# Events

## Week of November 10

**Monday, November 11**

**Korean Coffee House**  
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and Korean Language Program  
6:00pm-7:00pm, 204 International Center  

Come and join the Korean Language Program at Michigan State University for a Korean movie night. Open to all!

**Tuesday, November 12**

**Asian Studies Center Brown Bag Series: “The Portrayal of Muslims in American Media”**  
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
12:00pm-1:00pm, 303 International Center  

Please join Brian J. Bowe, Media & Information Studies, as he discusses “The Portrayal of Muslims in American Media.”

**“The Dialogue”**  
Sponsor: Crossing Borders Education, MSU Office of Study Abroad and MSU Office for International Students and Scholars  
6:30pm-8:00pm, Kellogg Center Auditorium  

*The Dialogue*, is a 70-minute documentary that follows four American and four Chinese university students as they travel together through Hong Kong and Southwest China. Intrigued by the complex context of Sino-US relations, together the characters explore elements of meaningful dialogue and cultural identity. Their shared travel adventures, emotion of culture shock, honest confrontations and discoveries about each other become doorways to deepen their understanding of the "other" and themselves. Although the film is set in Hong Kong and China, the "lessons learned" about intercultural understanding and the communication skills needed for conflict mediation and collaborative problem solving are applicable globally. *The Dialogue* was created by Crossing Borders Education (CBE) and co-produced by Michigan State University (MSU). View the trailer here: [http://www.isp.msu.edu/cbe/byyear/2013/dialogue.htm](http://www.isp.msu.edu/cbe/byyear/2013/dialogue.htm)

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Wednesday, November 13

Tax Walk-in Advising for International Students and Scholars
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
4:00pm-6:00pm, 204 International Center

Tax clinicians from the MSU College of Law Tax Clinic will be available to meet with you one-on-one to discuss tax-related issues. Please bring all your tax-related documents and all your visa-related documents.

“Conservation, Coffee, and the Green Economy”
Sponsor: Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies
3:00pm-4:30pm, 201 International Center

Please join Molly Doane, Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, as she discusses “Conservation, Coffee, and the Green Economy.”

Life in the U.S.: Winter Wonderland: Staying Safe and Enjoying Michigan Winters
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
3:00pm-4:00pm, 117 Berkey Hall

Join the Office for International Students and Scholars as they discuss learning how to dress, drive, and find fun activities to do in the snow. Also discuss strategies to avoid depression during the winter months.

Thursday, November 14

“South Africa: The Road Behind, The Way Forward”
Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00pm-1:30pm, 201 International Center

Please join the African Studies Center for their weekly Eye on Africa Speaker Series. This week will feature Barry Gilder, South African born Activist, ANC Intelligence, South African Secret Service, Fellow: Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection, as he discusses South Africa’s past, present and future.

“African Tea Time”
Sponsor: African Studies Center
4:00pm-6:00pm, 303 International Center

Join the African Studies Center for this weeks African Tea Time. This is a place for those interested in African culture, people, and cuisine to gather and discuss their interests. This weeks focus will be Southern Sudan and Sudan.

Turkish Classical Music Concert: Heritage of Thousand Years
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
7:30pm-9:30pm, MSU Kellogg Center Auditorium

Dr. Murat Salim Tokac, Renowned Tanbur and Ney Player & General Director of Fine Arts at the Turkish Ministry of Culture. Dr. Murat Salim Tokaç is considered one of the foremost ney and tanbur players of our time. Besides of his concerts with these ensembles, he has performed individually in recitals and TV shows in Turkey. He has also performed in many concerts individually or with different ensembles and given seminars on tanbur and ney, in all the countries of Europe and in USA, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Azerbaijan, South Korea, Armenia, Australia and Russia.

Japanese Club Conversation Hour
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and Japan Club
7:30pm-9:00pm, Owen Hall Cafeteria

Come speak Japanese in the Owen cafeteria with Japan Club! Anyone can participate regardless of level, experience, or background. We offer help with homework for those taking Japanese classes, and speaking practice for everyone!
Friday, November 15

**Learning Abroad Conference**
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
12:00pm-6:00pm, MSU International Center

Thinking about studying abroad? Attend the second annual Learning Abroad Conference! Co-sponsored by the Office of Study Abroad, the Office for International Students and Scholars, and the Faculty Learning Community on Teaching and Learning Abroad, this conference is about MSU students' learning abroad experiences. “Learning abroad” is defined to include: MSU students’ experiences in a study abroad program, international students’ experiences at MSU, and U.S. students’ experiences with international students at MSU. The conference is designed to give voice to students’ stories through a variety of creative media so that fellow students and MSU faculty and staff may better understand the learning abroad experience. Hear how other students thrived abroad. Listen to their advice about living and learning abroad. Learn how to make the most of your learning abroad experience.

**International Student Coffee Hour**
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
4:00pm-6:00pm, McDonel Hall, Lower Level Lounge

Please join OISS for International Student Coffee Hour every Friday. It is a great place to make friends, be involved and start the weekend...and the coffee is free!

Turkic Chay (Tea) and Chat Hour
Sponsor: Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
4:30pm, 302 International Center

Turkic Chay (Tea) and Chat Hour (TCCH) is a free, interactive gathering established for those MSU students who are currently studying one of the Turkic languages (Turkey Turkish, Uzbek, Kazakh, or Azerbaijani) and those who have taken these Turkic language courses earlier. It is a good opportunity for students of different Turkic languages and levels to get acquainted with each other share their experiences of learning Turkish and their travels to various cities of Turkey, and other Turkic language regions. Both the Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (CERES) and the Asian Studies Center (ASC) are sponsoring this TCCH, which will be held every Friday during November, and will continue during spring semester.

