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IR EVENTS

Teleconference: "Climate Change and National Security"

Thursday, February 14, 2008

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Baker Hall 150A (Philosophy conference room)

Join the IR program for a teleconference with Joshua W. Busby, Assistant Professor, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin; and author, *Climate Change and National Security: An Agenda for Action*. Pizza and beverages will be provided, courtesy of the Department of Social and Decision Sciences. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

OTHER EVENTS

Film: Reel Voices from the Middle East: "Mahmoud Darwich: As the Land is the Language"

Friday, February 8, 2008

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

When the great Arab poet Mahmoud Darwich recites his poems in Cairo, Beirut or Algiers (or even in Paris and London), packed crowds come to mouth the verse with him. This film, which follows Darwich from the Cisjordanian desert to Paris via Cairo and Beirut, tracing the path of his exile from Israel, sets out to understand this popular fervor and share the emotion distilled by Darwich's words and inimitable rhythm. It not only allows the viewer to appreciate his work in its totality, but also places it in a political, historical and cultural context. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Loyalist Paramilitaries in Northern Ireland in the 1970s"

Monday, February 11, 2008

4:00pm

3703 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

As part of the History Department's European Colloquium lecture series, Aaron Edwards of Queen's University, Belfast will present a lecture entitled "Loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland in the 1970s." For more information, contact Christian Gerlach: (412) 648-7487, hcg3@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "The Development of China and India: Implications for the United States"

Monday, February 11, 2008

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.

The third lecture, entitled "The Development of China and India: Implications for the United States," will be presented by Siddharth Chandra, Director, University Center for International Studies Asian Studies Center and Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh.

For more details and to register, visit www.winchesterthurston.org <outbind://28-000000047F515E45C25CF409E2F2A65289D0F2164A72000/www.winchesterthurston.org> or call 412.578.7523.

Lecture: "Talking to Terrorists: Political Violence and Peace Process in the Contemporary World"

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

1:00 pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr Aaron Edwards, International Conflict Research, University of Ulster, will discuss at what juncture, if any, it is appropriate for states to enter into dialogue with non-state military actors such as terrorist groups and to what end. It begins by drawing a general conceptual difference between conflicts in the post-Cold War period and conflicts post-9/11, especially in light of debates between realists and their critics on the function of the state and its monopoly over violence in the contemporary world. The talk will be illustrated by drawing several lessons from the Northern Ireland peace process, a case-study which provides us with clear empirical evidence of a liberal democratic state (Britain) entering into peace negotiations with a terrorist group (the Provisional IRA) as a means of neutralizing the latter's so-called 'armed struggle'. Because the exploratory nature of the research, however, the focus of the talk will be on a comparative framework of analysis and will lean towards offering only tentative general options for resolving 'new' wars and emerging violent conflicts. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "The Enterprising European Union"

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

12:00pm
4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Emily Harcum is a second-year dual degree student (MBA and Master of International Business degrees) in the Katz Graduate School of Business at Pitt. Ms. Harcum will talk about her internship in Brussels, Belgium working to investigate initiatives and best practices across Europe concerning entrepreneurship. As a team at the Brussels Enterprise Agency, she created a typology to classify the initiatives using Key Performance Indicators (KPI), evaluated program performances and monitored the results of various programs within the European Union. The ultimate goal of the project was to develop a proposal for the Belgian Governmental Authorities specifically including concrete action recommendations to encourage entrepreneurship and small business growth in the region of Brussels. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Korean Model of Higher Education Development"

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

1:30pm

5604 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Namgi Park, Professor at Gwangju National University and current Visiting Scholar at the Institute for International Studies in Education. Professor Park will compare Korean higher education data with other countries based on Education at a Glance (OECD, 2007). For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Film: "Sand and Sorrow"

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium 125, University of Pittsburgh

<http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu/docs/town_meeting6.pdf>

The Ford Institute for Human Security is hosting a showing of "Sand and Sorrow," the highly praised HBO Documentary narrated by George Clooney on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Darfur. Attendance is free to the public and no pre-registration is required. This seminal documentary has been commended for its success in accurately underlining the complex issues associated with African refugee camps.

For more information, contact Jessica Hand, 412.648.7434, jhand@pitt.edu.

Film: Reel Voices from the Middle East: "20 Fingers"

Thursday, February 14, 2008

7:00 pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Banned in its home country, this Iranian drama offers an intimate view into the relationships between men and women. Organized into seven conversations between different couples--each played by director Mania Akbari and Bijan Daneshmand--this often harrowing film shows people trying to find their way in a changing world, divided between modernism and tradition. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Film: Reel Voices from the Middle East: "Under the Moonlight"

Friday, February 15, 2008

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Seyyed Hassan, a young seminary student, is preparing to don the clerical attire. While the other students are also busy with similar preparations, Seyyed Hassan's supplies are stolen by a small boy. To identify the culprit, Seyyed Hassan sets out for the suburban area where he meets people who have never met a cleric and know nothing about the clerical profession. Under such unfamiliar circumstances, Seyyed Hassan acquires a new understanding of society and human beings. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Research Grants/Fellowships

