

Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University

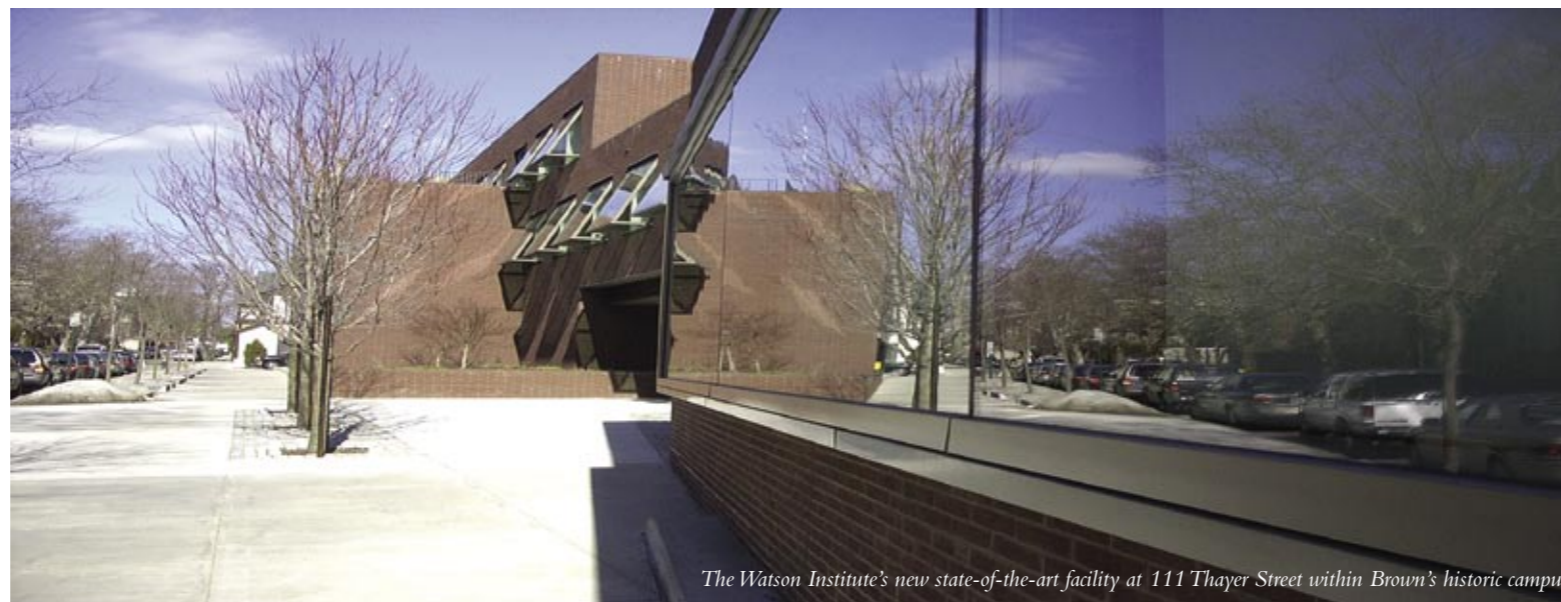
Our Mission

The Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University is one of the world's premier centers for research and teaching on international affairs. Working at the intersection of academia and policymaking, the Institute analyzes contemporary global problems and seeks initiatives to address them from a genuinely multidisciplinary and multinational perspective. Its faculty, students, visiting scholars, and policy practitioners address critical issues related to global security, political economy and development, identity and culture, and the environment.

An Evolving Legacy

The late Thomas J. Watson Jr. (Brown class of 1937), chairman of IBM and ambassador to the former Soviet Union, was acutely aware of the international dimensions of our lives. In 1981, Ambassador Watson founded the Center for Foreign Policy Development (CFPD) at Brown University to seek solutions to the most pressing problem of that day—the danger of a nuclear exchange between the superpowers. In 1986, Brown's Institute for International Studies was created to integrate CFPD and Brown's other international programs, and in 1991, the Institute was rededicated to honor Ambassador Watson.

In the 1990s, the Institute expanded its research agenda to match the growing complexity of global problems and built a research faculty with a broad range of disciplinary expertise and experience. More recently, well-known architect Rafael Viñoly designed a new state-of-the-art facility for the Institute that conveys its mission as a contemporary, international institution within Brown's historic campus.



The Watson Institute's new state-of-the-art facility at 111 Thayer Street within Brown's historic campus.

Seeking Solutions to Contemporary Global Problems

As Brown University's principal center for research and training on international issues, the Watson Institute seeks solutions to global problems from a uniquely transnational vantage point that cuts across disciplinary boundaries. Four primary programmatic areas—security, political economy and development, identity and culture, and the environment—provide a rigorous framework for its research. Outreach initiatives—such as instructional programs and the Choices for the 21st Century Education Program—bring the work of the Institute to the undergraduate population at Brown and to secondary-level schools nationwide.

