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## GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM EVENTS

**Teleconference: “America Between the Wars”**

Thursday, October 2, 2008  
12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Baker Hall 154r (H&SS College Conference Room)

Join the Global & International Relations Program for a teleconference with the co-authors of *America Between the Wars: From 11/9 to 9/11*, Derek H. Chollet, Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security; and James M. Goldgeier, Whitney Shepardson Senior Fellow for Transatlantic Relations, CFR. Pizza and beverages will be provided, courtesy of the Global & International Relations Program and the Department of Social and Decision Sciences. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

### **Fall Semester Reception**

Thursday, October 2, 2008  
5:00pm – 6:00pm  
H&SS Coffee Lounge, Baker Hall

Now that everyone has settled in to a new academic year, we'd like to invite all of the students (declared and prospective), faculty, and staff that work with our program to come take a break with us! Please join us for an informal reception to relax, get to know one another, and eat some delicious internationally-themed food.

### **Discussion: Careers in the State Department**

Wednesday, October 8, 2008  
12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Porter Hall 223D (SDS conference room)  
\*RSVP by Friday, October 3, 2008\*

Considering a career with the State Department? Thinking of applying for State's summer internship program? What better way to learn what's involved than by talking with a former diplomat! Join us for a lunch discussion with former Foreign Service Officer Kendra Gaither, who will give her perspective on careers with the State Department and answer any questions you might have.

Kendra Gaither joined the U.S. Department of State in September 1996 working in the Bureau of Legislative Affairs in a co-op position as a research analyst. In September 1999, she joined the Foreign Service as an Economic Officer. After completing Foreign Service orientation and training, she transferred to her first post, serving as a consular officer at the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru. In 2002, Ms. Gaither took an economic position at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico, as a trade economist. During her tenure in Mexico, Ms. Gaither worked on the trade negotiations for the World Trade Organization and the Free Trade Area of the Americas. In September 2004, Ms. Gaither returned to the State Department headquarters in Washington, DC, to serve as the Economic Officer on the South Africa desk team in the Bureau of African Affairs. She also served the Africa Bureau as the coordinator for the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum in Senegal in 2005 and as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs.

Ms. Gaither recently joined the university as Executive Director of a new CMU initiative called the Center for International Politics and Innovation. Founded by Dr. Kiron Skinner, the center will serve as both a coordinating body for international CMU initiatives as well as an applied research institution that focuses on developing country challenges.

Ms. Gaither earned a B.S. in Economics from North Carolina A&T State University, and both her MA and MBA in International Affairs and International Business Finance from The George Washington University.

As lunch will be served, we ask that you please RSVP for this event to [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu) no later than noon on Friday, October 3.

### **Lecture: Kazakh Ambassador to the UN**

Thursday, October 9, 2008

12:15pm – 1:20pm

Hamburg Hall Auditorium (HBH1000)

In conjunction with the Heinz School, the Global and International Relations Program welcomes Byrganym Aitimova, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations.

Ms. Aitimova has held various positions in the Kazakhstan Government. From 2004 until her appointment to her current position in March 2007, she was Minister of Education and Science. In 2004, she was Deputy Prime Minister. From 2002 to 2004, she was Ambassador to Italy, and from 1996 to 2002, Ambassador to Israel. In 1996, she held a senatorial seat in Parliament.

Prior to that, she was Minister on Youth Affairs, Tourism and Sport. From 1990 to 1993, she was a Member of Parliament. She spent two years, from 1988 to 1990, as Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Children's Fund section. Before that she was Secretary of the Republican Youth Organization, First Secretary of a regional youth organization and a public school teacher.

Ms. Aitimova studied at Kazakh State University, the Almaty Institute of Political Science and Management, and Ural State Pedagogical Institute. She is fluent in English, Kazakh and Russian.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **Lecture: Atomic Bomb Survivor**

Friday, September 26, 2008

6:00pm

Gregg Hall (Porter Hall 100)

Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor Sachiko Masuoka and second-generation survivor Yuki Miyamoto will present a lecture Friday, Sept. 26 at Carnegie Mellon University's Gregg Hall (100 Porter Hall). A reception will begin at 6 p.m. with the lecture immediately following.

The event is part of the Remembering Hiroshima, Imagining Peace Series hosted by various organizations in Pittsburgh throughout September. More information on the series is available at [www.rememberinghiroshima.org](http://www.rememberinghiroshima.org).