SURG/SURF Competitions: **DEADLINE March 17th**

\$3500 SUMMER Fellowships

\$500/\$1000 SURG

Summer Research Fellowships

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) are open to ALL undergraduates interested in any form of research. Awards are available of \$3500 for ten weeks of full-time summer research on campus in any field of study. Summer Research Fellowships are very competitive. Students may work alone or in a group, but must apply for the Fellowship as an individual - no group awards are available. NEW 2008 APPLICATION Requirements. See web for more information: www.cmu.edu/uro/ <<http://www.cmu.edu/uro/>>

Summer SURG/Fall SURG

Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG) are open to*ALL*undergraduates in any discipline, freshmen-seniors. Grants are available of up to \$500 for single entries and up to \$1,000 for group entries to cover such things as the costs of supplies and materials, time on laboratory equipment, or travel to another city for data.

The deadline for Fall/Summer 2008 SURG and Summer 2008 Fellowship proposals is **March 17th, 2008 at 5 PM.**

Apply online at www.cmu.edu/uro/ <<http://www.cmu.edu/uro/>> . We strongly recommend that you review a draft of your proposal with the URO Director, Stephanie Wallach, prior to the deadline. To make an appointment e-mail Stephanie Wallach (sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu) or Jen Weidenhof (jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu).

Make a contribution. Work with a mentor. Follow a passion. Develop an idea. Solve a problem. Create, build, perform. APPLY for SURG/SURF

Study Abroad Providers on Campus

The Office of International Education is welcoming representatives from several study abroad program providers to campus over the next couple of weeks. To learn more about specific study abroad programs, visit their tables in the UC- Wean Commons between 11am-2pm on the following days:

Tuesday, February 12th - Butler University

Wednesday, February 13th - Earlham's Border Studies Program

Friday, February 15th - Yonsei University (tentative)

Internship Opportunities in Washington DC

The Capital Semester program is accepting applications for fall 2008 and spring 2009 internships in Washington DC.

Sponsored by The Fund for American Studies in partnership with Georgetown University, Capital Semester combines substantive internships, courses for academic credit, career development activities, exclusive briefings and lectures led by prominent policy experts.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of June 1, 2008, for Fall 2008 and November 1, 2008, for Spring 2009. Students applying by the early deadline of March 1, 2008, for fall 2008 and October 1, 2008, for spring 2009 are given preference in admissions and scholarship decisions and will receive a 5% discount on their tuition balance.

- * Internships - Competitive placements with top sites in D.C.
- * Classes - 12 transferable credits in political science and economics from Georgetown University
- * Housing - In furnished, private residential buildings on Capitol Hill

- * Guest Lectures - Featuring prominent government official and policy experts
- * Site Briefings - At the White House Complex, State Department and U.S. House of Representatives
- * Leadership & Professional Development - Leadership, mentoring and career building activities
- * Networking - Interaction with student leaders from around the world
- * Scholarships - Over half of all students receive full or partial funding based on merit and financial need

Internship placements are available in politics, public policy and international affairs; journalism, communications and public relations; corporate business and government affairs; nonprofit and community service.

For more information and an online application, please visit www.dcinternships.org/cs-outbind://28-0000000047F515E45C25CF409E2F2A65289D0F2164A72000/www.dcinternships.org/cs or contact Andrea Calderon, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant, at acalderon@tfas.org or 1-800-741-6964.

International Student Symposium in Prague

The 10th International Student Symposium, Prague, Czech Republic, is intended to inspire today's youth to reach their full leadership and communicative potential in the area of international relations. The conference employs a multidisciplinary approach towards this goal encompassing the study of political science, international affairs and intercultural communication.

The conference will feature distinguished international experts on global issues and visits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Czech Parliament and selected foreign embassies in Prague. The UN crisis simulation and International Tribunal Criminal Court will provide students with the rare and invaluable opportunity to debate and assess specific topics dealing with democracy, nationalism, military activities, peace negotiation, European integration and human rights.

The 10th International Student Symposium commences on June 22, 2008. For further information about the application process and the conference, please contact info@student-symposium.com or visit the conference website at www.student-symposium.com-outbind://28-0000000047F515E45C25CF409E2F2A65289D0F2164A72000/www.student-symposium.com .

Summer Internship: Our Task

Our Task (OT) is a non-profit based in Arlington, VA, USA, a suburb of Washington DC. It is an international network of young people who are (1) informing themselves about

the global issues they are facing/will face in the 21st century, (2) developing a plan to address these issues and preserve the Earth they will inherit, and (3) advocating for change locally, nationally, and globally by speaking to leaders in culture-shaping institutions (governmental, religious, international, corporate, scientific, media, educational, and civil society institutions). For further information see <http://www.OurTask.org> <<http://www.ourtask.org/>> .

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118662-100> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118662-100>> .

