

10^{Years}
Wim Deetman Scholarship



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Foreword

Founding

In the summer of 2007, shortly after Wim Deetman announced his intention to step down as mayor of The Hague on 1 January 2008, Rijk van Marion, Gert Zandsteege and Chris Mos convened to discuss ideas for a wonderful parting gift that would serve as a surprise as well as fitting tribute.

It did not take long to realise what the perfect gift would be: a scholarship in his name for talented yet underprivileged young students in eligible developing nations. The disciplines that we considered for the scholarship included law, peace and everything relating to these core fields, which tied in perfectly with the international city of peace and justice to which Wim Deetman devoted his career during his time in office.

We decided to focus the scholarship on the Leiden University (preferably the campus in The Hague), the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) and The Hague University of Applied Sciences, all located in The Hague. The aforementioned initiators subsequently set up the Wim Deetman Scholarship Foundation (Stichting Wim Deetman Studiefonds) and formed its Executive Board.

A fund-raising campaign was then launched among the local population and business sector, eventually raising over € 300,000. The Board of the Wim Deetman Scholarship Foundation would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the donors to this worthy cause.

Shortly afterwards, the initiative received an even greater boost. When alderwoman Jetta Klijnsma heard about it, she thought it such a good idea that she submitted a proposal to the Municipal Executive, requesting additional funding on behalf of the municipality. The Municipal Executive approved this request and the municipality of The Hague donated a stunning € 1.5 million, bringing the total amount to well over € 1.8 million.

On behalf of the Board of the Wim Deetman Scholarship Foundation, the municipal authorities as well as all donors, residents and businesses in The Hague, Ms Klijnsma presented the foundation to Wim Deetman upon his departure as mayor.

Conditions

A number of conditions were specified by the board and by Wim Deetman himself. First, Wim Deetman stipulated that instead of funding scholarships based on the foundation's annual return, the entirety of the funds would be spent within ten years. This provision meant a substantial budget of around € 180,000 per year.

The Board set a non-mandatory - although highly encouraged - condition that Wim Deetman would serve on a selection committee, which would also comprise Dr Jouke de Vries (then Director of Campus The Hague at Leiden University) and Prof. Frans Nelissen (then Director of the A.M.C. Asser Institute).

Nuffic was engaged for the preparation of the student selection process, communication with the participating institutions and management of the scholarships. The student pool was distributed among the countries classified as "developing nations" by the Netherlands. We have complied with these conditions throughout the past ten years.

Scholarship students

During the period up to and including the 2018-2019 academic year, the Wim Deetman Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships to a total of 49 students. These students have all completed their studies in The Hague and have now started their careers, with the exception of those in the 2018-2019 academic year.

Nuffic

Nuffic brought our initiative to the attention of its immense international network from the very start. In consultation with the Foundation Board, Nuffic selected a number of degree programmes in the field of peace, international law and security, while it coordinated communication between all of the institutions concerned as well. Nuffic was also responsible for coordinating the nomination of extremely talented candidates, selecting the students, informing and advising both the Foundation Board and the selection committee, as well as awarding and managing the scholarships.

The Board of the Wim Deetman Scholarship Foundation is extremely grateful to Nuffic. We would like to thank Ms Loes Minkman and Ms Inge Schouten in particular.

Report

The report gives an account of where the students originated, what degree programmes they took and what some of these students went on to do following the completion of their studies in The Hague. This part of the report was written by Ms Ubongabasi Obot, a former scholarship student, to whom we would like to extend special thanks for her exceptional contribution to this report.

This report shows clearly and precisely how vital these scholarships were to the students that received them, illustrating what hugely positive effect the scholarships had on the students' lives and how it further boosted their motivation, commitment as well as dedication to peace and justice in society. It also clearly shows the high regard that the students have for The Hague as well as for the role and meaning of the city in worldwide peace and justice.

All of the scholarship students now professionally contribute to achieving a fair, just and peaceful global community at the local, regional, provincial, national and/or international level. These scholarships serve to underline how valuable international peace and justice is to The Hague, while they have given the city 49 extremely valuable ambassadors.

Although the funds have now been exhausted and no more Wim Deetman Scholarships will therefore be awarded, their importance has been irrefutably demonstrated. Any initiatives to set up similar scholarships - in any shape or form - will be sincerely welcomed by the Foundation Board and the members of the selection committee.

Chris Mos
Chair, Wim Deetman Scholarship Foundation

Voorwoord

Oprichting

Kort nadat Wim Deetman, in de zomer van 2007 kenbaar had gemaakt dat hij voornemens was om met ingang van 1 januari 2008 af te treden als Burgemeester van Den Haag, kwamen Rijk van Marion, Gert Zandsteeg en Chris Mos bij elkaar om te bespreken hoe we Wim Deetman konden verrassen met een aansprekend en bij hem passend afscheidscadeau.

Al snel kwam het idee op tafel om een studiefonds op te richten voor jonge, kansarme maar talentvolle studenten uit hiervoor in aanmerking komende ontwikkelingslanden. Studierichtingen waar we aan dachten waren Recht en Vrede en wat daarmee samenhangt, passend bij de stad van Vrede en Recht, waarvoor Wim Deetman zich in het bijzonder heeft ingezet gedurende zijn bestuursperiode.

Universiteiten en Hogescholen wilden wij beperken tot de Universiteit Leiden, bij voorkeur de Campus Den Haag, het ISS en de diverse in Den Haag gevestigde Hogescholen. De Stichting Wim Deetman Studiefonds werd opgericht en het bestuur bestond uit bovengenoemde initiatiefnemers. De Stichting begon een wervingscampagne onder de bevolking en het bedrijfsleven. De uiteindelijke opbrengst lag ruim boven de € 300.000,-. Het Bestuur van de Stichting Wim Deetman Studiefonds wil graag ook hierbij alle donateurs van harte dank zeggen.

Het initiatief kreeg kort hierop een bredere steun. Wethouder mevrouw Jetta Klijnsma -horende van het initiatief- vond de oprichting van het studiefonds een dermate goed idee dat zij aan het College van Burgemeester en Wethouders de vraag heeft voorgelegd om ook namens de gemeente hieraan een bijdrage te leveren. Het College van B&W van Den Haag stemde hiermee in. Deze bijdrage van de gemeente Den Haag was maar liefst € 1.500.000,-. Hiermee kwam ons fonds uit op een bedrag van ruim € 1.800.000.

Namens het Bestuur van het Fonds, alle donateurs, de inwoners en het bedrijfsleven van Den Haag en het Gemeentebestuur heeft Mevrouw Klijnsma dit fonds bij zijn afscheid als Burgemeester van Den Haag aan Wim Deetman aangeboden.

Voorwaarden

Zowel door Wim Deetman zelf als door het bestuur van het fonds werden een paar voorwaarden gesteld. Allereerst stelde Wim Deetman zelf de voorwaarde om bij de besteding van het fonds niet uit te gaan van de besteding van het jaarlijks rendement van het fonds, maar om het fonds in 10 jaar te gaan uitgeven. Dat betekent een heel mooi te besteden budget van ca. € 180.000 per jaar. Het fondsbestuur stelde als -niet harde maar toch wel zeer gewenste voorwaarde- dat Wim Deetman plaats zou nemen in een selectiecommissie, verder bestaande uit Prof. Dr. Jouke de Vries, op dat moment Directeur van de Campus Den Haag van de Rijks Universiteit Leiden, en Prof. Mr Dr. Frans Nelissen, op dat moment Directeur van het A.M.C. Asser Instituut. Daarnaast zou Nuffic ingeschakeld worden bij de voorbereiding van de selectie van de studenten, het contact met de deelnemende instellingen en het verdere beheer van de beurzen. Tot slot werd gestreefd naar een spreiding van de studenten over de door Nederland als zodanig omschreven "ontwikkelingslanden". Aan deze voorwaarden hebben wij in de afgelopen 10 jaar voldaan.

Bursalen

Inclusief het seizoen 2018 - 2019 hebben 49 studenten een beurs uit het Wim Deetman Studiefonds toegekend gekregen.

Alle studenten hebben met goed gevolg hun studie in Den Haag afgerond en hebben inmiddels -behalve de bursalen uit dit seizoen 2018-2019- een aanvang gemaakt met hun carrière.

Nuffic

Vanaf het eerste moment is Nuffic betrokken geweest bij de informatie van hun geweldige internationale netwerk over ons fonds. Nuffic heeft, in samenspraak met het bestuur van het fonds, een aantal opleidingen geselecteerd op het gebied van vrede, internationaal recht en veiligheid en het contact met de betreffende instellingen gecoördineerd. Nuffic was daarnaast verantwoordelijk voor het oproepen tot het doen van voordrachten van zeer talentvolle studenten, de selectie van studenten, het informeren en adviseren van zowel het bestuur van het fonds als van de selectiecommissie, de verstrekking van de beurzen en de administratie hiervan.

Het Bestuur van de Stichting Wim Deetman Studiefonds is Nuffic zeer veel dank verschuldigd. In het bijzonder gaat onze dank uit naar Mevrouw Loes Minkman en Mevrouw Inge Schouten.

Verslag

In het rapport wordt verslag gedaan van de herkomst van de studenten, welke studies zij hebben gevolgd en van een aantal van hen, wat er met hen is gebeurd na afloop van hun studieperiode in Den Haag.

Dit deel van het verslag is gemaakt door een oud bursaal, mevrouw Ubongabasi Obot. Wij bedanken haar in het bijzonder voor haar voortreffelijke bijdrage aan dit verslag.

Uit dit verslag wordt helder hoe groot het belang van deze beurzen is geweest voor de ontvangende studenten.

Het verslag schetst de grote positieve impact van deze beurzen op het leven van de studenten en hun motivatie, om met nog meer bewogenheid en inzet zich in te spannen voor een rechtvaardige samenleving en voor "vrede en recht".

Ook maakt dit verslag duidelijk hoe de studenten over Den Haag denken en de rol en betekenis van "Den Haag" in de wereld van "Peace and Justice".

Alle bursalen dragen inmiddels, op lokale, regionale, nationale en internationale niveaus, bij aan het mooier en rechtvaardiger maken van onze mondiale samenleving.

