

Interns 2019-2020

Interns	Introduction
Hailey Riffe	<p>My name is Hailey Riffe, and I am an MA student in International Politics. I am fortunate enough to attend Aberystwyth University this year as the US-UK Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar. I completed my undergraduate in the United States, at Queens University of Charlotte and received my BA in Communications and International Studies. Most of my undergraduate work centred around political communication and how media uses communication to adapt a specific political meaning. I will be the second member of my family to receive an education beyond the undergraduate level and the first to do so outside of my country! I am so excited to contribute to the DDMI as an intern this year. Internships are meant to provide a hands-on learning approach, and I cannot wait to immerse myself in the realm of politics and research.</p>
Tom Fraser	<p>I am studying for an MA in International Politics, having graduated with a BA in the same subject from Aberystwyth University in 2019. As an undergraduate, I was especially interested in the application of social constructivism in contemporary political economy, although my interests now include the problematisation of sovereignty in response to environmental degradation, emerging security issues arising within the Anthropocene, and the operationalisation of this concept within International Politics. As part of the DDMI, I will be responsible for managing the website, assisting with the running of lectures, and engaging with ongoing research relating to 'blue on blue' incidents in Afghanistan.</p>
Karoline Helgesen	<p>My name is Karoline Helgesen, and I am a Norwegian MA student in International Politics. I like living by the idea that no topic is boring as long as you spend some energy to build your interest in it. I, therefore, find it difficult to put down one or even a few academic main interests, however I have especially enjoyed doing research on immigration and integration, media and media power, and postcolonial thought and theory. I feel honoured to be part of DDMI this year and hope to be able to contribute to the amazing project in any way I can.</p>

Viola Szucs	<p>I'm Viola, a third-year Drama, Theatre and International Politics Student from Hungary. The best thing about growing up in Hungary is that I now speak one of the most complicated languages in the World. Unfortunately, this also means that I am fully aware of what is going on there politically. I am excited to be a part of DDMI this year and to contribute to the Institute through organising events, editing the website and developing my research skills.</p>
Duanie Kimbirima	<p>Duanie Kimbirima is a third-year, undergraduate student of International Politics with interests in the construction of borders, the complexity of refugees and pre-colonial Angola. Her range of alternative interests also spans from: Religious intervention in the use of borders for power, the erasion of Queen Njinga's legacy, to how the agenda of diseases have been used as a method of control in 'developing' countries. Outside of her academic schedule, she enjoys literature, painting and researching ancient languages and their scriptures. This year she will be working with the DDMI team, by ensuring communication of lectures and workshops, researching, and formulating a structured write-up for each speaker.</p>
Fredrik Alexander Fjær Matre	<p>I am an undergraduate student from Norway reading for a bachelor's in International Politics and Intelligence Studies at Aberystwyth. I am honoured to be able to contribute to the DDMI through practical work, such as event photography, as well as through research. I am currently working on co-authoring an article on the DDMI's historical involvement in environmental politics. The emphasis on my research is on interdisciplinarity, organisation and knowledge-making in environmentalism. My areas of interest include environmentalism (including environmental politics and activism), civil society activism (more broadly), and social-democratism.</p>
Rachel Zhang	<p>My name is Rachel Zhang. I am an MA student in International Politics. I did my undergraduate in the same subject at Fudan University in China. My academic interests are concerned with security, ethnic conflicts, geopolitics and China studies. As a DDMI intern, I'm happy to make contributions to the institute and hopefully help with the research project on Emancipatory Realism and Alliances and Trust-Building in International Politics.</p>