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# International Relations Program Newsletter

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# IR NEWS

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a relaxing break and are looking forward to a new semester. As you can see, this semester is off to a fast start, with a wide range of IR-related events and announcements.

As was the case last semester, my **office hours** will be from 3-4pm on Mondays, and from 10-11am on Thursdays; however, I encourage students to email me at [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu) to set up an appointment, to make sure that we have a block of time to devote exclusively to your academic issues.

## IR PROGRAM EVENTS

### **Teleconference with Ray Takeyh: "The Costs of Containing Iran"**

Thursday, January 17, 2008

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Baker Hall 154R (H&SS Dean's Office Conference Room)

Join the International Relations Program for a teleconference with Ray Takeyh regarding "The Costs of Containing Iran," part of the Council on Foreign Relations Academic Conference Call series. In addition to being a senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at CFR, Dr. Takeyh is a contributing editor at the National Interest. Dr. Takeyh is currently working on a book entitled *The Guardians of the Revolution: Iran's Approach to the World*. For more details, please see the attached flyer.

## OTHER EVENTS

### **Lecture: "Accession Deficit? Turkey and the Future of Democracy in Europe"**

Monday, January 14, 2008

12:00 pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Michael Goodhart is Associate Professor of Political Science at Pitt. For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: [kal70@pitt.edu](mailto:kal70@pitt.edu).

### **Lecture: "The European Union Airlines and Global Warming"**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Martin Staniland is Professor of Public and International Affairs and Divisional Director,

International Affairs division, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at Pitt.  
For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: kal70@pitt.edu.

**Lecture: "Bolivia: Service and Learning Among Tumultuous Politics and Rising Indigenous Identity"**

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

4:00 pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Join four Pitt students and the professor with whom they worked as they recount their experiences studying and serving with community organizations in Cochabamba, Bolivia, this past semester through the nonprofit organization Amizade Global Service-Learning. The group will share their perspective on the current political situation in Bolivia based on their experiences 'on the ground' over the past several months, and will also discuss how the service placements with community organizations helped them deepen and critique their learning in respect to development in Latin America. The presentation will integrate the daily experiences of being in Bolivia with the academic effort to better understand the current state of affairs in Bolivia. The professor, Dr. Nicholas Biddle, holds a PhD in Latin American History from Duke University, spent considerable time in Ecuador during the formation of CONAIE and the rise in indigenous identity there, and writes on democratic movements.

For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

**Lecture: "The Significance of the Global Anti-War Movement and the Message of Dr. Martin Luther King"**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Mike-Frank G. Epitropoulos of the Department of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh will give a lecture as a part of a larger campus-wide series on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

**Lecture: "Psychological Concerns of Moving from a Socialist Society to a Free-Market Economy"**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Irene Frieze, Department of Psychology and Josephine Olson, Director, International Business Center. For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

**Lecture: Swedish Permanent Secretary**

Thursday, January 17, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Jan Landahl is Permanent Secretary in the Swedish Prime Minister's Office. For more information, contact Karen Lautenan: kal70@pitt.edu.

**Lecture: "The Conflict After Iraq—What Will It Look Like? Are We Prepared?"**

**Maj. Gen. Paul J. Selva**

Thursday, January 17, 2008

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Fine Arts Building (125 Auditorium), University of Pittsburgh

The Ridgway Center is hosting Major General Paul J. Selva who will give a lecture called "The Conflict After Iraq—What Will it Look Like? Are We Prepared?" on January 17th. The Ridgway Center has arranged this event to generate attention on near future American security planning. Despite virtually universal desire to end the fighting in Iraq—or at least to end U.S. and Coalition involvement there—the complex tangle of security, liberty and sovereignty concerns defies quick or easy solutions. The magnitude of U.S. and Coalition casualties and expenditures has placed the Iraq War firmly in the center of global discourse. Alongside this debate however, stands a specter of even greater consequence: There will be a "next" conflict after Iraq, months or years from now, one that we cannot predict with certainty. How will we meet this challenge while preserving America's freedoms at home and leadership and credibility abroad? What lessons have we learned from the Iraq War? The Ridgway Center welcomes all interested parties to attend what is expected to be an engaging presentation and discussion.

