

About Us

International Policy Fellowships

The International Policy Fellowships (IPF) program supports analytical policy research in pursuance of open society goals such as the rule of law, democratic elections, diverse and vigorous civil societies, and respect for minorities. IPF seeks to enhance the quality of policy research, advocacy, and analysis in countries where the Soros Network operates and supports fellows in promoting open, transparent, and responsive public policy processes that are critical to effective democratic governance. The IPF alumni network is an alliance of some 250 open society leaders in over 40 countries.

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Open Society Institute

The Open Society Institute works to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. To achieve its mission, OSI seeks to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, OSI builds alliances across borders and continents on issues such as corruption and freedom of information. OSI places a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of marginalized people and communities.

Investor and philanthropist George Soros in 1993 created OSI as a private operating and grantmaking foundation to support his foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Those foundations were established, starting in 1984, to help countries make the transition from communism. OSI has expanded the activities of the Soros foundations network to encompass the United States and more than 60 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Each Soros foundation relies on the expertise of boards composed of eminent citizens who determine individual agendas based on local priorities.

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Center for Policy Studies

IPF is also affiliated with the Center for Policy Studies (CPS) in Budapest. CPS is an academic unit within the Central European University that is dedicated to improving the quality of governance in the region by the provision of independent public policy analysis and advice. The Center strives to share relevant experiences of post-socialist transition with a sound appreciation of local policy contexts. The CPS Policy Documentation Center (PDC) online database includes hundreds of policy studies by International Policy Fellows (source IPF).

www.ceu.hu/cps

<http://pdc.ceu.hu>

IPF also collaborates with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels to provide policy fellows with further opportunities for joint scholarship and research dissemination activities in these policymaking capitals.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars aims to unite the world of ideas with the world of policy by supporting pre-eminent scholarship and linking that scholarship to issues of concern to officials in Washington. The Center is not an advocacy think tank developing specific policy recommendations, but a nonpartisan center for advanced study, a neutral forum for free and open, serious, and informed scholarship and discussion. IPF and the Wilson Center's East European Studies Program provide several policy fellows with International Junior Public Policy Scholar Fellowships at the Center each year.

www.wilsoncenter.org

Centre for European Policy Studies

The Centre for European Policy Studies is an independent policy research institute dedicated to producing sound policy research leading to constructive solutions to the challenges facing Europe today. The Centre strives to achieve high standards of academic excellence and maintain unqualified independence; provide a forum for discussion among all stakeholders in the European policy process; build collaborative networks of researchers, policymakers and business across the whole of Europe; and disseminate CEPS findings and views through a regular flow of publications and public events.

www.ceps.be