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GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS

Happy New Year – Welcome Back!

With the new semester beginning on Monday, we want to wish everyone a happy New Year, and all the best in 2009! We hope everyone has had a relaxing and/or productive break, and wish you a successful spring semester.

As always, we hope to bring you a full slate of interesting events and speakers this semester—stay tuned for details!

EVENTS

Lecture: “Higher Education in Lebanon: A Growing Depression”

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

12:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Hana Addam will discuss how the first higher education institution in Lebanon was founded in 1866. Since then, the higher education sector in the country witnessed a tremendous growth, particularly in the past decade. This growth was coupled with a growth in the disparity in the

socio-economic status of the students enrolling in the higher education institutions, creating several problems in the sector. This presentation will shed the light on some of these issues facing the higher education sector in Lebanon and some of the possible approaches to address them. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “El Salvador: Next Presidential Elections and New Challenges”

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

12:00pm - 1:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Horacio Castellanos Moya, Pittsburgh’s City of Asylums writer-in-residence; Visiting Writer, English Department, University of Pittsburgh. El Salvador will have presidential elections on March 15th next year. The country has been ruled by the same party during the last 19 years, the rightist Alianza Republicana Nacionalista (Arena) that took power in 1989, when a long civil war was ending, and then won three consecutive elections (1994, 1999 and 2004). But now the ex-guerrilla party Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) is ahead in the polls. Are the military and the business sector going to accept a leftist government? What are the FMLNs chances of ruling the country? Is El Salvador prepared to have its first leftist government in its History? Castellanos Moya, a Salvadoran novelist and journalist, is the second writer-in-residence to be hosted by City of Asylum/Pittsburgh, a nonprofit organization that provides sanctuary to writers exiled under threat of death, imprisonment, or persecution in their native countries. His most recent novel, *Insensatez* (Senselessness), takes place in Guatemala and deals with the reporting of a massacre of hundreds of indigenous Mayans in the 1980s. For more information, contact CLAS: 412 648 7392, clas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Spaces and Places of Intolerance”

Friday, January 16, 2009

1:00pm

6th Floor William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

Carolyn V. Prorok, Professor of Geography at Slippery Rock University, will discuss how controlling physical and social space by one group over another is a common means for empowerment at the expense of those whose mobility is constrained. This presentation will introduce the local and global dimensions of intolerance as a mechanism for enacting power relations between individuals and groups in various cultural contexts. This lecture is part of the University of Pittsburgh’s week-long Martin Luther King celebration. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “The Future of US Nuclear Weapons Policy”

Thursday, January 22, 2009

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium 125, University of Pittsburgh

Presented by the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies—Ridgway Speaker Series.

GSPIA's Ridgway Speaker Series will host a presentation by Dr. Charles Ferguson, who is the Philip D. Reed senior fellow for science and technology at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). He is also an adjunct professor in the security studies program at Georgetown University, where he teaches a graduate-level course titled "Nuclear Technologies and Security," and an adjunct lecturer in the national security studies program at the Johns Hopkins University, where he teaches a graduate-level course titled "Weapons of Mass Destruction Technologies." At CFR, he specializes in analyzing nuclear energy, nuclear nonproliferation, and the prevention of nuclear terrorism. He is the project director of CFR's Independent Task Force on U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy. The Task Force is chaired by former Secretary of Defense William Perry and former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft. He has worked as the scientist-in-residence at the Monterey Institute's Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS). At CNS, he co-wrote (with William Potter) the book *The Four Faces of Nuclear Terrorism* (Routledge, 2005). He has also served as a physical scientist in the Office of the Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Safety at the U.S. Department of State, where he helped develop U.S. government policies on nuclear safety and security issues. After graduating with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy, he was trained as a nuclear engineering officer on a ballistic missile submarine. He holds a PhD in physics from Boston University.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Undergraduate Scholarship Program to Germany (Deadline 1/31/09)

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites highly qualified undergraduate students to apply for scholarships funding study, senior thesis research and/or internships in Germany. Scholarships are available either as part of an organized study abroad program or as part of an individual, student-designed study abroad semester or year. Funding is offered for the academic year 2009/10 (starting in fall 09) and includes a monthly stipend, health insurance and a lump sum for travel. For program details please view our website: www.daad.org/?p=undergrad.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

For scholarships/fellowships related to study abroad, please see "Announcements: Study Abroad."