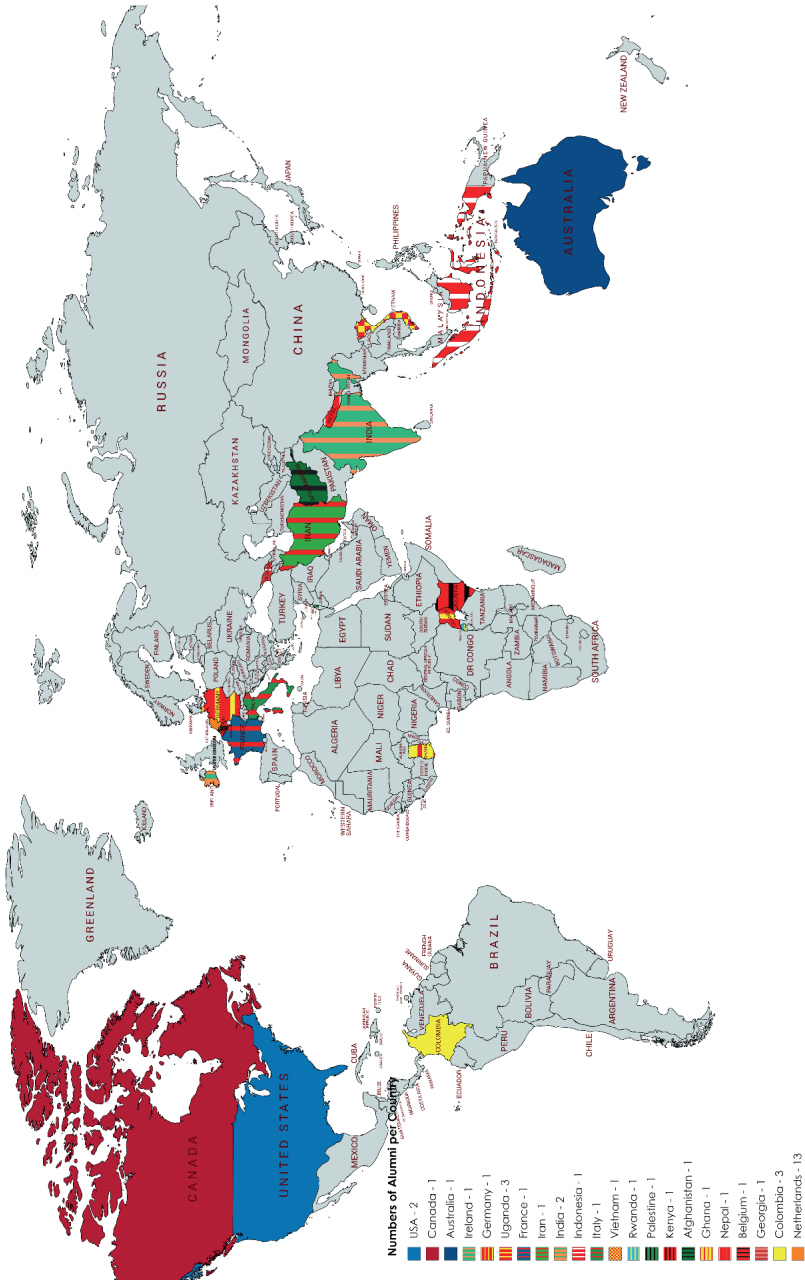
Voor Den Haag betekenen deze beurzen een onderstreping van het belang van de stad voor internationale Vrede en Recht. Den Haag heeft er door deze beurzen 49 zeer waardevolle ambassadeurs bij gekregen.

Alhoewel, door de uitputting van het Fonds, een einde is gekomen aan de Wim Deetman Studiebeurzen, is de betekenis van deze beurzen onomstotelijk bewezen. Initiatieven om dergelijke beurzen op enigerlei wijze te continueren zullen door het Bestuur van het Fonds en de leden van haar Selectiecommissie van harte worden toegejuicht.

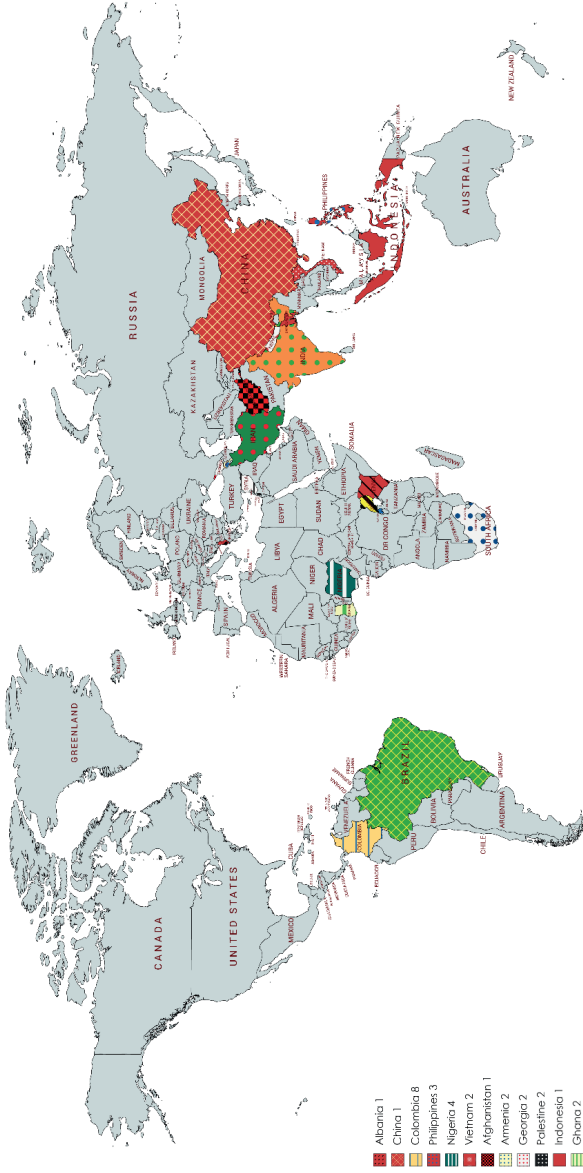
Chris Mos

Voorzitter Stichting Wim Deetman Studiefonds

Current location of Wim Deetman Scholarship alumni



Wim Deetman Scholarship beneficiary - Countries of origin



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Introduction

1 In January 2019 a questionnaire was sent out to all 49 alumni and scholarship holders of the Wim Deetman Scholarship (WDS). A total of 42 persons have responded to the questionnaire. This information together with some face to face interviews and skype calls have resulted in the following report. The report is divided in several chapters describing among others the current position of the alumni, their motivation to study in the Netherlands and how they act as an ambassador for international justice, peace and security, and for the city of The Hague in particular. The report concludes with profiles of 20 recipients of the Wim Deetman Scholarship.

Current location and position of the alumni

2 The information that is provided by the alumni in the questionnaires gains insight in their positions they currently hold. Table 1 contains the names, countries of origin, countries of residence and positions of the WDS beneficiaries who participated in the research. The students who were awarded a scholarship in 2018 are not included in this chapter as they will finish their studies in December 2019.

Name	Country of origin	Country of residence	Position
Amarnath, Namrata	India	Europe	Junior Staff, Anti-money Laundering, Security and Compliance at a European Bank
Arboleda, Zohanny	Columbia	Columbia	Consultant, Human Rights, Justice & Peace Education
Aturinda, Jackline	Uganda	Uganda	Social Worker
Awni, Farhart	Palestine	Netherlands, The	Junior Program Officer, Hivos
Baye, Eneze	Nigeria	Canada	Program Manager, Community and Youth Sector
Bhadouria, Akanksha	India	India	Assistant Director, Services Fraud Investigation Office, Civil Service, India
De Paiva, Marina Graciolli	Brazil	Netherlands, The	Junior Programme Officer, Cordaid
Erong, Caroline	Uganda	Afghanistan	Emergency Response Team Coordinator, International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Faraz, Ahmad	India	Netherlands, The	Gender Technical Expert, War Child
Gabriadze, Irma	Georgia	Georgia	Legal Consultant, Unicef, Georgia
Gatarin, Gina	Philippines, The	Australia	PhD Researcher, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University, Australia
Guío Pérez, Nadia Alejandra	Columbia	Columbia	Rural Development, Habana Peace Process Implementation, Columbia
Kakal, Tasneem	India	India	Junior Staff, International Development
Karapetyan, Rima	Armenia	Belgium	Diplomat, Mission of Armenia to the

			European Union, Brussels
Liparteliani, Gvantsa	Georgia	Netherlands, The	Contractor, International Criminal Court
Mohammed, Miraji Hassan	Kenya	Ireland	PhD Researcher, Youth and Security, Dublin City
Murungi, Phoebe	Uganda	Uganda	Supervisor, Legal Non-Profit, Uganda
Nakandha, Eseza Sharon	Uganda	Uganda	Program Officer, Africa Regional Officer of the Open Society Foundation
Ndlovu, Molefi	South Africa	Italy	PhD Researcher, Lucca, Italy
Newman, Jenevive	Ghana	United States of America (Delaware)	Jewish Family Services, Delaware Refugees Integration & Support Efforts Program
Rai, Nilima	Nepal	Nepal	Researcher
Obot, Ubongabasi	Nigeria	Netherlands, The	Research Contractor, Nuffic
Oloo, Akali Francis	Kenya	Kenya	Programme Assistant, UN Environment Programme
Phuong, Vi Nguyen Vu	Vietnam	Vietnam	Legal and Compliance Manager, Private Sector
Saldarriaga, Laura Correa	Columbia	Columbia	Sustainability Officer, Cementos Argos, Grupo Argos, Columbia
Sali, Semir	Albania	United States of America (New York)	Office of Legal Affairs, UN HQ, New York
Sayibu, Wedadu	Ghana	Ghana	Program Manager, RAINS
Philip, Sechie Solomon	Nigeria	Germany	Legal Trainee, Business and Human Rights Program, European Centre of Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) Berlin, Germany
Shehada, Walaa	Palestine	Palestine	Advocacy Officer, World Health Organisation
Simonti, Shucheesmita	Bangladesh	Netherlands, The	Project Officer, The Hague Peace Project & She Matters
Shushanyan, Zaruhi	Armenia	France	Coordinator, Advocacy Centre on Council of Europe Standards (ACCESS)
Sibomana, Gregoire	Rwanda	Rwanda	National Adviser & Coordinator, Rights-Based Programme, One Mainstreaming Team, GIZ Rwanda
Sutedjo, Vonnice	Indonesia	Indonesia	Private Legal Consultant
Zareie, Elham	Iran	Iran	Legal Affairs, International Law Firm, Iran

Table 1

Background and motivation

3 The Wim Deetman Scholarship alumni had academic and work backgrounds mostly in International Law, Human Rights, International Relations, Politics and Development Studies before coming to the Netherlands to study for their Master's degree. They were also involved in social activism and volunteering; they aspired to build a fair, equal and just global society. One alumnus from Albania wrote thus:

"Law and Public International Law was my favourite subject during my undergraduate studies at Turin University. Upon graduation, Leiden University was an easy choice for a Master's degree considering its reputation in International Law and its location in both Leiden and The Hague." *Sali, Semir - Albania - WDS Beneficiary 2013*

Another alumnus from India described her background and motivation in the following words:

