Top row (l to r) - Raul Gangotena was, until recently, Ecuador’s ambassador to the United States. Over his lengthy public career, he has been actively involved in Ecuadorian politics, business, education, and journalism, having served as chief-of-staff for President Sixto Ballen, executive director of the National Modernization Council, business professor at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, and president of the Universidad de Las Americas. During his fellowship, Ambassador Gangotena plans to examine how and why Ecuador has been successful in advancing and sustaining its democracy, paying particular attention to inclusion of indigenous people and the avoidance of armed political conflict and narcotics-based organized crime. He will draw up his findings in the form of a policy paper.

Dr. Bob 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 analyses what Africans think and say about democracy, economic reform, and good governance. A leading expert in the field of public opinion and political action in sub-Saharan Africa, Dr. Mattes is the author of numerous articles and books on public opinion in South Africa and across the continent. During his fellowship, he will work on a book exploring the successes and failures of South Africa’s democratization process.
Roland Rich, former Director of CDI, is working on the consolidation of democracy in the Asia Pacific.

Andrew Finkel is a prominent freelance journalist who has been based in Istanbul, Turkey, since 1989. He has served as a correspondent and freelance contributor to a number of publications and broadcasting organizations, including *Time*, *The Times*, *the Economist*, and CNN. He has been a featured columnist in the Turkish language press for the daily newspapers *Sabah* and *Milliyet*. An expert on Turkish politics, he is the co-editor of *Turkish State, Turkish Society* (1990). Mr Finkel’s project consists of two parts: the first focuses on the media’s ambivalent role in Turkey’s current process of reform, while the second involves formulating a methodology whereby Turkish journalists can help raise the standards of their own industry.

*Bottom row (l to r) -* Dr. Hoon Jaung is a professor of political science at Chung-Ang University in Seoul, Korea. He has also served as editor-in-chief of the Korean International Studies Review and author of numerous articles and book chapters on Korean politics. Dr. Jaung has served as a key member of the Task Force on the Reform of the Presidency, organized by the East Asia Institute (EAI) to redefine the role of the presidency (2002–2003) and as coordinator of the EAI Task Force on the Reform of the Electoral System, Political Parties, and the National Assembly (2003–2004). During his fellowship, he proposes to write an essay on the “accountability deficit” in foreign policy making in South Korea since the country’s democratic transition. His essay will explore the sources and patterns of this deficit by examining the apathy of the National Assembly, the changing nature of public opinion, and the enhanced impact of civic associations on foreign policy decision making.

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Dr. Guobiao Jiao is associate professor at Beijing University’s College of Journalism and Communications. A prominent journalist at *Chinese Cultural Newspaper* from 1996 to 2001, he has published widely on issues of journalism in China. 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, he will explore historical and contemporary perspectives on the Chinese media, including an analysis of the impact of the Internet in China. He plans to write a series of articles on the challenges and prospects for the media in China, for eventual publication as a book.