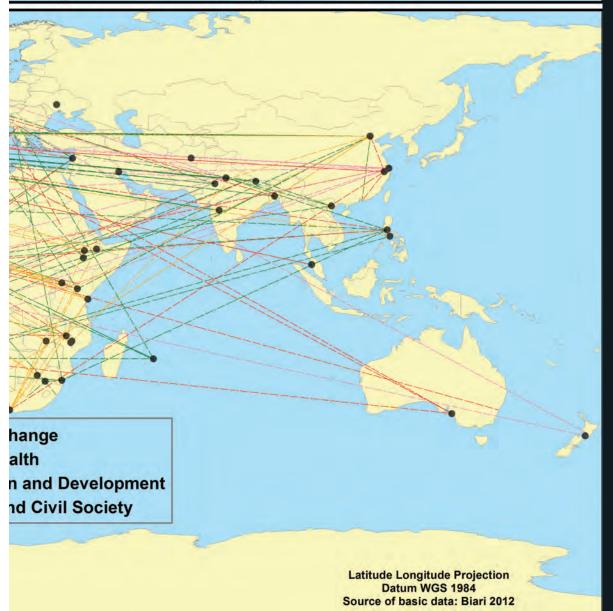
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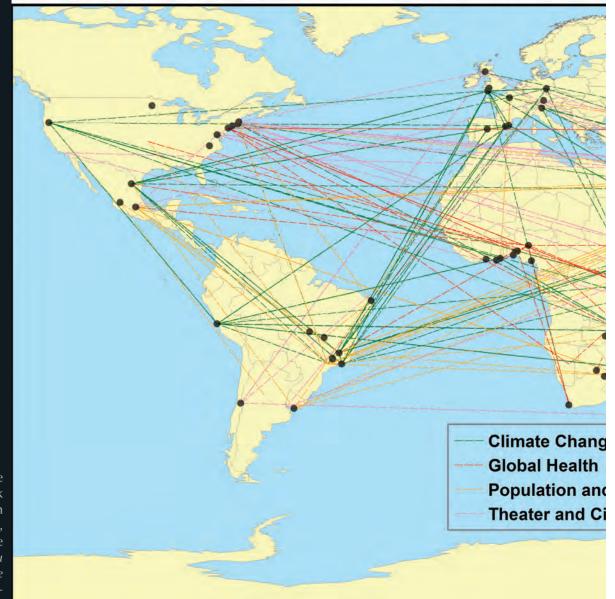
The map depicts the network of personal relationships formed during BIARI 2012, based on responses to the survey question "For you, who were the 3 people you most appreciated to get acquainted with at BIARI, whom you would likely never have met otherwise?"

# **Experiences**, by Institute



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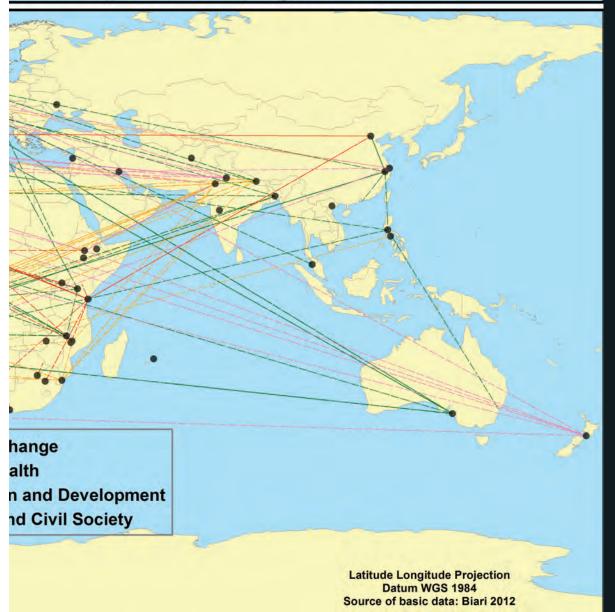
# **2012 Biarists' International**



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> The map represents the international network of academic cooperation established through BIARI, based on responses to the survey question "Did you engage in a project, to be developed in the near future, started at the BIARI?"

# al Cooperation, by Institute



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# TESTIMONIALS Interdisciplinarity

BIARI was a nice meeting point, a great knowledge sharing arena, a place for good networking and more importantly a unique true interdisciplinary and cross discipline workshop I have ever attended. I wish long life to the initiative. *Henri Edouard Zefack Tonnang* 

I learned how to collaborate with people with different academic and cultural backgrounds more effectively. *Kareff Rafisura* 

BIARI has been one of the most fascinating, engaging and interdisciplinary groups I've ever worked in. It has brought joy and unexpected persons in my life whom I plan to either collaborate with or be friends for the rest of my life. *Narcisa Gabriela Pricope* 



Biari is a way of moving forward and crossing knowledge frontiers. It is a path to new projects, new friends, new worlds! *Maria Cecilia Trannin* 

Through BIARI, I was exposed to how different disciplines (Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, etc) look at population and development issues, allowing a broader and deeper understanding. BIARI also provided a great opportunity to network with people from all over the world.

