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2004 proved to be a critical year in the direction of the post-cold war years. The situation in Iraq increasingly demonstrated that we live in a multipolar rather than unipolar world. In the years to come, it will become even more apparent that the rise of European Union, the emergence of China, the resurgence of Russia, the increasing regional importance of highly populated countries such as India and Brazil, and the revolts of “the wretched of the earth” will diminish the role of super-power imperialism. To democratize global governance in a fashion that accounts for such multipolarity and responds to the urgent need of two-thirds of humanity living under \$2 of income a day, is part of that challenge.

In matters of security also, 2004 demonstrated that proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is not a passing phenomenon. So long as nuclear powers are unwilling to restrain their own armament projects, they lack the moral and political authority to preach non-proliferation. Smaller powers such as North Korea and Iran will aspire to national security through acquisition of nuclear weapons. However, the spread of weapons of mass destruction threatens the survival of humanity. Governed by rule of international law and comprehensive disarmament on a world scale will be a continuing challenge.

The Role of the Toda Institute

Approaching its second decade, the Toda Institute has now gone through three research programs. The HUGG project, 1996-2000, focused on human security and global governance. The GRAD project, 2001-2004, took up the problems of globalization, regionalization and democratization. The PEACE project, 2005-2006, is sponsoring projects on peace education, arts, culture, and environment. Some 16 volumes have so far emerged out of these projects. In addition, the journal of PEACE & POLICY has regularly published the outcome of the Institute’s conferences and seminars.

To achieve greater impact, however, the Institute needs to focus more and broaden its reach. In consultation with our International Advisory Council, the theme of Regional Conflicts and Global Governance has been considered as an appropriate focus for the Institute’s second decade. To broaden its reach, the Institute needs to have a presence in such major international centers as East or West Coast of North America, or London.

The GRAD Project

The third and final GRAD Project working conference was held in Budapest, July 1-3, 2004. In collaboration with the Budapest International Business School, the conference provided an opportunity for the project participants to bring their three-year efforts to a conclusion. Table 1 shows the progress of each project.

Table 1. GRAD Projects

Brief Name	Topic	Principal Investigator	Participants	Status
Afghanistan	Beyond Reconstruction in Afghanistan	John D. Montgomery		Published by Palgrave Macmillan 2004
South East Asia	Political Islam in South East Asia	Johan Saravanamuttu		Published in Global Change, Peace & Security, V. 16, 2004; Book project in progress

Media	Media Globalization and Democratization	Robert Hackett		In press by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005
Mideast	Role of International Law in the Resolution of Israeli-Palestinian Conflicts	George Bisharat		In press by The Hastings International and Comparative Law Review, 2005
Spaces	Civil Society & Civic Spaces in a Global Age	Michael Douglass		Negotiating publication
Religion	Cultural and Religious Diversity and Citizenship	Jeannie Lum		In preparation for a special issue of Peace & Policy, 2005
Security	Regional Cooperation and Global Security	Hussein Solomon		Negotiating publication
Women	Lived Experience of Globalization	Katharine Tehranian		Articles to be published in academic journals
Caucasus	Global and Regional Influences on the Democratization Process in the Caucasus Region	Aghavni Karakhanian		In progress as part of the PEACE project

The P.E.A.C.E. Project

The forces of educational and cultural globalization have had to contend, negotiate, and reconcile with the local environmental, cultural, and educational elements. This encounter has often resulted in a synthesis of the global and local. The third phase in the Toda Institute's research program examines the problems and prospects of an emerging global society in confrontation and negotiation with the local circumstances.

A total of seven projects were selected by the Institute's Research Committee to fund during 2005-2006. In collaboration with the Iberian-American Foundation, the working conference for the PEACE project will take place in Madrid on May 25-27, 2005.

Table 2 provides a summary of these projects.

