# **Fellowship Programs**

Named in honor of two of NED's principal founders, former president Ronald Reagan and the late congressman Dante Fascell, the **Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program** was established in 2001 by the U.S. Congress to enable democratic activists, policy makers, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. Reagan-Fascell fellowships are typically five months in duration and focus on the political, social, economic, legal, or cultural aspects of democratic development.

In 2004–2005, the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program hosted leading democratic activists, journalists, and scholars from every region of the globe, including Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chechnya, China, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Montenegro, Nigeria, South Korea, South Africa, Tajikistan, Turkey, and the United States.

The Reagan-Fascell program seeks to deepen the knowledge, enrich the skills, broaden the perspectives, and strengthen the morale of some of the world's most committed and courageous democratic practitioners, journalists, and scholars. Fellows are in residence at the International Forum for Democratic Studies, NED's research and publications arm, in Washington, D.C., which offers a collegial environment for fellows to conduct research and writing, to develop contacts and exchange ideas with counterparts in Washington, and to build ties that contribute to the development of a global network of democracy advocates.

Through its outreach efforts, the Reagan-Fascell program seeks to connect its fellows with the media, policy, and academic communities in Washington, D.C. The program organizes an active calendar of public presentations by the fellows, and promotes contacts between fellows and experts in the U.S. Congress, the State Department, and other government agencies, as well as at universities, think tanks, and media organizations.

#### **Reagan-Fascell Fellows in 2004–2005**

#### Fatima Ahmedova (*Tajikistan*) Democracy and Conflict Resolution in Central Asia March–June 2005

Fatima Ahmedova has served as a lecturer at Khujand State University in Tajikistan and as a leading specialist at the Center for Democratic Transformations, an NGO working to prevent conflict and curb human rights violations in Central Asia. She has worked as a country coordinator and conflict-management specialist for the Swiss Peace Foundation and the United Nations Office for Project Services, both based in Khujand. During her fellowship, Ms. Ahmedova researched how ethnic and political conflicts in the Ferghana Valley of Central Asia could potentially be resolved to bring peace and democracy to the region. On June 21, 2005, she gave

a seminar at NED, titled "Conflict and Democracy in the Ferghana Valley." Her article, "The Future of the Ferghana Valley States," was published in the September 2005 issue of *democracy@large*.



Fatima Ahmedova

#### Ilyas Akhmadov (Chechnya) Chechnya's Struggle for Independence 0ctober 2004–February 2005

Ilyas Akhmadov has long been an outspoken advocate of peace, moderation, and independence for Chechnya. He was appointed foreign minister in 1999 by Aslan Maskhadov, who was democratically elected to the presidency of Chechnya in 1997. In February 2003, Mr. Akhmadov presented a comprehensive peace proposal, titled, The Russian-Chechen Tragedy: Conditional Independence under an International Administration (coauthored with Roman Khalilov), in which he argued that the only way to solve the Chechen conflict was through democratization of the region and its integration into the international community. During his fellowship, Mr. Akhmadov conducted research on the history of the Chechen conflict and explored potential mechanisms to end the current stalemate in the region. On January 27, 2005, he gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Chechnya's Struggle for Independence."

### Dragan Djuric (Montenegro)

#### Prospects for Democracy and European Integration in Montenegro October 2004–January 2005

Dragan Djuric is Montenegro's assistant minister for European Integration at the

> Ministry for International Economic Relations and European Integration in Podgorica. Before joining the Montenegrin government, he served for five years as director of the NGO Center for the Development of Industrial Democracy, in Podgorica. During his fellow-



Dragan Djuric

ship, Mr. Djuric analyzed Montenegro's prospects for accelerating its European integration process within the constitutional framework of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. On January 19, 2005, he gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Montenegro's Prospects for Democracy and European Integration." His article, "Montenegro's Prospects for European Integration: On a Twin Track," appeared in the Winter 2004 issue of the *South-East Europe Review for Labour and Social Affairs.* 

### Andrew Finkel (United States/Turkey) Strengthening the Role of the Press during a Process of Reform: The Case of Turkey March–July 2005

Andrew Finkel is a prominent freelance journalist who has been based in Istanbul, Turkey since 1989. He has served as a correspondent for and as a freelance contributor to a number of publications and broadcasting organizations, including Time, The New York Times, the Economist, and CNN. He has also been a featured columnist in the Turkish language press for the daily newspapers Sabah and Milliyet. Mr. Finkel's fellowship project focused both on the media's ambivalent role in Turkey's current process of reform and on formulating a methodology whereby Turkish journalists can help raise the standards of their own industry. On June 22, 2005, he gave a public presentation titled "How Not to Read a Turkish Newspaper: Promoting Accountability in a Globalized Media Environment."



