

# IPSSA Newsletter

November 5, 2012

## Team,

We've had an excellent start into Autumn Quarter and there are more good things to come. Check out our rejuvenated [facebook page](#) and [twitter feed \(@StanfordIPS\)](#). Lots of lovely pictures from all the events to be found there.

In this newsletter: upcoming events, pictures from past events and the 'alumni spotlight' with IPS '12 grad Mira Wijayanti.

### Upcoming Events:

#### **'Fireside Chat' with Peter Bergen (Nov 14, 2012)**

Peter Bergen will join us for an exclusive 'fireside chat' before his evening lecture at CEMEX on November 14, 2012. Peter is director of the National Security Studies program at the New America Foundation, author of numerous books about Bin Laden and Al Qaida ("The Longest War", "Manhunt: The Ten Year Search for Bin Laden") and is CNN's national security analyst. Oh, he also interviewed Bin Laden in person. We are still hammering out the details for this and will keep you posted.

Other highlights include one more Fall Quarter **IPS Chat**, a **Happy Hour** and the **Tahoe Ski Trip in January** (see calendar on the right).

### Past Events:

## Upcoming Events

### **Peter Bergen 'Fireside Chat'**

November 14, 2012, time tba

### **Happy Hour**

November 15, 2012, time tba

### **IPS Chat**

November 30, 2012, 5.30pm

### **Tahoe Ski Trip**

January 11-13, 2013

## Pictures from Past Events



Ryan speaking at his IPS Chat



Fernando talking about music

*IPS Chat with Fernando and Ryan (October 5, 2012)*  
Ryan spoke about music; eating Balut -- fertilized duck embryo; surfing in the Philippines and bamboo surf boards. Fernando talked about music that inspired him -- from jazz to classical, touring with his band; also, his band Sexy Fi got featured on Time magazine recently!

*Brown Bag Lunch with Beth Duff-Brown, 'storyteller in residence, CISAC (October 23, 2012)*  
Beth has had an amazing career with the Associated Press and was nominated for a Pulitzer prize. We talked about social media, how to use it (and how not to use it) and about managing a career as a mother.

*Football Tailgate (October 27, 2012)*  
Matt and Chris put on a fabulous tailgate (incl.delicious ribs). Stanford won, but that wasn't so important. The tailgate is where the action really happens.

*Brown Bag Lunch with Ana Cristina Nunez, former head legal counsel GLOBOVISION (October 31, 2012)*  
Globovision is Venezuela's last independent TV network. Ana worked for six years as Globovision's head legal counsel, struggling with the Chavez government (who branded the station as 'public enemy nr. 1') to keep it up and running. She gave us an insight into how it feels to work against a repressive regime.

*IPS Chat with Hasan and Raf (November 2, 2012)*  
Second IPS Chat of the quarter. Hasan passionately shared his favorite things about Turkey, Raf entertained us with travel tales in faraway (and dangerous) places.

**Alumni Spotlight: Mira Wijayanti**

Mira graduated from IPS in 2012 where she concentrated in Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law. At Stanford, Mira's coursework focused on social innovation and global health in developing countries. She was an active student at the d.school taking courses such as Design for Extreme Affordability, which led her to both empty a latrine in Cambodia and create a social enterprise with a team of fellow students.



With IPS-alums (and rock star friends) Jon Strahl and Erin



Beth Duff-Brown explaining social media, twitter and her career in journalism



Jessie and Jessie at the tailgate



Ana Cristina Nunez on battling Hugo Chavez in court



Hasan on his home town and Turkish cuisine



Raf speaking about 'spot fines' and 'Christmas presents'

McGough, Mira organized the IPS study trip to Indonesia where she made everyone wake up at 5am (sorry folks!).

After graduating in June, Mira spent her summer eating her way through the streets of Hanoi, cycling in Bangkok traffic, and hanging out with friends in Singapore before returning to the Bay Area as an Associate with the Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation ([www.drkfoundation.org](http://www.drkfoundation.org)). The Foundation, a venture philanthropy fund based in Menlo Park, invests and supports early stage start-up social enterprises.

As an Associate, Mira works with the team to identify, fund, and support cutting-edge social entrepreneurs. Her role ranges from performing due diligence on potential new grantees to portfolio support for current entrepreneurs. Grantees of the Foundation include catalytic social enterprises such as Kiva, Education Pioneers, and Grassroots Soccer.

Cheers,

Devorah, Danny, Jessie, Lisa, Lu, Raf, Sarah and Siyeona  
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