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## GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS

### Fall 2009 Course Lists Now Available

The Global and IR Program website has been updated to include the lists of available fall 2009 courses for the following programs:

- the Global Politics major/additional major/minor;
- the Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development (IEE) minor;
- the International Relations major;
- and the International Relations minor.

Each of these lists can be found at <http://www.cmu.edu/ir/current-course-offerings.html>.

The course list for the Global Studies major is also available by request—please email Traci Sebastian at [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu) to receive a copy.

Students who wish meet with Traci to discuss course registration, or any other issue, should email [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu) with a list of what days and times they are available to meet, in order to schedule an appointment.

## EVENTS

### **The 6th CMU International Film Festival: Laughter Across Borders**

Friday, March 20 – Saturday, April 4, 2009

Join us for free laughs, films and food!

The Modern Language Student Advisory Council (MLSAC) at CMU is delighted to bring to you the 6th CMU International Film Festival, a series of films organized under the theme of "Laughter Across Borders." Eight films will be shown to the community, each one coming from one of the linguistic communities taught and studied in the Modern Languages Department at CMU: Italian, German, Chinese, Russian, Hispanic, French, Japanese, and Arabic.

Can laughter create unity and harmony across cultures and nations? We surely believe so. This year's theme will be explored through the unique experiences faced by individuals in their respective cultures. All films are subtitled in English and screened at McConomy Auditorium, Carnegie Mellon University. Everyone is welcome!! The event is open to the community and admission is free.

\*\* Films will begin at 6:30 pm except for April 1st , when the start time will be 7:30 pm.

For more details, visit <http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/org/filmfestival/about.html>.

This event was organized by the Modern Language Student Advisory Council (MLSAC) and the Department of Modern Languages, and funded by the Department of Modern Languages. Additional funding, food and beverages are also provided by generous donors including the Office of International Education, and Student Affairs at CMU, The Enrico Biscotti Company and La Mendocina.

### **Panel Discussion: “The Global Economy: Prospects for Policy and Investment”**

Saturday, April 4, 2009

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Rangos Ballroom, UC

A panel of prominent economists and investors will discuss the U.S. stimulus package, changing global financial markets and the role of growth-oriented investment in innovative technologies. Panelists include Allan Meltzer, the Allan Meltzer Professor of Political Economy at the Tepper School; Lee Branstetter, an international economist at the Heinz College; Charles Evans (TPR '85, '89), president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Ann-Marie Petach (TPR '84), chief

financial officer of Blackrock; and Ray Lane, university trustee and managing partner of Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers.

**Lecture: “Nature Cannot Handle Empty Space: The Competition over the Identities of Religious Sites among Turkish Muslims in Bulgaria”**

Monday, April 6, 2009

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Hande Sozer, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh. For more information, contact Anna Talone: 412-648-7407, [crees@pitt.edu](mailto:crees@pitt.edu).

**Conference: “The EU and NATO in the 21st Century: Security Collaborators or Competitors?”**

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

8:00am

Pennsylvania Room, Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 4215 Fifth Ave.

The University of Pittsburgh will host a one-day conference to discuss how the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are coping with evolving defense and security environment in Europe and their impact on transatlantic relations with the United States.

Both the EU and NATO face significant challenges in international security operations at present, largely as a result of the rise of insurgencies and terrorism. The conference will discuss the EU and NATO’s options for addressing change and modernizing tactics.

The conference will feature four sessions of discussion focusing on transatlantic security from European and American perspectives. Speakers include, Frédéric Bozo, professor of contemporary history at The Sorbonne; Eric Remacle, head of the political science department and director of the Bernheim Chair for the Study of Peace and Citizenship at the Université libre de Bruxelles; and Ambassador Kurt Volker, U.S. permanent representative to NATO.

The conference is sponsored by Pitt’s European Union Center of Excellence and European Studies Center, University Center for International Studies, Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, and the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs as well as by the European Commission.

The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.ridgway.pitt.edu](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu) or contact Beverly Brizzi at 412-624-7884.

