

CASID CURRENT

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EVENTS

For the Week of October 22nd:

Monday, October 22nd

“Cinderella (auf Deutsch!)”

German Film Series

7:15 pm, Rm. B-104 Wells Hall

Edward O. Wilson World View Lecture

Wilson’s World View Lecture will draw on the ideas of his best-selling book, *The Future of Life*, to make a passionate and eloquent plea for a new approach to the management and protection of our eco-system

7:30 pm, Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center

Tickets: \$20.00

Tuesday, October 23rd

“Painting, Art History, and Violence: Reflections on Indonesian Works”

Presentation in the Fall Colloquium Series: “Society and Government in Asia: Issues of Violence and Corruption”

Presented by Kenneth George, Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

“Chronically Unfeasible”

History Department International Film Festival

7:00 pm, Rm. A-133 Life Sciences Building

Wednesday, October 24th

“A Close Look at the Highest Imperial Examination through a Song Dynasty Writer’s Notes”

Annual Joseph Lee Endowed Lecture

Presented by Zhong Zhen Zhen, Professor of Chinese Classics Editing and Research Institute, Nanjing Normal University

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

“Memory, Violence, and Chilean Nationalism”

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (CLACS) “Charla” Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Leslie Jo Frazier, Assistant Professor of Gender Studies, Indiana University

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

“War”

Russian Film Series

A British tourist is kidnapped by Chechens, and her husband is forced to turn to Russians for help when their government refuses to intercede

7:00 pm, Rm. C-305 Wells Hall

“Requiem as History: What a Medieval Japanese Epic can Teach Us about How We Remember the Past”

A Japan Week Presentation

Presented by Elizabeth Oyler, East Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Illinois

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

Thursday, October 25th

“International Trade Symposium: The Michigan Challenge II”

See Announcements for details



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EVENTS *continued***“Land! Ownership Policy and Livelihoods in Kenya”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag
 Speaker: Danson Esese, Graduating Ph.D. student, History, Michigan State University
 12:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

Friday, October 26th**“IL GRIDO”**

Romance Languages Film Series
 To celebrate the work of Michelangelo Antonioni, come see this classic film from 1957, a neo-realist drama about the state of rural Italy in the 1950s. (Italian)
 5:00 pm, Rm. 206 Old Horticulture Building

“Chairman Mao Rescued Me from the Pit of Hell’: First-person Testimonials, Party Rhetoric, and the Rehabilitation of Prostitutes in the Early People’s Republic of China”

Gender in Global Context (GenCen) 2007-08 Colloquia Series
 Speaker: Aminda Smith, Department of History, Michigan State University
 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Rm. 305 International Center

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

Saturday, October 27th**8th Annual Tropos Graduate Student Conference**

Sponsored by the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University

For the Week of October 29th:**Monday, October 29th****2008 Boren Graduate Student Fellowship Informational Meeting**

Boren Fellowships can provide graduate students with up to \$30,000 for less-commonly taught language study and international research. This is an informational meeting with a national NSEP/Boren representative
 11:00 am, Rm. 207 - 208 Eustace Cole Hall

2008 Boren Undergraduate Scholarship Competition

Boren Scholarships can provide up to \$20,000 for undergraduate students to study abroad. This is an informational meeting with a national NSEP/Boren representative
 1:00 pm, Rm. 207-298 Eustace Cole Hall

“Singapore Dreaming”

A presentation of the film series: “Living Together, Living Apart: Issues of the Human Environment in Asian Cinema”
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Rm. B102 Wells Hall

Tuesday, October 30th**“Hitlerjunge Salomon/ Europa Europa”**

German Film Series
 7:15 pm, Rm. B-104 Wells Hall

“Ghosts and Numbers”: A Film on Financial Dreams in Thailand and a Discussion with the Director

Presentation of the fall colloquium series: “Society and Government in Asia: Issues of Violence and Corruption”
 Presented by Alan Klima, Anthropol-

ogy, University of California, Davis
 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

“A Man for All Seasons”

History Department International Film Festival
 Hosted by Emily Tabuteau
 7:00 pm, Rm. A-133, Life Sciences Building

Friday, November 2nd**“Zimbabwe’s Fast Track Land Reform”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum
 Speaker: Dr. Bill Derman, Anthropology Department, Michigan State University
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

“FAURTEILS D’ORCHESTRE”

