

# International Relations Program Newsletter

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## IR EVENTS

### **Teleconference: “Russia, Putin, and Authoritarianism”**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Porter Hall 223D

Join the IR program for a teleconference with Michael A. McFaul, Director, Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law, Stanford University; Author, “The Myth of the Authoritarian Model,” *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2008. 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: "Forget Baghdad"**

Friday, February 22, 2008

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

A film reflecting upon the cliches of "the Jew" and "the Arab" in the last hundred years of cinema, combined with the biographies of some extraordinary individuals: Iraqi-Jewish communists. Over the years, Samir himself the child of Iraqi immigrants in Switzerland has focused on the issues of alienation and the formation of identity in his films. In the context of this discussion, Prof. Ella Shohat (sociologist and film historian at the City University of New York) is one of the most important figures in the film. Raised in Israel as the daughter of Iraqi Jews, she reflects on her history. The film "Forget Baghdad" also focuses on the life stories of four other exceptional individuals: Shimon Ballas, Professor of Arabic in Tel Aviv, is involved in the pro-Palestinian peace and civil rights movement. Sami Michael, one of Israel's most famous best-selling authors, who broke with the communists back in the mid-1950s. Moshe (Moussa) Hourii, a wealthy kiosk owner and building contractor in a Tel Aviv suburb who to this day continues to vote for communists. Samir Naqqash, the only one of the four who still writes in Arabic. His works of literature have brought him critical acclaim and quite a number of prizes but publishers these days are no longer interested in bringing out his books neither those in the Arab world nor those in Israel. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

### **Town Meeting: Middle States Accreditation Team**

Monday, February 25, 2008

4:30pm

McKenna/Peter/Wright Rooms, UC

The Middle States Commission of Higher Education will be on CMU's campus Monday through Wednesday to examine us and accredit the University for the next ten-year period.

As this is intended to be a participatory process, there is a town meeting of the visiting team with our students at 4:30 on Monday, February 25 in Peter-Wright-McKenna in the UC.

Please make every effort to attend!

### **IAESTE General Body Meeting**

Monday, February 25, 2008

6:00pm - 7:00pm

MM 103 - Breed Hall

[IAESTE](#) stands for International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience. Located in over 80 countries, IAESTE is focused on bringing international awareness and experience through international exchange, leadership training, global skill development, and technical education.

IAESTE Carnegie Mellon serves as a student-run leadership organization on the Carnegie Mellon campus. We provide a more tangible way for Carnegie Mellon students to gain greater cultural awareness through promoting and contributing to IAESTE international programs and hosting on-campus events.

Specifically IAESTE CMU works with the university and local area employers to locate internships for international IAESTE participants. IAESTE LC members then receive reciprocal opportunities to work around the world. The LC is also instrumental in hosting and providing a social network for international IAESTE trainees.

The direct goal of our LC is to promote the benefits of international exchange and global leadership on the Carnegie Mellon campus through [organized activities, events, and meetings](#). We most recently host Cultural Etiquette Dinners, Global Seminar Series, and Language Workshops.

For more information, visit [www.andrew.cmu.edu/~iaeste](http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/~iaeste)

**Lecture: “U.S., Syria and the New Old Middle East: Confrontation or Cooperation”  
Featuring Imad Moustapha, Syrian Ambassador to the United States**

Monday, February 25, 2008

6:30pm

McConomy Auditorium, University Center

On the front lines of multiple Middle Eastern crises, Syria is a key player in regional politics, and a strong diplomatic relationship with the United States is critical in efforts to rebuild Iraq and improve the region's relationship with the West, according to the Iraq Study Group's findings. Imad Moustapha has been the Syrian Ambassador to the United States since March 2004. Prior to that, he was Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Damascus, and Secretary General of the Arab School on Science and Technology. He is co-founder of the Network of Syrian Scientists, Technologists and Innovators Abroad (NOSSTIA), and was an active consultant to several international and regional organizations on science and technology policies in the Middle East (UNDP, UNESCO, ESCWA, and ALESCO).

