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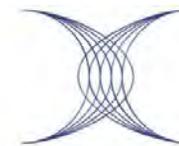
# GLOBAL SUMMER PROGRAM STUDENT EXPERIENCES

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**Kendra Gonzalez Duran**

**Kieran Pender**

**Pratibha Nair**



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# GSP EXPERIENCES

# GSP Experience

## Yunlong

- 2016 Peking University – ‘Introduction to Chinese Economy’
- Four weeks study focusing on operation structure, political framework, and future potential of Chinese economy
- Completed my own research under the guidance and supervision of Professor QIN Xuezheng



# GSP Experience

## Yunlong

- Analyze political issues by quantitative methods
- Thought sparks in many international issues, such as climate change, geopolitics, economic development, humanitarian operation, etc.
- Excellent peers in diverse fields, such as art, psychology, economy, politics, music, media, etc.



# GSP Experience

## Kendra

- Mobilising Research at the Australian National University
- This intensive four-week course
  - Film three videos
  - Write a Group Synthesis Paper
  - Personal Portfolio



# GSP Experience

## Kendra

“One of the greatest barriers to rational deliberation in politics is the unexamined feeling that one’s own current preferences and ways are neutral and natural...By looking at ourselves in the lens of the other, we come to see what in our practices is local and non-necessary, what more broadly or deeply shared.” (Martha C. Nussbaum)



# GSP Experience

## Kieran

- 2015 University of California, Berkeley – ‘Media and Global Protest Movements’
- Six weeks studying social movements in theory and practice
- Considerable personal and professional impact



# GSP Experience

## Kieran

- Valuable: diverse learning experience, built cross-cultural communication skills, atypical assessment scheme, guest lecturers
- Lifelong friends around the world – already visited 6/10
- Gave me the ‘university’ experience, prepared me for higher degree research (Honours), provided international credentials (helped in selection as World Bank fellow)

California 2015



Portugal 2016



# GSP Experience

## Pratibha

- University of Copenhagen-  
“Interdisciplinary Aspects of  
Healthy Ageing” in July 2016
- Three weeks course
- Wide range of topics over three  
themes: Health promotion  
innovation, life course exposures  
and energy levels in humans
- Student presentations, Written  
grant proposal

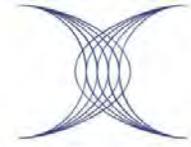


# GSP Experience

## Pratibha

- Gaining interest in the field of interdisciplinary research
- High level of interaction between students and professors in and out of the classroom
- Practical projects- Showcasing interdisciplinarity in research





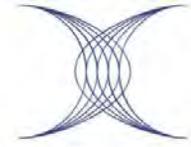
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# **BROADER IMPACT OF GSP**

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- Kieran**
  - GSP fuelled a desire to undertake postgraduate study in the USA; encouraged a year of extensive travel (including visits to GSP friends in Japan, USA and Europe); and challenged my thinking as to career direction (as yet unresolved...)
- Kendra**
  - GSP offers student the opportunity to develop academically and individually.
- Pratibha**
  - GSP has provided me with an insight of how research can be conducted, may consider doing a Masters course in public health in the future
- Yunlong**
  - GSP gave me the opportunities to explore both a much larger world about which I have never thought before and the diverse possibilities of my future



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# **SUGGESTIONS FOR GSP'S FUTURE**

# Suggestions for GSP's future

- Pratibha**
  - Annual sharing of IARU courses via e-newsletter
- Kendra**
  - Increase visibility
  - Add programs that require previous exposure to the STEM field.
- Kieran**
  - Benefits of lengthier, less intensive courses; importance of allowing time for non-academic engagement; creative assessment = good; institutionalise engagement between alumni and prospective GSP students; ways to manage currency fluctuation?
- Yunlong**
  - Academic training by the host university in the field of the major of the exchange student
  - Longer program period



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