Romance Languages Film Series
 This is the story of Jessica, a waitress at a café who deals with clients who need her for a lot more than coffee. (French)
 5:00 pm, Rm. 206 Old Horticulture Building

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

Saturday, November 3rd

“Celebrating Rumi in the 21st Century”
 A Conference and cultural event to commemorate famous Islamic mystic Mevlana Jalauddin Rumi’s 800th birthday. Rumi was a poet, philosopher, and scholar whose spiritual and literary influences crossed the boundaries of medieval Islamic world and even reached to Europe and America today
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, MSU Unions, Parlor C

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The National Science Foundation aims to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the United States and to reinforce its diversity by offering approximately 1,100 graduate fellowships in this competition. The Graduate Research Fellowship Program provides three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees and is intended for students who are in the early stages of their graduate study. The Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) invests in graduate education for a cadre of diverse individuals who demonstrate their potential to successfully complete graduate degree programs in disciplines relevant to the mission of the National Science Foundation. Please read the program announcement carefully at www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07576/nsf07576.htm

Due Dates:

* Application Deadline(s) (due by 5 pm submitter's local time):

November 1, 2007 - Interdisciplinary Fields of Study

November 2, 2007 - Mathematical Sciences; Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering

November 6, 2007 - Social Sciences; Psychology; Geosciences

November 7, 2007 - Life Sciences

November 8, 2007 - Engineering

November 9, 2007 - Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy
Fellowship applications must be submitted electronically using the NSF FastLane Graduate Research Fellowship Program Application Module at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/> according to the field of study deadline. Thus, applicants must first register as a FastLane user at that web site. The official transcript(s) is (are) due by the relevant field of study deadline and must be submitted to the GRF Operations Center at the address shown in this section. See the Applicant User Guide for instructions on completing and submitting an application.

For additional information regarding the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, please see Jenni Marsh, National/International Fellowships and Scholarships Coordinator, Eustace-Cole Hall or email her at marshje3@msu.edu. As always, Jenni would be happy to assist you with your application materials and essays.

COMPETITION OPENS FOR FORD FOUNDATION DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS

Deadline: Various

Administered by the National Research Council (<http://www.nationalacademies.org/nrc/>), the Ford Founda-

tion Diversity Fellowships seek to increase the diversity of U.S. college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

To facilitate these goals, NRC awards fellowships at the pre-doctoral, dissertation, and postdoctoral levels to students who demonstrate excellence, a commitment to diversity and a desire to enter the professoriate.

The program makes the following annual awards: approximately sixty pre-doctoral awards of \$20,000 per year for up to three years (**Deadline: November 15, 2007**); approximately thirty-five dissertation awards of \$21,000 for one year (**Deadline: November 29, 2007**); and approximately twenty postdoctoral awards of \$40,000 each for one year (**Deadline: November 29, 2007**).

For complete program information and application procedures, visit the Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships Home Page. RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10009139/national>

INTERNATIONAL TRADE SYMPOSIUM: THE MICHIGAN CHALLENGE II

The State of Michigan is in the midst of a decades long transition from a predominantly manufacturing economy, largely geared to a North American market, to becoming a successful participant in an increasingly complex, globalized world. Optimal use of existing and new resources will be a key factor in achieving a common goal: A more diversified Michigan economy and broadly educated workforce which not only benefits the people of Michigan but contributes to a better life for the world's citizens. The goal of this second International Trade Symposium is to make a timely, practical educational contribution to this complex process. The program has been planned as an overview/update for leaders involved in a variety of roles in strengthening Michigan's economy: international business entrepreneurs, economic development professionals, government officials and employees concerned with economic development, agricultural export entrepreneurs and leaders, academic faculty and students interested in international trade issues, non-profit leaders with international interests.

8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Henry Center For Executive Development

\$50.00 registration fee includes lunch

For more details and to register visit: <http://ciber.msu.edu/events/2007/ITSPProgram.pdf>

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***AFRICAN CULTURE WEEK 2007 - "TASTE OF AFRICA"****November 6, 2007 - November 10, 2007**

The MSU African Culture week events begin on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 with the Main event "Carnival D'Afrique" culminating on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at McDonald Middle School in East Lansing, Michigan. More detail to follow as the events gets closer. Please mark your calendar.

