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## GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS

### New Fall 2009 Course: Diplomacy and Statecraft

The Department of Social and Decision Sciences is pleased to announce a new course being offered in fall 2009: 88-362, *Diplomacy and Statecraft*. This course will be the first taught on the Pittsburgh campus by Dr. Jendayi Frazer, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

This course introduces students to the fundamental principles of the art of statecraft; major concepts and theories of diplomacy; and the main tools of diplomatic practice and key venues in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe. Students will examine the relationship between

diplomatic and military power; the use of economic measures; the role of public diplomacy; and the challenges of multilateral negotiations. Contemporary global issues such as the responsibility to protect, conflict resolution and UN peacekeeping will be explored through focused case studies of Liberia, Darfur and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This course is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00pm - 1:20pm, and qualifies as an International Politics elective for the Global Politics major/minor, as well as a Section B course for the International Relations social science track.

### **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. Sign up now—appointments are filling up fast!

## **EVENTS**

### **Lecture: “Globalization, the Indian Economy, SEZs and Popular Struggles”**

Friday, April 10, 2009

4:00pm

Adamson Wing, Baker Hall 136A

Lecture by Kunal Chattopadhyay, Professor of History, Jadavpur University.

Capitalist development in India after independence (1947) had been based on a strong state sector, protectionist trade policies, and some amount of state support for peasants and unionized workers. Partly this had corresponded to the needs of a relatively weak indigenous capitalist class desiring protection from strong international capital. As Indian capital became stronger it wanted an easing of the state controls from the mid-1980s, but popular struggles of various kinds made it difficult for the state to go in for liberalization in a big way till the economic crisis of 1990, which came at the same time as the rise of Hindu communalism in India and the crisis of the Soviet bloc, thereby also disorienting the hitherto strong left forces.

India therefore turned to globalization willingly. IMF officials remarked on this, comparing it with the difficulties they faced in dealing with government officials of many other countries of the South. Privatization and state policies geared to assisting the private sector resulted in a rise in the growth rate, but it also increased social disparities, and resulted in growing social unrest.

One aspect of globalization was a new thrust on SEZs. An earlier version, the Export Promotion Zones, had been in existence for quite a while, but till the 1990s, these were few and were not seen as really good profit making zones. This changed after 1991. Then, the National Democratic Alliance, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, proposed a further change, towards SEZs in more or less the Chinese model. Though the 2004 election campaigns saw the rout of the NDA with its open advocacy of further doses of neoliberalism, its successor, the United Progressive Alliance led by the Congress, also pursued a similar policy. An all India SEZ Act was passed in 2005 and its rules were formulated by 2006. However, popular resistance proved to be quite dramatic, in a number of areas, from Kalinganagar in Orissa to Nandigram in West Bengal. But since practically all major political parties are in government in some province, and since all provincial governments have also accepted the SEZ scheme, the result is, the anti-SEZ struggles have often developed under shifting alliances, or as social movements without major parties in command, something relatively unusual in India.

### **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).

### **Lecture by Co-Founder of Kiva.org, Jessica Jackley**

Monday, April 13, 2009

12:00pm to 1:30pm

Hamburg Hall room 1000

The Heinz College's Institute for Social Innovation is pleased to welcome Jessica Jackley, co-founder of Kiva.org, the world's first peer-to-peer online microlending website, to Carnegie Mellon's campus on Monday, April 13, for a public lecture. Jessica will be speaking on microfinance and microlending, and her experiences with Kiva.org. If you have an interest in microfinance, international development or social innovation, this opportunity is not to be missed. Please mark your calendars and join us - RSVP to [social-innovation@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:social-innovation@andrew.cmu.edu). Lunch will be served.

Kiva lets internet users lend as little as \$25 to specific developing world entrepreneurs, providing affordable capital to help them start or expand a small business. Kiva has been one of the fastest-growing social benefit websites in history, connecting hundreds of thousands of people through lending across over 150 countries.

Jessica first saw the power, beauty and dignity of microfinance while working in rural East Africa with microenterprise development nonprofit Village Enterprise Fund on impact evaluation and program development. Sector-agnostic about social change, Jessica has worked for public, nonprofit, and private organizations including the Stanford Center for Social Innovation, Amazon.com, Potentia Media, the International Foundation, World Vision and others.

Jessica's work with Kiva has been featured in a wide array of media and press including Oprah, the Today Show, CNN, BBC, NBC, ABC, PBS, NPR, the WSJ, NYTimes, the Economist and more. Jessica speaks widely on microfinance and social entrepreneurship, and serves as a director on several boards related to microenterprise development, including Opportunity International.

Jessica holds an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business with Certificates in Global Management and Public Management, and a BA in Philosophy and Political Science from Bucknell University. She is a trained yoga instructor, avid surfer and poet.