**Raul Gangotena** 

#### Raul Gangotena (Ecuador) Inclusion and Democracy in Ecuador April–September 2005

Ambassador Raul Gangotena served recently as Ecuador's ambassador to the United States. Over his lengthy public career, he has been actively involved in Ecuadorian politics, business, education, and journalism. He has published widely on business and public administration in Latin America and has been a respected op-ed columnist in Ecuador for more than fifteen years. During his fellowship, Ambassador Gangotena examined the history of Ecuador's inclusion of indigenous people and looked at poverty reduction as a strategy for greater political and social inclusion of Ecuador's minority populations. On July 14, 2005, he led a luncheon roundtable on "Corporate Strategies for Promoting Indigenous Poverty Reduction in the Americas," and on October 19, he gave a public presentation titled "Inclusion and Democracy in Ecuador: The Way Forward."

#### Hoon Jaung (South Korea) The Accountability

# Deficit in South Korean Foreign Policy Making January–July 2005

Hoon Jaung is a professor of political science at Chung-Ang University in Seoul, Korea. He has served as editor-in-chief of the *Korean International Studies Review* and is author of numerous articles and book chapters on Korean politics. During his fellowship, Dr. Jaung worked on a major essay concerning the "account-



Hoon Jaung

ability deficit" in South Korean foreign policy making since the country's democratic transition. On May 31, 2005, he gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Democratization and Foreign Policy Making in South Korea: From Secret Garden to Town Square." His article, "Political Parties and Foreign Policy Making in South Korea," was scheduled for publication in the January 2006 issue of the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*.



Guobiao Jiao

## Guobiao Jiao *(China)* Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on the Media in China

#### April–August 2005

Guobiao Jiao was, until recently, associate professor at Beijing University's College of Journalism and Communications. Following the appearance online of his March 2004 essay condemning the Chinese government's Central Propaganda Department and his continued efforts to promote freedom of the press and human rights in China, he was suspended from his teaching duties. During his fellowship, Dr. Jiao wrote a series of articles on the challenges and prospects for the media in China, including essays in *Modern China Studies, Asia Weekly*, and *Guancha*, an online newsletter published by the China Information Center. On July 20, 2005, he gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Perspectives on Censorship in China." In July, Dr. Jiao was also selected as "Outstanding Journalist and Writer of the Year 2005" by the Chan Journalism and Culture Foundation.

#### Abiodun Kolawole (*Nigeria*)

#### Rural Empowerment and Popular Participation in Nigeria October 2004–February 2005

Abiodun Kolawole has served as a research officer at the Center for Constitutionalism and Demilitarization, an NGO affiliated with the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights and the Alliance for Democracy, a Nigerian political party. A leading participant in Nigeria's student and democracy movements, Mr. Kolawole was instrumental in the formation of the United Action for Democracy, a coalition of human rights, labor, and prodemocracy groups committed to social justice, transparency, and good governance. During his fellowship, Mr. Kolawole laid the groundwork for a rural development advocacy organization intended as a mechanism to strengthen civil society in Nigeria. On January 11, 2005, he gave a joint presentation at NED, with Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow Akintola Olaniyan, on "Nigeria at a Crossroads: Perspectives on Civil Society and the Media."

#### Chingiz Mammadov (Azerbaijan)

#### The Impact of Regional and International Trends on Democratization in Azerbaijan October 2004–March 2005

Chingiz Mammadov was, most recently, an economic opportunities program officer



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at the Baku office of Mercy Corps International, a leading humanitarian assistance organization. He is also chairman of the Azerbaijan Micro-Finance Association and part-time lecturer on management and organization theory at Western and Khazar Universities. During his fellowship, Mr. Mammadov explored the variety of regional and international influences on democratization in Azerbaijan. On February 11, 2005, he gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Democracy in Azerbaijan: Crazy Idea or Realistic Possibility?" along with Brookings Institution scholar Fiona Hill, who served as discussant.

#### Robert Mattes (South Africa/United States) Democracy Without the People? Citizens, Institutions, and Economics in the New South Africa March–July 2005

Robert Mattes is associate professor of political science at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, where he is also director of the Democracy in Africa Research Unit at the Centre for Social Science Research. He has played a leading role in the development of the Afrobarometer, a multinational public-opinion research project that documents and analyzes what Africans think and say about democracy, economic reform, and good governance. While in residence at the International Forum, he worked on a book exploring the successes and failures of South Africa's democratization process and coauthored an article (with Doh Shin), titled "The Democratic

Impact of Traditional Cultural Values in Africa and Asia: The Cases of South Africa and South Korea." On June 17, 2005, Dr. Mattes gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Democracy Without the People: Reassessing the South African Miracle."