"I completed a five-year professional law programme in India, topping my class in the International Law Honours programme. During my time in India, my exposure to various aspects of international and global justice and human rights issues triggered in me a passion for making a significant difference to the global community. During an internship with the ICRC, I was particularly moved by international humanitarian crises we continue to face, and the legal anomalies in the system. While I was a student in India, I visited Leiden University in Den Haag, while I was participating in the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition, in 2013. I heard about the Public International Law Programme and enquired about the specific courses. The programme was designed to also include a focus on International humanitarian law and this particularly intrigued me. I decided then that Leiden University would be my first choice for an LLM in International Law." *Amarnath, Namrata - India - WDS Beneficiary 2015*

The alumni also have similar motivations for studying for a Master's degree in International Law, Development, Peace and Justice in the Netherlands. They are driven by their passion and social commitment, and they also have personal reasons to take their education a notch further by studying for a higher degree in The Hague. The alumni have a passion for human rights; they aim to promote sustainable development, peacebuilding, raise knowledge and awareness of international law and social justice. In addition, they are passionate about fighting for gender justice and equality in their countries and dreaming of leading their lives doing international development work. One alumnus from Columbia wrote thus:

"I worked as a researcher with Insight Crime on topics related to the armed conflict, and I have had the opportunity to travel to territories strongly affected by violence. Talking with community leaders, victims, the armed forces, government officials and guerrilla members made me more conscious of the complex challenges of building sustainable peace but has also really motivated me to continue my studies and return and help build a less violent and more inclusive and just society. The strong emphasis on gender and conflict makes this programme particularly attractive to me." *Avila Rivera, Laura Nathalia - Columbia - WDS Beneficiary 2018*

The WDS alumni are well vested in society. They are fixated on creating access to justice for marginalised populations especially women, correcting legal anomalies in the system, enhancing their knowledge and exploring possibilities for developing sustainable solutions. The alumni also play an active role in the fight against injustice and corruption and promoting the rule of law in their countries. An alumna from India wrote:

"I was working in development in Mumbai and had co-founded two youth-led organisations. I realised that alongside working at the grassroots from bottom-up, it was crucial for me to understand what top-down structures exist that influence people's access to resources. This motivated me to apply for the Governance, Policy and Political Economy track at the ISS. I wanted to learn from my peers and the faculty and to understand what solutions were being implemented in different countries-which I could draw from and adapt locally." *Kakal, Tasneem - India - WDS Beneficiary 2013*

Personal and family influences contributed to the motivations of the alumni to study in The Hague. Their life experiences influenced them into becoming human rights activists and scholars. Family ties and inspirations also played a huge part in their decisions, for example, one alumna from India wrote:

"My grandparents had a rural background, and as a little girl, I had heard them talking about numerous problems they faced, like poverty, the absence of any healthcare institutions close-by, lack of a steady job, diminishing returns from their small plot of land, the absence of electricity etc. They remembered those days with nostalgia. It seemed that despite those difficulties' village life had its compensations. I had also read somewhere Gandhiji's ringing words: 'India's soul lay in its villages. Without improving their abysmal conditions—starvation, diseases, illiteracy' and so on—the country could not move forward even a bit. I did not get any picture of what village life was like from my grandparent's reminiscences, nor did I comprehend the gravity of Gandhiji's warning. However, they made a deep impression in my young mind; enough to rouse my curiosity to know about them. So, it was a deliberate decision that prompted me to join the well-known Gandhigram Rural Institute at Dindigal, Tamilnadu, and take up Development Administration as the subject of my studies. I spent five years learning rural economics and Gandhian thoughts on village development among other subjects leading to my Master's degree. As part of the curriculum, I had to do field work in some backward villages. It was a real 'education' for me. I got to know first-hand what rural poverty was like, how local governance was effected in those difficult conditions and how they coped with the innumerable problems faced by the villagers. This experience re-kindled my interest in development issues and prompted me to join the Institute here for majoring in Governance and Development Policy. I intend to go for further study in Public Policy, and I am looking forward to specialising in the same." *Nair, Aanchal - India - WDS Beneficiary 2018*

Lastly, also studying in The Hague was a way of proving to their communities and the world at large that greatness could come forth from humble backgrounds and that they can also contribute to developing their societies. Two alumni, one from Kenya and the other from the Philippines wrote:

"My motivation for studying the course was first, to better position myself in society and be able to use my talent to address human rights violations in Africa and across the world. Secondly, I was driven by the desire to show everyone, especially people in my continent, that it is possible for someone to come from Africa and do great things through education." *Oloo, Akali Francis - Kenya - WDS Beneficiary 2015*

"Back in 2011 when I applied for a WDS fellowship, I was a fresh graduate from my bachelor's degree and was working in an NGO. I got interested in human rights issues as I was working with poor urban communities in Manila, Philippines. I really wanted to have a profession in development work, so I became motivated to apply to ISS. I also came from a humble family background so studying development studies became a way for me to prove that I can contribute much to my community and my country." *Gatarin, Gina - Philippines, The - WDS Beneficiary 2011*

Effect of the Wim Deetman Scholarship on the careers of the alumni

4 The Wim Deetman Scholarship has impacted the career and general lives of the alumni in immeasurable ways. The alumni describe being a WDS scholar as a fact which fills them with pride and opens many doors to them. All the alumni are grateful for the opportunity to live such a life-changing experience sponsored by the WDS. They describe the fellowship as the best thing to happen to their career and lives in general:

"The Wim Deetman Scholarship is the best thing to ever happen to me, and I cannot thank enough the city of The Hague and the former Mayor for enabling me to study in one of the best universities in the world. My school fees were paid in full, and the living allowance was enough for my day to day living. Just an appreciation for the life-changing opportunity you offered me to study at Leiden through the handsome support of WDS." *Oloo, Akali Francis - Kenya - WDS Beneficiary 2015*

The WDS alumni explain that the opportunity given to them by the WDS creates paths and open ways for them by helping them realise their dreams, academically and in their careers. The WDS has been further described as the stepping stone on which their careers blossomed, the wings on which their careers soar; unlocking better opportunities for themselves and their families. Two alumni from India and Nigeria described their experiences thus:

"The Wim Deetman Scholarship has been the wind beneath my wings... While I was deeply interested in studying development, especially in a place as rich, vibrant and diverse as The Hague, I would not have been able to do so without financial support. Studying development in the international city of peace and justice has given me the opportunity to learn from and interact with academics and development practitioners. Therefore, the fellowship has been instrumental in translating my passion into a profession." *Thakur, Meenal - India - WDS Beneficiary 2018*

"The Wim Deetman Scholarship sponsored in full my studies for my Master's degree in a renowned and reputable institution. It made my dream of studying abroad come through. It unlocked better life opportunities for my family and me. I have been able to travel through Europe, make new friends, learn new things, volunteer while following my passion. The Scholarship also gave my first real job post-graduation. I was employed as a Research Contractor to conduct this research. I am thankful for this experience, and I consider myself double privileged to be able to read through the life stories of other alumni. I am also thankful for the opportunity to work with the very experienced members of the WDS Board and Inge. I have learnt a lot, and daily I am wowed by these opportunities." *Obot, Ubongabasi - Nigeria - WDS Beneficiary 2017*

The WDS alumni feel more equipped with the requisite knowledge to make groundbreaking interventions in the fields of justice and peace because the scholarship sponsored their studies in top league schools where they gathered knowledge in their different areas. They can apply the same in their daily lives and their careers. Two alumni from Nigeria and Uganda wrote these:

"The Wim Deetman Scholarship definitely helped in my career progression, I obtained an LLM from Leiden University - which is considered as a leading university in International law, courtesy of this fellowship. The fellowship served as a stepping stone in my pursuit of a career in the field of International Law." *Philip, Sechie Solomon - Nigeria- WDS Beneficiary 2017*

"Through WDS funding, my dreams of seeking more knowledge on human rights became a reality. I am truly grateful and thankful to WDS for the opportunity; it is something I can never take for granted." *Erong, Caroline - Uganda - WDS Beneficiary 2016*

As the WDS alumni became better equipped with knowledge, theories and practise gained from their time in The Hague, the possibilities in their careers became endless as more doors of opportunities were unlocked. They believe that being a WDS scholar is seen in a positive light by employers. It shows their keen interest in topics related to peace, justice, and security. They insist that the experiences acquired during their Master studies are highly valued and sought after by employers:

"From where I come from, not one in a million receives an international scholarship in a prestigious institution. If I work in the Philippines, this will be an advantage." *Domingo, Ethel Monique - Philippines, The - WDS Beneficiary 2018*

"The amazing experience that I am having in the Netherlands would not have been possible without the scholarship, and I think about this privilege every single day. Moreover, I believe that the Wim Deetman Fellowship will contribute to my process of finding a job later, as it is very prestigious." *Rusansky, Tamara - Brazil - WDS Beneficiary 2018*

"When I came back to Colombia, I went back to the public sector in order to implement human rights standards in a very violent time. I retired from the public sector because I felt I was putting my life at risk and the state, who was my employer at the time could not protect it. A group of young colleagues and I went to a distant village to give hundreds of indigenous people that had been victims of the guerrilla groups legal advice, at the school where we were, we got harassed with guns by the guerrilla. After that episode, I left the public sector and got a job at a local university. Currently, I work for a Colombian business group called Grupo Argos which focuses on sustainable infrastructure. Recently I was promoted to Sustainability Director of the newest business unit: Odinsa, a road and airport concession company. My job is to align this business to the highest sustainable standards, which of course include human rights standards, especially those related to human trafficking. I am still a Human Rights Defender, but my scope has gone broader to include environmental standards and other social issues, this to guarantee that business is successful in balance with the environment and social rights." *Saldarriaga, Laura Correa - Columbia - WDS Beneficiary 2011*



WDS Beneficiaries 2012 - Photo by Loesje Praktijken

Living in The Hague and the Netherlands

5 The Wim Deetman Scholarship alumni described living in the Netherlands, specifically, The Hague as unforgettable, memorable, amazing, enriching, splendid and challenging. Back in their own country, they miss living in the city. Especially the peaceful nature of the city and the fact that The Hague is the international city of peace and justice are aspects the alumni loved about living in this city:

"My time in Leiden and The Hague was unforgettable. The Hague has always been my favourite city. I still visit the Peace Palace and attend summer courses at The Hague Academy of International Law. I love the Dutch people, canals, cheese, bikes and even the weather. Moreover, thanks to WDS even the Dutch bureaucracy became easy to cope with." *Gabriadze, Irma - India - WDS Beneficiary 2012*

The alumni treasure the city in which they built long-standing relationships, network and friendships. They further confirmed that The Hague is an international city, the capital of peace and justice abound with many organisations and opportunities to develop distinguished careers in the fields of international law, peace and justice. Two alumni from Brazil put their experiences into the following words:

"I love living in the Netherlands, specifically in The Hague. The city is very international, and because it is the capital of peace and justice you have many organisations here, this makes the experience very rich since there are many events, lectures and exhibitions happening all the time, as well the opportunity to build a rich network of people. To have the opportunity to be in The Hague for my Master also made a huge difference to be able to reach my dreams and goals professionally and personally." *De Paiva, Marina Gracioli - Brazil - WDS Beneficiary 2016*

"I am currently studying more about The Hague and the reasons why it is called the International City of peace and justice. So far, I have attended a few conferences in The Hague and visited landmark places. As I am planning to go home to my country for field work in July or August, I am also thinking of meeting with non-government organisations as well as youth groups to introduce them to The Hague as a place of justice, peace, and security." *Rusansky, Tamara - Brazil - WDS Beneficiary 2018*

They observed that the city is rich in culture; it is tolerant and very diverse. It also gives an experience of a world view because of its international nature through interactions with people from different continents and cultures. The alumni consider The Hague to be a city that stimulates the mind academically and is intellectually enriching. Two alumni from India expressed their experiences thus:

"My time in The Hague and Netherlands was academically enriching, intellectually stimulating. I pursued the Talent Programme at Leiden University, a pre-PhD research programme, along with my Masters, and the programme enabled me to conduct intensive academic research on a niche area of international criminal justice - offences against the administration of justice in international criminal law. I also worked on the Editorial Board of the Leiden Journal of International Law, where I was involved in editing the content and grammar of manuscripts by eminent academicians.