State Department Fellowships

The State Department underwrites the Rangel and Pickering Fellowship Programs for undergraduate and graduate fellowships. These programs are designed to support interest in, and entry into, the Foreign Service by traditionally under-represented socio-economic and ethnic groups in the Department of State. The summer undergraduate programs are "for credit" courses hosted by Howard and Princeton Universities. For example, the six week Rangel program at Howard offers the "History of US Foreign Relations," "Political Economy," and "Writing" classes. Students receive tuition, travel, room and board, as well as a stipend. Program

administrators pay close attention to these students taking them to visit U.S. agencies and Congress to meet foreign policy policymakers and practitioners.

Both the Rangel and Pickering programs also underwrite the full costs for graduate studies for motivated and talented students. Students are also assigned internships at the Department of State and an embassy or consulate overseas. On successful completion of the program, the student is eligible for entry into the Foreign Service, subject to passing the Foreign Service oral examination.

The deadlines for the coming year's Rangel full time graduate and summer undergraduate programs are, respectively, January 23 and February 13, 2009. The Pickering graduate and summer programs deadlines are, respectively, February 3 and February 6, 2009.

Further information for these programs can be found at: www.woodrow.org (click on the foreign affairs drop down tab) and www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram.htm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

Foreign Service Officer Test

The next Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) will be held during the period February 7 – 14, 2009. The procedure for registration is online and instructions can be found at <http://careers.state.gov>. Registration for the test can still be made in January. Students in their final year of study at CMU should consider registering for this test, the first step in the Foreign Service Officer Selection Process. Registration has been considerably simplified recently.

Teach Abroad with CIEE

CIEE Teach Abroad programs not only provide a forum for participants to immerse themselves in a local community, culture, and language while developing their teaching skills, but also allow recent graduates to gain international work experience that will enhance their resumes and pique the interest of future employers.

CIEE offers five programs for your upcoming graduates:

- Teach in Chile beginning in late February, apply by September 1
- VolunTeach Chile beginning in late May, apply by February 15 ~ *New Program!*
- Teach in China beginning in late August, apply by May 1
- Teach in Spain beginning in late September, apply by March 15
- Teach in Thailand beginning in mid-October, apply by June 15

It's not necessary to be a certified teacher, or to have teaching experience to be considered for CIEE programs! Eligibility requirements to teach abroad with CIEE include a bachelor's degree in any discipline, native English fluency, and a genuine interest to share experiences using creativity, inventiveness, and global and cultural savvy.

All CIEE Teach Abroad programs offer academic year teaching assignments, with Asia

programs also offering a single semester option. CIEE staff negotiate a placement teaching English, a local stipend, and temporary housing. We provide pre-departure advising, visa advice, medical insurance, a comprehensive in-country orientation, and 24-hour support services.

Why CIEE? For more than 60 years, CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange has pursued its mission, "to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world." CIEE Teach Abroad programs are a smart choice for graduates interested in living this experience.

For more information, or to apply, visit <http://www.ciee.org/teach/>.

Employment Opportunities Conference (EOC) Coming in February

Thursday, February 5, 2009

12:00pm – 6:00 pm

University Center Gym and Rangos Ballroom

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 2 (Midnight)

The Career Center invites you to attend the Fifth Annual Employment Opportunities Conference (EOC) -- a job and internship fair for all students from all Carnegie Mellon colleges. The EOC is open to all currently enrolled degree seeking students of Carnegie Mellon University and Carnegie Mellon Alumni

Whether you are seeking a summer internship or a full-time employment opportunity, the EOC is an excellent job fair for you to attend. Over 65 "actively recruiting" organizations have already registered -- don't miss your chance to meet them.

