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IR EVENTS

Lecture: "The Averaged American: Citizens and Statistics in the 20th Century"

Thursday, April 3, 2008

4:30pm

Adamson Wing (Baker Hall 136)

During an election year in which the public is subjected to daily political polls, it's difficult to imagine a time when collecting such data was impossible. In Carnegie Mellon University's annual Giler Humanities Lecture, University of Pennsylvania Associate Professor of History Sarah Igo will explore the evolution and significance of this endless stream of data points and its role in fields ranging from consumer marketing to politics.

Igo specializes in modern American cultural and intellectual history, the history of the human sciences, the sociology of knowledge and the history of the public sphere. She is the author of "The Averaged American: Surveys, Citizens and the Making of a Mass Public," which won the President's Book Award of the Social Science History Association and was a Slate Best Books of the Year Selection in 2006.

Sponsored by the Humanities Scholars program, along with the Science and Humanities Scholars program, the Department of Statistics, and the International Relations Program, the Giler Humanities Lecture is funded by Carnegie Mellon alumni Kim and Eric Giler. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Lecture: "Iraq: Blood and Oil"

Monday, April 7, 2008

4:30pm – 6:00pm

Doherty Hall A310

The International Relations Program welcomes Stuart J. D. Schwartzstein, who will give a lecture on "Iraq: Blood and Oil." Mr. Schwartzstein has worked as a foreign-affairs professional for more than 30 years, having served in the Defense and State Departments in a wide range of capacities, including as a diplomat, an analyst, negotiator, advisor and planner. He has also held positions in several think-tanks, including the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington D.C. His work has ranged broadly, both geographically and in subject matter, including defense industrial cooperation with European allies, technology transfer and export control issues, "information revolution" issues, encryption policy, international science and technology policy, chemical and biological weapons issues, refugee policy, Horn of Africa issues, relations with European allies and ASEAN countries.

While at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (1992-96), he did a good deal of work on Iraq issues, particularly focusing on human rights violations by Saddam Hussein and his regime. In 2004, he served in the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad as an advisor to the Minister for Science & Technology and to the president of the Iraqi National Academy of Sciences. He has continued to follow events in Iraq and has maintained contact with a number of Iraqi friends, including several in senior Iraqi government positions, as well as officials and experts in the US.

Mr Schwartzstein is currently an independent consultant based in Washington, D.C.

Videoconference: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Monday, April 14, 2008
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Doherty Hall 1212

The International Relations Program presents a videoconference with Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Admiral Mullen was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 2007. He serves as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, and the Homeland Security Council.

A native of Los Angeles, Admiral Mike Mullen graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968. He commanded three ships: the gasoline tanker USS *Noxubee* (AOG 56), the guided missile destroyer USS *Goldsborough* (DDG 20), and the guided missile cruiser USS *Yorktown* (CG 48). As a Flag Officer, Adm. Mullen commanded Cruiser-Destroyer Group 2, the George Washington Battle Group, and the U.S. 2nd Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic.

Ashore he has served in leadership positions at the Naval Academy, in the Navy's Bureau of Personnel, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and on the Navy Staff. He was the 32nd Vice Chief of Naval Operations from August 2003 to October 2004.

His last operational assignment was as Commander, NATO Joint Force Command Naples/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe.

Adm. Mullen is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School and earned a Master of Science degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Prior to becoming Chairman, Adm. Mullen served as the 28th Chief of Naval Operations.

OTHER EVENTS

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>.