**Lecture: “Boris Mikhailov's Soviet Portraits”**

Monday, April 13, 2009

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Liliana Milkova, Graduate Curatorial Intern at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. For more information, contact Anna Talone: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

**Panel Discussion: “The Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA)”**

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Latin American Lecture Room, 1st Floor, Hillman Library, University of Pittsburgh

CAFTA is an extremely controversial free trade agreement between the United States and several Central American countries and the Dominican Republic, originally ratified in the US in 2005 and by other partners through 2007. This panel discussion will review the impact of CAFTA on economies in the US and Central America and examine a case study of a dispute brought under CAFTA by Pittsburgh-based Railroad Development Corporation.

James H. Cassing, PhD, is Professor of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh. His specialty is international trade theory and policy, and he has worked extensively on trade issues in developing countries. He is the author of the forthcoming paper: Trade Dispute Diversion: The Economics of Conflicting Dispute Settlement Procedures between Regional Trade Agreements and the WTO.

Henry Posner III is Chairman of Railroad Development Corporation ([www.rrdc.com](http://www.rrdc.com)). RDC invests in and operates railroads worldwide, and in Latin America is an investor in Argentina, Peru, and Guatemala. RDC, with Guatemalan investors, is the operator of Ferrovias Guatemala, a narrow gauge railroad in Guatemala that was abandoned by the public sector and restored to

operation in 1999, primarily moving freight until forced to suspend operations in 2007 as the result of actions taken against it by the Government. As a result, RDC filed the first-ever claim under CAFTA against the Government of Guatemala. The case is still pending.

For more information, contact CLAS: 412-648-7392, [clas@pitt.edu](mailto:clas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Biofueling Our Future: Balancing Food and Fuel in a Global Economy”**

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Teplitz Memorial Courtroom, Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

Seventeenth Annual McLean Lecture on World Law by Victor Mosoti, Pitt Law LL.M. Alumnus. Legal officer for the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization. Reception in the Alcoa Room will follow the lecture. For more information, contact Gina Clark: 412-648-7023, [glclark@pitt.edu](mailto:glclark@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Microfinance Institution and World Poverty”**

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

12:00pm

4217 WWPH, University of Pittsburgh

Speaker: Jen Lee, Master in International Development (Development Planning and Environmental Sustainability). The relationship between microfinance and economic growth has been examined and re-examined by many scholars. Since their first widespread use in the 1980s, it has become a hot debate on whether microfinance is leading economic growth in developing nations. Microfinance has benefitted millions of low-income people, especially women who comprise 75 percent of micro-finance institution (MFI) customers. MFIs are intended to remediate purported “failed markets” in low-income lending, where assets are not usually marketable and cash-flow is sporadic. How successful has microfinance been in poverty reduction? For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Image of War in Chechnya”**

Thursday, April 16, 2009

12:00pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Zarema Mukusheva (H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellow) will discuss human right violations that occurred during the second Russian - Chechen war (1999-2000) in Chechnya. She will also speak about Memorial, a human rights organization, which collects and publishes information on war crimes like disappearance of people, tortures, fabrication of criminal cases, and unlawful places of detention in Chechnya. Photos and a short documentary film about this war (Missing Lives: Disappearances and Impunity in the North Caucasus, 2007) will be shown. This lecture is part of the spring Global Issues Lecture series, “Images of War: Representations of Conflict and their Impact on Public Discourse.” For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Mixed Marriages Prohibitions in Nazi Germany and their Rule of Law Implications for Past and Future”**

Thursday, April 16, 2009

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Alcoa Room (2nd floor), Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

Pitt Law Professor Vivian Curran will speak on legal methods used by the Nazi regime in Germany to regulate marriage between German citizens. Professor Curran will examine the impact of the laws in Nazi Germany and their implications for modern rule of law issues. For more information, contact Gina Clark: 412-648-7023, [glclark@pitt.edu](mailto:glclark@pitt.edu).

**Film: “Sisters on the Planet”**

Thursday, April 16, 2009

7:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Climate change affects everybody. But climate change is already having a disproportionate impact on people in poor communities, and it’s hitting women hardest. This film is about women, in both rich and poor countries, who are determined to do whatever they can to put a stop to climate change. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “The Women in the Middle: Inka Concepts Manifested in Farfan's Burials”**

Friday, April 17, 2009

1:00pm

3106 Posvar Hall, Anthropology Department Lounge, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Dr. Carol J. Mackey, Professor Emerita, California State University, Northridge. Dr. Mackey has worked in Peru since the 1960s and will be presenting on her recent research on an Inka burial platform on Peru’s north coast. For more information, contact [clas@pitt.edu](mailto:clas@pitt.edu).

