

**Philippa Ward**

**Henry Fong Award 2010**

*The 2010 Henry Fong Award winner, Philippa Ward, is a student at Flinders University. Through an e-interview with INU Project Officer, Kajsa Werlestål, Philippa shared some information about herself.*



*Philippa Ward, 2010 Henry Fong Award winner and Kajsa Werlestål, INU Project Officer at Malmö University.*

My name is Philippa Ward, I am 22 years of age and I live in Adelaide in South Australia. I was born in Perth and moved to Adelaide when I was very young and have lived in Adelaide ever since. I love travelling but have not yet been to South America or Africa but I would love to travel around both these continents in the not too distant future!

**What do you study at Flinders and why did you chose Flinders for your University studies?**

At Flinders I am undertaking a double degree; a Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice and a Bachelor of International Studies. I chose Flinders because it has a very good law school and it's also because it only take me about 15 minutes to drive there!

**What made you want to attend the INU Student Seminar on Global Citizenship and Peace in Hiroshima this August?**

I've always had an interest in international relations and the idea of global citizenship so when I heard about the INU student seminar I was very keen to attend, especially when I found out the focus for 2010 was humanitarian intervention. Previously I had learnt a bit about humanitarian interventions when I did a law elective (Human rights and the Law) and so I was eager to learn more about this very complex issue.

**What was the highlight of the Seminar?**

It was in Dr. John Scherpereel's workshop. Dr. Scherpereel had us fill out a questionnaire, and then add up our scores. Each person's score indicated whether they personally favored sovereignty (with a low score) as opposed to those who were more inclined to human rights (indicated with a high score). If I had been asked prior to filling out the survey if I was more

inclined to basing decisions with human rights in mind or sovereignty in mind, I would have said I was in the middle range but with a definite lean towards human rights.

To my surprise my score was the lowest in the room. When we began to discuss why we answered questions in a certain way I defended my choices and I realised I actually do have deep respect and belief in sovereignty, which was reflected in my answers. It was a confronting experience to be viewed by the rest of the room as somewhat 'anti' human rights. As we continued to discuss our choices I began to appreciate how divergent our beliefs were, yet, here we were; students, from across the globe, with divergent opinions but with a shared and common desire for, and belief in, global citizenship.

**Why did you chose Malmö for your exchange semester?**

I have previously done a student exchange to Canada so when the opportunity arose to study abroad through the Henry Fong Award I really wanted to study in a non-English speaking country and I love Europe so Sweden seemed ideal. I did a bit of research and it seems Malmo University has a very high number of international students and offers a wide range of opportunities for them so I'm really looking forward to starting there in September 2011.

**What are your plans for the future?**

My plans keep changing! In the short term I want to practice as a lawyer in Australia but in the long term, a career in Foreign Affairs is definitely appealing. Whatever happens I hope to continue to travel the world.