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The IDC seeks to connect IU's many talented researchers and students working on questions of contemporary democratic change, and to foster new conversations and research projects linking academic scholarship and the broader world of practitioners and policy-makers. The IDC is focused on the basic preconditions of successful democratic transformation—from the enterprises of vibrant civil society networks, to the structure of formal electoral rules and constitutional design, and to the importance of professionalism in managing the affairs of the formal government and the transactions between governmental and non-governmental organizations. The fundamental question that defines the mission of the IDC is quite straightforward: why is it that some democracies succeed and others fail?

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Executive Summary

Indiana University President Michael McRobbie addresses the opening session of "Democracy and the Modern World: Prospects and Challenges." Under President McRobbie, Indiana University has expanded its global outreach and is committed to further enhancing its outstanding reputation as an international academic institution.



The Indiana Democracy Consortium (IDC) was founded by Indiana University (IU) in the Spring of 2007 as a powerful cross-disciplinary and university-wide initiative. IDC brings together the University's outstanding intellectual resources in the areas of democracy studies and state- and nation-building. The key functions of IDC are to:

- foster cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on issues of democracy that will help to redefine both the normative and positivist theories that underscore our understandings of political transition;
- develop an intellectual infrastructure that enables new collaborative research efforts by Indiana University's world-recognized scholars;

- more effectively employ Indiana University's peerless resources in area studies, which include nine Title-VI funded area studies centers, and link these programs with the University's vast intellectual capital in democratization; and
- find new ways to link both the theoretical aspects of democracy studies with the more practical elements of democracy promotion.

IDC has worked diligently to meet these objectives. In its first year, IDC has:

- sponsored a highly successful inaugural conference that brought together scholars of democracy and its "practitioners," such as government officials and nonprofit officers at international agencies;
- held a smaller (and equally successful) colloquium on Truth and Reconciliation;
- organized a four-part research colloquium series that brought together a range of scholars from different schools across the Bloomington campus;
- brought several distinguished scholars of democracy to Indiana University for interdisciplinary events and activities;

- launched a Web site and cultivated a community of Indiana University scholars working on topics of democracy; and
- supported three cross-disciplinary faculty working groups that have begun planning collaborative research projects, conferences, and proposals for external funding.

IDC will move into the next academic year with three substantive goals:

- expand our membership to engage other Indiana University faculty and graduate students working on democracy and state-building;
- foster tangible academic outputs through innovative interdisciplinary research; and
- host more of the exciting conferences, colloquia and special events that have made IDC an increasingly prominent actor on campus.

Introduction



(above) IDC members listen as General William Nash of the Center for Preventive Action discusses the significance of greater ties between the academy and democracy promotion.

(right) Sumit Ganguly, Professor of Political Science and Rabindranath Tagore Professor of Indian Cultures and Civilizations, makes a point. The IDC is enhanced by Indiana University's tremendous resources in area studies.

Questions of democracy and state-building are at the forefront of contemporary global politics. Civil wars, ethnic conflicts, and the economic and political instabilities incurred by military interventions are commonplace in news reports from all over the world. More alarmingly, the often misunderstood linkages between political and ideological extremism on the one hand, and an absence of state and national institutions on the other, form a core justification for increasingly strident foreign policy decisions in both the United States and many other countries. It is, therefore, no exaggeration to say that democracy and its attendant issues comprise perhaps the most significant policy dilemma with which academics and practitioners must grapple.

Despite this fact, cooperative linkages among intellectuals

and practitioners in government or nongovernmental organizations are often weak. Indeed, prominent foundations such as the MacArthur and Ford Foundations routinely announce programs that stress the need for cross-disciplinary work that is practically oriented, only to be met by research proposals that are intrinsically constrained by the scholarly limitations imposed by academic discipline and department.

To address this dilemma, Indiana University founded the Indiana Democracy Consortium in the Spring of 2007 as a powerful cross-disciplinary and university-wide initiative. Led by faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Law, and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, the Consortium actively works to bring all relevant disciplines to the table around important policy issues involving democratization.