Conference: "Landscape, Heritage and Conservation: Farming Issues in the European Union"

Friday, March 28, 2008

8:00am - 5:00pm

Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 4215 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh

Farming has been in a process of change in the European Union and elsewhere in the world as a result of many factors. In particular farming has been linked to the issues of landscape, conservation, heritage, sustainability, and cropping policies, including setting aside areas for conservation and the question of genetically modified (GM) crops. Several of these issues involve farmers in the USA as well as in the EU, and questions of shared or divergent policies between these two regions of the world have emerged. Further, with the marked recent expansion of the EU, divergences between the needs of different countries within the EU with regard to agriculture have also become evident. In our Conference, while keeping policy imperatives in mind, we plan to explore how farmers themselves and others in their communities

experience and cope with the shifting political, economic, and cultural conditions in which they work. Our major focus will be on the U.K., Ireland, France, Spain, and others in the older West European bloc of nation-states, with some reference to countries with a recent history of agricultural changes, such as Poland. Throughout, we will look at: how the impact of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is felt; the development of parks and tourism; the intertwining of concerns over natural heritage and social heritage; and the likely or possible outcomes for the overall sphere of heritage as it applies to the farming world. Wherever feasible, cross-regional comparisons will be made to help to set the issues in a wider global framework. Scholars from the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia will be participating. For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: (412) 648-8517, kal70@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Global Population Aging and the Future of Great Power Politics”

Friday, March 28, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Dr. Mark Haas, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Duquesne University. For more information, contact Kathleen Ramcharran: 412-383-7694, kpuccia@pitt.edu.

Film: “Korean Film Festival: Yobi, the Five Tailed Fox”

Friday, March 28, 2008

6:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

In this film, aliens land one hundred years ago on a mountain near where a small, white five-tailed fox lived. After being stranded on Earth for one hundred years, they are ready for a test flight to see if they can return home. The test fails as one of the aliens makes a mistake, and the other aliens tell him to leave. The runaway alien finds itself taken in by a class of students at the foot of the mountain. There, a teacher trains students who don't fit in at a regular school. To save the alien, the five-tailed fox takes on the form of a human girl, and joins the school under the name of Yobi. Staying at the school, Yobi becomes friends with one of the students, and enjoys her time with the humans, until a fox hunter appears, as well as a shadow who gives Yobi a device which will allow her to become human by taking the soul from a human. For more information, contact Dr. Ebru Turker - 412-624-5562 turker@pitt.edu

Lecture: “The Revolution Will Be Satirized”

Sunday, March 30, 2008

2:00pm

1700 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Scott Brown, University of Washington, Seattle. For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “International Human Rights Courts - Democratic? Legitimate?”

Monday, March 31, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Andreas Follesdal is Professor of Political Philosophy and Director of Research, the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), Faculty of Law, University of Oslo. He publishes in the field of political philosophy with a focus on issues of international political theory and Human Rights, particularly as they arise in the wake of changes in Europe. He has written on distributive justice, federalism, minority rights, deliberative democracy, subsidiarity and European citizenship, in such journals as *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, and *Journal of European Public Policy*. He is Founding Series Editor of *Themes in European Governance*, Cambridge University Press. For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: (412) 648-8517, kal70@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Shabbos Goyim and the Re-creation of Jewish Space in Present-day Poland”

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:30pm - 3:00pm

2500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Erica Lehrer, Concordia University. Part of the Symposium on Discourses of "Jewishness". For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “When the Waves Ruled Britannia: Geography, Empire and the Discipline of the Sea”

Monday, March 31, 2008

4:00pm

3703 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Jonathan Scott, History Department, University of Pittsburgh, will present this lecture as part of the European Colloquium. For more information, contact Christian Gerlach: (412) 648-7487, hcg3@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Pakistan Today: Islamism, Activism, Performance”

Monday, March 31, 2008

4:30pm

Mellon Auditorium

Fawzia Afzal-Khan holds a PhD in English Literature from Tufts University and is Full Professor at Montclair State University, NJ. She is author of several books of scholarly criticism: *Cultural Imperialism and the Indo-English Novel : Genre and Ideology in the works of RK Narayan, Kamala Markandaya, Anita Desai and Salman Rushdie* (Penn State Press 1993), *The Preoccupation of Postcolonial Studies* (co-edited with Kalpana Seshadri-Crooks, Duke University Press, 2000), *A Critical Stage: the Role of Secular Alternative Theatre in Pakistan* (Seagull Press, 2005), and editor of the recent best-selling anthology, *Shattering the Stereotypes: Muslim Women Speak Out* (Interlink Books 2005). She has published scholarly articles on Feminist and Postcolonial Theory and Criticism and Performance and Cultural Studies in *NWSA Journal*, *TDR (The Drama Review)*, *Social Text*, *Womanist Theory and Research*, *Wasafiri*, *The Journal of South Asian Studies* and other journals, and is on the Advisory Board of the South