I also represented Leiden University and participated in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, in Maastricht, where our team won Runners Up. In a nutshell, my time spent during my Master's was very academically enriching." *Amarnath, Namrata - India - WDS Beneficiary 2015*

"I lived in Leiden mostly and attended classes in The Hague as a part of the curriculum. Each day spent in the Netherlands has been a memorable experience for me. The practical exposure that I received from the university has been beneficial. I could not imagine a better place to live and study as an international student." *Bhadouria, Akanksha- India - WDS Beneficiary 2013*

The WDS beneficiaries further described The Hague as the city that built the foundation on which their career stands. Two alumni from Nigeria and Columbia wrote this:

"Words cannot express how memorable my time in The Hague was. The opportunity to be present at the international courts in The Hague, to participate in a video put together by the city of The Hague was awesome. I expanded my network of friends by 50 nationalities, and I also participated in the European Union Mentorship program for young African professionals. The Hague is a special place to me, a city of peace and justice, the opportunities I was privileged to leverage on in The Hague is the very foundation on which I build my career." *Baye, Eneze - Nigeria - WDS Beneficiary 2011*

"It was a great time where I could focus on my studies and projections for my future career. I met wonderful people from over the world, and I still work and talk to them." *Arboleda, Zohanny - Columbia - WDS Beneficiary 2011*

Having enjoyed the amenities, peace and beauty of the city, the alumni consider The Hague to be a model city which they use as an example in trying to build their home cities. As Gina from the Philippines clearly articulates:

"The Netherlands also became my source of inspiration why I am currently pursuing doctoral work in improving public transportation and urban mobility. I learned how to ride a bicycle only in The Netherlands, which transformed the way I imagine and live in the city. Such is a good inspiration for cities like Manila, which is dealing with worsening traffic jams and poor public transport system." *Gatarin, Gina - Philippines, The - WDS Beneficiary 2011*

The Netherlands make the alumni feel so much at home that they compare it to their homes of origin, an alumnus from Nepal compares the Netherlands to her state of origin Kerala in the following words:

"The Netherlands has something strikingly in common with Kerala, the small state I come from at the southern tip of India on the western coast. The similarity is that a sizeable part of both is below the sea level. In the Netherlands the land reclaimed from the sea is used for housing industries, build cities and for cultivation, while the below sea level part in Kerala is its granary

-- it produces most of the staple food (rice) its people require. It is a natural bowl into which major rivers of the state drain a prodigious volume of monsoon waters. The rice cultivation here is made possible by an ingenious system of hydro-engineering that combines bunds and spillways for preventing seawater from entering the bowl even as it helps to flow out excess water. I had read about the Netherlands and had a fairly good idea about the land, climate and people before coming, but when I landed, I found it far beyond my wildest imagination. It took some time for me to get accustomed and acclimatise to the new surroundings. However, that was not difficult since I am fond of travelling and meeting people." *Rai, Nilima - Nepal - WDS Beneficiary 2014*

Acting as ambassadors

6 The Wim Deetman Scholarship alumni act as ambassadors for International Justice, Peace and Security and the city of The Hague through their work and volunteer activities. Some of the WDS alumni work and volunteer in spheres of child protection, refugee's protection and integration and the protection of vulnerable populations. Three alumni from India, Ghana, and Bangladesh explained their contribution in these words:

"While at Leiden University, I volunteered with refugees who were being temporarily hosted by the University. Spending time with them, and with the women and children in particular, and listening to their stories (either via an interpreter, since they did not speak much English), or using Google translate, was an eye-opening experience. I was also pursuing an academic research project as a part of the Talent Programme, where my research aimed at statistically analysing the anomalies in the legal framework of contempt offences in the International Criminal Court, and proposing an alternative mechanism to address such offences, in a cost-efficient manner. My current role in compliance ensures that regulatory Anti-money laundering requirements are met, contributing to international security." *Amarnath, Namrata - India - WDS Beneficiary 2015*

"Currently I work in a program that resettles refugees from all over the world in Delaware, USA. Through my work, I am able to advocate for Justice, Peace and Security. When I have the opportunity, I share my experiences about studying in the city of peace and justice and how that has shaped my career and my perspectives on issues of social justice." *Newman, Jenevive - Ghana - WDS Beneficiary 2016*

"I believe through my involvement in different organisations; The Hague Peace Projects, for instance, I have been acting as an ambassador for International Justice. By being involved in this organisation and being allowed to contribute towards issues of concern in Bangladesh, I act as an ambassador of the city of peace and justice. I served as an ambassador of the city when I signed up to volunteer at the One Young World." *Simonti, Shucheesmita - Bangladesh - WDS Beneficiary 2017*

The WDS alumni also serve as ambassadors through working to promote inclusiveness and sustainability in different spheres and ensuring access to justice for all. Inclusive societies breed peace, ensures the protection of human rights for all human beings and promotes sustainable development. Two alumni from the Philippines and Uganda wrote these:

"I have been acting as an ambassador for international justice through my work for inclusive and sustainable transportation in rapidly urbanising cities like Manila. I am trying to align my research to the UN sustainable development goals to be of contribution to the creation of inclusive cities, especially in the Global South. For the city of The Hague, I constantly invite colleagues and friends to try to also study at ISS so they can improve their competencies and engagement in development work." *Gatarin, Gina - Philippines, The - WDS Beneficiary 2011*

"I started the International Justice component at the non-profit where I work, and this platform enables us to educate the public about the developments in this field and how they affect them as Ugandans. I continue to serve on a platform that makes access to justice a reality for many people that would otherwise not have this opportunity." *Murungi, Phoebe -Uganda - WDS Beneficiary 2014*

Besides encouraging people to study or visit The Hague, the alumni take a keen interest in explaining admission processes and what it is like to study in The Hague thereby guiding prospective students in their applications. They explain why it is so important to visit the city and why it is related to the fields of International Law, Peace, Justice and Development:

"In my daily work as a diplomat, in my daily life as a citizen of the world, I do everything within my power for the promotion of peace, justice and security. For the cities of The Hague and Leiden, I am one of the biggest ambassadors. Not only do I spread the word among potential students about the educational possibilities in these wonderful cities, but also about how interesting and enriching living there can be for young people. I have even personally accompanied some interested people during Leiden University's open days to introduce them better the available opportunities and the unique atmosphere that reigns there." *Karapetyan, Rima - Armenia - WDS Beneficiary 2013*

"Firstly, I am very proud of myself for being a Wim Deetman Scholar I take a keen interest in providing information to aspiring students who approach me for guidance in admission, scholarships and settling down in the Netherlands. Lastly, my experience of study and living in the Netherlands has helped me to be a brand ambassador in many ways in all areas of life." *Bhadouria, Akanksha - India - WDS Beneficiary 2013*

"I share my valuable knowledge which I acquired from The Hague with my juniors in university, so they are interested in learning Public International Law too. Some of them already pursue higher education in Public International Law. I hope when many people are interested in studying International Law, we in Indonesia can also contribute our thought and energy for International Justice. If there is no one to tell them how fascinating and important International Law is, then no one will continue to give attention to International Justice, Peace and Security." *Sutedjo, Vonnice - Indonesia -WDS Beneficiary 2012*

The WDS alumni also specifically work on issues of human rights ensuring international human right standards, access to land, justice and peace education, ending domestic violence, training other young people on peace-building, and mentoring youth leaders. Through this every day, they act as ambassadors for the city of The Hague and what it represents. They also contribute to eradicating corruption and building international security:

"I believe working for the private sector in human rights and sustainability has become a topic that encompasses international concerns of great relevance.

Not only human trafficking, child labour, sexual and workplace harassment but also environmental issues such as water quality, access and availability, climate change and biodiversity protection are key in the current world. Working for Grupo Argos has allowed me to impact more than 15 countries in America." *Saldarriaga, Laura Correa - Columbia - WDS Beneficiary 2011*

"During my stay in the city of The Hague, I completed a six months internship within the office of the Prosecutor at the UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon. I was nominated by the United Network of Young Peacebuilders in The Hague to participate in the African and European youth Regional Training on peace-building. During this training, I was a runner up and recipient of a grant to support my social business ideas on teenage pregnancy and domestic violence. Presently, I mentor youth to be leaders in their community." *Baye, Eneze - Nigeria - WDS Beneficiary 2011*

"In my field of work as a Community Development Practitioner, I work and support communities to promote peaceful co-existence. Daily, in line with my work, I advocate for the promotion and protection of the rights of children, women and other vulnerable groups in society. I work with communities and local government authorities to ensure the inclusion of the social excluded such as the youth, women, disabled and ethnic minorities in the development process of their communities. I can confidently describe myself as a Human Rights Advocate and a Community Development Practitioner." *Sayibu, Wedadu - Ghana - WDS Beneficiary 2013*

Conclusively, the alumni act as ambassadors by spreading the knowledge of International Law, Peace and Justice. As education is key to the spread of knowledge and the greatest tool of transformation, some of the WDS alumni are PhD researchers and published authors in the areas on International law, Peace and Justice. Books travel where people cannot, now better yet with the internet; this knowledge can reach every nook and cranny of the globe thus contributing to the expansion of education and academic research in this field. Three alumni from South Africa, Uganda and Kenya, shared their experiences;

"I have had many opportunities to interact and engage with relevant institutions and actors who are directly working in the broad field of International Peace - many of whom are headquartered in The Hague. Since my departure, to pursue PhD studies, I have continued to focus on the topics of peacebuilding and post-conflict societies from my current base in Lucca, Italy as well as Kosovo, Germany and South Africa." *Ndlovu, Molefi - South Africa - WDS Beneficiary 2016*

"I have published in the area of international justice thus contributing to the expansion of knowledge in this field. I have also trained other lawyers and civil society actors on novel areas such as victim participation before the ICC." *Nakandha, Sharon - Uganda - WDS Beneficiary 2014*

"I am currently pursuing a Doctoral Degree at Dublin City University - Ireland, and my current research on Youth and Security has largely been informed by the gaps I identified during my Master's studies. So, I can confidently say that my contribution to International Justice, Peace and Security has and is being made through academic research, for we cannot develop solutions if we do not fully understand the problem. Hence, academic research is the first step of enhancing our knowledge on international justice, peace and security." *Mohamed, Miraji Hassan - Kenya - WDS Beneficiary 2014*



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Profiles of 20 beneficiaries

Profile: Ubongabasi Obot

Ubongabasi Obot is from Nigeria and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2017. She studied for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. She is a Lawyer and after finishing her studies she worked as a Research Consultant with Nuffic for the purpose of this report.