At the age of 18, Masuoka experienced the atomic bombing just two miles from the hypocenter of Hiroshima. Although she was not seriously injured, her younger brother and sister died. The images she witnessed in the aftermath of the 1945 bombing will remain with her forever. Masuoka moved to the United States in 1962 and began sharing her experiences with audiences several years ago. A strong advocate for world peace, Masuoka stresses the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Miyamoto is an assistant professor in the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School. A native of Hiroshima, Miyamoto's work is dedicated primarily to atomic bomb discourse. She has also led two groups of DePaul students on short-term study abroad programs to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In 2007, Miyamoto's students returned from the trip to Japan and successfully encouraged Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and Evanston (Ill.) Mayor Lorraine Morton to join the Mayors for Peace movement, an initiative that Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima began in 1982 to help cities transcend national borders and work toward nuclear abolition. As of September 2008, 2,410 cities in 131 countries and regions have joined the Mayors for Peace movement.

Questions regarding the Sept. 26 lecture at Carnegie Mellon should be directed to M. Shernell Smith at 412-268-2075 or [mssmith@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:mssmith@andrew.cmu.edu).

**Film: Japanese Film Festival: “Always: Sunset on Third Street 2”**

Friday, September 26, 2008

7:00pm - 9:30pm

McConomy Auditorium

Always: Sunset on Third Street 2 (Always zoku san-chome no yuuhi, 2007), in Japanese with English subtitles. Directed by Takeshi Yamazaki. Pittsburgh premiere. -- Sequel to Always (2006) based on Ryohei Sagan's popular comic series that sold 14 million copies. Set in 1959, this sequel concerns the everyday lives of those on the backstreets near Tokyo Tower.

**Dinner: Ramadan Iftar**

Friday, September 26, 2008

7:00pm - 9:00pm

6th floor, William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

As part of the world's celebrated holidays program and the International Week at University of Pittsburgh, PITT Muslim Students Association, the Saudi Students House and the Cross Cultural and Civic Leadership Department (CCLD) proudly present: Ramadhan Iftar Dinner with an intention to educate the Pittsburgh community about the month of Ramadan and the experience of fasting. Come and join us!

**Performance: “Min Xiao-fen and Her Blue Pipa Trio in Concert”**

Saturday, September 27, 2008

7:00pm

CAPA High School main stage, 111 Ninth St., Downtown

A string symphony of cross-cultural delight with traditional Chinese pipa music. Tickets are \$20 before 9/20, \$25 after, students/seniors \$15, and can be purchased online at [www.silkscreenfestival.org](http://www.silkscreenfestival.org) (412-322-3300 x114) or [www.proartstickets.org](http://www.proartstickets.org) (412-394-3353). Find out more and listen to audio samples at [www.bluepipa.org](http://www.bluepipa.org).

**Panel Discussion: “Judicial Jurisdiction in the U.S. & Europe; A Comparative Discussion**

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

1:00pm - 2:00pm

G12, Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

Professor Volker Behr from the University of Augsburg, Germany and Professor Ronald Brand will provide a comparative discussion on judicial jurisdiction in the U.S. & Europe. For more information, contact Gina Clark: 412-648-7023, [glclark@pitt.edu](mailto:glclark@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Georgia On Our Minds”**

Thursday, October 2, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Roundtable led by Professors Jonathan Harris and Ronald Linden from the Department of Political Science. They will discuss the background and international relations implications of the Russian-Georgian conflict of August 2008. For more information, contact Anna Talone: 412-648-7407, [crees@pitt.edu](mailto:crees@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: Global Issues Lecture Series: “Slavery: An Old Crime in the New Global Economy”**

Thursday, October 2, 2008

6:00pm – 8:00pm

107 Barco Law Building, School of Law, University of Pittsburgh

Ben Skinner, author of *A Crime So Monstrous*, will discuss the issue of slavery and define modern-day slavery. e will also share his personal experiences with traffickers and survivors in industries such as shrimping and garment production. Kevin Bales, president of Free the Slaves and professor at Roehampton University, will also speak about supply-chain slavery which will be followed by a question and answer session for both speakers. This lecture is part of the fall Ethics and Global Consumer series. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Cultural Event/Lecture: “Celebrating Gandhi: His Life and Ideas”**

Thursday, October 2, 2008

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Heinz Memorial Chapel

Join us for an evening of activities celebrating the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi and his teachings! 7 - 8 PM: Candlelight Vigil outside the Chapel, followed by Interfaith Prayers and Songs (indoors). 8 - 9 PM: "Non-Violence in an Age of Terrorism"; a lecture by David Cortright. David Cortright is the president of the Fourth Freedom Forum and a research fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He is the author of "Gandhi and Beyond: Nonviolence in an Age of Terrorism" (Paradigm, 2006). For more information, contact Dianne Dakis - [dakis@pitt.edu](mailto:dakis@pitt.edu) or visit <http://www.pitt.edu/~dmhart/celebratinggandhi.html>

**Film: Japanese Film Festival: "Honey and Clover (Hachimitsu to Kuroba)"**

Friday, October 3, 2008  
7:00pm - 9:30pm  
McConomy Hall

Honey and Clover (Hachimitsu to kuroba, 2006), in Japanese with English subtitles. Directed by Masahiro Takeda. Pittsburgh premiere. -- Based on the hit manga of the same title by Chika Umino, this adolescent drama unfolds five college art students' lives as they face their growing pains - and joys as well.

