Week of April 9

Monday, April 10

“Two Unforgivens: A Transpacific Story of Traveling Westerns”

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
4:00 p.m., 303 International Center
Reception to follow.

Takashi Fujitani is a professor of history at the University of Toronto where he is also the Dr. David Chu Professor in Asia-Pacific Studies. His major works include: Splendid Monarchy (UC Press, 1996); Race for Empire: Koreans as Japanese and Japanese as Americans in WWII (UC Press, 2011) and Perilous Memories: The Asia Pacific War(s) (co-edited, Duke U. Press, 2001). He is also editor of the series Asia Pacific Modern (UC Press). In this presentation, Professor Takashi Fujitani reads Clint Eastwood’s critically acclaimed “Unforgiven” (1992) against Lee Sang-il’s remake “Yurusarezaru mono” (2013). Fujitani argues that Lee’s film, set in Hokkaido, is in many ways a radical and challenging exploration of key themes taken up by Eastwood. These include violence, law, the outlaw, sovereign power, the right to kill, and historical accountability. At the same time, Lee takes up several issues that Eastwood simply leaves as background to his story, in particular race, indigeneity, and settler colonialism.

“Pacific Islander Poetry and Politics”

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center, African American and African Studies, African Studies Center, American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Asian American Studies, College of Arts and Letters, Department of English
7:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Lecture by Craig Santos Perez, an associate professor from the University of Hawaii, will speak. This lecture is part of the 2017 Global Perspectives Colloquium: Arts and Aesthetics in Archipelagic Contexts. This colloquia centers artistic and scholarly works emerging from Oceania, East Asia,
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Tuesday, April 11

“Do Stakeholder Comments Increase Agri-Environmental Compliance: Evidence from a Public Goods Experiment”

Sponsor: Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics
11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Stephan Morgan, a doctoral student in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE), will speak as part of the AFRE Brown-bag Seminar Series.

 Threads of Hope: Weaving Peace in Colombia—A CLACS Symposium

Sponsor: Latin American and Caribbean Studies
April 11 at 5:00pm – April 13 at 4:00pm, MSU International Center

This symposium explores the challenges of peace building as Colombia seeks to end its 50-year civil war. MSU faculty, Colombian peace organizations, and invited scholars offer multiple perspectives to explore many dimensions of transition to peace and reconciliations in the country.

“Rethinking Empire in the Twentieth Century: Lessons from Imperial and Post-Imperial Japan”

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
4:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Louise Young is a Vilas Distinguished Professor in the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her work focuses on modern Japan, especially social and cultural history. She is the author of Japan’s Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism and Beyond the Metropolis: Second Cities and Modern Life in Interwar Japan. She is currently working on a history of the idea of class in 19th and 20th century Japan. Japan built a wartime empire in Asia during the global moment of the ‘20s and ‘30s, when the rise of anti-colonial nationalism brought new pressures on longstanding imperial structures. After the cataclysm of World War II shattered the foundations of colonial empires and divided the globe up into the first, second, and third worlds, Japan lost its colonies while creating a trading imperium under the American cold war umbrella. This lecture looks at Japan in the world before and after World War II in an effort to understand the ruptures and continuities in...
imperial formations across the twentieth century.

**Film Showing: “We Women Warriors”**

Sponsor: Latin American Studies  
5:00-7:00 p.m., James Madison College Library, 3rd floor of Case Hall

A discussion facilitated by Galia J. Benitez, an assistant professor at James Madison College, Mary Ann Lugo, a graduate student in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies, and Angie Vega, a student at the MSU College of Law, will follow the film showing. The movie is in Spanish with English subtitles. Pizza and popcorn will be provided.

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**Wednesday, April 12**

**Fate of the Earth Symposium: Climate-Food-Energy-Water Nexus**

Sponsor: Environmental Science and Public Policy  
8:00 a.m., Big Ten B and C Kellogg Center

Speakers include Charles Fishman, author of *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water*, Michael Mascarenhas, an associate professor at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Lyla Mehta, a professor research fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, Brighton UK; Lana Pollack, the chair of the U.S. section of the International Joint Commission; Joan Rose, the Homer Nowlin Chair in Water Research at Michigan State University.