Table 2. P.E.A.C.E Projects

Brief Name	Topic	Principal Investigator	Participants	Status
Anti-Racism	New Technologies and the Transnational Propagation of Peace: Anti-Racism Campaigns	Mark D. Alleyne		In progress
Digital Divide	Digital divide	Dmitry Epstein		In progress
S. Caucasus	Thinking globally, acting locally: democratization,	Aghavni Karakhanian		In progress

	globalization and changing regional and global order: national implication of democracy theory and practice in south Caucasus			
Islam in SE Asia	Islam and democracy in southeast Asia	Johan Saravanamuttu		In progress
Peace Journalism	Production of a higher education course prototype on peace journalism	Dov Shinar		In progress
Peace Music	Strengthening the contributions of the arts to peace worldwide	Olivier Urbain		In progress
Islamic Reformation	Islamic Reformation: A Study of the Islamic Intra-Civilizational dialogue	Nur Yalman		In progress

Publications

Volume 9 of *Peace & Policy* is published by Transaction Publishers. This transfer of publishing should increase the journal's subscriptions and impact. This issue is focused on America and the World: the Double Bind. Including a few additional articles, Transactions is planning to publish a book with the same title. In collaboration with the Institute staff, the journal and the book have been guest edited by Kevin Clements, professor and director of the Australian Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland.

The Toda Institute Book Series currently includes the following 16 titles:

- *Worlds Apart: Human Security and Global Governance*, edited by Majid Tehranian. London & New York: I. B. Tauris, 1999.
- *Asian Peace: Security and Governance in the Asia-Pacific Region*, edited by Majid Tehranian. London & New York: I. B. Tauris, 1999.
- *Not By Bread Alone: Food Security and Governance in Africa*, Edited by Adelane Ogunrinade, Ruth Oniang'o, and Julian May. Johannesburg: University of Witwatersrand Press, 1999.
- *Nuclear Disarmament: Obstacles to Banishing the Bomb*, edited by Jozef Goldblat. London & New York: I. B. Tauris, 2000.
- *Reimagining the Future: Towards Democratic Governance*, by Joseph A. Camilleri, Kamal Malhotra, Majid Tehranian, et al. Bundoora, Australia: The Department of Politics, La Trobe University, 2000.
- *Managing the Global: Globalization, Employment, and Quality of Life*, edited by Don Lamberton. London & New York: I. B. Tauris, 2001.
- *Dialogue of Civilizations: A New Peace Agenda for a New Millennium*, edited by Majid Tehranian and David W. Chappell. London & New York: I. B. Tauris, 2002
- Japanese edition of the above, Tokyo: Toda Institute, 2004.
- *Democratizing Global Governance*, edited by Joseph Camilleri and Esref Aksu. New York: Palgrave Press, 2002.

- Bridging a Gulf: Peacebuilding in West Asia, edited by Majid Tehranian. London & New York: I. B. Tauris, 2003.
- Worlds on the Move: Globalization, Migration, and Cultural Security, edited by Jonathan Friedman and Shalini Randeria, 2003.
- Passion for Peace, by Stuart Rees. Sydney, Australia: New South Wales University Press, 2003.
- Beyond Reconstruction in Afghanistan: Lessons from Development Experience, edited by John D. Montgomery and Dennis A. Rondinelli. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2004.
- “Political Islam in South East Asia” edited by Johan Saravanamuttu, in Global Change, Peace and Security, 16:2, June 2004. Carfax Publishing, 2004.
- Democratizing Global Media, edited by Robert Hackett & Yuezhi Zhao. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2005
- Eurasia: A New Peace Agenda, edited by Michael Intriligator, Alexander Nikitin, and Majid Tehranian. New York: Elsevier, 2005.
- America and the World: the Double Bind, edited by Majid Tehranian & Kevin P. Clements. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2005.

Prospects

The Institute is looking forward to 2005 as a year of greater focus, broader reach, and more fruitful collaboration toward peace research, peace education, and peace action. To celebrate the commencement of its second decade, in 2006, the Institute is planning to organize a major international conference in southern California on reforming the United Nations.

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Respectfully submitted

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