

Report from Student Representatives

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The ICP 2020-2022 Student Representatives, NaYeon Yang and Sathya Baanu Jeevanba, collaborated with Division 52's Student Division Chair, Daniel Balva, and the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)'s Student Division representative, Marija Davcheva, to host a webinar on November 2021 titled, "Reflections from Former International Students: Important Considerations for Our Profession and Training Programs" to bridge the gaps between our student members and other international professionals across divisions and the globe. This was our last planned event as student representatives and one we were truly honored to have been a part of.

Collaborative Programming with Division 52 and the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP)

We invited 4 distinguished professionals who were all former international students in the U.S. These individuals are either working and living in the U.S now or have moved back to their home countries to pursue their careers within the field of psychology. Our intended purpose for this webinar panel was to offer our student members and professionals a glimpse into the panelists' journeys to navigate the choices they made to be where they are today.

We hoped that through our panelists' reflections, the audience would find shared experiences, insights, and even guidance in their own journeys as an international student and/or professional. As a planning committee, we became

aware of the challenges and often isolation people with an international background feel in navigating questions related to career and living abroad.

The individuals invited included (in no specific order); Dr. Richa Khanna is an Assistant Professor in the School of Human Ecology, at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India; Dr. Sonia Dhaliwal is a Licensed Psychologist and the Director of Training of the APA accredited internship Counseling and Psychological Services at University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Dr. Kee-Hong Choi is a professor and the Dean of School of Psychology at Korea University; and Dr. Dinah Ayna is a clinical psychologist and faculty at the Department of Psychiatry in the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC), adjunct faculty at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at Emory University School of Medicine, and a consultant for mental health programming at United Palestinian Appeal in Washington, DC. The event had a good turnout of about 40 attendees from diverse backgrounds tuning in.

Wrapping Up Our Student Representative Roles

Working as the ICP student representatives for over two years under the guidance and support of Dr. Shaznin Daruwalla has been a meaningful experience for both of us. Though our role coincidentally began around the same time the COVID-19 outbreak hit the globe, we strived to create a virtual support space to allow our ICP community members to be connected and support one another; created online resources for international students and scholars and their allies to distribute accurate

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information about international students and scholars and support them amid the anti-immigration policies and ICE restrictions; conducted a needs assessment to navigate international students' needs amid the COVID pandemic; collaborated with Division 52 and other organizations to provide webinars that facilitated our community members' professional development. We were truly honored to serve as the ICP student representatives and used this opportunity to support our ICP community members. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the incredibly passionate community leaders and members involved in this effort, especially Dr. Shaznin Daruwalla, who provided immense support and encouragement throughout this journey.

APA DIV. 52 & 17 ICP & IAAP DIV 15 WEBINAR

REFLECTIONS FROM FORMER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Important Considerations for
Our Profession and Training Programs

Panelists:



Dr. Richa Khanna



Dr. Sonia Dhaliwal



Dr. Kee-Hong Choi



Dr. Dinah Ayna

The APA's Division 52 Student Committee, the International Section (ICP) of Division 17, and the International Association of Applied Psychology's (IAAP) Division 15 invite you to join in this panel discussion with Dr. Khanna, Dr. Dhaliwal, Dr. Choi, and Dr. Ayna focused on academic and professional experiences from former international students.

This panel will highlight:

- lived experiences from leaders of the psychology discipline across the globe
- international academic experiences
- recommendations for international students wanting to pursue academia or licensure within and outside of the United States

Hosts: Pina Marsico
Luca Tateo

Moderators: Daniel Balva
Marija Davcheva

Sathya Baanu Jeevanba
NaYeon Yang

THIS WEBINAR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND HAS Q&A SESSIONS

11/19/2021 11am - 12:30pm EST

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