**Lecture: “New Art from Old China: Recent Archaeological Recovery and Chinese Art History”**

Monday, February 25, 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 fourth lecture, entitled “New Art from Old China: Recent Archaeological Recovery and Chinese Art History,” will be presented by Katheryn Linduff, Department of Anthropology and UCIS Research Professor, Ancient Chinese and Eurasian Art and Archaeology, University of Pittsburgh.

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

**Lecture: US Army War College: “National Security for a New Era”**

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Rm. 630, William Pitt Union (6th Fl.), University of Pittsburgh

The Matthew B. Ridgway Speakers Series Presents: US Army War College: “National Security for a New Era.”

Panelists: Col. Mike Hoadley, US Army; Col. John Cho, US Army; Col. Thomas Evans, US Army; Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kelly, US Air Force; Lt. Col. Mike Sweeney, US Marine Corps; and Col. Lora Tucker, US Army

Notwithstanding the continuing debate about the war in Iraq, there is general agreement that America’s military forces are being pushed to the limit with serious implications for operations across the globe. The next president will face major challenges in redefining our military’s missions, force structure, and deployment in support of U.S. interests. Meeting those challenges requires an understanding of the current state of our military.

To address these issues, GSPIA’s Matthew B. Ridgway Center along with the World Affairs Council, again welcomes the Current Affairs Panel of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA. These officers — from different military services and career fields, including the Guard and Reserves — are the military leaders of today and tomorrow who are charged with managing these issues. Members of the U.S. Army War College, as part of the Eisenhower Series College Program, will hold a group discussion with students, faculty and concerned citizens. The Eisenhower Series College Program is an academic outreach program established by the Department of the Army to encourage dialogue on national security and other public policy issues between students of the U.S. Army War College and the civilian public.

This event is free and open to the public.

**Study Abroad Information Session**

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

5:00 – 6:00pm

McKenna/Peter Rooms, University Center

The Office of International Education will be holding a study abroad information session on Tuesday, February 26. Students interested in studying abroad are invited to hear returnees talk about their experiences and get an overview of study abroad at CMU.

**Lecture: “Effective Programming for International Students Based on their Perceived Social and Cultural Needs”**

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

12:00 pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This lecture is a part of the International Education Brown Bag Lunch Series. Dr. Mayumi Terano, University of Pittsburgh, will present a case study, which focused on international graduate students of selected nationalities at the University of Pittsburgh. By applying social capital, cultural capital, and involvement theories, her study explored the areas and the degrees of social and cultural needs and participation of the selected population and how needs and participation relate to their diverse background, adjustment, and academic performances. The data were collected from 250 survey participants and in 40 face-to-face interviews. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “From Biological Globalization to Evolutionary Governance: Some Thoughts and Speculations about Politics in the 21st Century”**

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

5:00 pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Walter Truett Anderson, President, World Academy of Art and Science. Although people are becoming increasingly concerned about human impacts on Earth's systems- particularly the threat of climate change - those impacts are increasing rapidly, on a global scale. At the same time- with advances in satellite technology, information/communications systems, remote sensing and modeling- ability to monitor such impacts is increasing equally rapidly. Although it is not possible to predict climate change in detail, it is possible to predict that global civilization is going to be inundated with information about the condition of the Earth, and that there will be many attempts to regulate or mitigate adverse impacts. At the same time that these twin accelerations unfold, advances in biotechnology and related fields promise to give human beings the ability to intervene in the evolution of life forms- in ways that will appear desirable to some and dangerously irresponsible to others. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Spirits, Sex and Wealth: Fox Lore and Fox Worship in China”**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

4:30pm

Adamson Wing, Baker Hall 136A

The University Lecture Series presents “Spirits, Sex and Wealth: Fox Lore and Fox Worship in China,” by Xiaofei Kang, assistant professor of Chinese in Carnegie Mellon's Modern Languages Department.