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**Alliance for African Partnership Town Hall**

Sponsor: Alliance for African Partnership  
9:00-11:00 a.m., 103 Kellogg Center

Please come hear the latest updates and participate in a discussion on future directions for the Alliance for African Partnership. RSVP to [aap@msu.edu](mailto:aap@msu.edu) appreciated but not required.

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**“Interest Groups and the Peace Process”**

Sponsor: Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
10:20-11:40 a.m., 303 International Center

Galia Benitez, an associate professor in James Madison College, will present her research about the role of civilian interest groups in Colombia.

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**Schwarzman Scholars Information Session**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
12:00 p.m., 204 International Center

Schwarzman Scholars is a highly-selective, fully-funded international scholarship program designed to prepare future leaders for success in a world where China plays a key global role. Anchored in an 11-month professional master’s degree in global affairs at Beijing’s prestigious Tsinghua University, the Schwarzman Scholars experience includes unparalleled opportunities in and outside of the classroom, including extensive...
leadership training, a network for senior mentors, practical training/internships, and travel seminars around China. The program takes place at the state-of-the-art Schwarzman College, where scholars will engage in a dynamic core curriculum concentrating in public policy, international studies, or business and economics. The program is open to students and young professionals up to 28 years old of any citizenship who are proficient in English and have obtained an undergraduate degree. Registration for the information session is required at https://schwarzmantsinghua.hobson-radius.com/ssc/eform/G00x7RlTk03m0x6702at.ssc.

**Threads of Hope and Quilt Exhibit**

Sponsor: Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3:00-4:15 p.m., 303 and 305 International Center

Juana Alicia Ruiz Hernandez, a leader of Mujeres Tejiendo Sueños y Sabores de Paz (Women Weaving Dreams and Flavors of Peace) and Jes Stoltzfus Buller, a peace education coordinator with the Mennonite Central Committee, will speak.

**“Sowing Seeds of Peace: Colombia”**

Sponsor: Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3:00-4:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Ricardo Esquivia Ballestas, a human rights attorney with Asociacion Sembrando Semillas de Paz in Colombia, will speak.

**Global Perspectives on Media and Migration Faculty Panel**

Sponsor: Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities

4:00-5:30 p.m., 1279 Anthony Hall

Yore Kedem, an assistant professor in the Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and Germanic Languages, will present “Using Media for Undergraduate Research Projects on Immigration: Lessons from the Classroom.” Sophia Koufopoulos, an instructor in the Department of Sociology, will present “Teaching Undergraduates about the Current Refugee Crisis in the Mediterranean through the Use of News Outlets.” Anna Pegler-Gordon, an associate professor in James Madison College, will present “Rethinking Images of Ellis Island.” Johanna Schuster-Craig, an assistant professor in the Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic,
Asian and African Languages, “Fake News in Germany.”

Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center
4:00-5:30 p.m., 305 International Center

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Hindi-Urdu Chai at Chat

Sponsor: Asian Studies

6:30 p.m., International Center 305

Come experience and discuss Indian and South Asian cultures and languages, especially Hindi-Urdu, while sipping spiced tea (chai) and tasting delicious desi snacks. For more information, email Assistant Professor Rajiv Ranjan, Hindi lecturer and resident chaivala at rranjan@msu.edu.

Thursday, April 13

Academy for Global Engagement 2017 Campus Convening

Sponsors: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the College of Engineering, International Studies and Programs, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, and the Office of the Provost
8:00-11:30 a.m., Lincoln Room Kellogg Center

Funding agencies from Washington, D.C. will come to East Lansing with attendees getting the opportunity to meet with program officers and experts in research and international development, while learning best practices for interacting with federal agencies and gaining insight into upcoming funding opportunities.