Summer Internship: Verite

Verité is an independent, non-profit social auditing and research organization, established in 1995, located in Amherst, Massachusetts. Verité's mission is to ensure that people worldwide work under safe, fair, and legal conditions. Unique to Verité's model is our relationships with corporations to enable systemic change for workers in the global workplace. Over the past 10 years, Verité has worked throughout the U.S. and in 65 countries with over 100 NGO partners to conduct monitoring, auditing and training of companies and factories throughout their supply chains. Where Verité auditors identify exploitation of workers or health and safety violations in the workplace, we develop concrete steps to correct them through a combination of trainings for management and workers and also education and remediation programs. Such social accountability services have impacted the working conditions and lives of millions of workers, the majority of which are women.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/117996-211> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/117996-211>> .

Summer Internship: Global Workers Justice Alliance

Global Workers offers summer and in-semester internships for undergrad and other students. From our New York City office, interns will research issues related to portable justice for transnational migrants and assist in developing and managing a transnational advocate alliance. Spanish fluency is preferred, but not required.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118704-154> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118704-154>> .

Summer Internships: Genocide Intervention Network

The Genocide Intervention Network seeks highly motivated and independent college students or recent graduates to assist with various areas of the organization.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118749-67> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118749-67>> .

www.idealists.org/en/internship/118749-67> (Sudan Divestment Task Force Intern); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118748-34> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118748-34>> (Student Anti-Genocide Coalition Intern); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118747-1> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118747-1>> (Public Relations Intern); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118746-300> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118746-300>> (Protection Intern); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118745-267> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118745-267>> (Online Organizer and Web Developer); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118743-200> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118743-200>> (Membership Intern); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118742-167> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118742-167>> (Executive Intern); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118741-134> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118741-134>> (Education Intern); or <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118739-330> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118739-330>> (Development Intern).

Summer Internship: Freedom House

Freedom House is an independent non-governmental organization that supports the expansion of freedom in the world. Our organization functions as a catalyst for freedom through its analysis, advocacy and action. Our New York office currently seeks research/administrative interns for the summer of 2008. Interns have the opportunity to become involved with diverse activities associated with the research and production of the three main annual surveys produced in the New York office: Freedom in the World, Freedom of the Press, and Countries at the Crossroads. Assigned duties will depend on the particular prior experiences and skills of each intern. Internships are unpaid, although internship schedules can be flexible to accommodate each intern's needs.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118803-117> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118803-117>> .

Summer Internship: Seeds of Peace

Seeds of Peace, a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to empowering teenagers from regions of conflicts with the leadership skills required to advance reconciliation and coexistence, is looking for full-time and part-time interns to work with the development, communications, programming, and administration departments of the organization.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118267-269> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118267-269>> .

Summer Internships: Amnesty International

Summer internships are available at Amnesty International USA! The Washington, DC office, located at 600 Pennsylvania Ave SE, offers 40 internships in 16 different programs. For more information on the available internships, visit http://www.amnestyusa.org/Volunteers/Internship_Opportunities/page.do?id=1011304&n1=2&n2=20&n3=1297#46 <http://www.amnestyusa.org/Volunteers/Internship_Opportunities/page.do?id=1011304&n1=2&n2=20&n3=1297#46> .

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118977-5> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118977-5>> .

Summer Internship: Global Witness

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002, Global Witness is a non-governmental organization dedicated to expose the role of natural resources in funding conflict and corruption around the world. Global Witness drives campaigns that end impunity, resource-linked conflict, and human rights and environmental abuses. We operate in areas where environmentally destructive trade is funding conflict or human rights violations. We collect the evidence and use it to achieve long-term change. Thematically, Global Witness (GW) focuses on 3 campaign areas: conflict timber, blood diamonds, and corrupt oil and gas.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118974-238> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118974-238>> .

Summer Internship: Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting

The Pulitzer Center is a non-profit leader in sponsoring the independent journalism that media organizations are increasingly less willing to undertake on their own. Pulitzer Center-funded stories shed light on underreported issues and regions around the globe. Our Global Gateway educational initiative then brings those stories and the journalists into high schools and universities.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118968-301> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118968-301>> .

Summer Internship in Warsaw, Poland

2008 ADELPHI-CIVITAS SUMMER PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN WARSAW, POLAND (June 1 - July 31, 2008) in ENGLISH.

<http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicivitas/>

Internships (in English)

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

- arts & culture,
- human rights, migration, refugees,
- European Integration, international politics, foreign policy,
- media, media advertising, journalism
- civil society and local community development, civic education,
- public health,
- Jewish history & culture,
- economics, business, finance
- domestic politics
- transparency in public administration, anti-corruption policies
- environment

A sample list of internship areas and organizations can be viewed at: <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicity/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 optional Polish language course. Students earn 5 credits for the international professional and academic experience awarded by Adelphi University. For more information about the academic program visit: <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicity/academic.php>

APPLICATION

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/adelphicity/>

Inquiries about the program can be directed to Dr. Maciej Bartkowski, Director of the Levermore Global Scholars Program at Adelphi University, at bartkowski@adelphi.edu or 516-877-4190.

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