



Uppsala Rotary Peace Center Annual Seminar

PROGRAM 2024

Friday 19 April 2024
Registration 13:15 (CEST)
Seminar 14:00 - 17:45 (CEST)

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Humanistiska Teatern,
Thunbergsvägen 3C, Uppsala



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The 2024 Annual Seminar is organized by the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center hosted by the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University. During this event, the Rotary Peace Fellows from Class XXI will share their experiences and perspectives gained through the Fellowship program. They will also reflect on the crucial significance of leadership, courage, and resilience in challenging periods.

The event will also feature a keynote speaker, Professor Isak Svensson, who holds the esteemed Dag Hammarskjöld Chair in Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University. Professor Svensson's main areas of expertise are in international mediation in civil wars, religious dimensions of armed conflict, and dynamics of nonviolent civil resistance. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to teaching, he was awarded 'The Uppsala University Pedagogical Prize 2019' for Social Sciences and Humanities.

The Rotary Peace Fellows of Class XXII - who are currently enrolled in the first year of the Master's Program in Peace and Conflict Studies - will help host and participate in the Annual Seminar.

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VENUE

The Annual Seminar will be held at 'Humanistiska teatern', located at Thunbergsvägen 3C. To access the venue, please use Entrance 3C from the English Park Campus. If you have any special requirements for the seminar, kindly reach out to the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center beforehand via rotarypeace@pcr.uu.se. For directions to the venue, you can refer to [Google Maps](#)

PROGRAM

- 13:15** Coffee and name badge pick-up for registered attendees
- 14:00** Welcome remarks by the Director of Uppsala Rotary Peace Center, Associate Professor Karen Brounéus
- 14:10** Keynote panel with Professor Isak Svensson, the Dag Hammarskjöld Chair in Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University
- 14:40** Panel: *The Transformative Power of Courageous Leadership and Resilience* with Eva Patricia Rodriguez Bellegarrigue, Joseph Augustine and Vanessa Lanteigne
- 15:25** Coffee break
- 16:00** Panel: *Leadership for Peace: Bridging Grassroots and Global Perspectives* with Clause Okwoku Obote, Daniela Sánchez Duque and Davis Makori
- 16:45** Panel: *Connecting the Dots from Personal to Collective Resilience* with Katherine Ronderos, Musawenkosi Mpofo and Ornella Corsant-Colat
- 17:30** Address by Mrs. Martha Peak Helman, Rotary Foundation Trustee 2022-2026
- 17:35** Closing remarks by Peace Fellow Joseph Augustine and the Director of Uppsala Rotary Peace Center, Associate Professor Karen Brounéus

INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS

Eva Patricia Rodriguez Bellegarrigue, '*Courage in Leadership: a Key Trait to Resilient Communities*'
Joseph Augustine, '*Leadership in Challenging Environments: Lessons from Africa and Denmark*'
Vanessa Lanteigne, '*Building Societal Resilience: A Personal Journey through Advocacy and Action*'
Clause Okwoku Obote, '*To Uppsala and Back: A Global Approach to Grassroots Peacebuilding*'
Daniela Sánchez Duque, '*Ethical Leadership in Action: Building Bridges with Colombia's Indigenous Communities*'
Davis Makori, '*From Grassroots to the Headquarters: Closing the Loop*'
Katherine Ronderos, '*What's the Point of Revolution if We Can't Dance?*'
Musawenkosi Mpofo, '*Forging Path of Resilience: Reflections on the Journey of Theory to Practice in Fostering Peace within Communities*'
Ornella Corsant-Colat, '*Outside the Box: Paths to Resilience amidst Crisis*'

MODERATORS

Beatrice Anowah Brew, Class XXII Rotary Peace Fellow
Jawoon Kim, Class XXII Rotary Peace Fellow
Le Sen, Class XXII Rotary Peace Fellow
Zander Willoughby, Class XXII Rotary Peace Fellow

ABOUT THE UPPSALA ROTARY PEACE CENTER

Since 2011, the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University has been the host of one of the seven Rotary Peace Centers globally. The Uppsala Rotary Peace Center selects and educates Rotary Peace Fellows to have a significant, positive impact on peace and conflict resolution during their future careers.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders who dedicate their lives to promoting cooperation, peace, and resolving conflicts at both national and international levels. They achieve this through their careers and various service activities.