Maj. Gen. Paul J. Selva is Director, Air Force Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he is responsible for directing the development and implementation of Air Force long-range strategic planning, as well as providing associated policy guidance. A command pilot with over 3,100 hours in cargo and refueler aircraft, General Selva has held numerous staff positions and has commanded at squadron, wing and headquarters levels. Prior to his current assignment, the general was Director of Operations, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

This event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. Q&A following remarks. Registration and more information: [www.ridgway.pitt.edu](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu) <<http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu/>> or call 412-624-7884.

**Policy Forum: Global Issues & Policy Implications for the Pittsburgh Region  
Featuring Sen. Robert P. Casey, Jr.**

Friday, January 18, 2008

12:00pm – 1:30pm

The Rivers Club, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant St

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh in partnership with Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc. presents Global Issues & Policy Implications for the Pittsburgh Region. This is the first in a series of Policy Forums with our region's leaders. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA) Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will be the featured speaker.

Reservations required by January 16 – no refund for cancellations after that date. For details or reservations, see <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/>.

**Lecture: "Understanding China: Five Essential Themes"**

Monday, January 28

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Winchester Thurston School, 555 Morewood Avenue

Winchester Thurston School, partnering with the Confucius Institute of the University of Pittsburgh's Asian Studies Center, presents a free, six-part lecture series entitled "Great Wall - Terrible Towel: Understanding China, Connecting to Pittsburgh." Experts will provide an overview of China's history, culture, and current issues and an appreciation of why China is important to our region.

Join Winchester Thurston on Monday evenings at 7pm, starting Jan. 28 at WT's Shadyside Campus at 555 Morewood Avenue. The first lecture, entitled "Understanding China: Five Essential Themes," will be presented by Diana Marston Wood, Coordinator, National Consortium for Teaching About Asia (NCTA) University of Pittsburgh, Asian Studies Center.

For more details and to register, visit [www.winchesterthurston.org](http://www.winchesterthurston.org) <outbind://17/  
[www.winchesterthurston.org](http://www.winchesterthurston.org)> or call 412.578.7523.

**Information Session: Friedman Internship Program**

Thursday, February 7, 2008

5:00pm

Carnegie East Conference Room, 1st Floor, Warner Hall

The Milton and Cynthia Friedman fellowship offers undergraduate and graduate students limited funding to enable them to take part in unpaid internships in Washington D.C, in government and non-profit organizations. Established by Mrs. Cynthia Friedman in honor of her husband Milton Friedman, a Carnegie Mellon alumnus,

the intent of the Friedman Fellowship is to expose more students to working in the service of the nation in the capital. For details, contact Victoria Poprocky, Administrative and Internship Coordinator Office of Government Relations, 412-268-6697.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Washington Undergraduate Law Review: Call for Submissions**

Submit your academic research papers to be considered for publishing in the Washington Undergraduate Law Review (WULR)! The WULR is a student-run academic legal journal that publishes law-related essays, research papers, and other written works by undergraduates, graduate students, professors, and legal professionals. Undergraduate students are especially encouraged to submit their undergraduate theses and other papers that were written for academic classes.

Submissions for the WULR are open to ALL MAJORS and research topics, but the paper must be law-related. They will be selected for publication by all of the WULR editors based on the quality of writing, research and analysis. All submissions accepted for publication may be edited for length and clarity. Please visit the Washington Undergraduate Law Review website to submit your work or for more information about the WULR: <http://students.washington.edu/wulr> <<http://students.washington.edu/wulr>>

While the WULR accepts submissions at any time of the year, all submissions for the Washington Undergraduate Law Review Volume II, Issue 2 are due by \*MONDAY, 18 January 2008\*. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to become a part of the Washington Undergraduate Law Review at the University of Washington!

