

Diplomacy and Policy Studies

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H.R.H Prince Hassan welcomes DPS program into his palace

CIEE Program Director, Adam Rubin and Resident Director, Allison Hodgkins join the visit along with the JID team.

Inspired. Truly that is how I felt as I gained back the car that drove us to H.R.H prince Hassan's palace. Of course meeting royalty was an experience in and of itself, and the simple beauty of a garden blossoming in the early spring was breathtaking, yet what I will remember as his words. Prince Hassan is a renaissance man, genuinely concerned about the state of this region and the challenges the Arab people are facing, and during the brief time we had the honor and privilege to spend time with him, he conveyed these sentiments beautifully.

Fatymatou Dia: Yale University

Kaylee Gum presents her research in Muscat, Oman.

DPS visit Wehdat, a Palestinian Refugee Camp.

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Kaylee Gum in Oman



"Throughout the semester I have been working as a research intern for Jordan Visions Center for Strategic Development as a part of my curriculum with DPS. It has been a very rewarding experience, especially after having the opportunity to travel to Muscat, Oman to present my research. The purpose of this business trip, was to present project proposals to government officials regarding potential media campaigns. My research had focused on political development and Oman's energy sector. This was a great opportunity and I have really enjoyed my work with Jordan Visions Center."

Kaylee Gum: University of Oklahoma

H.R.H. Princess Wijdan meets with the students at the Museum, May 3

"For our last Thursday afternoon site visit, DPS traveled to the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts. The mission of this museum is to display the artwork of local Jordanians, as well as of artists from the developing world who are highly skilled but often overlooked by Western museums. At the museum, we met H.R.H Princess Wijdan Al-Hashemi. She is the founder of the National Gallery and currently serves as the president of the Board of Trustees. The museum was comprised of two buildings separated by a beautiful garden, and the artwork was strikingly beautiful."

Kirsten Holland: Elon Univeristy



International Organisation of Migration (IOM) on Jordan as a Region's Refuge, April 18.

"One of the last speakers we had the opportunity of listening to was a representative from the International Organization of Migration. It gave us a great insight into one of the most influential international NGO's in the region and, having interned there myself this semester, a very good insight into what it is like to work in the world of humanitarian aid and NGO's."

Chase Bisset: Univeristy of Oregon



Conversation Club with students from Univeristy of Jordan, April 12

The Conversation Club with University of Jordan (UJ) was a great opportunity for us to get to know some Jordanians. Our conversations were very interesting, ranging from the reasons behind tribal violence on UJ's campus to stereotypes in Transformers. In addition, the UJ students were gracious enough to lead us on a tour around the University campus. The conversation club was a great way for us to see a new side of Jordan and make some new friends.

Emily Schaefer: McDaniel college

DPS visit Wehdat Palestenian Refugee Camp, May 1st

On May 1, we visited the Wehdat refugee camp in Amman, established in 1955 to facilitate Palestinian refugees after the 1948 war. We initially met with a representative from the Jordanian Department of Palestinian Affairs who spoke about the Jordanian government's involvement with the camp as well as its relationship with UNRWA. We then met with the director of the women's program which runs various activities and classes for women as a way of fostering civil society within the camp. Finally, we visited the Camp Council. The members of the council are primarily the camp elders, many of whom are first generation refugees. They spoke about their hometowns in Palestine and expressed their frustration with the decline of UNRWA services in Wehdat and their desire to one day return to the towns and homes they left many years ago.

Caroline Perkinson:

How DPS shaped your perspectives?

"DPS has given me a greater appreciation for the politics of the Middle East and the role of Jordan in the regional system. The people we've interacted with have broadened our understanding of the significance of diplomacy and showed us how valuable the art of negotiation is."

Katie Tsantes: Boston College

"Our unique opportunity to study Arab diplomacy, international relations and Middle Eastern economic development with such career, esteemed Arab diplomats and economists as the DPS faculty members has been both an honor and highly rewarding. Thank you, HE Dr. Rifai, Dr. Momani, Dr. kandah, Dr. Z'bui and all the resident DPS staff, particularly Dr. Allison Hodgkins and Ms. Mais Masadeh, for making this a great semester. "

Austin Parker: Tulane Univeristy