

# CASID Current

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## EVENTS

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### Week of March 16

#### Monday, March 17

#### The Office of International Studies in Education Spring 2014 Speaker Series – Session One

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
9:30am-11:00am, 133F Erickson Hall

This Spring 2014 the Featured Speakers Series will present Dr. Amita Chudgar and Dr. Tom Luschei. This event will give the opportunity for faculty, students (undergraduate and graduate), as well as members of the College of Education to learn more about the work that Dr. Chudgar has done in partnership with Dr. Luschei. Session one will focus on a moderated conversation with students about the joys and challenges of conducting cross-national, mixed methods work.



#### Tuesday, March 18

#### Sonobe Ball Origami Workshop: Joining Hands Toward Tomorrow

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
4:00pm-5:30pm, B-342 Wells Hall

In this workshop led by Betsy Lavolette, you will learn to fold a Sonobe module from a square of paper. This module is very simple to make--no tricks! It doesn't look like much by itself, but it is a highly versatile building block. You can combine 6 modules to make a cube. With 12 modules, you can make a pointy geometric ball. Keep making more modules, and you can eventually make enough for an "Epcot Ball." Together, will we make enough? Come help us try!

#### Wednesday, March 19

#### National Model of African Union Conferences

Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars  
5:00pm-8:30pm, 303 International Center

Are you interested in African culture and current issues? Come hear talks from MSU students who recently attended the National model of African Union. They will share with you their experiences about African Culture and issues, that they learned at the gathering in Washington, D.C. Free food will be provided.

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**Wednesday, March 19 cont.****Puccini: La Boheme – MSU Opera Theatre**

Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars  
6:30pm, Brody Grotto

Travel the worlds of MSU and savor the diverse sights, sounds, and foods in campus neighborhoods. Students from the MSU College of Music bring a variety of cultural experiences to fellow students through performances, presentations, and discussion. Call the College of Music Outreach and Engagement Office at 517-432-7371 for more information.

**Korean Coffee House**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the Korean Language Program  
6:30pm-8:30pm, B122 Wells Hall

Join the Korean Language Program for a movie night! Come learn about Korean culture, music, food and more!

**Turkic Chay (Tea) and Chat Hour**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies  
4:30pm-5:30pm, 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 and those who have taken Turkic language courses earlier.

**Film Screening: “Migrations of Islam”**

Sponsor: Muslim Studies Program  
8:00pm-10:00pm, B117 Wells Hall

Join the Muslim Studies Program for the film premiere of “Migrations of Islam.” Migrations of Islam is a documentary on the representations of American-Muslim identity in popular culture post 9/11. Through cultural events like the performance of the theatrical Hijabi Monologues, and the musical Poetic Visions Tour, and the staged reading of playwright Wajahat Ali’s Domestic Crusaders in Michigan, ‘Migrations of Islam’ foregrounds the response of the Muslims in America to both the media-driven Islamophobia and the conservative voices of the Muslims within the community. The narrative embeds these performances of popular artists within the larger community of mainly young students, who were at an young and impressionable age when they experienced the trauma of 9/11, as they respond to the contemporary discourses surrounding Muslim identity by being both an audience and performers in their own right.

**Thursday, March 20****Public Talk, Film Screening, and Panel Discussion**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
4:00pm-6:00pm, Big Ten C Meeting Room, Kellogg Hotel

Cyril Payen will speak on “Genesis of a Documentary Film: The History of Hmong Soldiers and its Place in the French and American Collective Unconscious” followed by a screening of his award-winning reportage *Guerre Secrète Au Laos* (The Secret War in Laos). A panel discussion by MSU faculty will follow: Charles Keith (History), Marsha MacDowell (Art, Art History and Design), Jyotsna Singh (English) and writer Martha Bloomfield, with Cyril Payen as respondent. It will focus on the place of inclusive history, memory of cultural minorities, ethics and human rights activism in academia, the media and the public space, in light of Cyril Payen’s investigative work on the forgotten history of the Hmong people of Laos. A reception will follow. Cyril Payen is an award-winning French journalist. He extensively covered ethnic and religious minorities and conflicts in South East Asia as Senior International Correspondent and South East Asia Bureau Chief for France24, the leading French international news network.