Please direct any questions to the Editor-in-Chief, Anthony Herman, at: [aherman3@u.washington.edu](mailto:aherman3@u.washington.edu) <<mailto:aherman3@u.washington.edu>>

## **Scholarships for Summer Language Study**

The United States Department of State and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) are pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for intensive overseas study in the critical need foreign languages of Arabic, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu for Summer 2008.

As part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages, the Department of State Critical Language Scholarships will provide funding for U.S. citizen undergraduate, Master's and Ph.D. students to participate in beginning, intermediate and/or advanced level summer

language programs at American Overseas Research Centers and affiliated partners.

Recipients of these scholarships will be expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period and later apply their critical language skills in their professional careers.

Application Deadline: January 28, 2008. For details, see <http://www.clscholarship.org/home.php> <<http://www.clscholarship.org/home.php>> .

### **KAIZEN in Japan: Women as Global Leaders**

KAIZEN in Japan: Women as Global Leaders is now accepting applications. The program will allow participants to gain insights into Japanese industries' approach to lean manufacturing and total quality management, while also exploring the challenges facing women in engineering.

The program will be offered during the late spring / early summer semester 2008, with an international field trip to Tokyo from June 7-16, 2008. The \$3950 (estimated) program fee includes:

- Tuition for the three-credit online spring semester course offered by Kansas State
- Roundtrip international airfare between gateway city and Tokyo
- Hotel accommodations, all breakfasts, transportation and cultural activities while in Tokyo
- Cultural events in Tokyo
- Medical insurance during the international portion of the program.

Students ideally suited for the program have at least sophomore standing and are majoring in industrial engineering, manufacturing engineering, mechanical engineering; student from other fields of engineering with an interest in Total Quality Management are encouraged to apply. Female applicants will be given priority consideration, but all students are welcome to apply. U.S. citizenship is not required for the program.

Application Deadline: Friday, February 15, 2008.

Interested students should contact [techabroad@aipt.org](mailto:techabroad@aipt.org) and visit <http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/IntProgs/STEP/Kaizen.htm>

### **Summer Internships in Warsaw, Poland**

2008 Adelphi-Civitas Summer Professional Internship Program in Warsaw, Poland (June 1 - July 31, 2008): <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicivitas/>

The program offers a unique opportunity for a limited number of students to undertake full-time summer professional internships IN ENGLISH in various for-profit, public and non-profit organizations in Warsaw, Poland that focus, among others, on:

- arts & culture,
- human rights, migration, refugees,
- European Integration,
- media, media advertising, journalism
- civil society and local community development, civic education,
- public health,
- Jewish history & culture,
- economics, business, finance,
- politics
- environment
- music and more.

A sample list of internship areas and organizations can be viewed at: <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicivitas/location.php>

### ACADEMIC COURSE and CREDITS

During the internship program students take an academic seminar and participate in the guest speaker series that help to contextualize students' internship experience. Internships, academic seminar and guest speaker series are all in ENGLISH. Interested students can take an optional Polish language course. Students earn 5 credits for the international professional and academic experience awarded by Adelphi University.

All students can apply: the program is opened to undergraduate and graduate students from all US universities and colleges. Application deadline: March 15, 2008 but early applications are encouraged. Limited number of places available (25). For more information about the program, application form and costs visit: <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicivitas/>

### **Washington DC Internship Possibilities**

Looking for an internship in Washington DC? Check out some of these opportunities extracted from the January 4, 2008, AAAS Center for Science, Technology and Security Policy newsletter:

Summer Internship - Government and Public Affairs The Society for Neuroscience  
<http://www.sfn.org/>

American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research American Enterprise Institute  
<http://www.aei.org/about/filter.,contentID.20038142214000059/default.asp>

Internship at the American Foreign Policy Council American Foreign Policy Council  
<http://www.afpc.org/inemp.shtml>

CTBTO Internships Program: The Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization <http://www.ctbto.org/>

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