Within these programs, some 40 research initiatives analyze global issues that make headlines every day, including:

- **Global Terrorism**
- **War and the Use of Force**
(Decisions to use military force, alternatives to war, consequences of war, preventing war)
- **Responses to Globalization**
- **Challenges to Identity**
- **Challenges of Development**
- **Global Climate Change**

Contributing to Global Scholarship

The Watson Institute's premier faculty, numbering more than 150 professionals (at or affiliated with the Institute), are among the world's leading researchers analyzing such issues as terrorist financing, global security and information technology, globalization and development, foreign aid, identity formation, and demography and the environment. Their scholarship has been honored with prizes and awards from numerous governments and major professional associations.

They have also advised on documentaries for television and film, including the Academy Award®-winning *The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara*, and have recently produced the acclaimed film *After 9/11*.



Institute faculty research is disseminated nationally and internationally as books, book chapters, journal articles, research reports, op-eds, and through electronic media including websites, Internet interventions, streaming multimedia, and blogs.



The Institute is also the home for two major academic journals: *Studies in Comparative International Development* (beginning in Fall 2005) and the *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, an internationally recognized publication produced entirely by Brown undergraduates.

Reaching Out to Students of All Ages

The Watson Institute supports outreach initiatives to Brown undergraduates and the general public through a number of programs. It houses five Brown undergraduate concentrations in International Relations (IR), Development Studies (DS), Latin American Studies, Middle East Studies, and South Asian Studies. Institute faculty serve as the instructional backbone for Brown's IR and DS Programs. Brown undergraduate and graduate students also actively participate with faculty on Institute research projects.

The nationally-acclaimed Choices for the 21st Century Education Program is a multifaceted educational program designed to encourage interest within the United States in international issues through teaching and professional development on the secondary-school level.

The Institute is also the host of the Watson International Scholars of the Environment Program, which convenes environmental leaders from university faculties, governments, and nongovernmental organizations throughout the developing world.



l-r: Watson faculty Catherine McArdle Kelleher and Catherine Lutz with John Phillip Santos, formerly of the Ford Foundation, during a panel on the war in Iraq.

Opening Lines of Dialogue

The Watson Institute sponsors seminars and conferences featuring prominent scholars, diplomats, politicians, and practitioners who address topics closely related to its research initiatives or breaking news stories. Each year, Institute events include more than 10 core seminar series, featuring on average 120 seminars and panel discussions, and some 20 conferences and workshops. Always informative, often controversial, guest lecturers and conference participants offer a wide range of views on international issues to Brown students and faculty and to communities beyond the University via audio and video streaming on the Internet.

Partnering with Other Global Leaders

Since its inception, the Watson Institute has partnered with educational institutions, foundations, nongovernmental (NGO) and intergovernmental organizations, and governments globally to collaborate on research that has a uniquely multinational



l-r: Former President of Brazil Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Brown President Ruth J. Simmons, former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, Ruth Cardoso, Nick Robinson, and Watson Institute Director Thomas J. Biersteker following a Directors Series lecture by President Robinson.

perspective. Most recently, the Institute was granted Special Consultative Status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council, one of a relatively few NGOs worldwide to receive this distinction. The Institute also works closely with the UN Security Council on annual sanctions training exercises, the UN Development Programme's Human Development Report Office, and the UN Environmental Programme on north-south



Representatives of the United Nations Security Council convene annually at the Watson Institute for sanctions training exercises.

environmental training. In addition, the Institute actively maintains a dynamic, global network of scholars, affiliates, and alumni that expand the scope of its work and broaden its reach.

Funding Our Work

Each year, the Watson Institute receives funding from individual gifts, grants, and a designated endowment. The Institute successfully mobilizes substantial outside funding from a variety of sources for specific research projects. Among the foundations that have offered long-term support are the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Citigroup-Brasil, Donner Foundation, Ford Foundation, Henry R. Luce Foundation, Longview Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Ploughshares Fund, Starr Foundation, United Nations Foundation, United States Department of Education, and United States Institute of Peace.

Overseeing Our Activities

A 24-member Board of Overseers provides guidance to the Watson Institute and is led by Chairman John P. Birkelund LLD'02 (hon.) of Saratoga Partners, Vice Chairman David E. McKinney of the Thomas J. Watson Foundation, and Secretary Artemis A. W. Joukowsky '55 LLD'85 (hon.) of Brown University.

Board members include former ambassadors and heads of state, as well as presidents and directors of global firms, leaders of nongovernmental organizations, and renowned scholars of international relations. Watson Board members have been guiding forces behind the Congressional 911 Commission, the Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Authority, and the World Trade Center Memorial Competition.

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