Ubongabasi grew up surrounded by domestic violence and violent conflicts. Growing up in such surroundings ignited in her a passion for helping women and contributing to building the peace of her community. So she studied Law and graduated from the University of Uyo Nigeria and the Nigerian Law School in 2012 and 2013 respectively.

During her undergraduate study, Ubongabasi volunteered as a Project Assistant with Community Partners for Development on the rehabilitation of commercial sex workers in Uyo. She joined the Law Clinic where she studied Alternative Dispute Resolution methods. After she graduated from the Nigerian Law School, she worked as a Legal Associate in Nwoko and Co, a private law firm where she honed her Corporate Law, Human Rights Law and litigation skills. She volunteered with the Legal Aid Council of Nigerian, Port Harcourt as a Pro-Bono Lawyer where she worked with the Prisons team tasked with Prison decongestion. She assisted in providing legal assistance and enforcing the human rights of young and female prisoners who were imprisoned without recourse to the rule of law.

Ubongabasi was motivated to study for a Master's degree in the Netherlands because her country was becoming volatile with conflicts, from Boko Haram, Niger Delta Militants to domestic violence and abuses. Studying in The Hague was her dream come true and the Wim Deetman Scholarship helped her realise this dream for which she is forever thankful. Ubongabasi feels welcomed by the city of The Hague. She loves the canals, the freedom to walk back home each night feeling safe, the open market, the international court mechanisms, the waffles, the privilege to attend conferences, volunteering, learning in a class of students from forty countries and travelling through Europe.

While studying in the Netherlands, Ubongabasi was a Programme Intern with the Amsterdam Youth Force. She worked in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, giving a stage to young, vulnerable people to be heard at the AIDS 2018 conference. She also worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the ISS, contributing to improving the delivery of the 'Making of Development' course.



"The Wim Deetman Scholarship sponsored in full my studies for my Master's degree in a renowned and reputable institution. It made my dream of studying abroad come through. It unlocked better life opportunities for myself and my family. The Wim Deetman Foundation also gave my first real job post-graduation as a Research Contractor to conduct this research. I am thankful for this experience, and I consider myself double privileged to be able to read through the life stories of other alumni."

Profile: Walaa Shehada

Walaa Shehada is from Palestine and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2010 to study for a Master's degree in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. She is currently working with the World Health Organisation in Gaza as an Advocacy Officer, specifically in the Right to Health Programme. She advocates for the right of Palestinians to access health care when needed in a situation of complex emergencies.

Walaa has a background in Information Systems as she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Information Systems in 2006. She began volunteering in non-governmental organisations, both at the local and international sphere. She wanted to gain more knowledge about Development, with a focus on Conflict, Reconstruction and Human Security, for this reason, she applied to study for a Master's degree in Development Studies.

Walaa had an amazing and rich experience studying in The Hague. She describes her Master's programme as an eye-opening experience especially with the approach of critical thinking in her school. She has recommended the study to many other students who have potential and are qualified to study in The Hague. Also, whenever she speaks about her time in The Hague with others, they are very impressed with the quality of education, respect and freedom that she experienced through her journey. Her host institute and Nuffic greatly assisted her all through her stay in The Hague.

"I cannot thank Mr Wim Deetman enough for helping us in making our dream come true. This scholarship has changed my life on many different levels; professionally and financially. I wish I will be able to make one day to others similar to what Mr Wim Deetman has done for us."

Profile: Gina Gatarin

Gina Gatarin is from the Philippines and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2011 to study for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. Currently she is a PhD researcher at the Institute for Culture and Society of Western Sydney University in Australia where the Australian government awarded her a full scholarship.

Gina became interested in human rights issues as she worked with poor urban communities in Manila, Philippines. Gatarin comes from humble family background and studying Development Studies became a way for her to prove that she could contribute to her community and country. As a student at the ISS, her thesis was awarded a research distinction. It was also published in the International Journal of Gender, Technology and Development in 2012 and in 2014, it bagged an International Publication Award at the University of the Philippines.

From 2013 - 2016 Gina worked as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology of the University of the Philippines. For her doctoral research at Western Sydney University she seeks to improve public transportation in Manila, which could ultimately help in tackling urbanisation processes, promote inclusive and sustainable development in growing cities in the Global South. The inspiration for her research is the direct result of Gina's time spend in the Netherlands. It was in The Hague that she learnt how to ride a bicycle and it transformed the way she imagined life in the city. Gina has been acting as an ambassador for The Hague and International Justice through her work for inclusive and sustainable transportation in rapidly urbanising cities like Manila. She continually encourages her colleagues and friends to apply to study at ISS so they can improve their competencies and engagement in development work.



"ISS and Nuffic were awesome hosts. I was never lost in the process of settling down, coping with life in The Netherlands, living in a multicultural environment and dealing with my studies. As I am in Australia now, I cite Nuffic and ISS as good examples of how international students like me have been guided in living and studying in a foreign country."

Profile: Irma Gabriadze

Irma Gabriadze is from Georgia and was privileged to be a beneficiary of the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2012. She studied for an LLM in Public and International Law at Leiden University. She is a Lawyer and currently works as a Consultant with UNICEF to support the development of the Commentary to the Juvenile Justice Code. She also studies part-time for an Executive Master in Public Administration in Berlin at Hertie School of Governance.

Before studying in the Netherlands, Irma graduated from Tbilisi State University with a Bachelor's degree in Law and became a member of the Georgian Young Lawyers Association. For three years, she practised law in two local law firms and worked for a state project against copyright infringement as a Legal Adviser of the company. Working on a domestic level in Georgia made her realise an extreme need for raising knowledge and awareness of International Law in every judicial institution throughout her country.

Irma attended a summer school at The Hague Academy in 2010, where she came up to a decision that the ground-level remedies of her studying were exhausted and a 'big picture' would be exactly The Hague or Leiden. Irma considers coming to the Netherlands through the help of the WDS as a lifetime opportunity. To her, studying in Leiden and The Hague campuses, staying in The Hague – the capital of International Law and getting to know the brightest minds in the field of Public International Law is the best thing ever. Irma states that she could not have attended Leiden University without the opportunity provided by WDS.

Irma considers the WDS as a big push to her professional development. Studying at Leiden University was highly beneficial for her as after the course she took an internship for six months at the International Criminal Court, Appeals division. This allowed her to apply theoretical knowledge in practice. Since then Irma has held many positions among which Head of Research and Analysis Unit at the Ministry of Justice in Georgia. She prepared the legal foundation for Drug liberalisation Reform of Georgia and assisted international donors in assessing the human rights situation in the country.



"I once again want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Wim Deetman in the first place and the whole WDS team for this amazing opportunity. There is still much work to be done, but as a WDS awardee I have full confidence that nothing is impossible, and I am in a position to create a real impact not only in my life but in the lives of others."

Profile: Gregoire Sibomana

Gregoire Sibomana is from Rwanda and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2013 to study for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. He currently works with GIZ Rwanda as a National Advisor and Coordinator.

Gregoire studied Law for his Bachelor's degree and was motivated by the will to serve the society through advocacy and promotion of their human rights. He knew that he could not achieve this without advanced knowledge of Human Rights and Development. Gregoire's passion is to work on social inclusion and humanitarian areas. He joined the Office of the Ombudsman of Rwanda to play an active role in the fight against injustice, corruption and promote the rule of law in his country.

After graduating at ISS, Gregoire went back home immediately and re-joined his employer Ombudsman, as he was granted a study leave to The Hague for further studies. Three years later, Gregoire joined GIZ Rwanda. At GIZ, his daily work includes applying human rights-based approaches and ensuring that GIZ programmes and projects consider gender, disability and people living with HIV/AIDS. He also promotes and applies the 'Do No Harm approach' and the 'Leave No One Behind' principle.

Gregoire really enjoyed his time in The Hague as ISS is a community where every student feels at home. He liked the way ISS helped students to get familiar with the environment and loved how students were always updated on new challenges and opportunities. He attributes these as contributions to his successes in life. Gregoire states that the staff at ISS and Nuffic treated him and the other students as good friends. They were always there to help them and encouraged them to focus on their mission.



"Wherever I am my ambition is to promote peace and justice through advocating for the most vulnerable people and ensuring that no one is left behind. I feel well equipped with the required knowledge to do this, and I acquired this knowledge through the help of the WDS."

Profile: Zareie Elham

Zareie is from Iran and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2014 to study for a Master of Law degree in Public International Law at the Leiden University. She has a background in law and devoted considerable time to volunteering at many NGOs dealing with child delinquency and domestic violence during her undergraduate studies. As a result, she became interested in the implications of social justice and human rights.

She became even more fascinated about the notion of “unity in diversity” in summer 2011 when she undertook a community-based internship in Poland where she truly experienced how cultural differences can enrich human interactions. Hence for her Masters, she decided to study abroad in a diverse learning environment and to specialise in the field of Public International Law. The programme at Leiden University, campus The Hague sounded like the perfect choice as it covered modules on human rights and humanitarian law and the victims of war conflicts.

Upon graduation, she received an offer to work as a Legal Intern in the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Her performance for six months received satisfaction from her supervisor. Afterwards, she had the chance to receive training regarding the international criminal justice system at the International Criminal Court and worked as an intern within the Office of the Prosecutor for three months.

After completion of the traineeships in the Netherlands, she returned to Iran in early 2017 to qualify as an attorney. She completed a mandatory articling scheme for 18 months, and her academic achievements in the Netherlands enabled her to secure an articling position at top international law firms in Iran. Zareie feels very proud and satisfied when she looks back at all the challenges she overcame overseas and in Iran. She successfully received her license to practice law as an attorney in Iran and was also admitted to a regional bar association called the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA). In 2018, she was elected as the IPBA 2018 Scholar in Young Lawyers category.