Fellows selected to study at the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center enroll in the two-year Master's Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. The program enables students to critically examine, assess and analyze the origin, development and resolution of armed conflicts on a scientific basis. It provides the students with a broad competence to analyze conflicts and to understand processes of war termination and peace building at local, national, regional and global levels.

A total of 91 fellows from 43 countries have successfully completed their education since the Rotary Fellowship Program was established at Uppsala University. Many of these fellows now hold positions in various sectors including governments, NGOs, educational institutions, research organizations, peacekeeping operations, and international organizations such as the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as well as the United Nations Mine Action Service in Sudan.

At the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center, Rotary Peace Fellows are supported by the fellowship for the two-year duration of the program. Their fellowship also encompasses an Applied Field Experience, which is a unique opportunity for Fellows to apply the peace and conflict resolution theories they have learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

Currently, there are seventeen Peace Fellows enrolled in the Master's Program who receive funding from The Rotary Foundation. The Annual Seminar is partly organized to celebrate that the cohort in the second year of the program is about to graduate.

SPEAKERS



Karen Brounéus, Ph.D., is Associate Professor (docent) at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, and Director of the Uppsala Rotary Peace Center. Her research focuses on truth and reconciliation processes after war; the gendered dimensions of war and peace; and psychological health in peacebuilding after war. Before coming into peace research 20+ years ago, she worked as a clinical psychologist, mainly with refugee women and children. She teaches i.a. Research Ethics, Advanced Qualitative Methods, and [Mindfulness-Based Stress Management](#). In 2023, she was honored to receive Uppsala University's prestigious [Free Distinguished Teaching Award](#).



Martha Peak Helman is a Rotary Foundation Trustee (2022-26) and chairs the Fund Development Committee. She was instrumental in establishing Rotary's newest Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, and is also involved in selecting the site for the new Peace Center in Asia, which is expected to matriculate its first students in 2027. Martha has held various leadership roles at Rotary events, including as an International Training Leader, Trainer, and Speaker. She has been actively engaged in initiatives related to the Rotary Peace Centers and The Rotary Foundation, such as serving as Chair of the Peace-Major Gifts Initiative. Martha also conceptualized and chaired the Sakuji Tanaka Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship.



Isak Svensson Ph.D., is a Professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University and former Director of Research at the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago, New Zealand. Recognizing his exceptional teaching skills, he was honored with 'The Uppsala University Pedagogical Prize 2019' in Social Sciences and Humanities. Since October 2023, he has held the esteemed Dag Hammarskjöld Chair in Peace and Conflict Research. Professor's Svensson's extensive academic background includes studying religious dimensions within armed conflicts and conducting mediation research. His scholarly contributions have been published in prestigious peer-reviewed journals such as the Journal of Peace Research, European Journal of International Relations, and Journal of Conflict Resolution.

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Clause Okwoku Obote is an Assistant County Commissioner with seven years of professional experience in administration and security in Kenya. He is passionate about a secure society and among his core duties is to spearhead the fight against terrorism and organized gangs, initiate dialogue and reconciliation in conflict-prone areas, and participate in peace-building and social cohesion in Kenya. He is also a Young African Leaders Initiative alumni.

This Obama Foundation Leadership program trains young people in leadership and governance. He is a beneficiary of the program's transformation fund that he used to successfully run a project in 2021 about Women's Role in Countering Violent Extremism on the Kenyan-Somalia border. Over 200 women were sensitized during the project. Obote looks forward to forming mentorship programs in peace and conflict resolution targeting youths in Kenya.

In 2023, Obote conducted his Rotary Applied Field Experience at the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) in Kampala, Uganda. During his time there, Clause was actively involved in tasks related to human rights monitoring, documenting, reporting, and advocacy.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences majoring in Criminology. His sponsor district is 9212.



Daniela Sánchez Duque is a Colombian professional in International Relations with over nine years of experience in public policy, human rights, social entrepreneurship, and peacebuilding. She has a diverse career that spans government, international cooperation, and academia. As a government official at the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia, she led dialogues between the government and the country's largest indigenous group. She also served at the Presidential Council for the Stabilization and Consolidation of Peace in Colombia, contributing to the enhancement and monitoring of key aspects of the Peace Agreement, including rural development and access to land. At the National Planning Department, she worked in the development and monitoring of public policies.

