

International Relations Program Newsletter

Week of March 14 – March 21, 2008

In this issue:

Events

- Conference: “Citizenship in the 21st Century: An International Colloquium” (3/17-3/18)
Lecture: “Progressive Loyalism in the 1970s: The Search for Common Ground” (3/17)
Lecture: “China’s Water Woes” (3/17)
Lecture: “Between Communist Quest for Power and Anti-Semitic Purges: The Social Protest in Poland in March 1968 and its Reception in the USA” (3/18)
Lecture: “Wooden Ships and Seaways to Empire: Why Maritime Matters are a Key to Western European History” (3/18)
Panel Discussion: “U.S.-China Relationship and its Implications for Pennsylvania” (3/19)
Lecture: “A Portuguese New Christian Physician at Czarina Catherine’s Court: Antonio Nunes Ribeiro Sanches and Intellectual Links between Portugal and Russia during the Enlightenment” (3/19)
Lecture: “Global Issues Lecture Series: Brain Drain: A Search for Equitable Global Solutions” (3/19)
Lecture: “The Relevance of Homeland Security Issues in the EU-US Relationship” (3/20)
Lecture: “Saving the Nation: A Comparative Study of Political Legitimation through Stories of Defection” (3/20)
Film and Discussion: “The Price of Freedom – The Bangladesh Story of Genocide, Sacrifice, and Victory” (3/20)
Film: “Cama Adentro” (3/20)
Film: “Nobody Knows” (3/21)
Study Abroad Event: Photo Gallery Reception (3/24)
Study Abroad Event: Travel Challenge (3/25)
Study Abroad Event: Women Abroad Lunch (3/26)
Discussion: “Great Decisions: European Union at 50” (3/26)
Short Course: “Corporations and Environmental Responsibility” (3/28-3/30)
Vira Heinz Scholarship Information Session (4/1)

Announcements

- Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation for Study Abroad
Reminder: SURG/SURF Applications Due March 17
Reminder: H&SS Summer Internship Opportunity Grant Applications Due March 19
Reminder: Friedman Internship Program Applications Due March 19
Fellowship Opportunity: Indicorps
Summer Seminars: Institute for Human Studies

For Faculty

- Diversity Conference

EVENTS

Conference: “Citizenship in the 21st Century: An International Colloquium”

Monday, March 17 – Tuesday, March 18, 2008

2500 WW Posvar Hall, and William Pitt Union Ballroom, University of Pittsburgh

In our transnational societies, where economic and cultural exchanges have led to mass phenomena of migration and social mutation, the very institution of national citizenship is coming under attack. A political response is being articulated worldwide, since traditional forms of democratic representation and the current understanding of national cut lures may be nearing obsolescent. The conference will address new theories and practices of cultural and political intervention at the international level. This event is free. See website for full program of events: <http://www.pitt.edu/~cultural/CitizenshipConference.htm>. For more information, contact Karen Lillis: 412 624 7232, cultural@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Progressive Loyalism in the 1970s: The Search for Common Ground”

Monday, March 17, 2008

1:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Tony Novosel's, History Department, University of Pittsburgh talk will focus on the Ulster Volunteer Force and its political representatives, the Volunteer Political Party, and the Progressive Unionist Party and examine their search for "common ground" and speculate on why that search failed.

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

Lecture: “China's Water Woes”

Monday, March 17, 2008

7:30pm

University of Pittsburgh Law School, Room 107

A lecture by Jennifer L. Turner, PhD, Director, China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. - Taming the rivers, greening the deserts, and providing water for China's mushrooming cities - "water is crucial to the continued success of China's economic boom. But is there enough? Learn about problems and solutions, policies and pitfalls in this crucial development area. China's "water woes" may turn out to have a significant impact on American prosperity.