**Cultural Event: "The AMERICAS---in Concert"**

Saturday, October 4, 2008  
7:30pm  
Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, 650 Schenley Drive, University of Pittsburgh

Featuring: Lilly Abreu (soprano) with special guests: Tangueros de Ley. For more information, contact CLAS - 412 648 7392 [clas@pitt.edu](mailto:clas@pitt.edu)

**Lecture: "Iran in the New Middle East"**

Tuesday, October 7, 2008  
7:30pm - 8:30pm  
Room 1500, Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

The Ridgway Speaker Series presents Dr. Ray Takeyh, Council on Foreign Relations.

Ray Takeyh is a senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. His areas of specialization are Iran, the Persian Gulf, and U.S. foreign policy. He is also a contributing editor of the *National Interest*.

Dr. Takeyh was previously professor of national security studies at the National War College; professor and director of studies at the Near East and South Asia Center, National Defense University; fellow in international security studies at Yale University; fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Takeyh is currently working on a book entitled *The Guardians of the Revolution: Iran's Approach to the World* (under contract by Oxford University Press). He is the author of a number of previous books including *Hidden Iran: Paradox and Power in the Islamic Republic* (Times Books, 2006) and *The Origins of the Eisenhower Doctrine: The U.S., Britain and Nasser's Egypt, 1953–1957* (MacMillan Press, 2000). Dr. Takeyh has published widely, including articles in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, the *National Interest*, *Survival*, *World Policy Journal*, *Washington Quarterly*, *Orbis*, *Middle East Journal*, *Political Science Quarterly*, and *Middle East Policy*. His commentary has also been featured in many newspapers, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Financial Times*, and *International Herald Tribune*.

Dr. Takeyh has testified frequently at various congressional committees and has appeared on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, NBC, CBS, CNN, BBC, FOX, and C-SPAN. Dr. Takeyh earned a doctorate in modern history from Oxford University.

This event is co-sponsored by the National Security Network and the Pittsburgh Middle East Institute.

**Lecture: “Which Candidate is Better for National Security?”**

Thursday, October 9, 2008

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Teplitz Moot Courtroom, Ground Floor, Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

Matthew B. Ridgway Speakers Series presents Richard A. Clarke.

Richard A. Clarke is an internationally-recognized expert on security, including homeland security, national security, cyber security, and counterterrorism. He is currently an on-air consultant for *ABC News* and teaches at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Clarke is also the author of the number one best selling book "Against All Enemies" (Free Press, 2004) and its 2008 sequel "Your Government Failed You" (Ecco).

Clarke served the last three Presidents as a senior White House Advisor. Over the course of an unprecedented 11 consecutive years of White House service, he held the titles of:

- Special Assistant to the President for Global Affairs
- National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism
- Special Advisor to the President for Cyber Security

Prior to his White House years, Clarke served for 19 years in the Pentagon, the Intelligence Community, and State Department. During the Reagan Administration, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence. During the Bush (41) Administration, he was Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs and coordinated diplomatic efforts to support the 1990–1991 Gulf War and the subsequent security arrangements.

As a Partner in Good Harbor Consulting, LLC, Clarke advises clients on a range of issues including:

- Corporate security risk management

- Information security technology
- Dealing with the Federal Government on security and IT issues
- Counterterrorism

## **CMU's International Festival: "Education Without Borders: Global Learning in the 21st Century"**

Friday, October 10 – Saturday, October 11, 2008

Throughout its 18 years, CMU's International Festival has provided the community with a unique opportunity – a chance to engage and explore world cultures, pressing issues, and fascinating traditions through a wide range of mediums. This year will be no different. It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the 2008 International Festival: "Education Without Borders: Global Learning in the 21st Century."

With a full schedule from Friday, October 10 through Saturday, October 11, 2008 Carnegie Mellon's University Center will be transformed into a world of exploration with workshops, lectures, performances, food, and films. The International Festival planning committee, comprised of students, faculty, and staff has put together a festival of captivating programs and events intended to bring to light issues involving education around the world.