GRAMSCI NOW: CULTURAL AND POLITICAL THEORY AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the death of Antonio Gramsci, the College of Arts and Letters at Michigan State University will sponsor Gramsci Now: Cultural and Political Theory, an international symposium. The event will bring together distinguished scholars in fields throughout the humanities and social sciences who will explore a wide range of topics, including the translation into English and editing of the Prison Notebooks; Gramsci's ongoing importance to postcolonial theory, cultural studies, and economic and political theory; and Gramsci's relevance to our understanding of the contemporary world, particularly the "new world order" that came into being following the collapse of the Soviet bloc. Co-sponsored by the African Studies Program, the Center for European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and International Studies and Programs

November 9 - 11, 2007, Michigan State University
East Lansing Marriott – University Place, East Lansing, Michigan

For more information, visit www.cal.msu.edu/Gramsci.php

NEW COURSE OFFERINGS: SPRING 2008**AL 892 - 08: THE NATURE OF NATURE IN PRE-MODERN WORLDS**

Sponsored by the Global and Literary Cultural Studies Research Cluster: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar

Mondays, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Spring

Moderated by Professor Ethan Segal, Department of History, segale@msu.edu

This seminar explores the meaning and significance of "nature" as an object of study, inspiration, and delineation for writers, philosophers, poets, and scientists across the premodern globe. What made something "natural"? How did medieval and early modern people perceive differences between nature and civilization? We use a wide range of disciplinary approaches to explore the relationship between society and nature in a variety of times and settings around the world.

ANP 837: SEMINAR IN ECONOMIC ANTHROPOLOGY: POLITICAL CULTURES OF NEOLIBERALISM

Tuesdays 1:50 pm - 4:40 pm, Olds Hall 208. Spring

Dr. Brandt Peterson, instructing - peter699@msu.edu

Neoliberalism describes a discrete body of economic theory that has come to predominate in North American academic economics departments. Neoliberalism also marks a moment of historical rupture, defining the distinctiveness of the current era and animating a ringing triumphalism from some corners while mobilizing dissent from others. Charting the possibilities of capital and the limits of popular sovereignty, neoliberalism also projects and bears within itself particular ideas about society, power, the self, and what it means to be human. This course addresses the various ways in which neoliberalism marks the present moment, reading its history and theory in stories told by its champions as well as its critics. The course also traces neoliberalism(s) through recent ethnographic works that seek to understand actually existing neoliberalism and the practices, discourses, fantasies, and desires through which subjects learn or refuse ways of being neoliberal. Key themes include: the proliferation of NGOs in the "Global South" and the related transformation of the state; citizenship and subject formation in neoliberal contexts; the reorganization of urban spaces; environmentalism and neoliberalism; and counterimaginaries to neoliberalism.

ANP 815: TRANSNATIONAL PROCESSES AND IDENTITIES

Wednesday 12:40 pm - 3:30 pm, 455 Baker Hall

Dr. Andrea Louie, instructing

In this course we will examine theories of migration, transnationalism and globalization from an anthropological perspective through the reading and discussion of ethnographic case studies and theoretical pieces. Transnational flows of culture, technology, people, and capital have reshaped relationships between peoples, cultures and places, and between local and global processes. Topics include: gender, citizenship, transnational media production, homeland-diaspora relations, constructions of place; and the ways that these identities are negotiated both across national borders in the context of transnational migration, and within the context of specific nation-building projects. We will explore how various scholars in anthropology, history, geography, sociology, and cultural studies (all literatures to which transnational theories refer), have employed different usages of the terms transnationalism and diaspora as we work toward a broader understanding of how these literatures relate to one another and to specific ethnographic examples.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***2007 RITA S. GALLIN AWARD FOR THE BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER
IN WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT****Deadline: Friday, December 14, 2007**

Women and International Development (WID), a program of the Center for Gender in Global Context, invites you to submit a paper for its annual graduate student paper competition. The paper should have been written within the past year, should be approximately 20 double-spaced pages in length, and should focus on issues related to women, gender, international development, and globalization.

Papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be made at the first annual GenCen Open House in January. The winning paper will be peer reviewed for publication in the WID Working Papers Series, and its author will receive a \$200.00 prize. Papers should be submitted to the WID office via e-mail (in Word or WordPerfect) or by mail (both hard copy and on diskette/CD). Please indicate you are submitting the paper for the competition and be sure to include a contact phone number and e-mail address.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2007 are due by 12:00 pm on October 29th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Andrea Freidus; e-mail: freidusa@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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