For more information, contact kcarlitz@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Between Communist Quest for Power and Anti-Semitic Purges: The Social Protest in Poland in March 1968 and its Reception in the USA”

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Jakub Tyszkiewicz, University of Wroclaw, Poland For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor - 412-648-7407 crees@pitt.edu

Lecture: “Wooden Ships and Seaways to Empire: Why Maritime Matters are a Key to Western European History”

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This talk will broadly survey the place and historical development of European sea power in the Atlantic World and beyond, focusing primarily on the role of wooden ships during the early modern period in Europe, Africa and the Americas. I will consider the various historical catalysts for European exploration and colonization, which led to global trading networks, empires and an unprecedented diffusion of cultures and technology. Themes will include early exploration, shipbuilding and navigation technology, cultural exchanges consequent to colonization, importance of fishing and whaling industries, piracy and privateering, and Europe's development of global trading networks. The talk will focus on the role of "wooden ships and seaways to empire" during the fifteenth to eighteenth centuries. During this period, Western Europe's maritime powers developed a unique economy and culture that depended on seaborne enterprise. I will argue that, for students of western European history, achieving a nuanced appreciation of maritime matters is key to understanding the economies, politics and policies of most early modern Western European states. Dr. Walker is an Assistant Professor of History, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: (412) 648-8517, kal70@pitt.edu.

Panel Discussion: “U.S.-China Relationship and its Implications for Pennsylvania”

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

11:00am – 12:00pm

Teplitz Moot Courtroom, Pitt Law Building, Ground Floor

U.S. Senator Robert Casey will moderate a discussion of the true nature of the U.S.-China relationship and its implications for Pennsylvania. Panelists will include Professor William Keller, Professor Thomas Rawski, Dr. Sasha Gong, and Professor Wenfang Tang (invited). The panelists will take questions from the audience at the end.

This event is free and open to the public. REGISTER at www.ridgway.pitt.edu. For details please visit our website or call Patricia Hermenault at 412-624-7396.

Lecture: “A Portuguese New Christian Physician at Czarina Catherine’s Court: Antonio Nunes Ribeiro Sanches and Intellectual Links between Portugal and Russia during the Enlightenment”

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Antonio Nunes Ribeiro Sanches stands out as one of the most important Portuguese enlightened medical innovators. He was an active advocate, too, for royal measures directed toward opening Portugal's intellectual environment in the eighteenth century. Two of his influential publications

addressed the problem of Portugal's backwardness in the field of medicine. Ribeiro Sanches fled Lisbon due to Inquisition persecution in 1726 and came to London, where he stayed for a short time before moving on, furthering his medical studies in Paris and Leiden before becoming the personal physician of Czarina Catherine of Russia. As an expatriate, Ribeiro Sanches would wield a powerful influence in the movement for Portuguese medical reform, which he exercised from Paris, Saint Petersburg and other locations in northern Europe. He was an active participating member of the Academie des Sciences de Paris, the Academy of Sciences of St. Petersburg, the Royal Society of London, and the Academia Real das Ciencias de Lisboa. While resident in St. Petersburg, Ribeiro Sanches began a systematic exchange of scientific books and other learned texts between imperial libraries in Russia and certain university and royal libraries in Portugal. Dr. Timothy Walker is an Assistant Professor of History, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

For more information, contact Stacey Kronander: (412) 648-7407, slk34@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Global Issues Lecture Series: Brain Drain: A Search for Equitable Global Solutions”

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

4:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

The human capital flows from poor to rich countries have complex implications for development. The growing shortage of health workers in particular is devastating for poor countries, but tackling the brain drain requires treating the root causes such as the institutional failure that drives the most talented out. We will explore potential solutions from the international community to promote equitable migration policy and development. Lecture by Dr. Thuy Bui, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

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

Lecture: “The Relevance of Homeland Security Issues in the EU-US Relationship”

Thursday, March 20, 2008

12:00pm

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Mr. Durante Rapacciuolo is the EUCE/ESC European Union Fellow during the spring term and an official of the EU Commission in DG Justice, Freedom and Security. For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: (412) 648-8517, kal70@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Saving the Nation: A Comparative Study of Political Legitimation through Stories of Defection”

Thursday, March 20, 2008

4:00pm

3703 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Andreea Deciu Ritivoi, English Department, Carnegie Mellon University, will present this lecture as part of the European Colloquium. For more information, contact Christian Gerlach: (412) 648 7487, hcg3@pitt.edu.