Focusing A Powerful Academic Lens on the Practice of Democratization



Political Science Professors Regina Smyth, Jeffrey C. Isaac, and Sumit Ganguly field questions and comments. Professor Isaac is the Director of the IDC.

Conferences

Democracy and the Modern World: Prospects and Challenges (June 29-30, 2007):

IDC's inaugural conference occasioned a highly successful meeting of 30 visiting democracy practitioners and approximately 50 Indiana University faculty and staff from four IU schools and many disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences. IU faculty members Matt Auer, Beth Gazley, Jeffrey C. Isaac, Bob Ivie, Christiana Ochoa, Bill Scheurman, Regina Smyth, David Williams, and Susan Williams organized a series of panels that addressed critical topics in the areas of State and Nation Building, Advancing the Rule of Law, and Civil Society and Governance.

The June conference mobilized a sizeable and intellectually diverse segment of the University's academic community and, by developing and cementing ties with outside democracy practitioners from nonprofits, government, and private foundations, it laid the groundwork for a series of broad, yet realistic, collaborative efforts. President Michael McRobbie addressed the opening session, indicating that cross-disciplinary research of the sort pursued by the IDC will constitute an important future component of the University's research mission.

Invited practitioners were universal in their positive appraisal of the IDC mission. All agreed that few, if any, comparable organizations existed at major research universities. While there are centers for the study of democracy at other universities, IDC is distinctive in its cross-disciplinary focus and in its effort to nurture novel and synergistic collaborations between university-based scholars and practitioners interested in the practical challenges of democracy-building.

Full reports of the conference panels, as well as a brief essay highlighting the overall conclusions of the conference, are available at <http://democracy.indiana.edu>, and upon request.

Social Context and the Process of National Reconciliation (October 26, 2007):

This conference on Truth and Reconciliation, organized by IDC members Shane Greene (Anthropology) and Regina Smyth (Political Science), focused on the application of Truth Commissions in post-conflict states and their implications for democracy-building.

To this end, IDC invited three scholars whose work is intimately connected to post-conflict reconciliation efforts in different parts of the world: Cynthia Horne (Political Scientist — Western Washington University), Caroline Yezer (Anthropologist — College of the Holy Cross), and Jonathan VanAntwerpen (Social Science Research Council). The conference was well-attended and has resulted in an ongoing relationship between IDC and the Social Science Research Council.

Colloquium Series

As part of its efforts to establish intra-university dialogue on democracy and its attendant controversies, IDC initiated a colloquium series in the fall of 2007. Thus far, IDC has sponsored the following sessions:

Timothy Waters (Law): *Boxing Pandora: Defining Frontiers in a Democratizing World* (Oct. 4, 2007)

Regina Smyth (Political Science): *Electoral Competition and Democratic Consolidation* (Nov. 1, 2007)

Christiana Ochoa (Law): *Proposing an Odious Finance Doctrine as a Deterrent to Despotic Finance* (Dec. 6, 2008)

Brian Shoup and Archana Sridhar (Political Science and Law): *Enhancing Interdisciplinary Research* (Feb. 7, 2008)

Special Panels and Speakers

IDC has sponsored panels and speakers with special insights into contemporary global events. These events provide an opportunity for Indiana University faculty and students to discuss critical issues with prominent scholars and practitioners.

Tim Waters, Vinka Drezga, and Brian Shoup: *Kosovo: Endgame or Renewed Crisis?* (Dec. 7, 2007). This panel brought together scholars to discuss the implications of Kosovo's elections. Participants paid particular attention to issues of territorial sovereignty and the use of democratic procedures in situations of extreme ethnic animosity.

Lt. Col. Doug Ollivant: *Reflections on State- and Nation-Building in Iraq* (Feb. 19, 2008). Doug Ollivant received his Ph.D. at Indiana University in Political Science in 2000. He subsequently taught political theory at the US Military Academy before being

deployed to Iraq in 2003. He served multiple tours as a close advisor to Gen. David Petraeus and was a prominent contributor to the Army's *Counterinsurgency Manual*. He now works in Washington, D.C., as part of the National Security Council. Lt. Col. Ollivant gave a well-attended and much discussed talk on the dilemmas of state- and nation-building in Iraq.