**Thursday, March 20 cont.**

**Hindi-Urdu Chai & Chat**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
5:00pm-6:00pm, 302 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. 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.

**Anita Raghavan, Author of the *Billionaire's Apprentice***

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and Indian Woman's Association  
7:00pm-8:30pm, MSU Federal Credit Union, Community Room

Author Anita Raghavan crisscrosses the globe from Wall Street boardrooms to Delhi's Indian Institute of Technology as she uncovers the secrets of this subculture--an incredible table of triumph, temptation, and tragedy.

**Japanese Conversation Hour**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
7:30pm-9:00pm, Owen Hall Cafeteria (near northeastern windows)

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!

**"Diversity of Opinion in the Face of Prevailing Practices: Schooling and School Cultivation in Two Tanzanian Villages"**

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 Daniel Roberts, MSU, College of Education, Tanzania Partnership Program, as he discusses cultivation of schools in Tanzania.

**Friday, March 21**

**Colombian Women: War, Peace and Hope**

Sponsor: Center for Gender in Global Context  
1:30pm-3:00pm, 303 International Center

While decades of violence have impacted Colombian society as a whole, women have been particularly affected. They constitute the majority of the country's population, and many academics and governmental and non-governmental organizations consider the future of Colombia to be in their hands. This presentation examines the role of women in Colombia's recent historical events with focus on women organization's peace initiatives. Elvira Sánchez-Blake is Associate Professor of Latin American literature and culture at MSU. She specializes in contemporary Colombian and Mexican narratives.

**Nowruz Cultural Show**

Sponsor: Office for International Students and Schoalrs  
4:00pm-7:00pm, Holmes Hall

Nowruz is the celebration of New Year based on the Persian calendar which is the first day of spring as well. Come for food, music and dance!



## Week of March 23

### Tuesday, March 25

#### Digitizing the Diaspora: The South Asian American Digital Archive

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
7:00pm-8:30pm, 303 International Center

Join us for an introduction to the South Asian American Digital Archive (<http://www.saadigitalarchive.org/>), the only independent non-profit organization giving voice to South Asian Americans through documenting, preserving, and sharing stories that reflect their diverse experiences. The SAADA website received nearly 200,000 visitors from around the world in the last year alone, and the organization has been covered by the New York Times, NPR, BBC World Service, India Abroad, and other publications both in the U.S. and in South Asia. Samip Mallick, SAADA's Co-Founder and Executive Director, will share stories from the archive and the organization's unique approach to documenting and preserving community history. He will share how you too can get involved. This event is oriented towards students, faculty, and the greater Lansing community. Refreshments will be served.

### Wednesday, March 26

#### Korean Coffee House: Tea and Drink Culture

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the Korean Language Program  
6:30pm-7:30pm, 303 International Center

Multiple types of teas will be served, but most definitely green tea. There will be a presentation about the different drinks of all kinds in Korea, and a discussion about the cultural aspects surrounding tea and alcohol.

#### Study Abroad in River Trail Neighborhood

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
6:00pm-8:00pm, McDonel Hall Engagement Center

Study Abroad is coming to the McDonel Hall Engagement Center to offer one-on-one advising to residents! No appointments are necessary. Peer Advisers from the Office of Study Abroad will staff an information table to share their experiences abroad, answer questions, and help students find a study abroad program and location that meets academic needs and personal interests. This will be a regular event so if you can't make it today, check our calendar for future dates.