Film and Discussion: “The Price of Freedom – The Bangladesh Story of Genocide, Sacrifice, and Victory”

Thursday, March 20, 2008

6:30pm

Scaife Hall 125

Darfur, Rwanda, Kosovo... We call ourselves a civilized nation, and yet we let large-scale injustice occur on our watch.

Join us for a screening of "Nine Months to Freedom" -- a film that takes you through the struggle for independence of Bangladesh -- followed by an engaging discussion on why atrocities happen and how we can better prepare ourselves to take a firm stand against injustice.

** Attendance is free to the public and no pre-registration is required.

** Free Deshi refreshments will be served.

** The movie contains graphic scenes which may not be suitable for minors.

Organized by Bangladeshi Students of Pittsburgh. For more info, contact: faheem@cmu.edu

Film: “Cama Adentro”

Thursday, March 20, 2008

8:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Film Details: Dir. Vicky Funari & Sergio de la Torre, 2006; presenter: Lizardo Herrera, Hispanic Languages & 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. Some films may not be suitable for younger viewers. For more information, contact amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com or visit <http://amigosdelcinelatinoamericano2008.blogspot.com>.

Film: “Nobody Knows”

Friday, March 21, 2008

6:00pm

McConomy Auditorium, University Center

Nobody Knows is based on a real-life event involving four abandoned children in Sugamo. The movie depicts the lives of the four children who each have a different father and live with their single mother in Tokyo. The children do not attend school and must take care of themselves after their mother abandons them.

This film is part of the Modern Language Student Advisory Council's 2008 International Film Festival. For more information, including a list of the festival's films and dates, please visit <http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/org/filmfestival/index.html>.

Study Abroad Event: Photo Gallery Reception

Monday, March 24, 2008

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Art Gallery, University Center

Join the Office of International Education for a reception highlighting photographs from returned Carnegie Mellon study abroad students. Over 200 photographs will be on display. Don't miss this magnificent collection of student travels around the world! Refreshments will be provided.

The gallery show will be on display in the University Center Art Gallery from March 24-28th, 9am-6pm.

Study Abroad Event: Travel Challenge

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

5:00pm - 6:30pm (open house - come anytime!)

McKenna/Peter Room, University Center

Test your knowledge of travel and win prizes too!

STA Travel and the Office of International Education want to test your travel knowledge! Everyone who can solve the clues and complete the challenge will get a prize! Snacks are provided, so come out and join the fun!

One lucky student will win a \$100 travel/hotel voucher (courtesy of STA Travel). All students who attend and complete the travel challenge will receive a \$50 travel voucher. Bring a friend for more chances to win!

International Student Identification Cards (ISIC) are available for purchase for \$26. ISIC is required for all students studying abroad.

STA Travel Pittsburgh Branch Contact Information: pit@statravel.com (412) 683.1881

Regular Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Study Abroad Event: Women Abroad Lunch

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

12:00 - 1:30pm

McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, University Center

Recently returned study abroad students and students considering study abroad are encouraged to attend this interactive lunch designed to address issues specific to women while abroad. RSVP is required to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu by March 24th.

Discussion: “Great Decisions: European Union at 50”

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Reception - 5:30pm; program – 6:00pm - 8:00 p.m.

Rivers Club, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, Downtown Pittsburgh

Having reached the 50th anniversary of the great experiment in European integration, it is time to take stock of the united Europe. What have been the successes and what needs to be improved? What's the future of EU integration and its changing demographics?

Great Decisions discussion groups are facilitated small-group sessions designed to promote informal give-and-take among participants in exploring all sides of an issue.

As a guide to discussion, we use the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) annual Great Decisions book, which highlights eight global and regional policy issues with background and arguments from various sides to stimulate discussion, debate, and a better understanding of the challenges facing policy makers.

Cost includes the series, a copy of the FPA Great Decisions book, and light refreshments: \$115 (Member Series Discount); \$155 (Non-Member Series Price).

Individual Sessions do not include Great Decisions book: \$25 (Member Individual Session); \$35 (Non-Member Individual Session).

The Great Decisions 2008 book may be purchased at a Council discount for \$20.

Please visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/greatdecisions.jsp> for more information, or to register.