Madvee Muthu

The BIARI Institute on Theater and Civil Society was highly interdisciplinary, so I met people from a Performing Arts background with whom I had never before had the chance of discussing the issues that are at the center of my research efforts. I got to see a completely new side of them! I am still amazed. Testimonials were reproduced from the responses of the BIARI 2012 participants to the survey elaborated by the editors.

# TESTIMONIALS International Cooperation

BIARI has made possible for me a whole new way of thinking about the political work of theater and performance. It helped shape and consolidate my thoughts in new and productive ways. The theoretical conversations that begun in BIARI led to a new research initiative that will start with a three day inter-disciplinary conference I am organizing at the University of Cape Town under the theme: "The Legacy of Nelson Mandela's Rivonia Trial 50 Years On." *Awol Allo* 

I met wonderful collaborators (and potential collaborators) from around the world. I began to think both more deeply and more broadly about the relationship between art, activism, and social change. I was astonished and refreshed by the work of my colleagues and visiting scholars and artists. *Monica Raymond* 

It was one of the most useful and professionally rewarding experiences of my life, interacting with sharp researchers in my area of interest from across the globe. For a moment, it made me realize how such institutes can be a springboard for international collaboration for best practices in various areas of research. One can only hope that this is not the end but the means to institutionalizing evidence-based policy and programming across the world.

Thomas Chataghalala Munthali

The BIARI experience was wonderful in all ramifications. Personally, I was able to meet new and interesting people from different parts of the World that I could not have come across except in a very big International Conference. In all, the BIARI experience brought great improvements to my personal life and professional endeavours. *Ibtihel Bouchoucha* 

> Outstanding speakers who are top-level experts in their fields and access to Brown's phenomenal libraries mean that you feel as though you've completed a six-month master class in a fortnight. And I've made wonderful friends I will work and travel with in the coming months and years. Feel immensely grateful.

> > Rebecca Hodes

The BIARI gave me lots of opportunities to communicate with young researchers from other countries. It also made us set up a network for our research as we made friends. *Ying Ji* 

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# TESTIMONIALS Personal Experience

It was a great learning experience sharing the different ways in which people across the world have used performances to respond to their immediate realities, in similar and dissimilar ways. This is of particular interest given the current wave of popular movements across the world which are seeking decisive changes towards democracy. *Arjun Ghosh* 

BIARI has offered me the possibility to open up my mind and networks far beyond I could ever imagine. I've learned a lot from listening and exchanging ideas with my colleagues, and got back home with plenty of boiling ideas to set up new research collaborations. Probably, what I've appreciated the most from BIARI, is just the idea that there are so nice and interesting people out there, that everything is possible! *Barbara A. Willaarts* 

Participating in BIARI was an opportunity of a lifetime and I am so glad and fortunate to have been part of the 2012 group! I gained so much insight into the current trends and thought in climate change research and I am now bursting with possible ideas for my PhD proposal. I made new friends from all over the world and learnt what other people apart from 'climate changers' are doing out there. *Catherine Mungai* 

I sincerely believe that BIARI experience has a great added value in the lives of young scholars in building bridges and enhancing their personal capacity. *Ethemcan Turhan*  BIARI helped me get re-energized about my own research. The feedback I got on my proposal has been enriching for the phase I am in with my PhD. I learnt not only new topics and theories, but methods, design, and perspectives of looking at global issues. Mostly, BIARI is a way of transforming challenges and world problems into opportunities for new research avenues and evidence-based solutions.

Carmen Geha

The opportunity to remember about being aware of what the world is really like in all its richness, differences and complexity. The challenge of devising new ways to communicate and collaborate in multilingual networks of knowledge and practice. The joy of meeting new friends from all over the planet, hoping that we all keep in touch. thanks BIARI!!!

Daniel Opazo-Ortiz



It's been a huge experience to me! Both from a professional and personal point of view... I met people from countries I rarely have had the chance to know about *Ignacio Pardo* 

From BIARI, I learnt more about different HIV prevention models in different countries. Some of them are impressive and practical.

### Ji Ying

It was one of the most important and life fulfilling experiences of my life. It has given me a direction in terms of where I would like to pursue my further studies. *Mahlet Abraham Woldegabriel*  It was an amazing experience. The opportunity of meeting people from all over the world was very enriching, both professionally and personally. I feel I'm a very lucky person to have been part of it. I will cherish forever the memory of people I've met and places I've been during the Biari 2012 *Juliana Sampaio Farinaci* 

Definitely expanded my network. Also allowed me to have some time to reflect upon things I may not normally because of time constraints. *Marianna Olinger* 

BIARI really broadened my horizons intellectually, it gave me a great deal of confidence in my abilities as a researcher, and I met some wonderful people who I hope will be lifelong friends *Michael Hammond* 

It brought to me a sense of belonging to the network of other bright researchers and practitioners. Ayalu Reda

New ideas, new dreams, new friends, new hopes, new pedagogies, sharing knowledge and creating non-hierarchical spaces of communication--that was BIARI.

Rukmini Sen

The opportunity to learn from a wonderfully diverse group of people, both in terms of cultural background and research interests. The wealth of perspectives is a breath of fresh air. *Ilinca Todorut* 

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