Asian Review, and the Editorial Board of Transformations, a journal of Critical Pedagogy; she has recently also been asked to join the Editorial Board of the prestigious Performance Studies journal, TDR (The Drama Review). She has lectured all over the world, and is winner of several prestigious fellowships, including the W.E.B Dubois Fellowship at Harvard University, a Rotary Fellowship, and an American Institute of Pakistan Studies grant and a Fulbright. She is a performance artist, working in the classical vocal North Indian tradition, and founding member of the theatre collective, Faim de Siecle, with whom she recently performed in the World Premiere of Five Streams at Asia Society, Manhattan. She is completing work on her memoir, Sahelian: Growing Up With Girlfriends, Pakistani-Style, set in Lahore and America. A chapter of it was just published in the anthology And The World Changed: Contemporary Writings by Pakistani Women (ed Muneeza Shamsie, OUP, 2006). Fawzia is also a published poet, a finalist in the Annual Greenburgh Poetry Competition of 2000. Her poem, "Smell" is forthcoming in the Norton Anthology of Eastern Poetry, and her essay on the Lal Masjid and Jamia Hafsa has been widely published and reprinted in Counterpunch, on Chowk.com and also in the Friday Times.

One of her recent professional assignments was to set up a Postcolonial studies Graduate Program at Government College University, Lahore, where she was invited by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan in Fall of 2005. She is currently on sabbatical from Montclair State University, and working at Forman Christian College Lahore with the MA English students and faculty, and will be performing as a jazz and a North Indian classical vocalist at the Peer International Performing Arts Festival in Lahore from Nov 21st-Dec 2nd.

This event is part of Mayur – South Asian Student Alliance's Pakistan Awareness Week.

Burka Fashion Show

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

All day

The Cut or inside the UC

The fashion show on The Cut is a stand still, artistic campaign to portray the beauty behind the veil. Women in Pakistan are always disregarded as sheltered or hidden under their traditional robe of the burka or hijjab. With this we will have young ladies of all cultures wearing traditional, colorful burkas and other Pakistani attire while holding placards that depict some of the most powerful and motivational Pakistani woman in history.

This event is part of Mayur – South Asian Student Alliance's Pakistan Awareness Week.

Lecture: The Global Studies Student Research Symposium

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

12:00pm

3911 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

The Global Studies Student Research Symposium provides recognition for excellent student scholarship in Global Studies and a forum for students and faculty to discuss critical global issues. Come hear the best graduate and undergraduate papers as well as distinguished keynote speaker Professor Salvatore Babones, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Public Health, and

Public and International Affairs, who will speak on "Income Inequality, Population Health, and the Rationalization of Society." Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

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!

Questions? Contact goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu or visit www.cmu.edu/studyabroad.

Conference: "The Future of Interactive Technology for Peace"

Wednesday, April 2 – Thursday, April 3, 2008

Carnegie Mellon, University Center

On behalf of the Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to The Future of Interactive Technology for Peace Conference on April 2 & 3, 2008 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information regarding the conference and to register, please go to <http://www.etc.cmu.edu/peace2008/>

The theme of the conference is exploration of the impact that interactive technology has on peace, peacemaking, and diplomacy. The conference will bring together professionals from the entertainment industry, academia (faculty and students), and government and foundation personnel.

This conference will provide an opportunity for participants to learn, share and discuss what the future holds for the use of interactive technology in peace and peacemaking. Key aims of the conference it to hear from researchers and professionals in the field on the opportunities for how interactive technology can impact education and training in the areas of diplomacy and peace and increase participants' awareness of the role that technology has for peacemaking.