Stathis Kalyvas: *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (April 9, 2008). This session brought Yale social scientist Stathis Kalyvas to the Bloomington campus to discuss his work on the political, informational, and psychological underpinnings of barbarism in civil wars.

Pilot Film Series

Film Director Christopher Moore, along with IU faculty members Jeff Gould, Shane Greene, and Christiana Ochoa: *Puedo Hablar?: May I Speak?* (March 19, 2008). This special film screening addressed Venezuelan politics under Hugo Chavez, stimulating an engaging discussion among scholars of Latin America, political science, law, and anthropology.

Milica Matijevic and Tim Waters: *A Minority Report* (April 17, 2008). This film screening and discussion addressed issues of the Serbian minority in contemporary Kosovo, building on a roundtable discussion sponsored by IDC in the previous semester (see above).

Communications and Community

With the assistance of Frank Burleigh, IDC has launched its own Web site (<http://democracy.indiana.edu>). This Web site serves as a medium for the IDC newsletter, provides a forum to announce IDC-related activities, and houses an archive of recent IDC events and reports. Moreover, the Web site currently provides links to affiliated organizations and publications.

At present, IDC supports a listserv of 76 individuals, suggesting a growing and viable academic community on the Indiana University campus around issues of democracy. Indeed, the listserv has almost doubled in size over the course of the 2007-08 academic year, growing from an initial list of 40 individuals.

A recent article on IDC's efforts appeared in IU's *Perspectives on Policy Newsletter* (<http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/7938.html>).

Working Groups

IDC is committed to enhancing cross-disciplinary research. Three working groups have emerged that provide opportunities for IDC scholars to work with one another on topics of mutual interest. Each group is committed to producing viable academic outputs

in the form of books, research monographs, edited volumes, and research articles. Moreover, each group is actively seeking outside funding opportunities from a variety of organizations including the Carnegie Corporation, The Ford Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, the MBR Foundation, and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Risk and Uncertainty in Political Crisis (Christiana Ochoa, Regina Smyth, Brian Shoup, and Archana Sridhar):

This group has initiated a research project that examines the capacity of polities in crisis to coordinate and cooperate in support of democratic governance. The approach is to focus on how societies define the sources and extent of risk and uncertainty in their environment and how they perceive the social, political, legal, economic, and international solutions that are often proposed by governments and international aid organizations to resolve such risk perceptions.

Democracy and Democracy Assistance (Jeffrey C. Isaac, Bob Ivie, and Tim Waters):

This group proposes to explore the genealogy of “democracy promotion” by asking questions such as: What alternative meanings and ramifications of the terms “democracy,” “promoting democracy,” and “promoters of democracy” are

contained in the discourse of “democracy promotion” that has become ascendant in the U.S. and, more generally, in the West? The group also will seek to understand the linkage between “democracy promotion” and “state-building.” This group proposes to pay careful attention to the way these discourses evolved in the experience of post-Communist transition in Eastern Europe following the “revolutions of 1989.” The focus on this particular location is advantageous for a number of reasons, including its discursive centrality to post-Cold War conceptions of democracy; the lessons that can be derived from understanding these questions in Europe, as well as in the United States; and IU’s unique comparative advantages in this area.



Dr. Craig Calhoun, President of the Social Science Research Council, discusses the need for greater cross-disciplinary research in the area of democracy and state-building. The IDC has been fortunate to host a number of important thinkers working on issues of contemporary democracy-building.

Democratization and US Intervention: Iraq and Afghanistan (Feisal Istrabadi, Nazif Shahrani, and Abdulkader Sinno):

The activities of this group center around planning a conference that aims to assess economic, legal, political, and security developments in Iraq and Afghanistan after the beginning of the U.S. military involvement in each country; and leverage the knowledge and expertise of the contributors to make recommendations for current and future policymakers. Papers from the conference will form the core of a collection edited by the organizers.