#### Michael McFaul (United States) International Dimensions of Democratic Breakthroughs April–July 2005

Michael McFaul is associate professor of political science at Stanford University, where he is also a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution. While in residence at NED, he conducted a comparative study of countries that have undergone successful democratic breakthroughs and those that have not, paying special attention to the role external actors have played in shaping political outcomes. His article "Transitions from Postcommunism" was published in the July 2005 issue of the Journal of Democracy. During his fellowship, he gave a number of presentations, including a July 27, 2005 seminar at NED, titled "Transitions from Postcommunism: An External Dimension?"

### James Lapani Ng'ombe (Malawi)

#### Madala's Grandchildren (a novel) October 2004–January 2005

James Ng'ombe is executive director of the Malawi Institute of Journalism, which promotes media independence and professionalism through training, research, and writing. One of Malawi's most distinguished and prolific authors, he has published numerous works on political themes, including the novels *Sugarcane with Salt* (1989) and *Madala's Children* (1996). Dr. Ng'ombe also manages a publishing company, runs a radio station, and has taught language and communication at the University of Malawi. During his fellowship, Dr. Ng'ombe completed a sequel to his second novel, Madala's Grandchildren, paying special attention to issues of governance, corruption, and accountability. From November 2004 through January 2005, he led three reading group sessions to discuss chapter drafts with NED staff and Africa experts from Washington, D.C. and New York.

#### **Akintola Olaniyan** (Nigeria)

#### Watching the Watchdog: The Media and Sustainable Democracv October 2004–February 2005

Akintola Olaniyan was, until 2004, deputy editor at The Punch, Nigeria's most widely read daily newspaper. An accomplished journalist whose writings have helped cultivate an awareness of democracy in

Nigeria, Mr. Olaniyan

involved in the work

NGO, Journalists for

Democratic Rights.

During his fellowship,

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able democracy and prepared a media handbook for activists, titled "Reforming the Nigerian Media: A Handbook for Activists" (later printed in Nigeria by the African Media Support Initiative). On January 11, 2005, Mr. Olaniyan gave a joint presentation at NED, with Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow Abiodun Kolawole, on "Nigeria at a Crossroads: Perspectives on Civil Society and the Media."

#### **Roland Rich** (Australia) **Democratization in East Asia** March–July 2005

Roland Rich was founding director of the Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI), Australia's preeminent institution for

democracy promotion, based at Australian National University in Canberra. A former diplomat



with the Australian foreign service, he has served as Australian ambassador to Laos and as assistant secretary for international organizations at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. During his fellowship, Mr. Rich completed a book manuscript on democratization in East Asia, titled Pacific Asia in Ouest of Democracy, to be published by Lynne Rienner in 2006. In his book, Mr. Rich surveys the democratic strides the region has made thus far and gauges its potential for consolidating democracy in the future. On November 22, 2005, he gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Political Parties in Asian Democracies: The Weakest Link?"

#### Yulia Savchenko (Kyrgyzstan) "Civic Journalism" and **Democracy in Kyrgyzstan** October 2004–April 2005

Yulia Savchenko is a journalist who has

achieved public recognition for her talk show, "No Edits," on Pvramid TV in Kyrgyzstan. During her fellow-

ship, Ms.



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Savchenko examined government-media relations in the United States and American approaches to "civic" or "public" journalism. Her article, "A Catalyst for Change in

New Democracies," was published in the February 2005 issue of democracy@large, and her op-ed, "Waking Up to Revolution," appeared in the April 3, 2005 issue of The Washington Post. During her fellowship, Ms. Savchenko also gave a number of interviews, presentations, and briefings, including a talk at NED, titled "Reinventing Democracy through Civic Journalism in Kyrgyzstan," on February 3, 2005.

#### Vitali Silitski (Belarus)

**Democratic Transitions** from Post-Communist Authoritarianism: Serbia and Belarus October 2004–August 2005

Vitali Silitski is a former associate professor of economics at the European Humani-

ties University in Minsk. He currently works as a freelance writer, commenting extensively for the Belarusian and international press, as well as writing for scholarly publications. During his fellowship, he completed

a book manuscript



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on political developments in Serbia and Belarus, titled The Long Road from Tyranny: Post-Communist Authoritarianism and the Struggle for Democracy in Serbia and Belarus. He also wrote a series of articles for Transitions Online, an article on Belarus for Freedom House's Nations in Transit 2004, and an essay titled "Preempting Democracy: The Case of Belarus," for the October 2005 issue of the Journal of Democracy. On April 14, 2005, he gave a public presentation at NED, titled "Democratic Breakthroughs in Eurasia: Looking Beyond the Color-Coded Revolutions."

# **Visiting Fellows Program**

In addition to the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, the International Forum for Democratic Studies hosts a small Visiting Fellows Program for scholars and practitioners with outside funding who wish to be affiliated with the Forum. During the 2004–2005 fellowship year, the Forum hosted visiting fellow **Michael Allen** (Britain).

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