Conference speakers and workshop leaders include:

Lucas Welch, President and Founder, Soliya Luis Von Ahn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon Mary Flanagan, Professor, Department of Film and Media Studies, Hunter College Jesse Schell, Faculty, Entertainment Technology Center and Founder and CEO, Schell Games Robert Cavalier, Ph.D., Teaching Professor, Department of Philosophy, Carnegie Mellon Cleotilde (Coty) Gonzalez, Ph.D., Associate Research Professor, Department of Social and Decision Sciences, Carnegie Mellon Eric Brown, Chief Executive Officer, & Asi

Burak, Chief Product Officer, Impact Games Robert Creo, Board Member, and Sandi DiMola, Board Member, Mediators Beyond Borders

Registration is free for high school and college students.

As you can see, we have a wonderful line-up of speakers and workshop leaders! Please join us April 2 & 3, 2008. For additional questions and comments, please send email to Anne Humphreys at ah34@andrew.cmu.edu

Lecture: “Fertility and Economic Growth in Ukraine”

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Svitlana Maksymenko, Department of Economics. For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Education in Japan: Contemporary Challenges & Alternative Action”

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This lecture is a part of the International Education Brown Bag Lunch Series. Aya Okada (Fulbright Fellow in GSPIA) "NGOs & Development Education in Japan"; Atsuko Muroga (Master student in Social and Comparative Analysis in Education) "Japanese Environmental NGOs Action & The Creation of the U.N.'s Decade for Sustainable Education"; Ellen Motohashi (Teaching fellow and doctoral student in Social and Comparative Analysis in Education), "Contemporary Challenges to The Japanese Educational System & The Development of a Multi-cultural Society." This panel will provide brief outlines of the current climate in development, sustainable and multicultural education that challenge traditional educational practices in Japan. With the increasing awareness of multiculturalism and Japan's position within the global geopolitical arena intellectuals, civic activists and educators are challenging deeply embedded cultural norms and ideologically driven institutions toward establishing a more democratically engaged, sustainable and inclusive society. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Book Symposium: “The Slave Ship in History and Literature”

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

3:00pm - 6:00pm

2500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

To mark the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade by the government of the United States of America (1808), the University of Pittsburgh will hold a symposium to explore the meanings and legacy of the slave trade in history and literature, past and present. Our main speakers will be Barry Unsworth, author of the Booker-Prize-winning novel, *Sacred Hunger* (1993), an epic of the slave trade, and Marcus Rediker of the University of

Pittsburgh, author of the prize-winning history, *The Slave Ship: A Human History* (2007), with commentary by Jerome Branche (Hispanic Languages and Literature, University of Pittsburgh), Edda Fields-Black (History, Carnegie Mellon University), Rebecca Shumway (History, University of Pittsburgh), and Stefan Wheelock (English, University of Pittsburgh). Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Department of History: 412-648-7451.

Lecture: “The Iranian Scientific Community and its Diaspora after the Islamic Revolution”

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

5:30pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Dr. Mazyar Lotfalian, UCIS Visiting Professor in Contemporary International Issues. The Iranian scientific community has gone through several political phases since the Islamic Revolution of 1979. The surprise win of a conservative presidential candidate in 2005 began a new phase marked by the politics of nuclear and bio-sciences and by the interaction of national narratives and Shari'a in a post-revolutionary context. Some perceive this new era as a setback to social reform and to the scientific community. However, Lotfalian will show the heterogeneity of Islamic discourse and scientific practices in a new context which he calls "a new assemblage for production of scientific knowledge." Refreshments served. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Film: “Khuda Ke Liye”

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

7:00pm

Giant Eagle Auditorium

This film is about the difficult situation in which Pakistanis in particular and the Muslims in general are caught up since 9/11. There is a war going on between the Fundamentalists and the Liberal Muslims. This situation is creating a drift not only between the western world and the Muslims but also within the Muslim community.

This paradox is resulting in great suffering for a forward looking Muslim. This is the theme of the film 'Khuda Ke Liye' which in English means 'In The Name of God'.