“I had an amazing time living in The Hague. I liked The Hague for its diversity and a culture of tolerance. The city had a lot to offer me as a young woman transitioning to professional life in various forms such as a series of lectures and cultural events. I had the chance to attend seminars organised by World Class - The Hague, an initiative by The Hague municipality which provided the students with a platform to meet prominent practitioners in The Hague serving peace and justice and to have a voice to express their ideas and questions. These opportunities enabled me to develop critical thinking and build up a network with like-minded professionals. Living in the Netherlands taught me to be concise, tolerant and pragmatic. Besides academic and professional activities, I had the opportunity to familiarise myself with the Dutch Golden Age Art by visiting museums, to see Masterpieces at film festivals and to travel within Europe. An extraordinary experience!”

Profile: Akali Francis Oloo

Akali is from Kenya and benefitted from the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2015. He studied for a Master of Law degree in Public and International Law at Leiden University. He is currently working with the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi as a Programme Assistant.

Akali had two motivations for studying the course: first, it was to better position himself in society and be able to use his talent to address human rights violations in Africa and across the world. Secondly, he was driven by the desire to show everyone, especially people in his community and continent, that it is possible for someone to come from Africa and do great things through education.

At Leiden University Akali wrote a thesis on the human rights of LGBT people. He has been standing in solidarity with members of the LGBT community ever since and he tries to make Kenyans realise that LGBT people have human rights too. Three months after his graduation Akali Francis did an internship in New York with the United Nations. He has been working in his current role as a Programme Assistant with the United Nations since May 2018. In the near future he would like to start a PhD in order to boost his career path.

Akali mentions his time in The Hague was amazing. He made many friends and enjoyed the very secure life in the city. He mostly loved the efficient transportation system and encourages the people he meets to make an effort to visit the city of The Hague and enjoy the vibrant and peaceful citylife.

"The Wim Deetman Scholarship is the best thing to ever happen to me and I cannot thank the city of The Hague and the former Mayor enough for enabling me to study in one of the best universities in the world. My school fees were paid in full, and the living allowance was enough for my day to day living. I appreciate the life-changing opportunity you offered to me to study at Leiden through the handsome support of WDS."



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Profile: Nadia Alejandra Guío Pérez

Nadia is from Columbia and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2016 to study for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. She now works as a Junior Staff in Rural development and contributes to the implementation of the Habana peace process. She has a background in Government and International Relations from the Universidad Externado de Colombia where she studied for her Bachelor's degree.

She previously worked for five years with the Ideas for Peace Foundation, a Colombian Think Tank, where she participated in projects on various topics including citizen security, organised crime, humanitarian impact of the armed conflict, barriers to access to justice and gender-based violence. She also had the opportunity to work with public sector entities such as the National Police and the Ministry of Defence of Colombia.

Conscious of the historical moment that her country is going through, she wanted to contribute to its transformation. Nadia believed that the best way to do that was by studying Development from a Social Justice Perspective. Recognising that the impacts of the Colombian armed conflict on women, children and minorities were considerably high and widespread, she was motivated to apply to study for a Master's degree in Conflict Studies in The Hague.

Upon graduation, she travelled back to her country Columbia and worked with the Territorial Renewal Agency-ART (the entity created for the implementation of point one of The Havana peace agreement). She has worked with local communities in the formulation of local development initiatives and proposals around issues related to reconciliation, peacebuilding, security, justice, access to land and protection of the environment.

Nadia describes the 16 months she lived in The Hague as being without a doubt the best year of her life. Despite being in a new city and the difference in language, her stay in the Netherlands and especially in The Hague was wonderful. She enjoyed its cold and dark days, as well as the sunny ones next to its beautiful beach, its architecture, forests and parks. She believes that the experience she had during the Master's programme was very enriching. After living in The Hague and returning to her country, she became more aware of the moral duty we all have to work towards transforming our societies for better. She emphasises the need to be more respectful of human rights and live peacefully.



"I learnt about the importance of respect for others, of living in a peaceful place, where the struggle for Social justice goes from the smallest details, from everyday experiences. The Hague for me is an example of an ideal life that I wish for all."

Profile: Shucheesmita Simonti

Shucheesmita is from Bangladesh, she was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2017 to study for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. She is currently working with The Hague Peace Projects as part of the Bangladesh Workgroup. She is a feminist and is affiliated to She Matters, an NGO that aims to integrate refugee women into the Dutch labour market. She also volunteered with One Young World in 2018.

Shucheesmita had cultivated a passion for serving the world at large from her childhood; she was always captivated by stories of war. At the age of 7, she won prizes in an essay competition where she wrote a story about a young girl who lost her father in war; this is the real story of her mother. She was born to parents from different religions, a fact that was not always well-received. This motivated her to contribute towards inter-faith dialogues which she got involved in while studying in India and continued pursuing it after arriving in the Netherlands.

As a young girl, she was dismayed by the unequal treatment received by women in her region, so she got involved in feminist activism. She grew up hearing about her maternal family's experiences as refugees in India during the 1971 war. She believes her own life experiences influenced her to become a human rights activist and scholar; it was her interest in war, displacement, peacebuilding and gender that motivated her to apply to study at the ISS.

Shucheesmita is passionate about volunteering, especially in line with her interests. As such she has volunteered with Unity in Diversity, an NGO working towards socio-cultural integration of refugees and The Hague Peace Projects, which works with different diaspora communities to contribute towards peacebuilding and prevention of human rights violations in their countries of origin. In December 2018, she moderated a session on Bangladesh in The Hague Hacks Festival which aimed to bring together human rights defenders and technology experts to explore ways on how tech-experts can support human rights defenders. In February 2018, she was selected by Women Deliver as one of the young leaders.



"I believe through my involvement in different organizations; the Hague Peace Projects for instance, I have been acting as an ambassador for international justice. By being involved in this organization and given the opportunity to contribute towards issues of concern in Bangladesh, I tried to act as an ambassador of the city of Peace and Justice."

Profile: Meenal Thakur

Meenal is from India and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2018. She currently studies for a Master's degree in Development Studies at International Institute of Social Studies. She was motivated to study by the realisation that people are living in a paradox of plenty, where the benefits of development are unequally distributed. Her engagement as a Journalist over the last two years took her to places across India. She saw that even though India is an emerging economy, the trickle-down effects of the country's progress are minimal.

She witnessed deprivation hit people selectively, and this stoked her interest in seeking solutions to the development problems around her. Meenal felt the need to equip herself with the tools to bring about a tangible change in the lives of the people she reports. She discovered that she needed better training to enable her to engage critically in development issues and find solutions to global development challenges. She aims to work in the Public and International sector.

Living in The Hague has been an overwhelming experience for Meenal. To her, every day is a new learning experience, especially given how multicultural and diverse the city is. It has changed the way she views people as she no longer has a single story of the world. For Meenal, education is her tool for transformation, and she plans to use what she learns at the ISS to bring about change. She hopes to use the knowledge she acquires to address pressing development issues.

Meenal has nothing but gratitude for both, her host institute, International Institute of Social Studies and Nuffic because they have been extremely helpful and supportive. They supported her throughout her application process and continue to do so even as she settles in to study and live in The Hague.



"The Wim Deetman Scholarship is the wind beneath my wings. Though I was deeply interested in studying development, especially in a place as rich, vibrant and diverse as The Hague, I would not have been able to do so without financial support. Studying Development in the International City of peace and justice has given me the opportunity to learn from and interact with academic and development practitioners. Therefore, the fellowship has been instrumental in translating my passion into my profession."

Profile: Sechie Solomon Philip

Sechie is from Nigeria and benefitted from the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2017 to study for a Master of Law degree in Public International Law at Leiden University. Upon graduation in 2018, he joined the Business and Human Rights program of the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights in Berlin, as a Legal Trainee for six months where he worked on projects relating to weapons and arms trade.

The primary reason he pursued a career in International Law is because of the conflict in the north-eastern part of Nigeria and the crisis in the Niger Delta region of his country. He was particularly concerned about the regulation of hostilities in these conflicts considering that civilians suffered the most. Sechie's interest in the conduct of hostilities informed his decision to write his Bachelor's thesis on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and subsequent participation in the IHL Moot competitions.

He eventually represented Nigeria along with two other colleagues at the All Africa IHL Moot held in Arusha, Tanzania where he emerged the best speaker at the finals - an award which earned him a three-month internship with the UN-MICT in Arusha, Tanzania. In the course of all these events, he understood that International Law is an essential tool in the fight against human rights violations and ensuring that individuals responsible for the commission of international crimes are brought to justice.

At the Leiden law clinic he picked up an interest in the role of the arms industry in human rights and humanitarian law violations. Being a part of the Leiden law clinic gave him the opportunity to take part in an IHL Clinic exchange program in the USA where students presented their projects to other students including Judge Advocates in the Pentagon.

Sechie is highly interested in promoting the study of international law in Nigeria. He is currently working on setting up a non-government organisation in Nigeria to train the next generation of human rights defenders, especially women. He also founded an award for the 'Best Student in International Law' in his former University - the University of Uyo. The award is modelled after the Wim Deetman Scholarship with a cash price of 50, 000 (fifty thousand Naira per academic session) and will run for ten years.



"My time in The Hague was quite fascinating academically, socially and professionally. The Hague is considered the city of international justice and peace. Living and schooling a city which hosts various international organisations, courts and tribunals played a massive role in shaping my career choices and also helped in building my professional network."

Profile: Wedadu Sayibu

Wedadu is from Ghana and was a beneficiary of the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2013. She studied for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. Wedadu has a passion for working with vulnerable and marginalised groups in society to promote their welfare. She has a high ambition of working for the holistic development of society- a society in which everybody including children, women and the disabled has equal stakes in decisions and actions that affect their lives. She is particularly passionate about gender mainstreaming, child rights promotion and protection and women empowerment.

Wedadu has been working with RAINS, a non-governmental organisation, as a Program Manager. The organisation is focused on the promotion and protection of children rights, improving livelihood options for women and other vulnerable groups and creating spaces for the inclusion of the youth, women and ethnic minorities in the development process of their communities. She works with other local NGOs in implementing development interventions in rural communities to improve the welfare of women and children.

She has worked in over 50 communities in 15 districts in the Northern region of Ghana to promote girl child education, improve women livelihood options and to generally promote and advocate for the protection of child rights and women rights. She also advances sexual and reproductive health rights of rural women, works to promote their financial inclusion and access to finance.

Many individuals and stakeholders have recognised Wedadu's contributions to the community and leadership in community service in her community and country at large. She was recognised and selected as a Mandela Washington Fellow under the Young African Leader Initiative. She aims to become one of the leading advocates for the advancement of women and children rights and participation with the expertise to break the existing barriers occasioned by the patriarchal systems with its associated deep-rooted gendered norms and values.

