

MY 2015 IIP

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SELECTED WORK PROJECTS

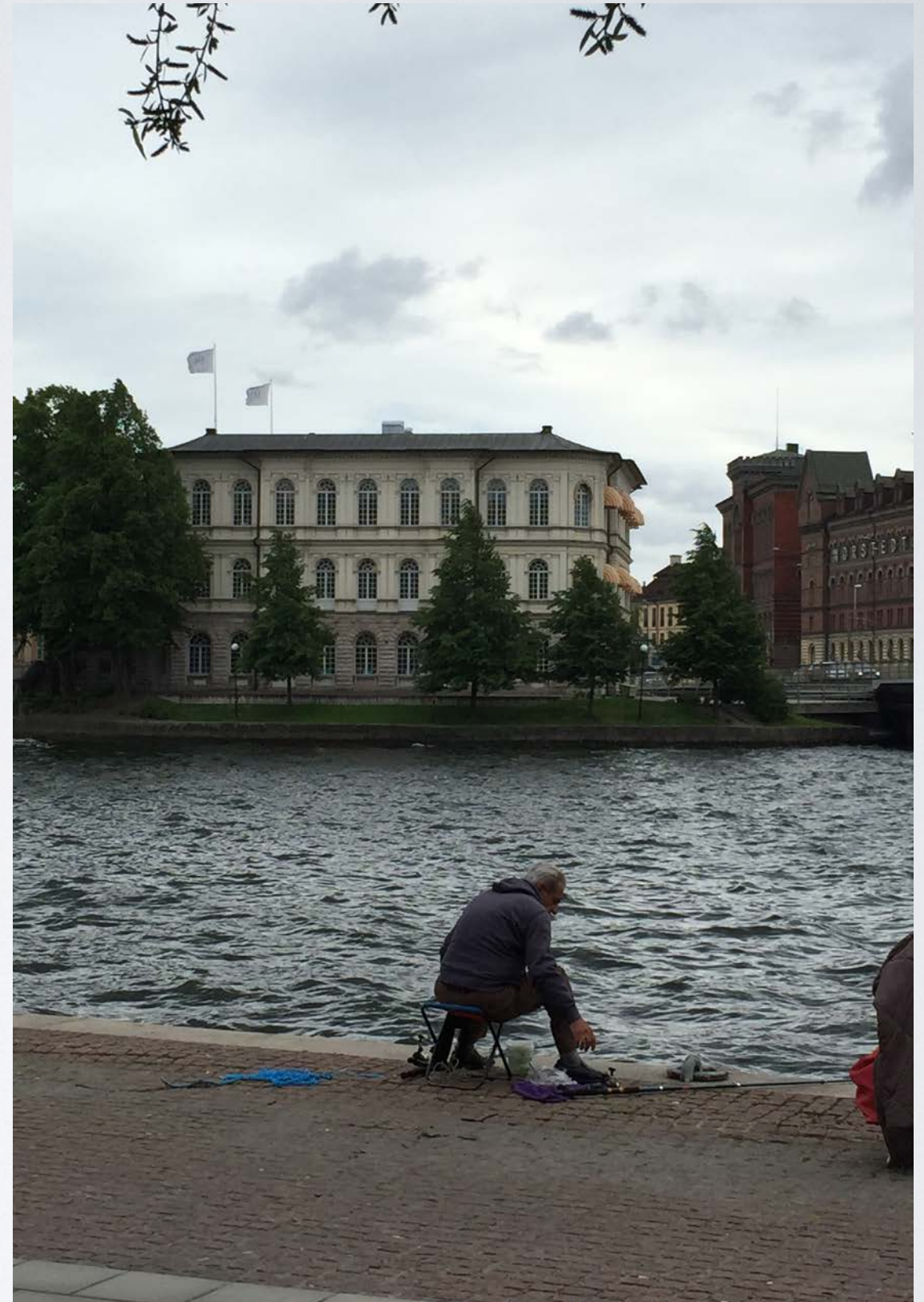
Op-Ed in Foreign Policy
Mag

Yale NELDA database
trends

Electoral Violence research

Media Climate in Eastern
Europe

Electoral Justice database
revision in Spanish/French





MOST REWARDING WORK

- I got to draft an Op-Ed on media assistance and elections
- Our research focussed on specific development projects like “Loy9” in Cambodia (UNDP) and social media in Afghanistan
- Over the course of my last month, I had to continually edit and rewrite this Op-Ed
- It is slated to appear in Foreign Policy

MOST REWARDING WORK

- I also got to explore the constitutions and laws of other countries in depth
- One assignment focussed on Electoral Justice mechanisms in Peru
- The existing data was criticized by Peruvian authorities as being false
- I had to search and read relevant laws and statutes and compare those to real world implementations
- I specifically focussed on appeals procedures in Peruvian tribunals

THE PEOPLE

- There were other interns at International IDEA from Canada, Singapore, and Indonesia
- We visited a lot of Stockholm's sights together





- Stockholm is a very international city as well
- This extends to its student population—there are two large universities in city limits
- This also means there is a lot to do for students within and outside the city



- Stockholm also has some incredible nature sights.
- It is a very nice place to live for people who enjoy outdoor sports or camping.
- It also has very easy access to Copenhagen, Oslo, and Helsinki.



GOING FORWARD

- My experience at International IDEA helped clarify my future career plans
- I realized that I want to work somewhere fast-paced with a research component
- I also want to work at an international office because it exposes you to a mix of interesting ideas from people all over the world.

Thanks for watching! Apply for an IIP!