Brown University’s International Advanced Research Institutes (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 2018 offers three parallel tracks, each convened by Brown University professors. The institutes feature 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

**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 opportunity 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 1,300 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.
Governance and Development in the Age of Globalization

Peter Evans, Watson Institute
Patrick Heller, Sociology
Richard M. Locke, Provost, Political Science
Prerna Singh, Political Science

Development in the age of globalization presents new challenges and opportunities. Globalization has not only accelerated the pace of economic transformation and social change, it has also fundamentally reconfigured the nature of governance. While global and regional governance institutions (both public and private) are playing an ever more powerful role of shaping possibilities at the local and national level, national and local governments still provide the principal arenas of democratic contestation. The central axis of politics in an age of globalization is the complex interaction of governance institutions at different levels.

Tackling the core problems of development, from economic growth to social provisioning and environmental sustainability, requires understanding how processes and institutions of governance operate and interact at multiple levels.

This interdisciplinary institute will bring together specialists in these different domains to focus on efforts to expand the regulatory capacity, institutional efficacy and democratic legitimacy of governance institutions that shape development. Areas of focus will include labor standards, social provisioning, democratic participation and urban transformation. The goal of the institute is to develop a critical understanding of these issues by exploring the latest theories and empirical work through comparative lenses.

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.

Social Entrepreneurship within Health and Humanitarian Innovation

Mathew Johnson, Swearer Center
Adam Levine, School of Medicine
Jennifer Nazareno, Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship

Social entrepreneurship stimulates social change by addressing root causes of problems with a systems lens and creating solutions that are transformative, ethical and sustainable.

Social entrepreneurship is a young field that transforms inequitable conditions, including within the healthcare and humanitarian spheres.

This field embeds ethics and community engagement into its core approaches, and promotes scholarship to bring a rigorous and critical lens to the effectiveness and impact of the emerging models. This institute will provide a foundational knowledge of social entrepreneurship as a field of practice and research; a critical review of social entrepreneurship curriculum and pedagogy; and an examination of case studies from successful and failed partnerships in social entrepreneurial endeavors and research projects. Sessions will include scholars and practitioners, with workshops that support the development of research projects that balance the often conflicting goals of academia and practice.
Applications for BIARI 2018

Applications are invited for BIARI 2018, which will be held at Brown University’s Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, June 2-16, 2018. 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.

Thanks to generous support from Santander Universities, 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 especially encouraged to apply.

“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 Lopez 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

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