Fate of the Earth Symposium: Climate-Food-Energy-Water Nexus

Sponsor: Environmental Science and Public Policy

All day, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Speakers include Shazeen Attari, a professor at Indiana University, Bloomington; Jennifer Carrera, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology; Rainer Horn, a professor at Christian-Albrechts-Universitat zu Kiel; Megan Konar, an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Vince Tidwell, a principal member of the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories; Sergio Villamayor-Tomas, a lecturer at Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin; and David Zilberman, a professor at the University of California Berkeley.

“Urban Galleries of Memory in Columbia”

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
9:00-10:00 a.m., Spartan Rooms B and C International Center

Constanza Lopez, an associate professor in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the University of North Florida, will speak.

“Columbia Path to the Future”

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
10:20-11:40 a.m., Spartan Rooms B and C International Center

Elvira Sanchez-Blake, an associate professor in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies, Constanza Lopez, an associate professor from
the University of North Florida, and Alejandro Herrero-Olaizola, a professor from the University of Michigan, will lead a round table discussion.

**“Arabic Between the Anglophone and Francophone Spheres”**

Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00-1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Camelia Suleiman, an assistant professor in the Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages, will speak as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

**Quilt Workshop**

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
1:00-3:00 p.m., Spartan Rooms B and C International Center

Juana Alicia Ruiz Hernandez from Mujeres Tejendo Sueños y Sabores de Paz will speak as part of the Threads of Hope: Weaving Peace in Columbia CLACS Symposium.

**“Opportunities for International Engagement and Research Cooperation Webinar by USDA FAS and USDA N”**

Sponsor: Asian Studies
1:00 p.m., webinar at [https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=wy-go0s5s89gh&campaign=7jcn1n1244t](https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=wy-go0s5s89gh&campaign=7jcn1n1244t)

USDA/FAS will present “Funding Opportunities to Host and Mentor Foreign Scientists, Train Foreign Agricultural Officials, Faculty, and Policy Makers, or Conduct Cooperative Research.” Topics will include: the Borlaug Fellowship Program, the Cochran Fellowship Program, Faculty Exchange Programs, the U.S.-China Scientific Cooperation Exchange Program, and the Scientific Cooperation Research Program. USDA/NIFA will also present information on opportunities to include international collaborations in your NIFA-funded activities, partnerships with other countries or international organizations, other opportunities (e.g., potential support for study abroad and sabbaticals) in specific NIFA grant programs. Hear from fellow university participants about some of these opportunities, and get your questions answered. There will be an additional half-hour (2:00 - 2:30) for those interested in learning about FAS’ new EZFeds Grants mechanism.

**Department of History Spring Speaker Series**

Sponsor: History
4:00 p.m., Old Horticulture Building

Ray Craib, an associate professor at Cornell University, will speak about the history of the Chilean left in the 20th Century.

**African Tea**

Sponsor: African Studies Center
4:00-6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

African Tea is an opportunity to learn about and share first-hand experiences on the African continent. Burkina
Faso, Cote d’Ivoire and Guinea (Bissau and Conakry) will be the focus of this tea.

**Friday, April 14**

**“Doing Business with the Chinese”**

Sponsor: Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan  
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Lincoln Room  
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Xiao-Ping Chen, a professor at the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington, and Jiing-Lih Farh, a professor emeritus at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, will speak. Join this conversation on doing business with the Chinese. While the explicit practices of doing business internationally can be easily learned, understanding the cultural side is much more complex. Professor Chen will discuss why gift exchange is essential to develop interpersonal guanxi (interpersonal cultural practices that facilitate business) in the Chinese context, and the steps involved in developing and maintaining high quality relationships in China. Professor Farh will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of paternalistic leadership and share personal insights of when this leadership style is practiced in Chinese society. The Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan focuses on global issues of interest to the mid-Michigan business community. The monthly Global Business Club luncheons provide outstanding speakers and relaxed networking opportunities. With extensive international experience, the speakers wrap personal insights around a practical and up-to-the-minute approach to conducting international trade.

