Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

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The Watson Institute is a community of scholars whose work aims to help us understand and address the world's most pressing issues, including globalization, economic uncertainty, security threats, environmental degradation, and poverty. Focusing on three main areas – development, security, and governance – the Institute leverages Brown's signature interdisciplinary approach to foster innovative, policy-relevant scholarly activities.

The Institute's core faculty of anthropologists, economists, historians, political scientists, sociologists, and other specialists work across academic disciplines with Brown faculty colleagues, as well as with an ever-changing cohort of visiting scholars and practitioners from around the world. The Institute collaborates with key organizations, such as the United Nations, national governments, and non-governmental organizations to seek practicable solutions to today's global problems.

Watson administers three undergraduate concentrations, Development Studies, Public Policy and International Relations, and houses several others: Latin American Studies, Middle East Studies, and South Asian Studies. It also administers the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) degree program, which prepares students for careers spanning public service, government, NGOs, foundations, and the private sector, and the Graduate Program in Development, which supports interdisciplinary learning and contextual expertise for doctoral students of the social sciences. The Institute is also home to a thriving postdoctoral fellows program.

The Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI), an early-career professional development initiative that builds transnational knowledge networks among young leaders from the Global South, is located at Watson, where a two-week residency occurs each year. The Choices Program, which develops secondary level curriculum resources and offers professional development to classroom teachers, is also affiliated with the Institute.

Watson is home to several centers focused on area studies: the Africa Initiative, Brazil Initiative, Center for Contemporary South Asia, Caribbean and Latin American Studies, China Initiative, Humanitarian Innovation Initiative, Middle East Studies and the Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy. The co-location of these centers, combined with the Institute's thematically driven research, enables Watson to take an interdisciplinary, comparative approach to research and education. In keeping with Watson's mission, such collaboration leads to a deep understanding of the greatest challenges of our time.

The Institute houses and supports three major academic journals: Studies in Comparative International Development, Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law (JHPPL) and the Brown Journal of World Affairs (BJWA). Founded in 1993, BJWA is a highly regarded scholarly publication in the field of international studies, edited and managed entirely by Brown undergraduates.

Finally, a full agenda of seminar series, conferences, lectures, and workshops each year brings leading scholars and public figures to the Institute to put current events into context, explore emerging global issues, develop policy, and publish research. A new podcast, Trending Globally: Politics and Policy, further connects faculty research and visiting scholars with broader news and world events.

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