Short Course: “Corporations and Environmental Responsibility”

Friday, March 28 – Sunday, March 30, 2008

Erwin R. Steinberg Auditorium, Baker Hall A53

Global warming and climate change, species decimation, natural resources depletion, over-consumption, air and water pollution, sustainability... These are among some of the more common terms that designate what many believe is an ongoing contemporary environmental crisis. This event will explore the role that corporations have played and can play in that crisis. “Corporations and Environmental Responsibility” will raise provocative questions and engage in detailed analysis of issues and problems that corporations face in the task of producing necessary goods and services while sustaining the earth as well.

The weekend consists of major presentations by nationally known experts who will provide their unique perspectives on the problem, several group discussions of specific topics, and a video presentation.

Among some of the topical issues and questions to be raised during the weekend are:

- The role of corporations in environmental sustainability
- Environmental public policy and corporations
- Business, energy consumption and the environment
- Environmental protection and the obligations of corporations
- Best practices in environmental management
- Multinational corporations and environmental responsibility
- Business Transparency: Measuring, reporting and auditing environmental impact
- The greening of business vs. “greenwashing”
- Environmental responsibility and the corporate bottom line

CMU students can opt to take this program as a “weekend immersion course” for 3 units of credit. Students on other campuses can also attend any or all of the sessions and may be able to earn college credit through the Pittsburgh Council of Higher Education (PCHE).

The general public is invited and very welcome to attend any or all of the program sessions on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, 2008. For more information, or to register, please visit <http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/course/99-522/index.html>.

Vira Heinz Scholarship Information Session

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Connan Room, University Center

Rising sophomore (current 1st year) women are invited to attend this information session to learn more about the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership.

Scholarship recipients receive \$5000 to study abroad during the summer between their sophomore and junior years. The scholarship application deadline is in early fall and applications must include a clear plan of study. Current scholarship winners will be present to discuss the process and the program. Please come to this information session to learn more about the scholarship program and how to apply! It isn't too early to beginning planning!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation for Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Pre-departure orientation is REQUIRED for students studying abroad for credit. Students studying abroad over the summer 2008, fall 2008 or Academic Year 2008-09 should attend a Pre-departure Orientation this spring. You will NOT receive study abroad credit unless you attend ONE pre-departure session. Please attend - even if you have not yet been accepted. You must attend the full two hours of the orientation. If you have not yet been accepted but think you may be going abroad, attend to be sure you get the orientation.

This orientation will prepare you for both cultural and practical issues regarding study abroad. You will get all the paperwork you need to register for study abroad.

Pizza and drinks will be served.

Please RSVP to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu for ONE pre-departure orientation- please put the date of attendance in the subject line.

Predeparture dates for the spring 2008 semester:

- **Thursday, March 27th, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter, UC**
- **Tuesday, April 8th, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter/Wright, UC**
- **Monday, April 21st, 5-7pm, Connan Room, UC**
- **Thursday, May 1st, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter Room, UC**

Reminder: SURG/SURF Applications Due March 17

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/

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/. 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

Reminder: H&SS Summer Internship Opportunity Grant Applications Due March 19

H&SS encourages students to find and undertake interesting internship opportunities for their summer employment. We understand that many of these opportunities are unpaid, or, at best,

provide minimal pay. Yet it is often these very positions that provide students with first-rate, challenging work experiences that are invaluable in helping them define and move forward to their career goals.

We have instituted the H&SS Summer Internship Opportunity Grants Program to make it more possible for students to take advantage of less remunerative, worthwhile internship opportunities. Grants of up to \$2,000 per internship are available.

Undergraduates with primary majors in H&SS, BHA and SHS and strong academic records are eligible to apply. Current sophomores and juniors will receive preference. NOTE: Graduating seniors are not eligible to compete. Students are expected to find their own internships; preference is given to students who find positions in government or non-profit agencies.

For more details and application instructions, see www.hss.cmu.edu/internshipgrant. The application deadline is March 19, 2008.

Reminder: Friedman Internship Program Applications Due March 19

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. The program provides a stipend, as well as educational and social programming. (Students must secure their own internships and housing.)