In the international cooperation sector, Daniela has participated in projects funded by USAID, the European

Union, and Sweden, aimed at strengthening the capacities of vulnerable populations, safeguarding their rights, and empowering them through social entrepreneurship. In academia, she has been an assistant teacher in International Relations. More recently, in Sweden, she has worked as a research assistant in the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University and in the Department of Economic History and International Relations at Stockholm University. Driven by a lifelong commitment to "to be more, to serve better," she is profoundly dedicated to advancing peace, ensuring access to democracy, and reducing inequalities.

She has a degree in International Affairs from Universidad del Rosario, Colombia, and a Master in Security and Defense from the National War College and Defense of Colombia. Her Rotary sponsor district is 4281.



Davis Makori is a campaigner who formerly worked as the Advocacy and Campaign Manager at Crisis Action, an organization that is a catalyst and coordinator for coalitions working together to protect civilians from armed conflict. Later, he has worked at Oxfam on humanitarian advocacy.

Based in Nairobi, Davis helped coordinate global campaigns by engaging coalitions and networks of civil society organizations to protect vulnerable civilians in conflict situations across Africa. In this role, Davis helped coordinate strategic and innovative campaigns and advocacy initiatives involving grassroots civil society organizations as well as regional and global civil society to convince policymakers to take action to protect civilians.

For his Rotary Applied Field Experience, Davis ventured to New York, USA, to work with Oxfam. Furthermore, he collaborated with the Center for Social Change (CSC) in Kathmandu, Nepal, during autumn 2023.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Nairobi, and is an alumnus of the Bucerius Summer School on Global Governance and the University of Oslo's International Summer School. His sponsor district is 9212.



Eva Patricia Rodriguez Bellegarrigue is a seasoned professional in international cooperation and peacebuilding in El Salvador. With a foundation in law, she embarked on her career at the Human Rights Ombudsman post-peace accords, later enhancing the justice system from her role as a Rule of Law specialist at USAID/ El Salvador. Her efforts have significantly contributed to fostering peaceful resolutions by establishing a network of mediation centers and training community leaders, security personnel, and environmental officials in alternative dispute-resolution techniques. Passionate about dialogue and philosophy, Eva is a member of the Aspen Leadership Global Network and contributes pro bono to the International Organization New Acropolis, leading SDG collaboration efforts in several countries.

In 2012, she founded Partners El Salvador a local NGO that since then has promoted mediation and violence prevention at the local level and dialogue in key issues at the national level. Since 2023 she was invited to be part of the board of directors of Partners Global based in Washington DC to help assess this organization's efforts in building peace and social cohesion worldwide.

During her Rotary Applied Field Experience, Eva collaborated with Fundacion para la Investigación del Derecho y la Empresa, a think-tank based in Spain that focuses on discussing emerging threats to security and peace. She also worked with ConTextos Chicago in the United States to gain a deeper understanding of social networks involved in violence prevention.

Eva's academic background includes a Bachelor's degree in law and a Fullbright Scholar grant specializing in clinical education on mediation at George Washington University. Eva is sponsored by the Southern Caribbean District 7030 and the El Salvador Rotary Club 7210, as well as by Club Country 4240.



Joseph Augustine is a committed professional from Nigeria with a focus on advancing sustainable development across Africa. His background encompasses over eight years of both volunteer and professional engagements with youth movements and NGOs, showcasing remarkable abilities in youth mobilization, project management, data collection, and digital content creation. Serving as the National Coordinator for Youth Digital Engagement at Actionaid Nigeria, Joseph has been instrumental in leading youth development projects. Notably, his initiatives through Verve Megaminds Network and Extended Love Foundation, such as "Making Education Sustainable and Accessible," enabled 500 children across eleven communities in three Nigerian states to continue their education during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown.

He completed his Rotary Applied Field Experience with CARE International Ghana. This renowned organization is recognized for its dedication to alleviating poverty, advocating for social equality, and empowering females of all ages.

Joseph, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Federal University Lokoja, Nigeria, is passionate about creating a world free from discrimination, where individuals can freely pursue their aspirations. He is sponsored by Rotary District 9125, Abuja, Nigeria.