Moving Forward



Law School Dean Lauren Robel and President McRobbie look on as SPEA Dean Astrid Merget addresses the crowd.

IDC is at crucial point in its evolution. It has demonstrated two important facts:

- There is a considerable wealth of expertise at Indiana University in the research areas of democracy, nation-building, and state-failure; and
- Indiana University is uniquely positioned to produce viable cross-disciplinary research on these topics.

With these facts in mind, IDC is in a position to start producing the tangible academic outputs that its founders initially discussed. IDC will undoubtedly continue hosting the conferences, colloquia, and special events that have made it an increasingly prominent actor on campus. At the same time, it is quite clear that IDC faculty members have made substantial progress in gaining new theoretical purchase on the dilemmas that underscore contemporary debates on democratization. IDC's work in these two directions will continue in a variety of ways.

Expansion of IDC Membership

IDC is committed to the belief that democracy is best understood through multiple disciplinary lenses. It currently engages the participation of 65 Indiana University faculty and graduate students from 19 different departments and programs, including representatives from almost all of the University's 10 Title VI-supported area studies centers. That said, the three extant working groups and the colloquium series have begun primarily with the input of law and political science. It is clear that the IDC mission can only be successful to the extent that the full array of intellectual talents available at Indiana University is marshaled. To this end, the most pressing goal for the next year is to not merely grow the ranks of the IDC with representatives from other disciplines, but, more importantly, to engage all members in the most pressing activities of the Consortium. Specifically, the IDC

must involve as many members as possible in working groups and colloquia.

The IDC leadership will develop future working groups around issues that speak to broader dilemmas of democracy and state-building, including those that address contemporary issues like political economy, religion and politics, and democratic education, among many others. Secondly, current IDC working groups will expand their research activities in ways that engage other disciplinary perspectives. Indeed, this is already happening as all working groups are presently moving forward with longer-term plans that necessarily require inputs from other IDC members outside of law and political science. Third, future colloquium sessions must reflect the disciplinary breadth of the Consortium by focusing on the research taking place in all of Indiana University's schools and departments.

Working Group Outputs

Each working group is committed to generating books, edited volumes, or articles from its efforts. That said, each group is pursuing different ways of achieving these ends.

The Risk and Uncertainty Working Group is studying how individuals in complex and rapidly changing polities make economic and political decisions in the face of widespread uncertainties and risks. The group is applying for outside funding to develop measurement tools that will be deployed in a number of geographic locations, leading to the development of new data sources for researchers on these issues. Such a dataset will be a valuable contribution to a growing literature on state-failure, democracy assistance, and humanitarian aid providers, and will provide an intellectual framework that the working group members can use to develop future research. This model currently eschews a specific book or article project in favor of forging a common intellectual model and building the requisite data sources to test its theories. That said, each working group member is actively pursuing joint writing projects with other IDC members that share common foundations in the risk/uncertainty framework. Expected Outputs: dataset; book project; research articles; new course on the role of law in crisis settings at the School of Law.

The Democracy and Democracy Assistance Working Group will develop a more nuanced understanding of the democracy promotion paradigm with an eye to assessing the ways in which the geographic scope of recent democratic transitions has colored how U.S. policymakers approach such issues. The group proposes to form a high-level colloquium to discuss these themes with interested faculty and graduate students; to invite outside

new course led by Tim Waters during the Spring of 2009 on Post-1989 Transformations in Eastern Europe.

During the Summer of 2008, the three group principals held high-level discussions with leaders of Central European University in Budapest, the National School of Public Administration and Political Science in Bucharest, and the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia about institutional collaboration, exchanges, and distance learning projects with



speakers; and to work on building a “distributed network,” or a forum for communication and community-building with democracy promotion organizations in Eastern Europe. They also intend eventually to broaden the geographical scope to include other areas of the world. They are also exploring the idea of using the planning for this working group as a springboard for involving additional graduate students. The group is also discussing collaborative teaching of a

Maulvi Abdul Wahab Adam, Ameer of the Ahmadiyya Community-Ghana, and Judge Janet Arterton exchange ideas after an IDC panel on issues of post-conflict truth and reconciliation. Democracy and state-building require critical reflection on a number of issues and the inputs of experts from a broad array of fields.