The interesting thing about this film is how it connects the happenings in three continents, unlike the usual Indian and Pakistani films based on romantic sagas, dances and songs, this film is based on some very serious issues, raising a lot of controversial questions engaging the Muslim minds these days.

This event is part of Mayur – South Asian Student Alliance’s Pakistan Awareness Week.

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

Thursday, April 3, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Mr. Rapacciuolo is the EUCE/ESCs EU 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.

Cultural Event: Pakistani Music and Food

Thursday, April 3, 2008

4:30pm

Kirr Commons

Zoheb Veljee, a graduate student at the Heinz school is a Pakistani native whose passion resides in traditional and cultural Pakistani music. He will perform a couple of songs as well as describe their importance to the country, what the lyrics mean, and how music is a beautiful aspect of Pakistan. In addition to live music, we will have south Asian cultural foods offered for free during the performance.

This event is part of Mayur – South Asian Student Alliance’s Pakistan Awareness Week.

Film: “The Golden Door”

Thursday, April 3, 2008

7:00pm

McConomy Auditorium, University Center

In the early 1900s, a poor Sicilian family leaves Italy in search of a better life in America. Before leaving they meet a mysterious woman named Lucy who is a Brit who wants to marry someone before they hit the opposite shore. The tough and sometimes cruel practices of Ellis Island are also explored in this sensitive drama. In Italian and English with English subtitles.

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>.

Film: “Caribe”

Thursday, April 3, 2008

8:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Film Details: Dir. Esteban Ramirez, Costa Rica, 2004. Presenter: Marcelo Rioseco. 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>.

International Film Festival: “Faces of Mechanization”

Friday, April 4 – Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Industrialization is increasingly shaping people's day-to-day routines and society as a whole. To explore technology's influence on our lives and communities, the Humanities Center at Carnegie Mellon University presents “Faces of Mechanization,” the 2008 Carnegie Mellon International Film Festival, April 4-15.

The festival's lineup includes a collection of eight feature films and documentaries along with a number of shorter works from countries as diverse as Argentina and Austria. The selections cover topics ranging from the processes by which food and clothing are produced for the masses to parents' efforts to take advantage of scientific advances to “design” the perfect child. Four of the films are being shown for the first time in Pittsburgh, and one, Polish director Artur Zmijewski's “Selected Works,” is making its American debut.

The festival opens April 4 at Pittsburgh Filmmakers' Melwood Screening Room with Argentinean director Esteban Sapir's “La Antena,” a black-and-white silent film in which citizens of a future society live in a voiceless world that is thoroughly controlled by television. This screening in Pittsburgh is only the second time the film has ever been shown at an American film festival.

In addition to the Melwood Screening Room, the festival's films will be shown in McConomy Auditorium in the University Center on Carnegie Mellon's Oakland campus as well as the Squirrel Hill and Manor theatres in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood. General admission tickets are \$7 for the public and \$3 for students, and a festival pass can be purchased for \$30 (\$15 for students). Tickets for the opening night screening of “La Antena” and reception are \$8 for the public and \$5 for students.

For a complete schedule and full descriptions of the festival's films, along with additional details, including a list of the festival's sponsors, please visit the festival's Web site at <http://www.cmu.edu/faces>.

Conference: “Narco-Epics Unbound: New Narrative Territories, Affective Aesthetics, and Ethical Paradox”

Friday, April 4 – Saturday, April 5, 2008

Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Main Dining Room, 4215 Fifth Avenue, Oakland

The University of Pittsburgh hosts the Fifth International Latin American Cultural Studies Conference.

Narco-Epics designate transnational narrative formations that emerged, during the 1980s and 1990s, throughout (Latin) American literature, music, film and testimony. This dynamic realm conveys images and affective configurations of shattered life - existences that are massively

endangered by privation, proliferating marginalities and informal labor, and illicit global flows, together with paradoxical forms of communitarian resistance and social deviance. Narco-epics address some of the most intricate issues of philosophy and ethics today. To what extent does globalization rely on an unequal distribution of guilt and fear throughout the world? How can those territories, in which the proximity of violence, religiosity and "bare life" seems to displace modernity's civilian core, be understood? And how can aesthetic thinking recover the immanent political value of life.

