## EVENTS

### Week of February 16

**Tuesday, February 18**

**Latin America and Spain Day**  
Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
11:00am-1:30pm, International Center Lobby

Hey Spanish speakers - stop by the International Center lobby to celebrate Latin America and Spain! We'll have information about all our study abroad programs offered in Latin America and Spain this summer and during the semester.

**Wednesday, February 19**

**“Contemporary Mayan Literature: From Resistance to Cultural Revitalization”**  
Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
3:00pm-4:30pm, 201 International Center

As part of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies seminar series, please welcome Zenaida Moreno Mosqueda, Ph.D. Candidate, Romance and Classical Studies. This week’s topic will be contemporary Mayan literature.

The American University of Cultural Asian Experiences in Educating Future Journalists  
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center, School of Journalism, and Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies  
12:00pm-1:00pm, 201 International Center

This week's brown bag lecture will feature Eric Freedman, Journalism, MSU, as he discusses: “Challenges for Civil Society in Muslim Central Asia: The American University of Cultural Asian Experiences in Educating Future Journalists.”

**Turkic Chay (Tea) and Chat Hour**  
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and 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. Timur Kocaoglu, Turkic Language coordinator, and Associate Director of CERES is hosting the TCCH.
Thursday, February 20

**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!

**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, 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.

MSU, Peace Corps and USAID: How Spartans are Feeding the Future
Campus Food Security Tour
February 19th, 2014
Sponsor: MSU Peace Corps and USAID
6:30pm, 115 International Center

MSU is at the forefront in addressing global hunger and poverty. Come hear about cutting-edge research and participate in the discussion. Immediately following the presentation, Peace Corps, along with the acting Peace Corps Director, will host a pizza reception with campus groups and local nonprofit organizations that are working towards a more sustainable future. Come learn how YOU can be involved in the fight against global hunger!

Africa Day
Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad
11:00am-1:30pm, International Center Lobby

Stop by the International Center lobby to celebrate Africa! We'll have information about all our study abroad programs offered in Africa this summer and during the semester.

“Afrobarometer: Round 5 Results”
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 Carolyn Logan, MSU, Faculty, Political Science, as she discusses “Afrobarometer: Round 5 Results.”

Friday, February 21

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

Please join us for the Weekly Coffee Hour. It's a great place to make friends, be involved and start the weekend...and the coffee is free!

Week of February 9

Monday, February 24

**The Oriental Monk and Oriental Conjurer: Male Sexuality of Pop-Culture Icons of Asian Religions**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
12:40pm-2:00pm, 134 Brody

Please join the Asian Studies Center in welcoming Dr. Brett Esaki, Postdoctoral Teaching Associate, Central Michigan University as he discusses “The Oriental Monk and Oriental Conjurer: Male Sexuality of Pop-Culture Icons of Asian Religions.”
Tuesday, February 25

Study Abroad in South Neighborhood
Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad
6:00pm-8:00pm, Holden Engagement Center

Study Abroad is coming to the Holden 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 and 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.

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Tinker Graduate Student Field Research Panel
Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00pm-4:30pm, 201 International Center

As part of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies seminar series, please welcome a graduate student research panel comprised of: Carina Baskett, Plant Biology (Ecuador), Violeta Donawa, Sociology (Brazil), and Cadi Fung, Geography (Brazil). This week's topic will be Tinker Graduate Student Field Research.

Wednesday, February 26

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 and 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.

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

Join the African Studies Center for this week's African Tea Time. This is a place for those interested in African culture, people, and cuisine to gather and discuss their interests. This week's focus will be Algeria, Egypt, and Libya.

Thursday, February 27

“Violence and Political Advocacy in the ‘Lost Counties’, Western Uganda”
Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00pm-1:30pm, 201 International Center

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Brown Bag Series: Education in Muslim Communities and Societies
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and College of Education
12:00pm-1:00pm, Erickson Hall, Rook 133F

Please join the Asian Studies Center as they welcome a graduate student panel moderated by Professor Muhammad Khalifa, as a part of their Brown Bag Series. Panelists will include: Mandie Maxwell (Education), Jim West (Education), and Sara Bano (Education).

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Study Abroad in Tanzania: Sustainable Community Development

This is a highly subsidized interdisciplinary study program that focuses on the study and practice of development. Students will learn about the history of development in Tanzania, various approaches to development work, and MSU's current development strategies in Tanzania. Students will have a chance to apply what they learn in the classroom through a hands-on community engagement program in a Tanzanian village, partnering with Tanzanian students from the University of Dar es Salaam. The program will also include linguistic and cultural orientation, including a home stay with a local family.

You can apply for the program at http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/
We also have a Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/MsuudsMTanzanianPartnershipProgramStudyAbroad

If you have any questions, you can contact the faculty leader, Betty Okwako at okwakobe@msu.edu

Study Abroad in Greece and Turkey: Contemporary Culture, Politics, and Society

This interdisciplinary program offers students the opportunity to earn credit through the College of Social Science, including specialized field research, while experiencing Greek, Turkish, and Eastern Mediterranean culture, politics, economy, society, and traditions. Students can take Sociology and ISS classes and will also be exposed to techniques of participant observation as a research field method. Festivals, rituals, family, household, village, and city customs and practices are all valuable mechanisms for learning the social economic, cultural, political, and religious activities and traditions that make a society definable, distinctive, and durable. Students will also explore and understand the causes, content, and consequences of the current economic crisis and associated social turmoil in Greece.

If you have any questions, you can contact the faculty leader, Brendan Mullan at mullan@msu.edu
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MSU Graduate Student Grant Writing Workshop & Fall Seminar for Funding Abroad

**Workshop: Proposal Writing for International Research:** Dr. Wiley, former MSU professor, will be offering this annual workshop on August 28, 2014. Last fall, over one hundred students attended. It will take place in room 303 International Center from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. No pre-registration is required.

**International Social Science Research (ISSR) semester-long seminar:** Dr. Wiley will also offer a seminar for Graduate students that are seeking funding for pre-dissertation or dissertation research abroad. This seminar will be offered on Thursday evenings in the fall semester equating to 1-3 credits for the semester. If any student is interested, they should contact Dr. Wiley for a syllabus and enrollment information: wiley@msu.edu.

The next issue of the CASID Current will be sent out February 27, 2014. Please send information in advanced to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Sarah Anthony; email: casid@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax: (517) 353-8765.

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