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International Festival: "Global Exchange: Trade, Rights, and Welfare in a New World Economy"

Thursday, November 1 - Saturday, November 3, 2007

The annual International Festival is designed not only to expose the CMU community to different cultures and traditions, but also to provoke thought and discussion on a wide range of pressing international topics. Through a series of workshops, lectures, performances, food, and films, this year's Festival will explore the topic of the world economy. Highlights include a keynote lecture by Charles Fishman, award-winning journalist and author of *The Wal-Mart Effect* (Friday, November 2, 12:30pm, Rangos

Ballroom) and the Study Abroad Fair (Saturday, November 3, 10am-2pm, Wean & Hoch Commons). Please see <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/internationalfestival/> <BLOCKED::<http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/internationalfestival/>> for a full listing of events.

Women Abroad Luncheon

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

12:00 - 1:00pm

McKenna/Peter/Wright Room (UC)

An informal forum to discuss issues affecting women when traveling and studying abroad. Lunch will be served. RSVP by **today** (Friday, November 2) to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu.

Lecture: Contesting Sacred Space in China's Ethnic Borderlands: Ritual and Myth at Huanglong, Northern Sichuan

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

12:00pm

2628 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Donald Sutton is a Professor of History at Carnegie Mellon University. This talk will be presented as part of the Department of Religious Studies Brown Bag Lunch Colloquium. Cookies and coffee will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact the Department of Religious Studies - 412-624-5990

Lecture: Corporate Governance, Valuation, and Performance: Evidence from a Voluntary Market Reform in Brazil

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

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

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This presentation is based on a paper co-authored with Marcus Braga Alves. In 2001, the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa) launched a new premium market segment, Novo Mercado, for companies that voluntarily commit to what the exchange calls good practices of corporate governance. A composite index (NM6) that combines six proxies for the main governance practices targeted by Bovespa's reform indicates that higher scores for the index are related to higher market value and operating performance. This work provides empirical evidence of the impact of corporate governance on valuation and performance during a period of voluntary governance reforms in a country with highly concentrated ownership, poor investor protection, and large private benefits of control. It

also has important policy implications for the development of stock markets in countries where the institution of mandatory reforms is likely to be a difficult and lengthy process. Kuldeep Shastri teaches in the areas of corporate finance, derivatives, financial engineering, investments, and market microstructure. In addition to teaching at the Katz School, Shastri has lectured extensively in Central and Eastern Europe, South America, and Southeast Asia, and has held visiting positions at the Czech Management Center in Prague, the International Management Center in Budapest, Thammasat University in Bangkok, and Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria in Guayaquil. Shastri's research interests are focused in three main areas: (1) The valuation and use of derivative instruments, (2) The analysis of the structure and operational efficiency of financial markets (market microstructure) and (3) Corporate finance.

For more information, contact Center for Latin American Studies - 412-648-7392 clas@pitt.edu

Lecture: The Ruins of Nature

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

3:00 - 5:00pm

501 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Gabriela Nouzeilles is one of the leading voices of a new generation of Latin Americanist cultural critics. This lecture draws from her widely-cited work on the relations between space, writing and iconography and her current book project, called *Of Other Places: Patagonia and the Location of Nature*. Her earlier work includes a cutting-edge study of naturalism, called *Ficciones somaticas*, and two edited volumes: *The Argentina Reader* and *La naturaleza en disputa*. Recent essays can be found in *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies* and *The Colorado Review of Hispanic Studies*. She was a founding editor of the influential journal, *Nepantla*. Pr. Nouzeilles is currently Associate Professor of Latin American Studies and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Princeton University.

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Who Are These Germans? Remembering Kristallnacht

Thursday, November 8

7:00pm

PNC Recital Hall, Duquesne University

As part of his "final solution," Adolf Hitler authorized Kristallnacht or "the night of broken glass," on Nov. 9, 1938, during which Jews were murdered and beaten, 267 synagogues were destroyed and 30,000 males were sent to concentration camps. This event invites people of all religious backgrounds to commemorate Kristallnacht and the events surrounding it. The program will be led by Fritz Ottenheimer, a holocaust witness who immigrated to the US and now lives in Pittsburgh, and Susanne Ortner, a renowned musician from Augsburg, Germany. This event is free, but registration is required. For more information, contact 412-396-6388.