### **Films: Sustainable Agriculture**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

7:00pm - 9:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Two films will be shown. BUYER BE FAIR looks at two major trade goods -- timber and coffee -- to find out how certification works and whether it helps the world's poor, and their lands. Can the lessons from certification of timber, by the Forest Stewardship Council, and coffee, by Fair Trade, be applied to other products? BUYER BE FAIR takes viewers to Mexico, the Netherlands, the UK, Sweden, the USA and Canada, where compelling stories and characters raise and answer these questions in a powerful documentary that explores new ways to make globalization work for all of us. CULTIVATING OPPORTUNITY tells the inspiring story of how poor communities in Mozambique and the United States are creating opportunities to better their lives. Their work is a road map to ending hunger and poverty, a journey that begins within the communities themselves. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

### **Film: "Batalla en el Cielo"**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

8:30pm

Location TBA, University of Pittsburgh

Film Details: Director Carlos Reygadas, Mexico 2005 Presenter: Juan Duchesne, Hispanic Languages and Literatures, The Center for Latin American Studies, the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, and the Eduardo Lozano Latin American Library Collection are sponsoring Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano Film Series - New Millennium. All films in the series were produced in the last decade and focus on contemporary issues from throughout Latin America including Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, and Costa Rica. Each film will be introduced by a specialist or by the director. Several receptions will be held throughout the series in order to facilitate discussion about the various themes. Most screenings are on Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh. Some films may not be suitable for younger viewers. For more information, contact [amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com](mailto:amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com) or visit <http://amigosdelcinelatinoamericano2008.blogspot.com>.

### **Fulbright Information Sessions**

Monday, March 3, 2008

12:00pm (**NEW!**), Peter/McKenna Conference Rooms (University Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl)

4:30pm, McConomy Auditorium (University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> fl)

Carnegie Mellon University Fellowships and Scholarships Office and University of Pittsburgh Honors College present U.S. Student Fulbright Program Information Sessions for the Fulbright and other IIE study abroad programs. All interested students (and faculty and staff) are welcome!

Program Director of the U.S. Student Fulbright Program, Walter Jackson, will describe this prestigious one year abroad program through which students can study, research, or teach English. He will also discuss other prestigious study abroad scholarships available through the Institute of International Education (e.g., NSEP, Gilman, Freeman-Asia, Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes).

\*NOTE: Undergraduates can apply to each of the IIE Programs above, but only seniors, graduate students, and alumni can apply to the Fulbright Program. U.S. citizenship is required for all awards. Underclassman are encouraged to attend one of these info sessions, however, to not only take advantage of the other IIE opportunities, but to plan in advance for Fulbright.\*

For more information about all of these awards, visit <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>

Contact Judy Zang ([jzang@cmu.edu](mailto:jzang@cmu.edu)) for more information

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **H&SS Study Abroad Scholarships: Deadline Approaching**

The Dean's Office for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to offer a number of scholarships to encourage study abroad. To qualify for an H&SS Study Abroad Scholarship, students must be registered as a primary major in one of the H&SS academic departments or be enrolled in the BHA or SHS programs at the time of application.

For scholarship details and application instructions, please see [www.hss.cmu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.hss.cmu.edu/studyabroad). The application deadline is February 25, 2008.

### **“Delay the Real World” Fellowship**

This year's DELAY THE REAL WORLD Fellowship will award \$5,000 to the twentysomething who proposes the best plan to avoid the cubicle.

The winner will be selected on the basis of the quality and originality of his or her proposal. Last year's winner, Andrew Morgan, is currently biking, teaching and making a documentary in Central America. 2006 winner Daniela Papi used her prize to live in Cambodia and work with PEPY Ride, which supports educational projects in developing countries and disaster relief areas. Application deadline is April 23, 2008. For contest details and full bios of past winners, visit <http://www.delayingtherealworld.com/fellowship08/>.

### **Beijing Olympics Study Abroad Program**

The Alliance for Global Education is accepting applications through March 1 for a special Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics Program (host university: Beijing Language and Culture University).

Students take 12 class hours per week of Chinese language and select either a special interdisciplinary course about the Olympics in China or an Academic Internship; students will receive 8 credits from Arcadia University, including 5 language and 3 non-language credits.

Program dates are June 25-August 24, 8 weeks, including the dates of the Olympics (Aug. 8-24) and guaranteed dorm housing during the Olympics.

Courses include Chinese Language, Beginning through Advanced levels, and a core course -- The 2008 Beijing Olympics: Challenges and Opportunities. This interdisciplinary course will provide students the timely opportunity to learn first-hand about Beijing's Olympic preparations through on-site field trips and lectures from a range of academic and professional experts.

