Events: Week of 2 April

Tuesday, April 3rd

“Optical Practical Training Session (OPT)”
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, 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 3 months before graduation. Come learn more about how you can apply for OPT.

“Hindi Urdu Chai and Chat”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 303 International Center
Interested in Hindi? Interested in Urdu? Want to learn more? Stop in for Chai and conversation!

Wednesday, April 4th

“Policy Networks in Trade Protectionism: the Case of Brazil within Mercosul”
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center
Presentation by: Galia Benitez, James Madison College.

Thursday, April 5th


Friday, April 6th

“International Coffee Hour with the Indian Student Organization”
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan Rooms B & C, International Center
Come out and enjoy some coffee and tea at with the Indian Student Organization. The Indian Student Organization will be promoting their April 14th event. Come out and hear about it over a cup of coffee!

“A Domesticated Periphery: Homeownership and Marginality in Santiago, Chile”
Sponsored by: Center for Advanced Study of International Development and Center for Gender in Global Context
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center
Presentation by: Edward Murphy, Department of History.

Saturday, April 7th

“Malaysian Food Fest 2012”
Sponsored by: Malaysian Student Organization and Office for International Students and Scholars
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, East Lansing Hannah Community Center
Formerly known as Malaysian Night, this year we are focusing more on food as we believe cultural cuisine plays a very important part in Malaysian culture and society. Malaysia is a multiracial country and because of that, Malaysian food is a fusion of diverse cultures. We will be focusing on food and how it
successfully portrays Malaysian culture in several aspects. Furthermore, we will also hold exhibitions, simple performances, and some interactive activities that can help the guests to learn more about our culture. Through food, we are hoping the MSU community will experience the Malaysian culture in a fun and engaging way.

Week of April 9th

Tuesday, April 10th

“Movie Screening: “House of Flying Daggers”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center and the Chinese Language Program
2:50 pm - 4:55 pm, 303 International Center
Please join us for the screening of House of Flying Daggers, directed by: Yimou Zhang. In the Nineth Century, the Tang Dynasty in China is weak and corrupt, and an army of rebels called “The House of the Flying Daggers” fights against the government military forces, and steals from the rich to give to the poor. Leo (Andy Lau) and Jin (Takeshi Kaneshiro), two captains of the government army, plot a scheme against the rebels using the blind dancer Mei (Zhang Ziyi) to approach their leaders, but their love for Mei leads them to a tragedy.

“Annual Globie Awards Reception”
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, 3rd Floor International Center
The Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) requests your presence at the 2012 Annual Globie Awards reception. The Globie Awards ceremony recognizes outstanding service to international students and scholars at Michigan State University. Please join us for an afternoon of food and celebration.
If you wish to attend, please RSVP at: Office for International Students and Scholars: (517) 353-1720.

“Canada Club Meeting”
Sponsored by: Canadian Studies Center
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, 204 International Center
Please join us for the Canada Club meeting! Contact Sarah Quraishi for more information at: csc@msu.edu

“A Day in the Life of Spartans Abroad”
Sponsored by: Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives and Office of Study Abroad
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Erikson Hall Kiva
Students and others preparing for (or considering participation in) a study abroad experience, are invited to spend a day in the life of two MSU students as they transition through living and studying in another culture. This interactive workshop – presented by the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Transforming Theatre Ensemble–blends performance art and audience discussion in an innovative pre-departure orientation program for MSU study abroad students. The workshop is designed to help increase cultural sensitivity and awareness of how behavior impacts others, and to allow participants to learn from common mistakes. Discussion of scenes on various topics will focus on strategies for coping with the challenges that sometimes arise in cross-cultural living and learning.

Wednesday, April 11th

“Mayan Resistance through Performance: Indigenous Women Theater in Chiapas”
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center
Presentation by: Elvira Sanchez-Blake, Associate Professor, Romance and Classical Studies

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New Non-Credit Online Course in Ethics and Development

This course is about the ethical questions and issues that arise concerning development. Students will step back and analyze the process of development, the discourse of development and development work, analyze central concepts of the philosophy of development, and evaluate arguments given for a variety of positions. It will introduce ethical approaches to development thought, but also offer some tools in resolving ethical problems. The course will utilize both philosophical and interdisciplinary content in an effort to engage students with important global issues such as poverty, hunger and aid. The course aims to improve students’ thinking about the nature and purpose of global development.

July 2 - August 17, 2012 (7 weeks)
Online course
Cost: $500.00 for those living in countries of the “North” (eg. U.S., European countries, Australia) and $350 for those living in the global “South” (eg. most African countries, Latin America, and South East Asia).
Instructor: Anna Malavisi
For further information: www.philosophy.msu.edu/courses/non-credit

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