



Announcement from Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society

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CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE 2008 SENIOR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (SIFP)

The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the CUNY Graduate Center is pleased to announce the participation of five Fellows in its 2008 Senior International Fellows Program (SIFP). The SIFP, a professional development program for Third Sector decisionmakers from around the world, complements the Center's traditional Emerging Leaders component of our International Fellows Programs. This year's program will focus on developing new ideas about the global applicability and adaptability of community foundations, as well as the role of partnerships and networks in strengthening civic and philanthropic institutions.

The Fellows, who will be at the Center from October 20 to November 14, 2008, are: **Ms. Jacqueline de Camargo from São Paulo, Brazil; Ms. LuAnn Lovlin from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Ms. Ekaterina Maksimova from Moscow, Russia; Ms. Sonia Schellino from Torino, Italy; and Mr. George Varughese from Kabul, Afghanistan.**

In addition to writing position papers, Fellows will participate in seminars on US and international voluntary-sector activities; learn about the work of key agencies; and meet with leading nonprofit representatives and scholars in the field. Since its inception in 1989 our International Fellows Programs have sponsored 125 fellows in 45 countries, helping to build an international network of researchers and practitioners working on philanthropy and civil society.

Our fourth cohort of Senior Fellows brings an impressive array of skills and experience to the program.

Jaqueline de Camargo (Superintendent of Projects, United Way, Brazil) will explore strategies to help community-based initiatives achieve sustainability, autonomy and effectiveness in the context of global movements.

LuAnn Lovlin (Director of Communications, The Winnipeg Foundation) will work towards developing an innovative framework for community foundation collaboration and the establishment of knowledge networks.

Ekaterina Maksimova (Chief Executive Officer, Community Foundations Partnership (Russian Federation)) will investigate strategies for developing and sustaining community foundation networks and support organizations.

Sonia Schellino (Senior Programme Officer, Compagnia di San Paolo) will examine organizational and governance frameworks and best practices of community foundations in the United States and Italy, as well as lessons learned.

George Varughese (Country Representative for Afghanistan, The Asia Foundation) will explore the pre-requisites for establishing a community foundation in Nepal

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The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society is dedicated to strengthening philanthropy and civil society through education, research, and leadership training. It is based at The Graduate Center at The City University of New York, the largest urban public university system in the United States.

Established in 1961, The Graduate Center is the doctorate-granting institution of The City University of New York (CUNY). An internationally-recognized center for advanced studies and a national model for public doctoral education, The Graduate Center offers more than thirty doctoral programs in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and the natural sciences, as well as a number of master's programs. Many of its faculty members are among the world's leading scholars in their respective fields. Ten of The Graduate Center's doctoral programs place among the top ten in the country, six are ranked in the top five, and in the broad category of humanities, The Graduate Center is rated fourth, according to a new method of assessing the relative strength of doctoral programs by scholarly productivity. The school currently enrolls over 4000 students from throughout the United States, as well as from about eighty foreign countries, and its alumni hold major positions in industry and government, as well as in academia. The Graduate Center is also home to twenty-eight interdisciplinary research centers and institutes focused on areas of compelling social, civic, cultural, and scientific concerns. Located in a landmark Fifth Avenue building, The Graduate Center has become a vital part of New York City's intellectual and cultural life with its extensive array of public lectures, exhibitions, concerts, and theatrical events.

Further information on The Graduate Center and its programs can be found at www.gc.cuny.edu. We also invite you to visit the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society's website at www.philanthropy.org.