Do not miss the keynote lecture- *"Muppet Diplomacy: How Sesame Street is Changing Our World"* by Gary Knell, President & CEO of the Sesame Workshop on Friday, October 10th at 12:30pm in Rangos Ballroom. A movement called Sesame Street that started in the 1960's has grown to reach children in over 140 countries– using the magnetic appeal of television to improve their lives. As the single largest informal educator of young children, local Sesame Street programs are created to focus on the unique educational needs within each country, such as the stigma around HIV/AIDS in South Africa, girls' education in Egypt, and respect and understanding in Northern Ireland. Gary Knell, President and CEO, will share insight into how Sesame Workshop develops these programs, how they address local educational needs, and the impact they are making around the world. The lecture will take place over lunch and will be followed by time for Q&A. Tickets for the lecture are free and include lunch for all attendees. Tickets will be available at the UC Information Desk beginning October 2nd.

For a truly entertaining and cultural closing to the festival, be sure to attend *the musical performance by Etran Finatawa- a nomadic blues group from Niger- on Saturday, October 11th in Rangos Ballroom*. Etran Finatawa's musicians come from Niger, one of the three poorest countries in the world. Niger has a very rich cultural heritage and sits at a desert crossroads between the Berber and Arab cultures of the North and the many sub-Saharan cultures of the South. In Niger there are eleven different ethnic groups most of whom are farmers or pastoralists, both sedentary and nomadic. Amongst them are the Tuareg and Wodaabe, many of whom are still nomadic. They move with their camels, long-horned cattle, sheep, goats and donkeys seeking pastures along the Sahelian savannah at the fringes of the South Sahara. Etran Finatawa was formed as a band at the time of the 2004 Festival in the Desert near Timbuctou. The literal meaning of their name is 'the stars of tradition'. They are the first group to use the songs and music of the Wodaabe in a modern context. In Niger their music has a cult following and their songs are sung by the young and school children all over the country. Etran Finatawa

will present two 45-minute concerts to the Carnegie Mellon community. Free tickets for the 7:30pm and 9pm shows will be available at the UC Information Desk beginning October 2nd and at the International Festival/Family Weekend Welcome Table throughout the International Festival.

There will be something for everyone at this year's International Festival – from an art gallery depicting global illiteracy, a book drive, lectures and presentations raising issues of global education, a global marketplace with food and crafts for sale, and a study abroad fair highlighting education abroad opportunities for our students. Take a look at the schedule at <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/internationalfestival/> and see what sparks your interest.

### **2008 Conference on Refugee Warehousing**

Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12, 2008

Presented by FORGE (Facilitating Opportunities for Refugee Growth and Empowerment) and the Global Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Barbara Harrell-Bond OBE (The American University in Cairo) and Merrill Smith (U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants).

The situation of refugees stuck in 'temporary' shelters with the denial of basic human rights is unacceptable. However, finding alternatives to the situation requires consideration of complex issues. The 2008 Conference on Refugee Warehousing will offer a forum to consider the issues and strengthen the movement against refugee warehousing.

Participants and speakers include: Khadra Mohammed (Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Refugee Center), Judy Wakahiu (Executive Director of the Refugee Consortium in Kenya), and Abraham A. Awolich (Co-Director and Co-Founder of New Sudan Education Initiative).

For more information, visit [www.refugeeconference.org](http://www.refugeeconference.org) or contact Ellie Ott: [warehousing08@refugeeconference.org](mailto:warehousing08@refugeeconference.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD**

### **Study Abroad Program Representatives on Campus**

The study abroad programs listed below will have representatives visiting Carnegie Mellon. Feel free to visit their tables in the University Center, or contact the Office of International Education at [goAbroad@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:goAbroad@andrew.cmu.edu), to set up a time to meet.

- **University of New South Wales, (UNSW)**, Australia – Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Jan Bardetta visiting. (UNSW is a Sponsored Program.)
- **IES Auckland**, New Zealand – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Gael Howard hosting a table in Wean Commons 11-2pm
- **University of Manchester** – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie Nixon hosting a table in Wean Commons 11-2pm

- **IES Barcelona** – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, Cesar Alsina hosting a table in Wean Commons 11-2pm

### Study Abroad Information Sessions

The Office of International Education is offering several study abroad information sessions in the upcoming months:

Monday, September 29 - McKenna/Peter Room, UC

Wednesday, October 29 - Connan Room, UC

*\*both sessions will occur from 5-6pm*

Please plan to attend one of the sessions to receive general information regarding study abroad opportunities and process. Returnees will be present to talk about their experiences.