For detailed information, log on to: <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/career/eoc/eocstu.cfm>

PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH YOUR TARTANTRAK ACCOUNT: Login to TartanTRAK, select the "info sessions/events" tab, then select "Employment Opportunities Conference" <https://cmu-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS

Institute for Cultural Diplomacy Programs

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) is pleased to announce four programs taking place in Berlin throughout February 2009. All programs are currently accepting applications.

The ICD is an international, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization focused on the theoretical and practical promotion of cultural exchange as a tool for improving relations in all areas. To learn more about our activity, please visit www.culturaldiplomacy.org.

The ICD programs bring together Young Leaders from across the world for an analysis of cultural diplomacy, an exploration of the relationship between their cultures, and to create a

sustainable network between likeminded individuals. Participants are encouraged to use the networks they develop to organize their own leadership initiatives in the future.

The ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy (2nd – 6th February 2009)

The ICD offers the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy to allow individuals of all backgrounds to gain an introduction in, or deepen their knowledge of, the field of Cultural Diplomacy. A diverse, inter-disciplinary curriculum featuring leading figures from the public sector, private sector and civil society will stimulate discussions of the salient issues in the field of Cultural Diplomacy today.

Further information: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_icdacademy_introduction

Enquiries: academy@culturaldiplomacy.org

Europe Meets Latin America: A Forum for Young Leaders (9th – 13th February 2009)

Europe Meets Latin America: A Forum for Young Leaders will bring together young leaders for a consideration of the bi-regional relationship between Europe and Latin America, and an exploration of important issues. Areas of focus will include regional Vs. national identity, the influence of development criteria on economic relations, and a consideration of the importance of cultural exchange in strengthening ties.

Further information: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_program_emla_introduction

Enquiries: emla@culturaldiplomacy.org

Cultural Diplomacy in Europe: A Forum for Young Leaders (16 – 20 February 2009)

Cultural Diplomacy in Europe: A Forum for Young Leaders (CDE) has been designed to bring together young, influential people from Europe and across the world to explore the need for, and practice of, Cultural Diplomacy within Europe. Through carefully selected case studies and workshops, CDE will encourage the participants to explore the role cultural exchange can play in addressing regional, national, and local cultural divisions in Europe.

Further information: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_program_cdie_introduction

Enquiries: europe@culturaldiplomacy.org

Cultural Diplomacy in Africa: A Forum for Young Leaders (23 – 27 February 2009)

Cultural Diplomacy in Africa: A Forum for Young Leaders (CDA) was developed to address the urgent need for cultural diplomacy on the African continent. CDA will consider how Cultural Diplomacy can help to strengthen relations between different cultural groups within Africa, will highlight and look at examples of initiatives that currently exist in this area, and will encourage discussions on the role that external influences can, and should, place in the development of Africa.

Further information: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_program_cda_introduction

Enquiries: cda@culturaldiplomacy.org

FOR FACULTY

Announcement and Call for Papers: Global Studies Conference

May 30 - June 1, 2009

Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The Global Studies Conference and Global Studies Journal are devoted to mapping and interpreting new trends and patterns in globalization. The conference and journal attempt to do this from many points of view, from many locations in the world, and in a wide-angle kaleidoscopic fashion.

Plenary speakers include:

- *Georges Corm, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon
- *Lena Jayyusi, Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- *Habibiul Haque Khondker, Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- *Vibodh Parthasarathi, Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, New Delhi, India
- *Mouin Rabbani, International Crisis Group, Amman, Jordan
- *George Ritzer, University of Maryland, College Park, USA

In addition, 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 Global Studies Journal. 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.

Whether you are a virtual or in-person presenter at this Conference, we also encourage you to present on the Conference YouTube Channel. Please select the Online Sessions link on the Conference website for further details.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 11 January 2009. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. 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.GlobalStudiesConference.com/>.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and hope you will be able to join us in Dubai in 2009.

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