Katherine Ronderos is an international consultant and NGO director from Colombia with a demonstrated history of over 15 years working in the sector of women's rights, peace, security, and development. She has broad professional experience in the U.K., Honduras, Colombia and more recently Thailand during her extended Rotary Applied Field Experience (AFE), working with women victims of war, leading initiatives for the elimination of violence against women, women's empowerment and participation in peace-building processes.

As Director of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Colombia (LIMPAL in Spanish) Katherine contributed to the inclusion of the gender perspective in the 2016 Colombian peace agreement. She has also worked for U.N. agencies to deliver training to former combatants, military, government, and U.N. personnel on the prevention of sexual violence in the context of armed conflict, as well as providing technical

advice on security and risk analysis with a gender perspective in the context of disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) processes.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Saint Thomas University in Colombia and an MSc in Development Studies from London South Bank University in the U.K.. Katherine is sponsored by District 4281 and Rotary Club 85293.



Musawenkosi Mpfu is a Zimbabwean fellow. He is a development practitioner by profession with over five years' experience in non-governmental organizations. His interests are advocacy, youth empowerment, peace building, research, natural resource governance. Musawenkosi has advanced skills and experience in designing and implementing development programs, monitoring and evaluation, project management and research. He worked as the Monitoring Evaluation Research and Learning Officer at Zimbabwe Christian Alliance. His roles were overseeing the implementation of the Evaluation and Performance Monitoring Plan for the peacebuilding and social accountability projects and leading all performance measurement, assessment and evaluation activities.

Musawenkosi has served as a volunteer in international organizations such as United Network of Young Peace Builders and is part of the African Youth Advocacy Team working on the localization of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250. He is also part of the European Union Delegation to Zimbabwe Youth Sounding Board, which is advising and ensuring the inclusion of young people in the EU projects across Zimbabwe.

As part of the fellowship, in 2023 he completed his Applied Field Experience at Interpeace in Nairobi, Kenya. He supported the program unit in research, project design and evaluation.

He holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences in Development Studies and a Master's degree in Monitoring & Evaluation at Lupane State University in Zimbabwe. Musawenkosi is sponsored by Rotary Club 9210, Bulawayo South, Zimbabwe.



Ornella Corsant-Colat is a French fellow with four years of professional experience working as a security analyst in the Central African Republic (CAR) monitoring armed groups dynamics. She began her career with the UN peacekeeping mission MINUSCA, providing strategic and operational advice to support the decision-making of senior leadership. Ornella also worked with the International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO), providing advice and analysis to over 100 partner humanitarian organizations operating across CAR. Her work focused on facilitating humanitarian organizations safe access to remote locations to deliver aid to people in need.

Her research interest focuses on the effects of peacekeeping deployments on the geographic spread of armed conflicts in Africa. During her Rotary Applied Field Experience in 2023, Ornella worked with Peace Boat crossing Panama, Guatemala and Mexico. This Japan-based international NGO promotes peace, human rights, and sustainability.

Ornella holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Drew University, New Jersey, USA. Her sponsor district is 1570 in The Netherlands.



Vanessa Lanteigne is a Canadian fellow who was first introduced to Rotary through the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and a Rotary Youth Exchange to Mexico in 2008. Since then she completed her studies at the University of Victoria with a Major in Political Science and has worked in a variety of roles within non-profits. In Tanzania, she worked to secure funding sources for a children's rights organization, which had programs to reduce unwanted teenage pregnancy, child marriage and female genital cutting/mutilation.

In Ghana, Vanessa was a training facilitator to promote youth livelihoods through employment and entrepreneurship training programs and was responsible for the design and implementation of the first Innovation Fund at her training centre, which was replicated in five other countries. After returning to Canada, she continued to work in social justice with her latest occupation as the National Coordinator at the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace.

Vanessa's Rotary Applied Field Experience was with Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation (PNND) in

Czech Republic and Austria. PNND serves as a non-partisan forum where parliamentarians nationally and internationally can exchange knowledge, collaborate on strategies, and actively participate in discussions related to nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament.

Vanessa is sponsored by district 5040.

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Beatrice Anowah Brew
Faith Chelangat Tonui
Janithrika Jayasundara Kankanamalage
Jawoon Kim
Le Sen
Leila Asani Halud
Win Bo Aung
Zander Willoughby

Read more about Class XXII Fellows at this link: [Class XXII Fellows' bios](#)



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