**Lecture: “Korea's State Ritual Music”**

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

1:00pm - 2:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

A lecture by Dr. Bell Yung, Dept. of Music, University of Pittsburgh. Korea's State Ritual Music inherits and preserves a rich tradition from the imperial court rituals and music that date to almost a millennium ago. With musical instruments that are seldom played in other contexts and an archaic performance practice and musical style, the State Ritual Music brings back glimpses of the formality and elegance of an era from the distant past. The lecture will be supplemented by visual images and audio and video taped performances. For more information, contact Kiely Houston: 412-648-7426, [khouston@pitt.edu](mailto:khouston@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: "Surviving between Public and Private: Songs of Three South Korean Survivors of the Japanese Military 'Comfort Women'"**

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

2:15pm - 3:15pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

A lecture by Dr. Joshua D. Pilzer, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Music at Columbia University. During the long era of public secrecy about Japanese military sexual slavery, Korean survivors made use of veiled expressive forms such as song to reckon with their experiences and forge social selves without exposing their already opaquely public secrets. In the era of the "comfort women grandmothers" protest movement, which began in the early 1990s, the women became star witnesses and super-symbols of South Korea's colonial victimization at the hands of Japan. The new normative constraints of this role compelled the women to continue to express taboo sentiments and continue the work of self-making behind the veils of song, often in the most public of places. The women's songs are thus simultaneously records of traumatic experiences; transcripts of struggles with traumatic memory; performances of traumatic experience for an expectant public; and works of art that stretch beyond the horizons of traumatic experience and even those of Korean cultural identity. For more information, contact Kiely Houston: [khouston@pitt.edu](mailto:khouston@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: "The World Food Crisis: What is Actually Causing Millions to Suffer from Hunger and How the Human Rights Approach Can Help"**

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

6:00 pm

107 Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

Flavio Valente, MD, MPH, Secretary General of the Food First Information and Action Network (FIAN), will discuss the national and international challenges of the world food crisis and the work of the Food First Information and Action Network (FIAN) for the first time in the USA. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: "Communalism and Indian History"**

Thursday, April 9, 2009

12:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

The talk will be about how in the course of the development of Indian nationalism, one current developed which saw Hindus as the nation in India, and constructed an image of a Hindu

civilization being steadily threatened by Muslims and by Islam itself. Originally fostered by the colonial rulers, this became the political agenda of a current that has been very powerful in recent times. In addition, however, much of this communal agenda of history has become “common sense,” so that it is also taught and written about, unselfconsciously, by people claiming to be nationalists, secular, and so forth, particularly in schools and undergraduate colleges. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

### **Cultural Event: “Passport to the World: China”**

Saturday, April 11, 2009

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Carnegie Library of Oakland Children’s Library

Join us for a program on Chinese folktales and arts & crafts for children ages 3-9, led by University of Pittsburgh students! For more information, contact 412-622-3122 or [children@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:children@carnegielibrary.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD**

### **Mandatory Study Abroad Pre-departure Orientation**

The Study Abroad Pre-departure orientation is REQUIRED for students studying abroad for credit. Students studying abroad this summer, fall, or during the 2009-2010 academic year, *must* 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 or have applied and are still deciding to go abroad. You must attend the full two hours of the orientation.

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

Please RSVP to [goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu) for ONE pre-departure orientation - please put the date of attendance in the subject line and your name in the body of the message.

Remaining pre-departure dates for the spring 2009 semester:

- Tuesday, April 7, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, UC
- Monday, April 20, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, UC
- Wednesday, April 29, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, UC

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS**

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

### **Fulbright Information Sessions**

The Fellowships and Scholarships Office is pleased to announce several upcoming Fulbright information sessions:

□ **Wednesday, April 8**

Session 1: 12:00 PM - Dowd, UC

Session 2: 4:30 PM - McKenna, UC

*Fulbright alum, Sarah Rubin, will talk about her experience as an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) recipient to Hong Kong at both sessions.*

□ **Wednesday, April 22**

Session 1: 12:00 PM - Connan Room, UC

Session 2: 4:30 PM - Peter Room, UC

*Fulbright alum, Amanda Bougades, will talk about her Full Grant experience in Belgium.*

The same general information will be presented at all sessions, but students interested in the ETA should attend either session April 8, and students interested in the full grant should attend the 4:30 session on April 22.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program--administered by the Institute for International Education--offers grants for U.S. students to study, research, and teaching assistantships abroad.