For more information, visit <http://www.cmu.edu/govrel/internships/> or contact Victoria Poprocky, Administrative and Internship Coordinator, Office of Government Relations, at 412-268-6697.

Fellowship Opportunity: Indicorps

Indicorps is a non-profit organization that offers opportunities for aspiring young leaders of Indian-origin to engage in intense grassroots development projects through one or two-year public service fellowships. We are currently recruiting soon-to-be college graduates and professionals of Indian origin for our August 2008-2009 Fellowship.

Who: You! Indicorps seeks to engage the most talented young Indians from around the world on the frontlines of India's most pressing challenges; in the process, we aim to nurture a new brand of socially conscious leaders with the character, knowledge, commitment, and vision to transform India and the world.

Why Now: We are currently recruiting soon-to-be college graduates and professionals of Indian origin for our August 2008-2009 Fellowship. There are over 50 exciting community-based projects ranging from educating tribal youth in Maharashtra to increasing production of natural dye based products in Karnataka.

Why Indicorps?

- The structured program encourages young professionals from the Indian diaspora to challenge their comfort zones, place others' interests before their own, push their own potential to affect change, explore their relationship with India, and understand what it means to lead by committing themselves to innovative grassroots projects.

- Indicorps believes that giving one's time and energy, without any attachment to the outcome, regardless of the circumstances, is an unparalleled personal experience in service. At the same time, the fellowship is a chance for fellows to address their own identity, recognize their personal boundaries, and understand how to produce change in their environment(s). The fellowship is deeply rewarding, a transformational and challenging personal journey, and part of Indicorps' collective experiment for change.

- Indicorps firmly believes that contributing to the development of India at a grassroots level will help Indians around the world better understand their heritage, explore ways to strengthen the global Indian community, and encourage civic responsibility at home in their respective countries. Indicorps focuses on the Diaspora in order to foster a sense of responsibility within the Indian community.

Applications are due March 31st, 2008. For more information, visit <http://www.indicorps.org>.

Summer Seminars: Institute for Human Studies

Are you interested in politics; seek a better understanding of issues such as environmental concerns, globalization, or personal liberties; want to become familiar with the foundations of individual rights; or love hearing the perspectives of students from around the country and the world? Are you an aspiring filmmaker, writer, journalist, or academic?

The free summer seminars hosted by the Institute for Humane Studies offer students and recent graduates the chance to learn more about institutions, ideas, and issues influencing social change in today's world from lectures by interesting and knowledgeable professors. Participants are able to share their opinions with thoughtful students from different backgrounds, to have fun, and to develop lasting friendships with individuals from around the world.

Details about the dates and locations of all 14 seminars we're offering are available at www.TheIHS.org/seminar. The deadline to apply is March 31.

FOR FACULTY

Diversity Conference

The 8th International Conference of Diversity in Organisations, Communities, and Nations
Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 17-20 June 2008

The Diversity Conference has a history of bringing together scholarly, government and practice-based participants with an interest in the issues of diversity and community. The Conference examines the concept of diversity as a positive aspect of a global world and globalised society. Diversity is in many ways reflective of our present world order, but there are ways of taking this further without necessarily engendering its alternatives: racism, conflict, discrimination and inequity. Diversity as a mode of social existence can be projected in ways that deepen the range of human experience. The Conference will seek to explore the full range of what diversity means and explore modes of diversity in real-life situations of living together in community. The Conference supports a move away from simple affirmations that 'diversity is good' to a much more nuanced account of the effects and uses of diversity on differently situated communities in the context of our current epoch of globalisation.

Main speakers include Susan Bridges, University of Hong Kong; Jock Collins, University Technology, Sydney, Australia; and Brendan O'Leary, Lauder Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of the University of Pennsylvania Program in Ethnic Conflict. The Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the fully refereed International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in this fully refereed academic Journal, as well as access to the electronic version of the Conference proceedings.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 31 March 2008. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. Full details of the Conference, including an online proposal submission form, are to be found at the Conference website - <http://www.Diversity-Conference.com>

We look forward to receiving your proposal and hope you will be able to join us in Montreal in June 2008.

Compiled by Traci Sebastian, traci@andrew.cmu.edu