"My time in The Hague has been the most exciting, productive and educative part of my life so far. It forms the most valuable memories of my life. It was a life-changing experience for me. It was my first international exposure outside of Africa. The ISS where I studied provided me with a unique opportunity to understand and cope with multiculturalism. It was my first opportunity to appreciate the world in its diversity. In one environment, I was able to learn about more than 100 different cultures from over 50 countries in the world."

Profile: Vonnie Sutedjo

Vonnie is from Indonesia and was a beneficiary of the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2012. She studied for a Master's degree in Public and International Law at Leiden University. She is currently a Legal Consultant and has her own Law Office. She helps her clients in dealing with international transactions. She also shares this acquired knowledge with her juniors at the University of Surabaya through training and preparing them to compete in International Moot Court competitions.

Before coming to study in The Hague, she was a law student who was interested in Public International Law and competed in several Moot Court competitions. Living in her city, she found that access to Public International Law in Surabaya was limited. Driven by her yearning for more knowledge, she read the various International journals and was motivated to apply to Leiden to study Public International Law. She hoped to share this knowledge with members of her community in Surabaya and her country Indonesia.

Vonnie explains that being able to experience The Hague, the "city of international justice" is life-changing. As she continually shares the valuable knowledge which she acquired from studying in The Hague with her juniors in University, they have become interested in studying Public International Law too. Some of them already pursue higher education in Public International Law. She hopes that when many people become interested in studying International Law, Indonesians can contribute their thoughts and energies to International Justice. She states strongly that there is no better place to learn International Law than in the capital of International Justice itself which is The Hague.

She sincerely thanks the WDS board for granting her the opportunity to enjoy such a life-changing experience in The Hague, where she did not only learn but also experienced International Law.



"I used to see the International Court of Justice on the cover of my book. Being able to sit down inside, learn a lot in the library and gain full access to various scholarly journals was really a dream come true. Not just learning, but The Hague allowed me to experience Public International Law. Also, the Netherlands herself is a nice country, where the people are open-minded and friendly, for me, the Netherlands will always be my second home."

Profile: Caroline Erong

Caroline was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2016 to study for a Master's degree in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. She currently works as an Emergency Response Team Protection Coordinator with the International Rescue Committee (IRC); a humanitarian and relief NGO working in over 35 countries and committed to helping people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and regain control of their future. Since joining the IRC in this role, she has been deployed to Syria, Libya and Afghanistan.

Growing up in Northern Uganda, a region that suffered internal conflicts for over two decades and her work experience in conflict-affected countries motivated Caroline to study at the ISS and specialising in Human Rights. She grew up in conflict, witnessed the social injustices and has worked in locations where people have become extremely vulnerable as a result of the conflict. Through first-hand experience, witnessing, talking to survivors, receiving field reports, reading over social media and listening to the news about various human rights violations and abuses faced by women, girls, men and boys in conflict-affected areas, she developed a deep passion for working in the human rights field and specifically in conflict-affected areas.

Two months after graduation from the ISS, she took up employment with the IRC. Caroline is deployed in emergencies to provide the first line of protection response, support existing country protection programs in emergency response and initiates new protection programs in crisis zones. This involves being engaged in assessments, programme start-up, strategy development and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

Caroline could never have asked for a better host institute than the ISS. She lauds the ISS as a very multi-cultural place that brings many nationalities under one roof making the place very welcoming. It is also a place that promotes different cultures without discrimination, making each nationality feel welcomed and valued. Through the WDS funding, her dreams of seeking more knowledge of human rights became a reality.



"While it was a challenge, in the beginning, life in The Hague was a life-changing experience for me. It gave me the opportunity to reflect on my biases and view things from a different lens...it also gave me the opportunity to interact and learn from students from very diverse cultures and backgrounds. It taught me to be more accepting of other people; have an interest in other cultures and traditions; be more accommodating despite being inconvenienced, listen more and be observant. I made very good friends that have become an important part of my life."

Profile: Molefi Ndlovu

Molefi is from South Africa and he was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2016 to study for a Master's degree in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. He has continued to focus on the topics of peacebuilding and post-conflict societies from his current base as a PhD researcher in Lucca, Italy as well as Kosovo, Germany and South Africa.

Before coming to the Netherlands, Molefi was an academic researcher for ten years, at the Centre for Civil Society- University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban. There he was responsible for the community outreach desk. From 2014-2016 he studied for a Master's program at SciencesPo in Paris, where he specialised in Human Security. After successful completion, he decided to continue on this path by following a tailored program that concentrated in the intersection of conflict/peace from a development lens. As the ISS is a global leader in the field of critical development studies from a social sciences perspective, he applied and studied there.

The Wim Deetman Scholarship gave him opportunities to interact and engage with relevant institutions and actors who are directly working in the broad field of International Peace - many of whom are headquartered in The Hague. As this is Molefi's dream field, the ability to network in this field was priceless. Apart from the exposure to numerous professional networks, he also enjoyed activities beyond the lecture halls and seminar rooms of the ISS. He describes the support offered by the ISS and Nuffic as most competent and with the student's well-being at heart.

Molefi refers to his time in The Hague as one of the most memorable periods in his life. He made many amazing friends whom he will keep for life. While at ISS, he was elected as president of the ISS student's association: ISS-Scholas. The responsibilities that came with this role taught him valuable lessons about student governance and collaborative decision making. He believes the lessons he learnt while living in the beautiful city of The Hague was critical for his own personal and professional development. He was struck by the number of resources made available to them and the extent of support and encouragement they received from the academic and support staff at the Institute as well as from fellow students and colleagues.



"I will remain forever grateful to have been offered this opportunity to grow and realise my full potential."

Profile: Zaruhi Shushanyan

Zaruhi is from the Republic of Armenia and she was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2012 to study for a Master's degree in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. She majored in Conflict and Peace Studies. Zaruhi is passionate about Human Rights and Disability Rights. She is currently based in Strasbourg, finishing her contract with the Advocacy Centre on Council of Europe Standards, as the Coordinator for the European Union funded project "Promoting the social rights of persons with disabilities in Armenia". After being involved in this project for two years, she has decided to continue her work and activism in the field of human rights and gender equality.

Zaruhi participated in different activities while she was in The Hague. One which stands out for her took place in 2012. The Student Council of the International Institute of Social Studies elected her as the Chair of the ISS Gender Committee - a student-run body which is committed to reviewing university policies and procedures to ensure gender equality and tackle cases of sexual misconduct or gender-based discrimination among students. Together with the members of the committee, she organised a series of events inviting Dutch politicians, representatives of local organisations and students from other universities to discuss issues such as gender equity issues in the Institute, examining its policies and supporting programs to ensure their alignment with International Human Rights standards.

Zaruhi considers the 16 months of studies at the International Institute of Social Studies as the best years in her life. She lived in an international family with various backgrounds, which gave her new perspectives about the whole idea of International Development. These connections went on to become her lifetime friends, colleagues and essential connections to continue human rights activism in her country of origin and beyond its borders.



"I highly appreciate the assistance of both my host institute and the Nuffic team. After I graduated from the ISS, I decided to apply for another MA programme in International Development at the Radboud University Nijmegen. It was a very crucial moment for my career, and their guidance helped me to obtain my first job experience as a Project Officer at ISS, combining my work with studies in the AMID (Advanced Master's in International Development) 2014-2015 Programme at Nijmegen."

Profile: Marina Graciolli de Paiva

Marina is from Brazil and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2016 to study for a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. She is currently working with Cordaid as a Junior Programme Officer and works specifically at the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and State building. This initiative is a South-North non-governmental coalition of peacebuilding organisations, which aims at strengthening the voice and capacity of society to engage in effectively, and influence, peacebuilding and state building as a critical contribution to crisis prevention, sustainable peace and development for all.

Marina has a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and a post-graduate degree in International Relations and Politics. Marina's desire to get involved and work on socio-political issues such as human rights and conflict resolution motivated her throughout her academic career. She loves explicitly working with refugees, and her dream is to live her life doing International Development work.

Acting as an ambassador for International Justice, Peace and Security is what she does in essence every day at Cordaid. She always makes sure to explain to other people why The Hague is so important for the world and what is happening in The Hague in the International Development, Security and Justice fields.

Marina loves living in the Netherlands, specifically in The Hague. She considers the city to be very international. The presence of many relevant organisations makes the experience very rich since there are many events, lectures and exhibitions happening throughout the year. She feels The Hague provides the opportunity to build a vibrant network of people. She is convinced that having the opportunity to be in The Hague for her Master's study made a huge difference in her life and enabled her to reach her dreams and goals professionally and personally.



"I would like to thank you for the amazing opportunity to receiving the Wim Deetman Scholarship, without this support I wouldn't be able to be here and follow my dream to continue working for justice and peace and make our world a better and inclusive one for all."

Profile: Farhat Awni

Farhat is from Palestine and was awarded the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2016 to study for a Master of Arts degree in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. He currently works with Hivos as a Junior Programme Officer overseeing projects in the MENA region. Before applying to study at the ISS, Awni had moved in 2015 to Turkey so he could have more freedom. He describes Gaza as a man-made prison. With thousands of people registered at the border to leave, the whole process might take between six months to one year and as such, many students lose their scholarships and grants.

In Turkey, Farhat worked for a year with a grassroots organisation whose mandate was working with Syrian refugees. They had different projects with women, young people and children. Because of his knowledge of Arabic language, Farhat worked as a translator and was the bridge between the international volunteers who mostly spoke English Language and their target population. He also facilitated training and assisted the women in establishing independent women cooperatives.

He applied to schools around the topic of human rights and social justice and had offers from London, Brussels, Japan and The Netherlands. He accepted to come here as the Wim Deetman Foundation gave him a full scholarship. He was shocked and happy to receive the email confirming his award for he could not believe it. For Awni, it was a significant transformation; he considered Turkey to be the bridge between his dream and his reality. The WDS made his dreams come true; once he got this opportunity, it made his life much easier as he would not have been financially able to sponsor himself.

In the summer of 2018 Awni worked as a Project Coordinator for the international movement Freedom Flotilla. He coordinated the project Gaza Ark and sailed from Sweden all the way to the Gaza strip. They stopped in different European cities lobbying advocacy for Palestine. He considered it to be a fantastic trip where they managed to get to people in Europe and around the Palestinian coast to bring more awareness to the human rights violations that happen daily against Palestinians, especially in the Gaza strip. In the future Awni wants to continue working on inclusive development projects primarily in the MENA region and in Palestine.

"Every time my friends or someone asks me how I managed to come to the Netherlands, I always bring the name of the great man Wim Deetman and his story and what he has done for us. It is unique that you can leave an impact for years and generations. He is a role model that everyone should follow to invest in education and young people. Whenever I tell the story to anyone, they say: 'Wow!'. I am proud of having received the scholarship, and I will live with it all my life, it is my beautiful story now."