The United States and the Koreas: A Critical Relationship Symposium

Friday, November 9 - Saturday, November 10, 2007

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Friday, Nov. 9, Keynote Speaker: Dr. Young-Shik Kim, Secretary-General, Korean Council for Higher Education Wyndham Hotel 7th floor, Oakland

Saturday, Nov. 10, Frick Fine Arts Auditorium 9:00 am: Public Management in Korea & the US 10:30 am: Security Issues in the Korean Peninsula 1:30 pm: Culture & Lifestyle in the Korean Peninsula 3:00 pm: Higher Education & National Development 6:30 pm: Performance by Chan E. Park on the Korean P'ansori

For more information, contact Dianne F. Dakis - 412-648-7367 dakis@pitt.edu, or see <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/koreaconference.html> <<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/koreaconference.html>> . This event is free, but advance registration is requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Security Education Program (NSEP) Competitions Now Open

The applications for Boren Scholarships and Boren Fellowships are now available online. Both programs involve a service requirement; after completing their studies, recipients are expected to work in the federal government in positions with national security responsibilities.

Boren Scholarships are for undergraduates who are US citizens and who are interested in studying abroad in areas other than Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Winners receive a maximum of \$20,000 per academic year. The CMU deadline is January 14, 2008.

Boren Fellowships are for seniors and graduate students who are US citizens and who are interested in studying abroad in areas other than Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Winners receive a maximum of \$30,000 per academic year for domestic and overseas study. The NSEP deadline is January 30, 2008.

For more details, please visit http://www.cmu.edu/frac/FRAC%20pages/news_front%20page.htm.

Important Credit Transfer Information for Students Abroad

Have you made changes to the classes you originally had approved? If you have made any changes to your curriculum since last submitting the SATC, you need to fill out a follow-up SATC form to update your courses if you have not already done so with your academic advisor(s). Please follow the link below to find this form and update your courses. This form can be found online at <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/tartans/academics.html> and is ISO protected.

Please complete all categories, including URLs for specific courses. You will automatically receive an email with the changes you are proposing. Once the Office of International Education receives the completed form, they will send it to relevant academic advisors. Advisors will review courses and send you confirmations of approval where appropriate. Questions? Contact the Office of International Education at goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu.

Summer Internships in Washington DC

The summer LIVE. LEARN. INTERN. programs at Georgetown University are now accepting applications for their November 30th early deadline. The program runs from June 7 - August 2, 2008, and combines substantive internships, courses for academic credit, career development activities, site briefings and lectures led by prominent policy experts. For more information and an online application, please visit www.dccinternships.org <outbind://25/www.dccinternships.org> or contact Andrea Calderon, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant, at admissions@tfas.org or 1-800-741-6964.

Student Diplomat Essay Competition

Current and returning study abroad students are eligible to become the next Student

Diplomat and win \$450 in cash and prizes by submitting an essay articulating how their study abroad experiences have helped meet the United States' need to understand global situations and compete in the global arena. For more information, visit <http://www.nafsa.org/studentdiplomat> <<http://www.nafsa.org/studentdiplomat>> . Deadline is November 15, 2007.

Tartans Abroad Fund

The Tartans Abroad Fund offers scholarships for work, volunteer, research, or special projects abroad during academic break periods including the summer, winter break and spring break. Funds are not available for students in their final semester of study. A maximum of 1/3 of the total expenses or \$2000 (whichever greater) may be covered by grants. Money is provided by the cohesive Carnegie Mellon fund which includes financial support from the dean of student affairs, the vice provost for education, college deans and OIE. For more information contact Emily Half at x8-5231 or visit <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html> <[BLOCKED::http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html](http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html)> .

Deadlines: November 15, February 15 and April 15.

Application on <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/Tartans%20Abroad%20Fund%20App.pdf> <[BLOCKED::http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/Tartans Abroad Fund App.pdf](http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/Tartans%20Abroad%20Fund%20App.pdf)>

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