**“Revised Role of Turkey and EU in Regional Migration Governance: The Case of Syrian Refugee Flows”**

Sponsor: Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies  
12:00-1:00 p.m., 204 International Center

Secil Pacaci Elitok, a visiting adjunct professor at the Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, will speak. There is consensus among the international community that a strategy is required to deal with refugee flows of Syrians as a result of the civil war there. The trouble, however, is finding a solution that is both appropriate and practicable. By looking at the 2016 Turkey-EU Refugee Deal, this talk will critically assess the role of Turkey and the EU at the governance of crisis through the lens of multi-level governance theory. Join
this thoughtful discussion of the deal and its implications for human rights, its potential impact on the future Turkey-EU relations, an analysis of the legal drawbacks and fragmented response of EU member states as well as its linkage to other issue areas.

“The U.N. and Africa”

12:00-1:30 p.m., 103 Erickson Kiva

International Studies and Programs welcomes Roger Meece, former U.S. Ambassador to Malawi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, who will talk about his experience with engagement with Africa and the potential role of the U.S. in future peacekeeping on the continent. Mr. Meece is an alumnus of Michigan State University and has decades of experience in peacekeeping and diplomacy around the globe.

“Chinese Psychology: Current Theories and Models in Understanding 1.4 Billion People”

Sponsors: Consortium for Multicultural Psychology Research in the Department of Psychology, the Asian Studies Center, Department of Psychology, the Graduate School, U.S. Department of Education, International Business Center, and the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives
2:30 p.m. April 14 until 6:00 p.m. April 15

The 2017 MSU Symposium on Multicultural Psychology will focus on “Chinese Psychology: Current Theories and Models in Understanding 1.4 Billion People.” This conference is part of the biennial MSU Symposium on Multicultural Psychology at Michigan State University. The four main rationales for organizing the 2017 MSU Symposium are (a) importance of globalization and international competencies, (b) increasing global importance of China, (c) rapid increase in numbers of Chinese students in U.S. colleges and universities, and (d) adjustment experiences and challenges of these Chinese college students. At MSU alone, the number of Chinese students has increased exponentially over the past decade.

“Who’s Getting Globalized? The Size and Implications of Intra-national Trade Costs”

Sponsors: Economics and Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics
3:30-5:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

David Atkin, an assistant professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will speak as part of the the Departments of Economics and the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics’ joint seminar series.

Tea Festival: The First Chapter

Sponsors: Malaysian, Indonesian and Thai Student Associations
6:00-8:00 p.m., 115 International Center

Join the Malaysian, Indonesian, and Thai Student Associations at the first
ever ASEAN Tea Festival at Michigan State University. They will be serving top notch varieties of Southeast Asian teas, coffees, drinks and snacks to the East Lansing community. The main objective is to promote cultural diversity by promoting the unique food and drinks of their country. The teas being served are Sariwangi, Teh Tarik, Iced Milk Tea, Teh Poci, and Lemon Tea. Other drinks and snacks will be served. Free but limited to first 100 participants.

**Week of April 16**

**Tuesday April 18**

“Science Advice for Policy Decisions: Is Anyone Listening?”

Sponsors: MSU Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
4:00 p.m., MSU Union Ballroom

Marcia McNutt, the president of the National Academy of Sciences as well as the former editor-in-chief of Science journal and former director of the U.S. Geological Survey, will speak. Based on extensive knowledge acquired by his long diplomatic career and his year and a half of service in the Michigan/Ohio region, Mr. Wada, will discuss the current state of U.S.-Japan relations. He will explain in depth the crucial importance of enhancing our relationship to maintain peace and prosperity in our ever-changing world while also discussing the future of this important relationship. Mr. Wada began his career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1983. Within the Ministry in Tokyo, he has served as the Secretary-General for the 7th Pacific Islands Leaders meeting, Deputy Director-General of the International Cooperation Bureau (ICB), Deputy Director-General of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, and Director of the Grant Aid and Technical Cooperation Division of the ICB. Mr. Wada joined the Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit on August 2015.

