

## SUMMER 2024 Newsletter

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### Update from the President

Dear Colleagues,

We are now watching ongoing conflicts in two areas of the world. There doesn't seem to be any end in sight. Peace agreements are presently not even being considered. Especially in light of this, the research and the scholars we support become even more vital.

The IPRA Foundation has just chosen four new Peace Research Grant recipients. Please see below for more information about them and their important research.

[Ms. Maria Amjad](#) from Pakistan

*"Staying the Course or Back Out? Understanding Rebels' Commitment to Peace Processes"*

[Mr. Dylan Forrester](#) from the USA

*"Gender and Reconciliation: A Case Study of Post-Conflict Colombia"*

[Dr. Ilker Kalin](#) from Turkey

*"LGBTQ+ Participation and Polarization within and outside the Collective Dissent in Turkey"*

[Dr. Aditi Malik](#) from India

*"Mobilizing Public Protests against Rape: New Intersectional Insights from India"*

Please continue to encourage scholars whose research lends itself to peace to apply for a future grant from the IPRA Foundation.

Dr. Linda M. Johnston  
President, IPRA Foundation



## Peace Research Grants

We are proud to have two funding cycles per year. We provide up to a \$5,000 grant to *peace researchers around the world*

- Click here for more information about the [Peace Research Grant](#) and our previous recipients.
- The next application cycle opens July 1 and closes August 31, 2024.
- Please contact our Grants Coordinator, Crystal Money ([ipraf.crystal@gmail.com](mailto:ipraf.crystal@gmail.com)) with any questions.

Our four most recent PRG recipients now have informative webpages about their work. (Please click the links below.)



[Maria Amjad](#) (Pakistan) - *"Staying the Course or Back Out? Understanding Rebels' Commitment to Peace Processes"*



[Ilker Kalin](#) (Turkey) - *"The LGBTQ+ Participation and Polarization within and outside the Collective Dissent in Turkey"*

[Aditi Malik](#) (India) - *"Mobilizing Public Protests against Rape: New Intersectional Insights from India"*



[Dylan Forrester](#) (USA) - "Gender and Reconciliation: A Case Study of Post-conflict Colombia"



## Opportunities After the IPRA Foundation Peace Research Grant



The IPRA Foundation has long been dedicated to uplifting peace research scholars across the globe. One very important way we achieve this is through our Peace Research Grants, of which only a small number of first-rate scholars are awarded. The IPRA Foundation would like to highlight what our Peace Research Grant recipients have gone on to accomplish following their awards.

[Sebastian Paolo Angzoorokuu](#) from Ghana stands out not only for his academic achievements but also for his incredible impact

on the field of peacebuilding. Sebastian's academic journey has taken him through two Master's programs at Oxford University and the University of Antwerp, culminating in a Ph.D. from the University of Queensland's School of Political Science and International Studies. In 2019, he was awarded the IPRA Foundation's Peace Research Grant for his study, *"Local Ownership, NGOs and Peacebuilding in Africa: A Comparative Study of Eastern Sierra Leone and Northern Ghana."* Shortly after, he joined IPRA Foundation's team of reviewers in 2021 and has been a terrific member of our community.

In May of this year, his project, *"Ambiguous Empowerment? A Feminist Critical Peace Reading of Women's Empowerment in Peacebuilding, Ghana and Sierra Leone,"* was nominated for an African Peacebuilding Network (APN) 2024 Individual Research Fellowship Award. With this impressive nomination, he will receive funding for his research, have the opportunity to attend workshops, and be an active participant in the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) network over the course of his career.

Sebastian's influential academic and policy contributions demonstrate his impressive intellectual footprint as an early-career scholar. A lecturer at the

[Department of History and Political Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology \(KNUST\)](#), Ghana, Sebastian also serves as the Assistant Director for Research at the [Institute for Research and Policy Integration in Africa \(IRPIA\)](#) based at Northern Illinois University (USA) and Freetown-Sierra Leone, and as a Research Fellow for grant proposals and project coordination at the Brew-Hammond Energy Centre, KNUST. He has undertaken and is presently engaged in different independent and collaborative projects broadly relating to peace and security, governance and politics in Africa, and international relations.

More information about Sebastian can also be found [here](#).

Sebastian's journey exemplifies the impact of the IPRA Foundation's support, fostering scholars who shape global peace discourse. We are incredibly proud of his achievements, and we look forward to seeing what else our Peace Research Grant recipients accomplish.

## Journal of Peace Education



The Journal of Peace Education features a variety of articles promoting the discussion of peace research and education. The most recent volume can be found [here](#).

## Past Newsletters

Please take a look at our [Newsletters webpage](#).

The IPRA Foundation first started publishing occasional newsletters in 2013 and this ePublication is now published quarterly to describe the important work of the foundation, provide notifications about upcoming conferences, and highlight our grantees' articles, publications and successes in their work and careers as peace researchers. With this new webpage resource, scholars can link the newsletter announcement of their grant to articles regarding their work with the IPRA Foundation.

## Mission

The mission of the IPRA Foundation is to advance the field of peace research

through rigorous investigation into the causes of conflict and examination of alternatives to violence. Peace researchers inform peace activities that inspire visions of a peaceful world.

## Vision

The vision of the IPRA Foundation is to:

- Inspire visions of a peaceful world
- Promote knowledge of non-violent peace strategies
- Increase the number of peace scholars around the world
- Encourage peace science and arts
- Grow worldwide communication and collaboration among peace researchers
- Further the purpose and activities of IPRA

## CORE VALUES

- Impactful and socially relevant research: We value original research, and peace activities informed by that research, that contributes to the world community and engages key stakeholders.
- Positive Peace: We value peace and justice by nonviolent means.
- Respect: We value respecting dignity, humanity, identity and diversity.
- Empowerment: We value research by people of and within the most vulnerable and marginalized areas of our world community.

The current challenges of the world stem from a variety of systemic and institutional concerns, but at the end of the day, we need to understand the underlying issues in a way that only consistent research can provide. Please consider donating to the IPRA Foundation this year to help continue the much needed funding for researchers all over the world.

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