IDC, which has already become an official collaborator of the newly-established Center for the Study of the Imperfections of Democracy (DISC) at CEU, funded by the Open Society Institute. In collaboration with the Social Science Research Council, the group is also planning a two-meeting conference to be held in both Bloomington and New York. They will also be working in collaboration with Indiana University's Russian and East European Institute to organize the Spring 2009 Roundtables on Post-Communism, which will be on the theme of "The Revolutions of 1989 After Twenty Years." Expected Outputs: "distributed network" of European democracy centers; edited volume of conference events; possible new course at the School of Law.

The Democratization and U.S. Intervention Working Group proposes a conference that will be structured around five interconnected themes or panels and a concluding session. The presentations will weave findings together to make well-integrated policy recommendations for U.S. policy on both Iraq and Afghanistan. Panel members will consist of a mix of scholars and practitioners who deal with both states. Panel sessions will comprise the core of an edited volume that will be released and submitted for publication within a year of the conference's conclusion. Expected Outputs: conference and edited volume.

Web site Expansion

IDC's Web site has proven a useful means to post newsletters and conference reports. There is very clearly room to improve its overall effectiveness as a means of linking IU faculty and practitioners in the area of democracy studies and democratic assistance, as well as posting working papers and enabling broader discussions among IDC members. To this end, IDC is considering the following Web site improvements:

- An enhanced research section: This section will allow IDC members to post working papers and will store archived reports from the different working groups. Ideally, this will allow outside practitioners and academics to see exactly where our working groups are in their research processes. Moreover, IDC members can use the section as a way to provide links to their own individual research in the form of JSTOR, Amazon.com, SSRN, and other links.
- An expanded section for outside organizations and journals: Presently, the Web site provides links to several organizations and journals, primarily those with a connection to IDC via the June 2007 conference. We would like to expand this page in order to provide IDC members with a quick link to other relevant publications and practitioner organizations. Included in this area will be the work of Archana Sridhar and Brian Shoup on identifying outside funding sources.

- Practitioner biographies and interviews: This section will provide a forum for updates on the activities of IDC-affiliated practitioners who attended our June 2007 conference, as well as new members. Presently, Howard Wolpe of the Woodrow Wilson International Center has agreed to be the subject of an initial profile. A second practitioner profile will focus on Miklos Harazsti, the Special Representative on Media Freedom at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.
- Discussion forum: Web developer Frank Burleigh has proposed an online forum that will allow interested parties to contribute to online debates on different issues related to democratization. There will be a number of moderators who will govern the forum to ensure that it adheres to professional standards.

Social Science Research Network (SSRN) Journal on State- and Nation-Building

With the help of Ken Dau-Schmidt, Willard and Margaret Carr Professor of Labor and Employment Law, IDC has taken the initial steps to build an SSRN online journal that covers issues of state- and nation-building and rule of law. This journal will raise the profile of IDC by establishing the organization as a locus for debates on democratization issues, and add to IU's already strong presence in the SSRN network.

Visiting Professors Saad Ibrahim and Barbara Ibrahim

Indiana University is proud to announce that Dr. Saad Ibrahim will be the first IDC Visiting Professor for the 2008-09 academic year. Barbara Ibrahim will join Indiana University as part of the Center on Philanthropy, where IDC member Les Lenkowsky is director of graduate studies. This initiative is possible through the generous assistance of several Indiana University departments and programs, including the IDC, the Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department, Political Science, Sociology, Middle East Studies, the Law School, and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Dr. Ibrahim is unique as an established scholar, important public intellectual and courageous dissident. A sociologist by training, Dr. Ibrahim's academic work has focused principally on social movements in the Muslim world, particularly as they pertain to the growing divide of religious and secular life in newly modernizing societies in the broader Middle East. Far from suggesting that religious extremism is a particular facet of political Islam, Ibrahim was among the first scholars to point out the limited space for civic life in many post-colonial Middle Eastern states. Constricted between oppressive regimes intent on limiting public discourse and familial/local affiliations that minimize discussion beyond paternalistic social ties, it is hardly surprising that political discourse found an outlet in the one social institution that neither the state nor family dared to cross — the institution of religion.