For more information about study abroad visit [www.cmu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.cmu.edu/studyabroad)

### Study Abroad Fair

Friday, October 10, 2008

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Rangos 2 & 3, UC

Students will be able to meet with representatives from a wide variety of work, volunteer and study abroad programs and opportunities. Over 30 organizations will be in attendance.

### Seeking Employment Opportunities Abroad Workshop

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Rangos 3, UC

4:30pm - 5:30pm

OIE and the Career Center will present information on working, volunteering and interning abroad.

### Study Abroad Information Session for Science, Engineering and Computer Science

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Connan Room, UC

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Information session focusing on students in MCS, SCS and CIT needs and issues in studying abroad.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

### Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG)

Ideas bubbling? Research support is available! SURG Proposal Deadline: October 15, 2008.

Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG) are open to ALL undergraduates in any

discipline, freshman-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 archives.

The deadline for Spring 2009 SURG proposals is Wednesday, October 15th at 5:00 PM. Apply online at [www.cmu.edu/uro/](http://www.cmu.edu/uro/). We strongly recommend that you review a draft of your proposal with the URO Director, Stephanie Wallach, well prior to the deadline. To make an appointment, e-mail Stephanie Wallach ([sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu)) or Jen Weidenhof ([jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu)).

### **Work/Study Scholarship in Germany**

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) is now accepting applications from students and recent graduates throughout the US who are interested in experiencing German culture and everyday life through a federally-funded, work/study scholarship.

The CBYX scholarship available to students and recent graduates between the ages of 18-24 in all majors and career fields, and does not require any prior German language knowledge! Participants spend a year studying and interning in their career fields in Germany while immersing themselves in German language and culture. For more information, visit [www.cdsintl.org/cbyx](http://www.cdsintl.org/cbyx).

The CBYX for Young Professionals Scholarship Program includes:

- two months of intensive German language training (all levels accepted and no prior German required!)
- a semester of study in the participant's career field at a German college or university
- a five-month internship in the participant's career field with a German company
- accommodations living with German hosts, in shared apartments, and in student dorms
- transatlantic airfare and monthly living stipends
- various program seminars in the United States and Germany
- local support in area of placement and in the US

CBYX for Young Professionals is funded by the US and German governments, through a grant by the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as amended. The CBYX program is currently celebrating its 25th year.

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents with clear career goals and some relevant work experience. German language skills are preferred, but not required. Participants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, have a strong interest in Germany and international affairs, and exhibit diplomacy, flexibility, and a strong sense of American identity.

The application deadline is December 1, 2008 for the program beginning in July 2009. Students and recent graduates can find out more and apply online at [www.cdsintl.org/cbyx](http://www.cdsintl.org/cbyx).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS**

### **State Department Summer Internship Program**

The US Department of State is now accepting applications for the Summer 2009 Student Internship Program.

Visit <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP> for more information, and to start the online application process. Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is November 3, 2008.

The Global and International Relations Program will be hosting a lunch discussion about careers in the State Department—see “Global and IR Program Events” above for details.

### **Summer Internships Available in the State Department’s Bureau of International Information Programs**

The State Department’s Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) has eleven unpaid internship positions available for summer 2009. Interns would work in IIP’s Office of Web Management, Video Production team, Office of Current Issues, or Publications Office. For more detailed information, including job descriptions, contact Traci Sebastian ([traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu)).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS**

### **Overseas Connections Essay Competition: China**

Interested in China? Thinking about traveling or spending some time here? Want to have your writing featured on our website and make some money?

The Global Exchange Center, a Beijing based educational services organization, is looking for writers interested in sharing their perspectives on China! We are offering a new opportunity for college and graduate students to tell us their thoughts about the unique opportunities presented by cross cultural business and communication.

Since our center seeks to facilitate connections with China for business pursuits, study, or simply personal enjoyment, you may choose to discuss any of the three in your essay. Essays should be clear and articulate with thoughtful subject matter emphasizing your own personal experience or perspective. Please note, entries from writers who have visited China will not receive more favor than those who have not. While a general familiarity of China is a plus, essays will primarily be judged by the quality of their writing and content.

Three essays will be chosen. All winners will receive a cash prize and a Global Exchange voucher redeemable through any of our services. The top three essays will be featured on our website.

1st Place: \$100 in cash and a \$500 voucher 2nd Place: \$50 in cash and a \$300 voucher 3rd Place: \$35 in cash and a \$200 voucher Vouchers expire after 3 years and may be transferred to others.

For more details, including eligibility, topics, and guidelines, please visit [www.glexchange.net](http://www.glexchange.net).

The submission deadline is November 30, 2008. Early submissions are welcome as the submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis. You will be notified of your success and awarded your prize in before December 15, 2008.

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