WDS Beneficiaries 2016 - Photo by Fleur Beemster

Profile: Rima Karapetyan

Rima is from the Republic of Armenia and benefited from the Wim Deetman Scholarship in 2013. She studied for a Master of Law degree in Public International Law at Leiden University. She currently works as a diplomat at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia. International law has always been her passion, and she believes that a good diplomat must have a thorough knowledge of the same. She explains that the knowledge of law enhances one's perspectives and makes one understand better international relations, international politics and the principles that govern them.

Rima has a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and a Master's degree in International Relations with a specialisation in International Law from the Yerevan State University. She also graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of Armenia after which she was admitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia.

In 2016, she was assigned to the Mission of Armenia at the European Union (Brussels) where she works to date. She considers the job to be very challenging and interesting at the same time. Representing her country in one of the most important centres of the world is a great honour, and the knowledge that she received during her studies in the Netherlands is of great importance for the successful exercise of her duties.

Studying at Leiden University was a dream for Rima since it did not only provide the best LL.M. program in continental Europe but also provided the opportunity of studying international law in the vicinity of the most important international courts. Rima describes her time in The Hague and Leiden as the most beautiful time of her life. It was her first experience of living outside her country, meeting many different people from all over the world, some of whom she has kept friendship until now.

Rima feels studying in the Netherlands was a highly enriching and a life-changing experience. She feels delighted and privileged to have been able to study at Leiden University. She explains that the University provides students with everything that might be important for a student - wonderful professionals, unique international atmosphere and helpful staff. She will always be grateful to WDS for believing in her, in her motives and for making her dream come true.



"In my daily work as a diplomat, in my daily life as a citizen of the world, I do everything within my power for the promotion of peace, justice and security. For the cities of The Hague and Leiden, I am one of the biggest ambassadors. Not only do I spread the word among potential students about the educational possibilities in these beautiful cities, but also about how interesting and enriching living there can be for young people. I have even personally accompanied some interested people during the University's open days to introduce them better to the available opportunities and the unique atmosphere that reigns there."

Profile: Darlington Uzor

Darlington is a 2018 beneficiary of the Wim Deetman Scholarship and currently studies for a Master of Arts degree in Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies. He graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and International Relations from Abia State, University, Nigeria.

Darlington worked as a youth worker and has over six years' experience in peacebuilding, youth leadership, volunteering, advocacy training and driving campaigns for youth participation in governance and democratic processes in Africa. He applied for the Master's course in order to learn new skills, best practices in Europe, and strengthen capacity in human right advocacy and conflict analysis which will help him to scale up his advocacy and youth work in Nigeria, Africa and the globe.

While working at YIAGA Africa, he relied on advocacy to promote youth-policy and good governance, particularly the right of youth to participate in governance through the #NotTooYoungToRun and #ReadyToRun campaign in Nigeria. Additionally, he has over five years' experience leading different youth organisations in Nigeria like the Young African Leaders Initiative Network and World Bank Youth Forum-Nigeria.

After his studies, he hopes to work with United Nations agencies, NGO's and Civil Society organisations in the Netherlands in providing solutions to major social justice issues across the world. Currently, he is an active volunteer with the ISS Volunteering Committee and will soon join Save the Children Refugee Children game Project in the Netherlands.

Darlington is still settling in, learning about the language, the people, how to work and succeed in a multicultural environment. He has also started volunteering with several NGOs and organisations in The Hague, working in the areas of peace and justice. In 2018, he participated in an Erasmus plus youth training on Curbing Hate Speech Through Human Rights Education in Madrid. This year, he will begin an internship in a top peace and human rights organisation in The Hague.



"The Wim Deetman Scholarship gave me the opportunity to study in one of the best development institutions in the world. The knowledge from my study here will no doubt increase my value in the labour market and development space after my studies."

Financial accounting

8 For the purposes of readability, all figures have been rounded to the nearest € 1,000.

The Wim Deetman Scholarship Foundation's total income was € 1,828,000, of which € 1,500,000 was provided by the municipality of The Hague. The remaining € 328,000 was raised via donations from a wide range of private individuals, organisations and businesses, in addition to deposit interest.

A total of € 1,608,000 was paid out to educational institutions via Nuffic to finance the study programmes of the 49 scholarship students. Nuffic's administrative costs amounted to € 107,000. Other costs such as bank charges and the meetings with students amounted to € 6,000, while the costs of the final report and the concluding meeting are estimated at € 12,000. The Board members and selection committee members served the foundation free of charge.

A total of € 95,000 remains unspent. In accordance with the objective as stipulated in Article 12(5) of the articles of association, this amount will be earmarked for activities that are in line with the objective of the Wim Deetman Studyfund Foundation. As a result, the remaining funds will be transferred to Nuffic and the foundation will subsequently be dissolved.



WDS Beneficiaries 2018 - Photo by Henriette Guest

Financiële verantwoording

Ter bevordering van de leesbaarheid zijn alle bedragen afgerond op € 1.000 .

De totale inkomsten van de Stichting bedroegen € 1.828.000. Van dit bedrag is € 1.500.000 van de gemeente Den Haag afkomstig. De overige € 328.00 bestaat uit schenkingen van vele particulieren, organisaties en bedrijven alsmede depositorente.

Aan onderwijsinstellingen is voor de bekostiging van de studies van de 49 buitenlandse studenten, via Nuffic, € 1.608.000 uitgekeerd. De beheerskosten van Nuffic bedragen € 107.000. De Overige kosten, zoals bankkosten en de bijeenkomsten met studenten bedroegen € 6.000. De kosten van de eindrapportage en slotbijeenkomst zijn geschat op € 12.000. Bestuurders en selectiecommissie hebben de werkzaamheden voor de Stichting pro deo verricht .

Er blijft een resterend bedrag over van ca. € 95.000. Dit bedrag wordt overeenkomstig de doelstelling zoals bepaald in de statuten, artikel 12 lid 5, besteed aan activiteiten die in lijn zijn met de doelstellingen van het Wim Deetman Studiefonds. Het resterende bedrag zal hiervoor aan Nuffic worden overgedragen waarna de Stichting zal worden ontbonden.

9. Overview 49 Wim Deetman Scholarship beneficiaries

Year	Institution	Surname	First name	Country of Origin	Study programme
2010	International Institute of Social Studies	Liparteliani	Gvantsa	Georgia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human rights, Development and Social Justice)
2010	International Institute of Social Studies	Shehada	Walaa	Palestina	MA in Development Studies (Major: Conflict, Reconstruction and Human Security)
2010	International Institute of Social Studies	Villarreal Ramirez	Juliana	Colombia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Conflict, Reconstruction and Human Security)
2010	Leiden University	Lam	Hing Chau	China	LLM in Public International Law
2010	Leiden University	Sali	Semir	Albania	LLM in Public International Law
2011	International Institute of Social Studies	Arboleda	Zohanny	Colombia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Conflict, Reconstruction and Human Security)
2011	International Institute of Social Studies	Baye	Eneze	Nigeria	MA in Development Studies (Major: Conflict, Reconstruction and Human Security)
2011	International Institute of Social Studies	Gatarin	Gina	Philippines, The	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human rights, Development and Social Justice)
2011	Leiden University	Saldarriaga	Laura Correa	Colombia	LLM in Public International Law
2011	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	Phuong	Vi Nguyen Vu	Vietnam	MA in European Law and Policy
2012	International Institute of Social Studies	Cayanan	Maecel Angelica	Philippines, The	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)

2012	International Institute of Social Studies	Guerrero Cuan	Lizbeth	Colombia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Governance, Policy and Political Economy)
2012	International Institute of Social Studies	Hadi	Mohammad	Afghanistan	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2012	International Institute of Social Studies	Shushanyan	Zaruhi	Armenia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2012	Leiden University	Gabriadze	Irma	Georgia	LLM in Public International Law
2012	Leiden University	Sutedjo	Vonnie	Indonesia	LLM in Public International Law
2013	International Institute of Social Studies	Kakal	Tasneem Aliasgar	India	MA in Development Studies (Major: Governance, Policy and Political Economy)
2013	International Institute of Social Studies	Sayibu	Wedadu	Ghana	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2013	International Institute of Social Studies	Sibomana	Gregoire	Rwanda	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2013	Leiden University	Bhadouria	Akanksha	India	LLM in Public International Law
2013	Leiden University	Karapetyan	Rima	Armenia	LLM in Public International Law
2013	Leiden University	Nakandha	Eseza Sharon	Uganda	LLM in Public International Law
2014	International Institute of Social Studies	Aturinda	Jackline	Uganda	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2014	International Institute of Social Studies	Mohamed	Miraji Hassan	Kenya	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2014	International Institute of Social Studies	Rai	Nilima	Nepal	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2014	Leiden University	Murungji	Phoebe	Uganda	LLM in Public International Law

2014	Leiden University	Zareie	Elham	Iran	LLM in Public International Law
2015	International Institute of Social Studies	Alqallih	Rajin	Syria	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2015	International Institute of Social Studies	Goswami	Suchismita	India	MA in Development Studies (Major: Governance, Policy and Political Economy)
2015	Leiden University	Amarnath	Namrata	India	LLM in Public International Law
2015	Leiden University	Oloo	Francis	Kenya	LLM in Public International Law
2016	International Institute of Social Studies	Awani	Farhat	Palestina	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2016	International Institute of Social Studies	Erong	Caroline	Uganda	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2016	International Institute of Social Studies	Guío Pérez	Nadia Alejandra	Colombia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2016	International Institute of Social Studies	Ndlovu	Molefi	South Africa	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2016	International Institute of Social Studies	Newman	Jenevive Irene Naa Oboshie	Ghana	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2016	International Institute of Social Studies	De Paiva	Marina Gracioli	Colombia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2016	Leiden University	Rodriguez Cortes	Alejandra	Colombia	LLM in Public International Law
2017	International Institute of Social Studies	Faraz	Ahmad	India	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)

2017	International Institute of Social Studies	Obot	Ubongabasi	Nigeria	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2017	International Institute of Social Studies	Simonti	Shucheemita	Bangladesh	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2017	Leiden University	Phillip	Sechie Solomon	Nigeria	LLM in Public International Law
2018	International Institute of Social Studies	Avila Rivera	Laura Nathalia	Colombia	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2018	International Institute of Social Studies	Bui	Manh Tien	Vietnam	MA in Development Studies (Major: Governance and Development Policy)
2018	International Institute of Social Studies	Domingo	Ethel Monique	Philippines, The	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2018	International Institute of Social Studies	Nair	Aanchal	India	MA in Development Studies (Major: Governance and Development Policy)
2018	International Institute of Social Studies	Rusansky	Tamara	Brazil	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)
2018	International Institute of Social Studies	Thakur	Meenal	India	MA in Development Studies (Major: Governance and Development Policy)
2018	International Institute of Social Studies	Uzor	Darlington Ikechukwu	Nigeria	MA in Development Studies (Major: Human Rights, Gender and Conflict Studies: Social Justice Perspectives)