Barbara Ibrahim is among the most well-known students of philanthropic behavior in the Islamic world. As a former program officer for the Ford Foundation's Urban Poverty and Women's Studies programs, her work has focused on issues related to the contemporary Arab family, the integration of academic and practitioner communities working on civil society development, and the expansion of local philanthropy. As such, she will prove an enormous asset to the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy.

As part of their intellectual and civic mission, Saad and Barbara founded both the Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies in Cairo and the Arab Organization for Human Rights, organizations dedicated to expanding the opportunities for peaceful civic engagement in Cairo. The IDC has already begun discussions about future collaborations with the Ibn Khaldun Center, with a particular focus on the prospects for enhancing our connections to the contemporary Middle East.



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IDC is directed by Professor Jeffrey Isaac. As director, Professor Isaac oversees the day-to-day operation of this initiative, and is responsible for implementing the long-term vision of the Consortium's myriad research initiatives.

Professor Isaac's research interests center around political theory, broadly understood. His most recent book, *The Poverty of Progressivism* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), is an interpretive essay on the decline of liberal progressive politics in the United States. *Democracy in Dark Times* (Cornell, 1998) offers an interpretation—influenced heavily by the writings of Hannah Arendt—of the fate of democratic impulses in the wake of the Eastern European revolutions of 1989. *Arendt, Camus and Modern Rebellion* (Yale, 1992) is a comparison of the writings of Hannah Arendt and Albert Camus, which seeks both to read these authors in light of their historical contexts and to underscore their contemporary relevance. And, in his first book, *Power and Marxist Theory: A Realist View* (Cornell, 1987), Professor Isaac wrote on the concept of power and the philosophy of social science.

In these books and many articles in such periodicals as *Political Theory*, *American Political Science Review*, *Social Research*, *Praxis International*, and *Tikkun*, Professor Isaac explores the possibilities and limits of radical democratic political agency in the contemporary world. He has also written extensively on the political thought of anti-communist dissidence in *Social Research*, *East European Politics and Societies*, *Common Knowledge*, and a number of anthologies.

Professor Isaac is currently working on the topic of 20th-century liberal political thought, and the meanings of liberalism in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He is also editing a new edition of *The Communist Manifesto* for Yale University Press's "Rethinking the

Western Tradition" series. Professor Isaac serves on the editorial boards of *Polity* and *Dissent*, and as an editorial associate of *Constellations*. He is serving his sixth year as chair of the Department of Political Science. He is also the Book Review Editor of *Perspectives on Politics*, and thus edits the official book reviews of the American Political Science Association.

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IDC Steering Committee

The Steering Committee meets monthly and is made up of representatives from Indiana University's Law School, College of Arts and Sciences, and School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Its members are responsible for collectively deciding how IDC funds are to be directed, how best to enable collaborative research initiatives, and how to implement IDC activities like the colloquium series and visiting speakers.

Lauren Robel

Law Dean and Val Nolan Professor of Law



Lauren Robel is Dean of the IU School of Law—Bloomington and the Val Nolan Professor of Law. Dean Robel has served as the key University official supervising IDC since its inception.

Dean Robel's research has focused on the federal courts. Her articles have appeared in numerous leading law journals. She is a frequent speaker on topics ranging from procedural reform to sovereign immunity, and is the co-author of *Federal Courts: Cases and Materials on Judicial Federalism and the Lawyering Process* (LEXIS NEXIS 2005), a casebook on federal jurisdiction written with Arthur Hellman.

