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International Relations Program Newsletter Weeks of April 27-May 4, 2007

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

Events

Darfur March and Rally

Saturday, April 28

2pm -5pm

The Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition (PDEC) and its partners are coordinating a march and rally. Marchers will gather at Freedom Corner, Centre Avenue and Crawford Street at 2:00 p.m. and walk one mile to Market Square. Rally and Music (including recording artist Micah Stampley and others) at Market Square 3-5 p.m.

Meeting of the Minds

Wednesday, May 9

10-5 at the University Center

Welcome to CMU's annual campus-wide research symposium! Students from all disciplines present their research--posters, art installations, performances, oral presentations, films, readings. It is an amazing celebration of undergraduate research on our campus.

At 2:30 in Kirr Commons of the UC, bagpipes will play and we will gather to hear President Cohon, Provost Kamlet, and Vice Provost Nair say a few words. There will also be a drawing of those who are participants in Meeting of the Minds for iPod Shuffles. Refreshments will be served. At 5:00, an Awards Ceremony in McConomy Auditorium will take place for many of the competitions under way during the day.

All of our students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend **Meeting of the**

Minds and celebrate our campus and the undergraduate research that takes place here.

Announcements

Attention faculty: 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.

Attention faculty and administrators: The **Fulbright Hong Kong General Education Program** (FHKGEP) is a Traditional Fulbright Program for US Scholars, which is designed to support Hong Kong universities as they prepare to introduce new four-year undergraduate degree programs in 2012. More than twenty awards will be granted between 2008 and 2012. Early application is encouraged. Please visit the Hong Kong General Education Initiative website: <http://www.hkgei.org> <<http://www.hkgei.org/>> ?or the Hong Kong American Centre website: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/hkac> <<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/hkac>> for more information about the goals and objectives of the program. Please visit the Council of International Exchange of Scholars website: http://www.cies.org/award_book/award2008/award/Bui8133.htm <http://www.cies.org/award_book/award2008/award/Bui8133.htm> to view the official Fulbright (FHKGEP) Awards Announcement. For further information about how to apply for an award, please visit <http://www.cies.org> <<http://www.cies.org/>> or contact David Adams at CIES: dadams@cies.iie.org <<mailto:dadams@cies.iie.org>> or 202.686.4021

The **International Youth Leadership Conference** welcomes university students from 35 different countries to come to Prague, Czech Republic to focus on international issues such as the United Nations Security Council crisis, visits to foreign embassies and the Czech Senate.

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.

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