For more information, contact dtruhan@pitt.edu.

Workshop: "Information Transformation in Africa: Indigenous Knowledge, Information and Communications Technologies, and Libraries"

Friday, April 4 – Saturday, April 5, 2008
1700 WWPB, University of Pittsburgh

The symposium will provide an opportunity for dialog and an exploration of the African Information Technology landscape and the impact of Information Technology on Africa's development. The global digital divide between the West and the developing world, particularly Africa, perpetuates inequality. It is estimated that about 70 percent of people in North America and Western Europe use the internet on a regular basis whereas the corresponding figure for Africa is less than 4 percent. And yet, information technology impacts education, business, health services, government and life in general. How can Africa catch up on access to and use of information technology resources with the rest of the developed world? How can digital resources be applied to make more efficient service delivery in all sectors? Isn't the control of the global information systems by rich and powerful countries and the relative poverty of digital resources in Africa a question of social justice? How might intellectual property rights protect Africa's indigenous knowledge forms? Join us as we interrogate these and other related questions during this symposium. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Kay Raseroka, Director of Library Services at the University of Botswana, Gaborone. She held a two year term as president of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the global voice of librarians and information science professionals. She will be joined on the panel by other professionals in the field. For more information, contact Dr. Macrina C. Lelei: 412-648-2058, africast@pitt.edu, or visit <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/africa/link/events.shtml>.

Discussion Forum: "Pakistan – The Future"

Friday, April 4, 2008
4:30pm
Kirk Commons

A forum for debate and discussion about the future of Pakistan, and the United States' role in it. Starting off with short visuals and a presentation of the recent political developments in the country, the moderators shall delve into issues about democracy in the country, possible future political scenarios and the United States' foreign policy towards the country.

This event is part of Mayur – South Asian Student Alliance's Pakistan Awareness Week.

Film: Korean Film Festival: “The King and the Clown”

Friday, April 4, 2008

6:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Set in the early 16th century during the reign of King Yeonsan, two street clowns, Jang-saeng and Gong-gil, come to Hanyang to escape the abuse of powerful aristocrats. After arriving in the capital, Jang-saeng and Kong-gil perform a skit mocking the King and his concubine Nok-su, but when the palace learns of it, they are arrested for treason. While enduring torture, Jang-saeng raves that if given the chance, they could make the King laugh. Fortunately, he is correct, and the two are appointed as royal jesters, despite the vehement objection of the court. Living in the palace, the troop satirizes the corruption of public officials, pleasing the king but angering the court as those parodied in the plays are punished or put to death. As the King quickly becomes infatuated with Gong-gil, Jang-saeng realizes the danger of political intrigue and asks Gong-gil to leave with him before the King kills them as well during one of his mad fits, but Gong-gil refuses. As court members plot against them and the king's tyranny increases, life becomes very uncertain for the clowns. For more information, contact Dr. Ebru Turker: 412-624-5562, turker@pitt.edu.

Film: “C.R.A.Z.Y.”

Friday, April 4, 2008

7:00pm

McConomy Auditorium, University Center

This film details the journey of a young man who lives a lie in order to gain the love of his father. That son is Zac Beaulieu, born on the 25th of December 1960, different from all his brothers, but desperate to fit in.

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>.

Luncheon Discussion Group: “Pakistan - Current State of Affairs and Future Prospects”

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

12:00pm – 1:45pm

The Duquesne Club, Founders Room, 325 Sixth Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh

The assassination of Benazir Bhutto has refocused attention on Pakistan's stability and its implications for the world. In the wake of parliamentary elections, President Pervez Musharraf seems to have lost his grip on power. Where is Pakistan headed? Where is it coming from? What impact will developments in Pakistan have on its own region and the rest of the world?