Students with at least three semesters of Chinese may enroll in an academic internship course. Interns are placed in Chinese, joint-venture, or foreign-owned companies. Students work for 120 hours during the term (20 hours per week) and participate in a discussion seminar which requires a paper and oral presentation of their work. Internships are supervised by a faculty member.

Students may also participate in volunteer opportunities with companies and organizations that support the Olympics. These may include help with providing information and translation at Beijing hotels or assisting companies who are official sponsors of the Olympics.

Scholarships are available for all Alliance summer and semester programs in Beijing and Shanghai.

For more information, visit [www.allianceglobaled.org](http://www.allianceglobaled.org).

### **Professional Development Internship: Aga Khan Foundation USA**

Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA) is searching for two bright and talented Professional Development Interns to work at its Washington, D.C. office for a period of nine months. The Foundation will recruit interns to begin in June or September 2008.

AKF USA is a private, not-for-profit organization that is committed to assisting in the struggle against hunger, disease and illiteracy, primarily in Africa and Asia. It carries out its purpose by supporting innovative approaches to meeting basic human needs, primarily in the areas of health, education, civil society and rural development, and builds the capacity of communities to generate resources to decrease external dependency. AKF USA is part of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), a group of nine institutions dedicated to improving living conditions and opportunities for the poor.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119279-105>.

### **Summer Internships: Global Justice Center**

The GJC seeks to ensure that women actively make and enforce public policy and law, and are equal partners in all governmental and judicial bodies. Using existing human rights law, the GJC

educates and trains emerging women leaders in transitional democracies and conflict areas to enforce their right to full participation. The GJC advises non-governmental organizations on legal strategies for changing national laws to reflect international standards. The GJC also seeks to use international law to render illegitimate those historical and cultural norms that prevent women from taking an active role in government, or violate women's human rights in any other way.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119265-235> (Program Intern) or <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119267-302> (Press Outreach Intern).

### **Summer Internship: National Endowment for Democracy**

The National Endowment for Democracy is an independent, bipartisan, grant making organization funded by an annual Congressional appropriation. Its aims are to promote democratic reform and foster civil society worldwide. In 2007 NED made nearly 1000 grants to grass roots organizations in more than 90 countries. NED is also the home of the International Forum for Democratic Studies, the Journal of Democracy, and serves as the secretariat for the World Movement for Democracy. More information can be found at [www.ned.org](http://www.ned.org).

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119258-32>.

### **Summer Internships: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

As a living memorial to the Holocaust, the Museum challenges leaders and citizens to think differently about the moral obligations of individuals and societies in confronting hatred and preventing genocide. It takes many people to accomplish this mission, including a dedicated team of volunteers and interns.

For a listing of available positions, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/org/122413-292>.

### **Summer Internships: Council on Foreign Relations**

Founded in 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, national membership organization and a nonpartisan center for scholars dedicated to producing and disseminating ideas so that individual and corporate members, as well as policymakers, journalists, students, and interested citizens in the United States and other countries, can better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other governments. The Council, which is headquartered in New York with an office in Washington, DC, does this by: convening meetings in New York, Washington, and in other select American cities where senior government officials, global leaders, and prominent thinkers come together with Council members to debate and discuss the major foreign policy issues of our time; conducting a wide-ranging Studies Program where Council fellows produce articles and books that analyze foreign policy issues and make concrete policy recommendations; publishing *Foreign Affairs*, the preeminent journal covering international affairs and U.S. foreign policy; maintaining a diverse membership, including special programs to foster interest and expertise in the next generation of foreign policy leaders; sponsoring Independent Task Forces whose reports help set the public

foreign policy agenda; and providing up-to-date information about the world and U.S. foreign policy on the Council's website, CFR.org.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119369-32> (Corporate Program), <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119368-332> (Meetings Program), or <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119366-265> (crf.org Intern)

### **Internship: Amani Africa**

Amani Africa is a grassroots organization striving to establish sustainable peace in Central African post-conflict communities by engaging young leaders in cross-cultural dialogue and providing opportunities to orphans and street children through education and training. Amani Africa is based in Kigali, Rwanda and works with over 5,000 children, using sports, culture, and education to promote human rights and reconciliation. We are also in the process of planning for the construction of a new school in the town of Nyamata, Rwanda.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119367-299>.

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