#### “After Mr. Nowhere: New Proper Scientific Selves”

Sponsor: Center for Gender in Global Context  
3:00pm-5:00pm, 303 International Center

Please join GenCen as Sandra Harding presents. The anti-authoritarian social movements have refused for more than four decades to take "the view from nowhere" on which positivist philosophies of science depended. They have shifted the methodological "technologies" of research to ones that maximize the scientific and political benefits of socially situated research. In doing so they have produced new kinds of "proper scientific selves." This presentation will identify three such intellectually and politically desirable subjects of research.

### Thursday, March 27

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**Culture Without Borders**

Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars  
8:00pm, Mosaic Multi-purpose room

We are showing our cultures through music, dances, poems, languages, fashion shows, etc. Also we have a speaker from Somali who is now an artist. Come join us!

**“Fighting for the Empire: Petitions as African Voices During the Second World War (Nigeria)”**

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 Korien Chima, Marquette University, Faculty, History, as he discusses Nigerian voices in the Second World War.

**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 Benin, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

**“The Trans-Atlantic: How a Girl Becomes a Ship”**

Sponsor: Center for Gender in Global Context  
3:00pm-5:00pm, 115 International Center

A Women’s History Month event, GenCen welcomes Christina Sharpe as she presents. Christina Sharpe is Associate Professor of English, Africana, American and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Tufts University. This presentation will introduce work from Sharpe’s forthcoming book, *In the Wake: On Blackness and Being*. Central to *In the Wake* are questions of antiblackness, the *longue durée* of Atlantic chattel slavery, and the ongoing effects of Black Being in the aftermath of slavery. Sharpe theorizes these effects as the “wake,” and rather than looking for political, juridical, or philosophical answers to the ontological negation of Black subjects, *In the Wake*, via the metaphor of the wake, explores what it means to inhabit that “zone of non Being” within and after slavery’s denial of Black humanity.

**Friday, March 28**

**International Studies in Education Breakfast**

Sponsor: Office of International Studies in Education  
9:00am-11:00am, Graduate Student Lounge, Lower Lobby, Erickson Hall

Please join us for breakfast where we provide a variety of quick and easy breakfast items. The Office of International Studies in Education continues to collaborate with international students and scholars in the College of Education to put together exciting events. The purpose of these events is to foster community building across the departments and at the same time provide an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the presence of international students and scholars within the college. All College of Education Faculty, Staff and Students are welcome. Please come for the duration or just stop by to say hello and grab a bite to eat. We are always excited to see old friends and meet new.

**Tuah: Malaysian Night 2014**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
6:00pm-8:00pm, Erickson Kiva

Join the Malaysian Student Organization (MSO) to learn and experience the rich culture of Malaysia. Malaysia is a multi-racial country with a cuisine that is a fusion of diverse taste and uniqueness. MSO will educate the audience by explaining the origin of the food and how it successfully portrays Malaysian culture.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Call for Abstracts:

### International Development Ethics Association

#### Development Ethics Contributions for a Socially Sustainable Future

#### PAPER PROPOSALS

Papers should examine these issues from diverse theoretical and conceptual perspectives including philosophical argument, empirical analysis, examinations of policy, and action strategies. The conference will engage scholars and practitioners from around the world and from a wide variety of disciplines and activities (including philosophy and other humanities, social sciences, policy studies, development, social work, NGOs, local and global agencies and organizations, government officials and policy makers). IDEA particularly welcomes submissions from scholars and practitioners in the global south.

#### CONFERENCE FORMAT

Plenary speakers will participate in mixed plenary panels. Concurrent panels will include development ethics, political economy of development, and presentations of case studies.

#### SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Proposals in English or Spanish should be submitted no later than April 1, 2014 to [congresoidea2014.inif@ucr.ac.cr](mailto:congresoidea2014.inif@ucr.ac.cr) and should include: 1) An abstract of 500 words suitable for anonymous review; 2) Name, affiliation, and contact information on a separate page; 3) A biography of under 100 words (for the conference program).

For further information and conference updates see: <http://developmentethics.org/>

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