**Festival: Children of the World**

Saturday, April 18, 2009

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Hunt Armory, 324 Emerson Street, Pittsburgh

Come join in the fun as the World Affairs Council and Sacred Heart School present Children of the World, an international festival for families. This fun and exciting event is open to the public and all are welcome.

The evening will feature exhibits, food, music, dance, artistic demonstrations, children’s activities and more to celebrate the cultures of more than 30 countries. Booths displaying the crafts, products and culture of these countries will be prepared by area families, many of whom are living in Pittsburgh on short or extended stays because of the city’s hospitals, universities and businesses.

Many area restaurants will provide delicious food and professional children's groups will perform traditional music and dancing. Children's games, a raffle of gifts from area stores and an auction of hand-painted furniture created by area artists will round out the evening.

Admission is \$5 for elementary school children (younger are free) and \$8 for adults and high school students. The Hunt Armory is handicapped accessible.

For more information, visit [www.shes-pgh.org/festival](http://www.shes-pgh.org/festival) or call the school at 412-441-1582.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD**

### **Tartans Abroad Fund Application Deadline 4/15**

The Tartans Abroad Fund provides scholarships for study, work, volunteer, research, or special projects abroad during academic break periods including the summer, winter break and spring break. Funds are not available for students in their final semester of study. The final deadline for summer study scholarship requests is Wednesday, April 15. Completed scholarship packets are due to OIE (Warner Hall 3rd floor) by 5pm. Guidelines and application materials may be found at <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html>.

### **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:

- 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 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 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**

### **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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

## Free Workshop: Giving Academic Presentations

Are you preparing a presentation for this semester? What tips/advice would help you to become a more effective public speaker?

Join this SERIES OF TWO (2) workshops and learn how to:

- \* Communicate clearly with academic audiences
- \* Become comfortable with public speaking
- \* Assess your own strengths and weaknesses
- \* Receive presentation feedback

Dates: Wednesdays -- April 15th & 22nd (must be able to attend both sessions)

Time: 4:30pm to 6:00pm

If you are working on a current project, bring it along and refine it here! Space is limited - register soon! Register online at

[www.cmu.edu/academic-development/counseling/index.shtml#groupworkshops](http://www.cmu.edu/academic-development/counseling/index.shtml#groupworkshops).

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## Capital Semester Program

Sponsored by The Fund for American Studies in partnership with Georgetown University, Capital Semester combines substantive internships, courses for academic credit, career development activities, site briefings and lectures led by prominent policy experts.

This fast-paced, residential program is offered each fall and spring, and provides students from around the world with the opportunities to gain an edge in job placements and graduate school admissions, and experience the excitement of Washington first-hand.

Applications for our fall program will be accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of June 1, 2009. Students are encouraged to apply by April 24 in order to be entered into a drawing to win \$200 toward their travel to Washington, DC for the program.

- Internships – Competitive placements within the fields of public policy, international affairs, economics, government affairs, journalism and the nonprofit sector
- Classes – 12 transferable credits from Georgetown University
- Housing – Furnished Capitol Hill apartments in the heart of D.C.
- Guest Lectures – With Washington's top policy and industry experts
- Site Briefings – At the White House Complex, State Department, U.S. Capitol and Federal Reserve

- Leadership & Professional Development – Leadership, mentoring and career building activities
- Networking – Interaction with student leaders from around of the world
- Scholarships – Generous scholarships are awarded based on merit and financial need

For more information and an online application, please visit our website [www.DCinternships.org/CS](http://www.DCinternships.org/CS). Should you have any questions, please contact Haley Heieck, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant at [Admissions@tfas.org](mailto:Admissions@tfas.org) or 1-800-741-6964.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS**

### **12<sup>th</sup> International Student Symposium in Prague**

Students looking to gain more advanced skills and interest in the future of world leadership, global politics, cross-cultural communication, and international relations, are invited to attend the 12th International Student Symposium, Prague, Czech Republic.

The symposium is intended to inspire today's youth to reach their full leadership and communicative potential in the area of international relations. The conference employs a multidisciplinary approach towards this goal encompassing the study of political science, international affairs and intercultural communication.

The conference will feature distinguished international experts on global issues and visits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Czech Parliament and selected foreign embassies in Prague. The UN crisis simulation and International Tribunal Criminal Court will provide students with the rare and invaluable opportunity to debate and asses specific topics dealing with democracy, nationalism, military activities, peace negotiation, European integration and human rights.

The 12th International Student Symposium commences on June 21, 2009. For further information about the application process and the conference, please contact [info@student-symposium.com](mailto:info@student-symposium.com) or visit the conference website at [www.student-symposium.com](http://www.student-symposium.com).

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