Robel has also served as a visiting faculty member at Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), where she published a book, *Les états des Noirs, Fédéralisme et question raciale aux États-Unis*, (Presses Universitaires de France, 2000), with Professor Elisabeth Zoller, a frequent visitor

to the Law School. Dean Robel also serves as a member of the Rules Advisory Committee for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

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series. Along with Frank Burleigh, Dr. Shoup maintains the IDC Web site and produces publications for outside audiences. He works with both Professor Isaac and Assistant Dean Archana Sridhar (see below) to identify opportunities for research funding and to develop new initiatives for IDC scholars.

Dr. Shoup's research focuses on ethnic identity, state-building, and nationalism. His first book, *Conflict and Cooperation in Multiethnic States: Institutional Incentives, Myths and Counterbalancing* (Routledge, 2008), examines how electoral rules and redistributive programs can constrain or exacerbate ethnic violence in plural states. He has conducted fieldwork in Fiji, Malaysia, and South Africa. He also co-edited a volume with Sumit Ganguly and Andrew Scobell entitled *US-India Strategic Cooperation Into the 21st Century: More Than Words* (Routledge, 2006), and his work has also appeared in the *Journal of Democracy*.

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and as a tax associate at Sullivan & Worcester LLP, specializing in tax-exempt organizations and corporate transactions.

Ms. Sridhar's own continued research addresses international philanthropy, post-conflict development, and tax reform. Her scholarship includes *Análisis de los Procesos Administrativo y Penal en Casos de Evasión Tributaria en Guatemala*, *Centro Internacional para Investigaciones en Derechos Humanos*, (with José Ricardo Barrientos); "Tax Reform and Promoting a Culture of Philanthropy: Guatemala's "Third Sector" in an Era of Peace" in the *Fordham International Law Journal* (Dec. 2007); and, a 2002 article on women's rights and inheritance law in India in the *Berkeley Journal of International Law*.

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Between 2001 and 2005, Dr. Auer served on the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Forum on Forests, and represented the U.S. Forest Service in helping develop the President's Initiative against Illegal Logging. He has earned more than 10 teaching awards at Indiana University, including the President's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Dr. Auer earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard University in biological anthropology, a master of arts in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, and a Ph.D. in forestry and environmental studies from Yale University.

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and Critical/Cultural Studies, and has served as an editor and member of the editorial boards of many other communication journals. He served as the Department chair until 2003, and was awarded a fellowship by the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions at Indiana University to attend the Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Democracy and Dissent in 2003.

Professor Ivie is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Dissent from War* (Kumarian Press, 2007), *Democracy and America's War on Terror*. (University of Alabama Press, 2005), "Democratizing for Peace." (*Rhetoric and Public Affairs* 2001), and "Prologue to Democratic Dissent in America." (*Javnost/The Public* 2004).

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Ochoa has also worked for a number of human

rights and non-governmental organizations in Colombia, Brazil, and Nicaragua.

Ochoa's scholarship focuses on global governance and human rights. Her work has been published in the *Harvard International Law Journal*, the *Virginia Journal of International Law*, the *Indiana Law Journal* (forthcoming 2008) and the *Human Rights Quarterly*, among others. Her research concentrates in two inter-connected areas: the role of individuals in law-formation and the inextricable links between global economic activity and human rights. Professor Ochoa's more recent work examines the individual's participation in law formation and in civil society as means to increasing the democratic legitimacy of international law and global governance mechanisms. Her work on global economic activity and human rights has included the development of what she terms the "Odious Finance Doctrine."

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Conclusion

The past year has been a fruitful one for the members of the IDC. Over the next year, we will build on these successes by generating the first wave of research projects through our three current working groups; advancing innovative cross-disciplinary endeavors like our colloquia and film series; and fostering our growing relationships with the many impressive democracy practitioners we have encountered over the past year. Most importantly, we will continue to challenge received notions about the meaning of democracy and the implications of democratic reform with an eye to more positively informing global efforts at improving the human condition.

These efforts are only possible due to the support of Indiana University and many individuals. Former Indiana University president Adam Herbert and current president Michael McRobbie have provided the leadership, vision, and resources necessary to generate an impressive University-wide dialogue on democracy through IDC. Deans Lauren Robel, Astrid

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