



Earlier this month, my Co-Director Sue Peterson and I shared a note on what GRI faculty, students, and staff are doing in response to COVID-19. You can read our note [here](#).

In addition to sharing our typical news on research and programs, today I'm also writing with an update on GRI's leadership. The Dean of Arts & Sciences has appointed Sue Peterson as the next Chair of the Government Department. I have loved having Sue serve as Co-Director of the Institute. Sue and I launched the Institute together more than a decade ago, and having her back here during the past three years has been exceptional. I will miss her leadership and wisdom. But she has promised to continue providing solicited and unsolicited counsel, and for this I am especially grateful. Sue will begin her new position as Chair on July 1 and she will continue to serve as one of the leaders of the TRIP Project.

In this issue of our newsletter, we share research on the International Criminal Court and political preferencing of Chinese aid; new findings from the Project on International Peace and Security; and stories from our community as we respond to life during this pandemic.

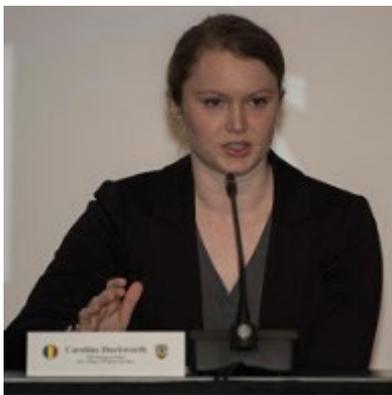
As always, thank you for your support of our community. We hope you and your loved ones are well, and we look forward to a time when we can be together again.

Cheers,
Mike



IJL Lab Director Kelebogile Zvobgo published an article in the Washington Post on the International Criminal Court investigation into alleged atrocity crimes in Afghanistan.

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This year's PIPS Fellows discussed their research findings and recommendations at an event titled "GEN Z and the Operational Environment," hosted by the Army's Mad Scientist initiative.

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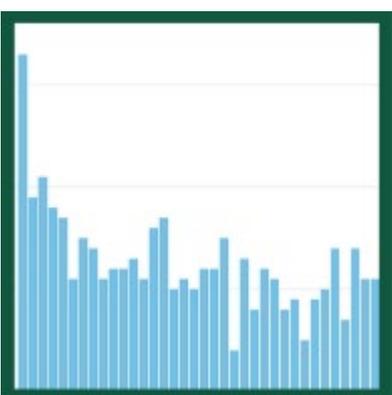
Graduating senior Suzie Bae bid farewell to GRI in a blog post about her experiences at the institute, spanning from a course on policy entrepreneurship that led to a Shark Tank pitch and a Summer Fellowship in Laos.

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In a new *PLOS ONE* article, "Pulling the Purse Strings." Ignite Lab Director and Associate Professor of Health Sciences Carrie Dolan finds evidence of political preferencing of Chinese aid to Africa within specific sectors.

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The TRIP Project launched a new set of web applications that permits users to explore the data used in their book, [Bridging the Theory-Practice Divide in International Relations](#).

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