

## Around the world

The training that Harris students gain in the classroom and in the field is further enhanced by exposure to viewpoints from around the globe.

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# World perspectives

Harris School students learn from speakers and instructors who are making a difference in the world—current and former heads of state, internationally recognized business and economic leaders, acclaimed authors and scholars. Drawn to the academic excellence of the Harris School, their willingness to share their experience is an important part of every student's training.

## Guest lecturer delves into Middle East

Rami G. Khouri, editor-at-large of Lebanon's *Daily Star* newspaper and director of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at American University in Beirut, is a Harris School guest lecturer. His course, "Passions and Policies of the Contemporary Arab World: Insights and Overviews from within the Region," looks at the contemporary Arab world as seen from the inside, and includes a review of the political economy,

Islamist movements, tensions with Israel and the West, and the role of democracy and freedom in the region. Khouri draws from his experience in the Middle East as an internationally syndicated political columnist and author. He also serves as a non-resident senior fellow at the Kennedy School of Harvard University and the Dubai School of Government. Khouri was awarded the Pax Christi International Peace Prize for 2006.

# Recent speakers

His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan

His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Saudi Ambassador to the United States

Ali A. Al-Shamlan, founding member of the joint committee of Kuwait University and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research

Hans Blix, Chairman of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC), Director General Emeritus of the International Atomic Energy

Agency (IAEA), and former U.N. Weapons Inspector

Barbara Bodine, former U.S. Ambassador to Yemen

Paul Cowen, director of the documentary *The Peacekeepers*, which chronicled the United Nations' peacekeeping role in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Laurent Fabius, former Prime Minister of France

Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic

Robert Harward, U.S. Navy Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command

William J. Hudson, U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia

Wolfgang Ischinger, German Ambassador to the United States

Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Court

Rami Khouri, Editor-at-large of the *Daily Star* newspaper in Beirut, Lebanon

Gunnar Lund, Swedish Ambassador to the United States

Jamil Mahuad, former President of Ecuador

David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy

Sir David Manning, British Ambassador to the United States

Najib Mikati, former Prime Minister of Lebanon

Enrique Peñalosa, former Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia

Friis Arne Petersen, Danish Ambassador to the United States

Jean François-Poncet, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, France

Elías Antonio Saca González, President of El Salvador

Robert D. Stuart, Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to Norway

John Vinocur, Senior Correspondent, *International Herald Tribune*

Michael Wilson, Canadian Ambassador to the United States

# International Policy Practicum



After a competitive application process, selected second-year students of the Harris School participate in a seminar-style course on international policy that culminates in an intensive faculty-led trip to the region or country of study. Students meet with relevant policy leaders during the international visit and create a case study of the seminar topic upon their return to Chicago.

## Destination India

India is one of the most fascinating places on earth,” says Charles Wheelan, PhD’98, who taught the International Policy Practicum that took 12 students on a ten-day tour of the world’s largest democracy. During their stay, the group met with Infosys CEO Nandan Nilekani; saw the challenges of underdeveloped

infrastructure during a weekend trip to Mysore; and spent a day at Shant Bahavan, an experimental school for poor children. In Delhi, they met with political and cultural counselors at the U.S. Embassy, and with several government officials, including Milind Deora, the youngest member of Parliament. The group also had

tea with the country director of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, met with the *Economist’s* India correspondent, and spoke with corporate executives involved in franchising Domino’s Pizza in India.

“There is simply no substitute for being on the ground—whether in a Brazilian favela or listening to business leaders discuss the Indian tax system. Students see firsthand how policy decisions can literally improve millions of lives — and how hard it is politically to make those changes.”

CHARLES WHEELAN, PHD’98  
SENIOR LECTURER AND INTERNATIONAL  
POLICY PRACTICUM FACULTY LEADER

# Dean's International Council

The Dean's International Council serves as an advisory group to the Harris School on issues of international importance by sharing their perspectives on new policy initiatives and resource development. These men and women have extensive and significant experience in government and the private sector, both in the United States and around the world.

“During orientation, I was thrown together with people I’d never met before. I found myself in a car on a scavenger hunt with one student who came from the economic sector in Beijing and another who’d worked on education policy in Mexico City. The perspective of people from different backgrounds has been a great benefit.”

TED MULLIN, MPP'08

**Members come from countries around the world, including:**

Brazil  
El Salvador  
France  
India  
Japan  
Jordan  
Lebanon  
Malaysia  
Mexico  
Monaco  
Qatar  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Virgin Islands

# International partnerships

The Harris School works with institutions around the world to create exchange opportunities for students, faculty, and research. These partnerships help to broaden perspectives on why policies succeed or fail. Participants gain valuable domestic and international policy experience. Our partners have included:

## Universidad de Chile

The University of Chicago partners with the Department of Economics at Universidad de Chile to provide students the opportunity to study and earn degrees at both universities. Universidad de Chile students may also participate in a non-degree diploma program of seminars taught by Harris School faculty.

## Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France

The Harris School offers a periodic exchange program with students and faculty of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France.

French students come to the Harris School to study education policy. Harris School students travel to Paris for a workshop and exchange with their peers at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.

## Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV)

Brazilian MBA students of the Instituto de Desenvolvimento Educacional at FGV participate in a week-long capstone experience in Chicago dedicated to studying a specific policy topic.

## Geary Institute, University College Dublin

Irish policy professionals collaborate with Harris School faculty on research addressing critical social and economic issues in Europe and the United States.

## Instituto de Educación Ejecutiva (IEEXE)

The Harris School offers customized, non-degree training for a broad range of federal and state representatives, political party officials, NGO staff, and mid- to high-level public officials in Pueblo, Mexico.

## Tel Aviv University

The Harris School partners with Tel Aviv University to offer a cooperative program for admission to the MPP program in either school. Students who qualify may also participate in internships through the partner institution.

## Yonsei University Graduate School of International Studies

The Harris School partners with Yonsei University Graduate School in Seoul, South Korea, to offer a cooperative program of study at both campuses. Students who qualify are eligible to earn the AM or MPP at the Harris School and the Master of International Studies (MIS) at Yonsei University.

## Dubai School of Government

The Harris School and the Dubai School of Government collaborate on cooperative initiatives, including academic opportunities for students, an executive education program for government officials, and various faculty exchange activities.

