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**International Relations Program Newsletter  
Week of February 16-23, 2007**

**Events**

**U.S. Foreign Policy and Democracy in the Muslim World: Options after Iraq**

Baroness Kishwer Falkner, Liberal Democrat Peer, United Kingdom House of Lords.

Monday, February 19

12:00 Noon

4130 Posvar Hall University of Pittsburgh

**Democracy Defended**

Gerry Mackie, political science, University of California, San Diego

Tuesday, February 20

4:30 p.m.

Baker Hall Conference Room 154R

Prof Mackie will speak as part the Humanities Center lecture series, Liberalisms. His talk will address long-standing doubts about democratic governance.

**Life on the Edge: An Israeli Arab Muslim Reporter's View of Democracy and the Palestinian Authority**

Khaled Abu Toameh, journalist

Wednesday, February 21

4:30-6:00 pm

Adamson Wing - 136A Baker Hall

Khaled Abu Toameh is an award-winning, independent Israeli Arab journalist who has covered Palestinian issues in the West Bank and Gaza for over two decades. He began his journalism career as a writer for an official Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) newspaper, while attending Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Toameh now writes for The Jerusalem Post and works frequently with NBC and TV-2 Denmark television.

**Recent political developments and economic trends in Latin America**

Council on Foreign Relations Academic Conference Call, Dr. Shannon O'Neil

Thursday, February 22

12 Noon

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Dr. O'Neil is the Council's Adjunct Fellow for Latin American Studies and she will lead a discussion on recent political developments and economic trends in Latin America. Dr

O'Neil's areas of expertise include globalization, policy reform, democratic stability and governance, and Latin America immigration to the United States.

### **Multiculturalism, Xenophobia and ERPs in Europe:**

#### **How Wonderful It Is to Hate**

Ariane Chebel d'Appollonia, Associate Senior Researcher at the Center for Political Science (CEVIPOF), and an Associate Professor at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po).

Thursday, February 22

12:00 Noon

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

### **The Scope and the Limits of Indigenous Peoples' Right to Self-Government**

Siegfried Wiessner, Professor of Law and Director of the Graduate Program in Intercultural Human Rights at St. Thomas University School of Law

Thursday, February 22, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Alcoa Room, Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

It has been asserted that indigenous peoples have been accorded, through widespread state practice and *opinio juris*, the right to a wide range of authority in deciding internal matters of self-government, in particular, their own systems of justice. What are the policies that should guide the drawing of the line between such "tribal sovereignty" and "state sovereignty"? How far can the model of federalism's "dual sovereignty" (including, possibly, concurrent jurisdictions) be followed?

Audience: By reservation

Sponsored by: Center for International Legal Education, University of Pittsburgh

For more information, contact Janet Malis - 412-647-5700 jem11@pitt.edu

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### **Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia, Defining Ourselves and Being Defined: Globalization, Regionalism, and Multiculturalism**

Charles King, Georgetown University

Saturday, February 24, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

<http://www.pitt.edu/AFShome/s/o/sorc/public/html/goseca/>

## **Announcements**

**For Faculty: Funding Opportunity - Higher Education for Development (HED)**, in cooperation with USAID, is issuing this request for applications for partnerships in Egypt and Uganda.

Deadline: April 16, 2007, 5:00 p.m. EDT

HED anticipates making two (2) awards, contingent on USAID funding: One (1) award for Egypt up to \$400,000 for up to a three-year period to align business education with private sector needs; and One (1) award for Jordan up to \$700,000 for up to a three-year period to build human capacity in natural resources. Please view the full RFA for more information:

<http://www.hedprogram.org/ApplyingforRFAs/CurrentRFAListings/CollaborativePartnershipProgram/tabid/214/Default.aspx> <<http://www.hedprogram.org/ApplyingforRFAs/CurrentRFAListings/CollaborativePartnershipProgram/tabid/214/Default.aspx>>  
For more information about HED, please visit <http://www.HEDprogram.org> <<http://www.hedprogram.org/>>

**The American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing information to those who make or influence the foreign policy of the United States and to assisting world leaders, particularly in the former USSR, with building democracies and market economies. Unpaid internship positions are usually available year round. Hours are flexible with interns expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week. Candidates should have a strong interest in foreign policy and national security. Knowledge of Russian, Mandarin, Arabic or Farsi is helpful. <http://www.afpc.org/>  
Interested candidates should send (by regular mail, email or fax) a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to: Annie Swingen, Director of Communications  
American Foreign Policy Council, 509 C Street NE Washington , DC 20002

