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International Relations Program Week of February 9-16

Events

Labor-Management Relations and Workplace Democracy under Globalization: A Case Study of a Sub-Contracting Joint Venture

Tong Xin, Peking University, Sociology Department
Tuesday, February 13th
12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
4130 Posvar Hall University of Pittsburgh

This lecture will present a case study of a sub-contracting joint venture, and workers' participation in electing a trade union in the company. The focus is on economic globalization and how it operates in and is shaped by the domestic conditions.

State - Defense Relations in Transformational Diplomacy

Donna Hopkins, Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Plans, Policy and Analysis
Thursday, February 15th
4:00-5:00pm
Statistics Conference Room
Baker Hall 232Q CMU

Donna Hopkins joined the U.S. State Department in 1998 as a Foreign Service Officer, and served in Warsaw, Poland; in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and in the Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement in the Bureau of Political Military Affairs (PM) in Washington, D.C. In 2003 she transferred to the Civil Service as a Foreign Affairs Officer and now heads the Policy and Plans Team in the PM Bureau Office of Plans, Policy and Analysis.

Islamic Cosmopolitanism: Hakim Mohammed Said and the Society for the Promotion of Eastern Medicine

Dr. Joseph Alter, Professor of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh
Thursday, February 15th
12:00 p.m.
2628 Cathedral of Learning

Dr. Alter is a sociocultural anthropologist whose area of interest is South Asia. His research is in the field of medical anthropology on topics of physical fitness, public health, social psychology, and the relationship between health, culture, and politics broadly

defined. Cookies and coffee will be provided.

Mediated Lives:

Memory and Construction of History in the Caribbean Diaspora

Joseph Adjaye, Professor of Africana Studies, University of Pittsburgh

Thursday, February 15

4:00 PM

History Department lounge, 3703 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This talk is taken from Professor Adjaye's article, "Caribbean Diaspora and Memory," *Journal of Caribbean Studies* 19, 3 (2005), 207-32.

Rise of Environmentalism in China

Guobin Yang, Barnard College, Columbia University

Thursday February 15th

4:00 p.m.

4130 Posvar Hall University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Yang will discuss how environmental non-governmental organizations can serve as both sites and agents of democratic social change in China today. Environmental NGOs are becoming increasingly visible players in China's environmental politics.

Can the Internet Be a Collective Organizer?: Evidence from China

Guobin Yang, Barnard College

Friday, February 16th

10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

2431 Posvar Hall (Sociology Conference Room) University of Pittsburgh

Announcements

Video is now available of "**Trends in Globalization: Competing in a Global Marketplace,**" a September 29, 2006 panel presentation from the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Council on International Education, featuring Schuyler Foerster, Mary Del Brady, Sunil Wadhvani, and David Iwinski, Jr. Video of the presentation can be viewed on-line at <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/pils/ondemand.html#pacie>.

The John A. Baker Internship Program of the Atlantic Council offers 10 to 15 volunteer positions during the fall, spring, and summer terms in Washington DC. Interns assist with Council projects, attend briefings and seminars, and complete an independent research project. These positions require a strong interest in international affairs, business, and/or education. Course credit may be arranged through the student's academic institution.

Areas of Interest: New relationships within Europe <<http://www.acus.org/programs-relations.asp>> and between Europe and North America; New relationships among the Asian and Pacific nations <http://www.acus.org/programs-asia_.asp> , as well as their

ties to North America and Europe; Opportunities for enhancing global and regional security <<http://www.acus.org/programs-security.asp>> ; International education <<http://www.acus.org/programs-education.asp>> ; Government and corporate relations; International business cooperation <<http://www.acus.org/programs-bnac.asp>> ; and Global interdependence in the arenas of energy, the environment, trade, economic growth and development <http://www.acus.org/programs-energy_.asp> .

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The Inter-American Dialogue offers full and part-time volunteer internships in the fall, spring and summer semesters for students interested in the dynamics of inter-American relations. The Dialogue is a forum for sustained exchange among leaders of the Western Hemisphere and an independent, nonpartisan center for policy analysis on economic and political relations in the Americas. It regularly convenes U.S. and Latin American leaders from the public and private sectors and diverse political perspectives to search for cooperative responses to hemispheric problems. Covering a wide scope of issues, it is engaged in an ambitious effort to improve the quality of debate and decision making on U.S.-Latin American relations and to promote new opportunities for hemispheric political, social, and economic cooperation. Visit their website at <http://www.thedialogue.org> for more information.

A new conversational Hebrew opportunity, Hebrewworld. Whether you are a current Hebrew student or a Hebrew School graduate looking for practice, Come to "Hebrewworld" and enjoy casual conversation in Hebrew! Every Wednesday evening at 8:00pm at Hillel JUC (corner of Forbes and Craig) More Info: saharo@hilleljuc.org. If you are currently taking Hebrew at Pitt, participation in Hebrewworld will earn you extra credit points.

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