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Conversation: International Relations Weekly Newsletter

International Relations Program Newsletter Week of April 13-20, 2007

International Relations students: Please sign up at 242-C Baker Hall if you would like an appointment to discuss your schedule for Summer or Fall 2007. Please come prepared!

Events

Poverty Simulation

Saturday, April 14, 2007

1:00 – 4:00 p.m

Newell-Simon Hall Atrium

Carnegie Mellon University

Ever wondered what it's like for American families living at or below the poverty level?

Want to know more? Come participate in the POVERTY SIMULATION. In the simulation, participants assume the roles of different families facing poverty. The task of the "families" is to provide for their basic necessities and shelter during the course of four 15-minute "weeks". This activity is a simulation, not a game—by participating, you will gain a greater understanding of the difficulties a family faces when living in poverty.

Contact: Sarah Belousov, www.techbridgeworld.org/PovertySimulation <<http://www.techbridgeworld.org/PovertySimulation>>

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

Monday, April 16

12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Room 4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Baroness Kishwer Falkner is a Liberal Democrat Peer in the U.K.'s House of

Lords.

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/euce>

Poverty, Growth, and the Future of Democracy in Latin America

Monday, April 16, 2007

6:30-8:00pm

Posner Boardroom, CMU

Dr. Alejandro Toledo, President of Peru, July 2001 to July 2006, will speak via video teleconference. Everyone is invited to this unique opportunity to engage in a frank discussion with a former president of a Latin American country.

Thinking Beyond War:

Civil-Military Relations and Why America Fails to Win the Peace

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Hamburg Hall Auditorium 1000

Carnegie Mellon University

Lieutenant Colonel Isaiah (Ike) Wilson III, U.S. Army, Ph.D. will speak on: Why was there a deliberate plan to fight the war in Iraq but none to win the peace? The Heinz School Convocation is a discussion forum on issues of policy and management in practice - the application of knowledge and skills to the real world.

Current Trends in Buddhism in China: Church-State Relations

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

12:00 p.m.

2628 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Xuan Fang is Associate Professor of Buddhism, Institute for the Study of Buddhism and Religious Theory, Renmin University of China and Visiting Fellow, Yenching Institute, Harvard University.

For more information, contact Linda Penkower - penkower@pitt.edu

Announcements

New Fall 07 course: Experiencing Globalization

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 – 7:50 p.m. 79-380 Professor R. Rouse

The global marketing strategies of firms such as McDonald's and Coca-Cola... the use of offshore production plants and sweatshops by firms such as Nike and The Gap...the struggles over fair trade coffee... the rapid growth in international migration...new forms of "exotic" tourism ...the dramatic increase in material inequality around the globe. These are some of the most prominent symptoms of major changes that have been taking place in the working of the world since the late 1960s. Such changes are often referred to under the general heading of "globalization." How should we think about these changes? What is the relationship between their economic, political, and cultural dimensions? And, above all, how do people around the world experience them? We will explore these issues by focusing on the ways they are being addressed by socio-cultural anthropologists, historians of the present, documentary film-makers and others. We will consider the varied approaches these analysts employ. And we will explore how the challenges posed by globalization are encouraging them to re-conceptualize their objects of study and revise their modes of research. While illustrating and illuminating important developments in the social sciences, this course is also meant to make it easier for you to recognize and engage the significant shifts that are taking place in the world around you, the relationships and processes that connect your daily lives to the lives of others elsewhere in the world, and the urgent contemporary debates about the current and future organization of these connections.

CMU is a member of the **Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies** (CERIS).

CERIS is pleased to announce a ***call for applications for faculty*** from CERIS member institutions to participate in *Islam, the West, and the Muslim World*, a short-term study program. This short term study program includes a five week study tour in Egypt (Luxor, Alexandria, and Cairo) from June 24 – July 22, 2007. The program is funded through the Fulbright Hays Group Projects Abroad Program at the U.S. Department of Education.

The program is organized into five segments:

- I. Pre-travel Directed Study (April 21 – June 15) and Workshop (June 9, 2007)
- II. Four Week In-Country Study Tour in Egypt (June 24 – July 22)
- III. Post-travel Curriculum Development Workshop (September)
- IV. Curriculum Dissemination, Teacher Workshop Deliberations and Public Presentations (October 2007 – 2008)
- V. Sustained International Electronic Exchanges (post July 22)

A complete description of the program is posted at www.ucis.pitt.edu/global <<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global>> , the University of Pittsburgh's Global Studies Program web site, where program announcement, applications, and reference forms can be downloaded.

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