### **Summer Abroad Opportunities- Amizade's Service-Learning Semesters**

Amizade is committed to ensuring international service-learning experiences are accessible and affordable. Seven courses are offered this summer, in places as diverse as Australia and Tanzania, and in subjects as varied as English and Religious Studies. For more information: [http://www.globalservicelearning.org/programs/global\\_service\\_learning.html](http://www.globalservicelearning.org/programs/global_service_learning.html) . Additionally, Amizade is offering service-learning semesters beginning this fall in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Students will serve with local nonprofits, improve or learn Spanish skills, and earn 15 credits that will be formally granted through West Virginia University. [http://www.globalservicelearning.org/programs/bolivia\\_semester.htm](http://www.globalservicelearning.org/programs/bolivia_semester.htm) <[http://www.globalservicelearning.org/programs/bolivia\\_semester.htm](http://www.globalservicelearning.org/programs/bolivia_semester.htm)>

### **Human rights Watch internships for Undergraduate Students**

Human Rights Watch offers academic semester and summer internships for undergraduate students in our New York, London, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Brussels, and Berlin offices. Applicants should be well-organized, self-motivated and reliable, with a strong interest in international human rights. Relevant coursework is highly desirable, and knowledge of foreign languages is a plus. For more information go to: <http://hrw.org/internships/undergraduates/undergraduates.html>

### **U.S. Department of State Internships**

Student Programs enable students to obtain job experience in a foreign affairs environment. Some of our students work in Washington, D.C., while others have the opportunity to work at U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. There are so many student

programs, internships and fellowships available at the U.S. Department of State. Choosing the one that might be right for you can be quite daunting. Not to worry. They have developed an interactive questionnaire to help you match your interests and goals to the ideal student program for you. Go to: <http://www.careers.state.gov/student/progright/index.html>

**Freeman-ASIA** offers awards of up to \$7,000 to U.S. students needing the financial support to study abroad in East/Southeast Asia.

Summer 2007 Award Cycle: Deadline, Wednesday, March 7, 2007

Fall 2007 & Academic Year 2007-08 Awards Cycle: Deadline, Wed., April 4, 2007

The primary goal of the Freeman-ASIA Program is to increase the number of American undergraduates who study in East and Southeast Asia by providing them with the information and financial assistance they will need. For more information, full eligibility criteria, and the online application please access the Freeman-ASIA Program website at <http://www.iie.org/freeman-asia>

Tel: (212) 984-5542; fax: (212) 984-5325

**Attend Georgetown University, Washington, DC 8-week program** June 9 – August 4, 2007 on topics: Politics and Economics Journalism and Public Relations Business and Government Affairs Nonprofit and Community Service.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the Final Deadline of March 1, 2007. There is a substantial amount of scholarship funding still available. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and merit. For more information and an online application, please visit our website [www.dcinternships.org](http://www.dcinternships.org) <<http://www.dcinternships.org/>> or contact Mary Connell, Recruitment and Admissions Manager, at [mconnell@tfas.org](mailto:mconnell@tfas.org) or 1-800-741-6964.

### **Workshop in History, Politics & Conflict Resolution in Israel/Palestine**

June 22, 2007 - August 8, 2007 - 7 week internship program

Offered by George Mason University, open to all undergraduate and graduate students. Earn college credits! Scholarships available! For more information, please contact: Misty Hensley-McGaffey, Program Officer, Center for Global Education, 235 Johnson Center, Fairfax, VA 22030 Check out website: <http://globaled.gmu.edu> <<http://globaled.gmu.edu/>>

**The Council on Foreign Relations** has just released its special report, After the Surge: The Case for U.S. Military Disengagement from <<http://www.uptilt.com/c.html?rtr=on&s=c7q,q4z9,1wza,5xih,7g59,9g6z,5ez4>> Iraq <<http://www.uptilt.com/c.html?rtr=on&s=c7q,q4z9,1wza,5xih,7g59,9g6z,5ez4>> , written by Steven N. Simon <<http://www.uptilt.com/c.html?rtr=on&s=c7q,q4z9,1wza,m2t3,jc71,9g6z,5ez4>> , the Hasib J. Sabbagh senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies. It provides a sobering assessment of the current situation in Iraq and suggests what the United States should do to extricate itself from its present predicament. It is well worth reading, even if you do not accept all of Steven Simon's analyses and recommendations. The report is available on the Council's website at [www.cfr.org/after\\_the\\_surge](http://www.cfr.org/after_the_surge) <[http://www.cfr.org/after\\_the\\_surge](http://www.cfr.org/after_the_surge)>

[www.uptilt.com/c.html?rtr=on&s=c7q,q4z9,1wza,5xih,7g59,9g6z,5ez4](http://www.uptilt.com/c.html?rtr=on&s=c7q,q4z9,1wza,5xih,7g59,9g6z,5ez4) .

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