Ethan Casey is an international journalist, author of *Alive and Well in Pakistan*, and currently working on a feature-length documentary film about Pakistan. Between 1993-2001, he worked primarily in Southeast Asia, writing for publications including the *Globe and Mail*, the *South China Morning Post*, and *US News & World Report*.

He has extensive experience covering Pakistan for the *Observer News Service* and the *Boston Globe* and later was invited in 2003 to be a founding faculty member of the School of Media and Communication at Beaconhouse National University in Lahore, Pakistan. Previously based in Bangkok and London, he now lives in Seattle.

Space is limited – please reserve a place as soon as possible. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/>.

Lecture: “Overcoming Nuclear Danger in US Policy: The Citizen Role”

Thursday, April 10, 2008

7:00pm

343 Alumni Hall, 4227 Fifth Avenue, University of Pittsburgh

Concerns about the perils posed by nuclear weapons have focused primarily on the spread of the bomb—to North Korea, Pakistan, India, and perhaps Iran—and on the terrifying prospect that Al Qaeda might acquire such weapons. Nuclear dangers, however, are not only "out there," they also exist in the policies of the United States and Russia, which continue to maintain thousands of nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert.

Meanwhile, glimmers of hope for a denuclearized future have recently appeared in North Korea and in a bipartisan statement from former senior US policymakers calling for "a world free of nuclear weapons."

At this event David Cortright will examine the nuclear danger and probe the sources of instability that are driving proliferation and continued reliance on nuclear weapons. He will also offer practical directions toward realizing a future without nuclear weapons, including the key role of citizen involvement.

David Cortright has written widely on nuclear disarmament, nonviolent social change, and the use of incentives and sanctions as tools of international peacemaking. He is president of the Fourth Freedom Forum in Goshen, Indiana, and a research fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Cortright has authored a policy analysis brief for the Stanley Foundation titled *Overcoming Nuclear Dangers*, which will be the basis of his presentation.

Lecture: “Live from Jordan”

Friday, April 11, 2008

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Baker Hall 246A

Pittsburgh native Benjamin Orbach is a student, a scholar and currently an international development officer based in Jerusalem who lived and traveled widely throughout the Middle East during his graduate studies. His book, "Live from Jordan" has recently been published. Ben will be speaking at CMU about his experiences as an American studying abroad.

His presentation will be of interest to all students contemplating study abroad anywhere, and especially in the Middle East.

Visit <http://www.benjaminorbach.com/livefromjordan.html> for more information about Ben and his book.

Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to le3a@andrew.cmu.edu so we can get the quantity of refreshments right.

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:

- ***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***

World Bank 2008 Global Forum

ATHGO International will be hosting its 3rd annual *Global Forum* at the World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C., titled "Miracles of Development: Good Governance and Capacity Building" from July 9-11, 2008.

We have partnered with the World Bank's External Affairs to host 3 days of exceedingly interactive sessions with over 200 students and young entrepreneurs from over 100 academic institutions in 50 countries in attendance. The program will analyze the affects of Good Governance and Capacity Building on economic development and will include presentations from many prominent speakers and panelists hailing from Ambassadors from Embassies in Washington DC., senior executives from the private sector, World Bank experts and policy makers from international organizations.

Students will work in groups throughout the event, with the objective of developing new business models and policy proposals that will be sent to one of our corresponding Innovation and Capacity Building Centers (ICBCs) for consideration, further incubation and possible implementation. All participants who complete the program and submit a personal position paper are eligible for scholarships that range from financial awards to travel stipends to attend ATHGO's week-long Global Leadership and Innovation Summit at one our ICBCs. *The total scholarships for all the winners are valued at \$15,000 (US)*.

The normal student registration rate is \$195; however, a discounted rate is available for a limited number of Carnegie Mellon students. For details, please contact Traci Sebastian at traci@andrew.cmu.edu by April 2, 2008. For more details about the conference, visit http://www.athgo.org/programs/forums/2008/washington_dc/athgo_washington_dc_2008.html

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