--Eligibility: seniors, graduate students, and alumni

--U.S. citizenship required

Why should I attend?

--Juniors, Seniors, Graduate Students, and Alumni, now is the best time to begin preparing your application to meet the September 17, 2009, campus deadline.

--Freshmen and Sophomores are encouraged to attend and start investigating this prestigious opportunity.

--Students who will study abroad this summer and next year will benefit from advice regarding networking and finding institutional support which is required for application to the Fulbright Program.

More information: <http://www.cmu.edu/fso/fulbright>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS**

### **Junior-Senior Workshop: Prepare For Your Future**

Sunday, April 5, 2009

12:30pm – 4:00pm

Baker Hall A18A

The end of the year is approaching quickly! As a junior or a senior, now is the time to make sure you are prepared! Seniors who either have a job but feel a bit apprehensive about the next steps or are having a hard time finding a job; juniors who want to know how get themselves set-up for the job search and graduate school application process: the Senior Seminar and Career Center have partnered to offer you guidance during the Junior-Senior Workshop: Prepare For Your

Future.

This one-day workshop, on Sunday April 5th from 12:30-4:00 is a new professional development opportunity designed to provide students with basic and practical information necessary for a comprehensive transition from college to career. The workshop includes faculty and alumni panels as well as practical workshops of your choosing on professional development and alternative employment opportunities.

For more information and registration: [www.tinyurl.com/senior-workshop](http://www.tinyurl.com/senior-workshop)

### **CMU's Office of International Education Seeks International Festival Intern**

The Office of International Education is currently seeking to hire a student to serve as the International Festival Intern. The intern is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the International Festival, taking place in mid-October 2009. The theme for the 2009 International Festival is "What's happening to diplomacy?"

The successful candidate will have strong organizational skills, time management skills, be self-motivated and creative. The intern will also have a strong commitment to creating a dynamic and engaging campus climate committed to diverse and global perspectives.

The intern will work approximately 12-15 hours per week depending upon job responsibilities. The internship will begin over the summer (flexible start date) and conclude at the end of the October. The internship is a paid position. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Half at [ehalf@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:ehalf@andrew.cmu.edu) or 412-268-5231. Applications are due by Friday, April 17, 2009, at 5pm.

### **Summer Internship Opportunity for Chinese-Speakers**

Pacific Bridge (<http://www.pacificbridge.com/>), an international recruiting/headhunting and human resources consulting company, has a summer internship position available in the DC area. They are currently looking for someone who is Chinese speaking for a summer internship with possibilities of full time employment after graduation 2010.

For more information, contact Victoria Poprocky in CMU's Office of Government Relations at [poprocky@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:poprocky@andrew.cmu.edu).

### **City of Chicago Citywide Student Intern Pool**

In recognition of the valuable experience that internships provide to students, the City of Chicago has created a unique student intern pool in which profiles from students from throughout the country interested in gaining valuable municipal government experience will be collected and considered for available positions.

The City of Chicago is the third largest city in the country and the third largest employer in Chicago. We have a workforce of nearly 40,000 employees operating out of approximately 40

departments and agencies. These individuals represent a variety of professions possessing a multitude of skills, abilities and experience. Interns can gain knowledge in human resources, engineering, library science, management, budget, government, law enforcement and countless other areas.

We invite you to visit [www.cityofchicago.org/careers](http://www.cityofchicago.org/careers) and click Citywide Student Intern Pool to learn more about this exciting program. Thank you.

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