Saturday, November 16

**Indonesian Cultural Night**
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars and Asian Studies Center
4:00pm-6:00pm, Erickson Kiva

Experience Indonesian Art & dance performances, and authentic Indonesian delicacies.

Week of November 17

Sunday, November 17

**Global Festival**
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars and Residents Education and Housing Services
12:00pm-5:00pm, Brody Hall

Global Festival is moving this year to Brody Hall on Sunday, November 17 from noon to 5 p.m. The new location promises the same showcase of cultures and celebration of diversity in the MSU community that audiences have experienced year after year. Exhibits, demonstrations and live performances bring to life cultures from the 130 countries represented at MSU, as families can participate in children’s games and hands-on activities. The World Gift Shop offers unique items for sale from around the world, with all proceeds benefiting a special scholarship fund for the spouses of international students.

**Film Screening & Discussion: Tea in a Harem**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
2:00pm-5:00pm, East Lansing Public Library

The film, "Tea in a Harem," will be shown with a discussion after. Discussion will be lead by Chantal Tetreault, MSU Dept. of Anthropology, and Safoi Babana-Hampton, MSU Dept. of Romance and Classical Studies. Light refreshments will be served.
Monday, November 18

**Korean Coffee House**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the Korean Language Program
6:00pm-7:00pm, 204 International Center

Come and join the Korean Language Program at Michigan State University for a night of Korean games. Open to all!

**Francophone Europe Culture Night**
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
7:30pm-9:00pm, RCAH Theater, basement of Snyder/Phillips Hall

Come join the French club in celebrating Francophone European Culture, namely Belgium, Corsica, Luxembourg, Monaco, Switzerland and France. Learn about these cultures through discussion, film, and food.

Tuesday, November 19

**“The Arab Spring in the Monarchies: Path Dependencies or Political Opportunities?”**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
12:00pm-1:00pm, 303 International Center

Join the Asian Studies Center for a Brown Bag Series present by Associate Professor Russell Lucas, Global Studies and Linguistics and Languages.

**India Focus Film Presentation: “Kahaani”**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
7:00pm-9:00pm, 303 International Center

Join the Asian Studies Center as they focus on India. Dr. Pillai will be presenting the film, “Kahanni.”

**Wednesday, November 20**

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3:00pm-4:00pm, 115 International Center

Tax clinicians from the MSU College of Law Tax Clinic will be available to meet with you one-on-one to discuss tax-related issues. Please bring all your tax-related documents and all your visa-related documents.

**Film Showing: “We Women Warriors (Tejiendo Sabiduria)”**
Sponsor: Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies
3:00pm-4:30pm, 303 International Center

Please join Elvira Sanchez-Blake, Associate Professor, Romance and Classical Studies, MSU, as she discusses the film “We Women Warriors.”

Thursday, November 21

**Japanese Club Conversation Hour**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and Japan Club
7:30pm-9:00pm, Owen Hall Cafeteria

Come speak Japanese in the Owen cafeteria with Japan Club! Anyone can participate regardless of level, experience, or background. We offer help with homework for those taking Japanese classes, and speaking practice for everyone!

**Hindi-Urdu Chai-Chat**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
5:00pm-7:00pm, International Center

The objective of Hindi-Urdu Chai-Chat is to provide programming about the language and culture of Hindi and Urdu. These evening events are open to public, as an outreach event of the Asian Studies Center, but their primary audience consists of current, past and potential Hindi and Urdu MSU students. It gives them an opportunity to interact more with speaker of Hindi/Urdu, to learn more about the culture of India and South Asia, and to practice their language in a comfortable environment. We make and provide chai as well as snacks, and do a broad range of programming focused on building cultural awareness and a Hindi-Urdu community.
Optional Practical Training Session (OPT)
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
3:30pm-4:30pm, 303 International Center

F-1 students may apply for one year of work authorization, called the Optional Practical Training (OPT), for use after graduation. We recommend that applications are submitted at least three months before graduation. Come learn more about how you can apply for OPT.

Sargam by Indian Students Organization
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars and Indian Students Organization
7:00pm-9:00pm, Wharton Center

Indian Students Organization is pleased to announce the 2013 Sargam event. It will be a great event to learn about Indian culture. Come and join us!

Great Decisions – Threat Assessment at National and Local Level
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
4:30pm-7:00pm, Robertson Room, Peoples Church

How can the United States address the challenges of a weak economy, homegrown terrorism and nuclear proliferation? How are our local officials responding to the challenges of terrorism on the national and international level? Our speakers will come from the Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Michigan Intelligent Operations Center (MIOC). Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, November 22

International Studies in Education Potluck
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
5:00pm-7:00pm, Spartan Village Community Center

Prepare or purchase your favorite food to share with the group of international studies students.

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MSU Peace Corps

Peace Corps service is the opportunity of a lifetime and offers two years of international experience immediately upon graduation. Meet your campus representatives to have your questions answered and gain tips to guide you through the application process.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Class Announcement:
ACR 848
Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Developing Countries
Spring Semester, Thursdays, 3:00-5:50pm
Instructor: Maria Claudia Lopez

This course covers rural natural resource management in developing countries, focusing on the factors that lead to positive natural resource outcomes, e.g. conservation, increased productivity, and improved income distribution. The course begins with a look at how human and natural systems interact, and possible ways to study that interaction. The course then addresses a variety of issues that influence natural resource management including people’s perceptions of natural resource scarcity, poverty, population density, tenure security, property rights regimes, collective action and its determinants, and governance. It also examines policy approaches for promoting conservation where benefits are off-site. This course qualifies for the FLAS specializations and some other specializations on campus.
For more information contact the instructor, Maria Claudia Lopez at mlopez@msu.edu