**Wednesday, April 19**

“What Nature Means to Us”

Sponsor: MSU Science Festival
7:30-8:15 a.m., The Broad Art Museum Cafe

Erika Karause, a doctoral student in the Department of Forstry and a former MSU Peace Corps recruiter, will speak as part of the MSU Science Festival. Grab a cup of coffee and join MSU graduate student Erika Krause and explore the relationship between science and society. How are cultural identity, cultural heritage, and spirituality connected to the ecosystem? This presentation describes how many peo-
people in Benin relate to sites known as wooded shrines through the traditional religion of Vodoun. First-hand experiences as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in the country are combined with research to give detail to these special relationships. In turn, the talk will consider how we in the United States can relate to this research about what nature means to us.

“Using A Multichannel Training Strategy to Stimulate Farmers’ Knowledge and Willingness to Test Drought Tolerant Maize Varieties”

Sponsor: Economics
12:00-1:00 p.m., 75 Agriculture Hall

Tian Cai, a doctoral student in Media and Information Studies, will present her work as part of the Department of Economics’ Development Lunch Seminar Series.

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Thursday, April 20

“Early Christianity and Islam in Relationship to the Constitutional Order”

Sponsor: Muslim Studies Center
12:00-1:30 p.m., 303 International Center

Blaque Hough, an adjunct professor at Cooley Law School will speak. He is the author of Missing the Muslims: Why the West Doesn’t Understand Islam. Hailing from Michigan, Blaque earned a B.A. degree from Hope College and a J.D. degree from Wayne State University Law School. He has practiced law for nearly 25 years. In 2006, he and his family moved to Turkey, where he taught in the Law Faculty of Yeditepe University and at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at SabancıA#U University, both in Istanbul. Upon returning to the US, Hough has practiced law again, and taught at Cooley Law School.

“The Relationship of Human Migration to Climate Change”

Sponsor: Greater Lansing United Nations Association
7:00 p.m., Edgewood United Church, East Lansing

Climate change is already having an effect on human habitats, causing social disruption and migration. As the celebration of Earth Day approaches, learn about this aspect of the climate change puzzle. Panelists will present some of the facts around this challenging problem from the United Nations and other sources. Movements of refugees and migrants also have impacts on the environments of the places they pass through and settle in. A panel of experts will share their experience gleaned from studies in the Middle East, Thailand, the Greek Isles, and Africa. Panelists will include Stephen Gasteyer, an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, Jennifer Olson, an associate professor in the Department of Media and Information, Daniel Ahlquist, an assistant professor in James Madison College, Sophia Koufopoulos from the Department of Sociology, and Aaron Ponce, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology.

“History and Catastrophe: The Secret Warsaw Ghetto Archive of Emanuel Ringelblum”

Sponsor: Jewish Studies, the College of Arts and Letters, and James Madison College
7:00-8:30 p.m., Lincoln Room Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Samuel Kassow, a professor at Trinity College, will speak as the keynote speaker for the 25th Annual Rabin Holocaust/3d Michael Brill Memorial Lecture. During World War II Jews resisted not only with guns but also with pen and paper. Even in the face of death they left “time capsules” full of documents, which they buried under the rubble of ghettos and death
camps. The Ringelblum Archive in the Warsaw Ghetto buried thousands of documents. But of the 60 people who worked on this mission, only three survived. Professor Samuel Kassow will discuss their story.

Friday, April 21

International Scholar Showcase

Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
All day, 115 International Center

The Showcase is a chance to share MSU international scholars’ work (creative or scholarly) in different forms whether that be through art sculptures, posters, an interactive online game, picture frames or a video screened on a laptop or iPad.

“U.S. Militarism and Higher Education: Following the Money and the Global War on Terrorism”

Sponsor: MSU Neoliberalism and Public Higher Education Group
10:30 a.m., IO2 Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Terry Link, the chair of the Peace Education Center, and David Wiley, a professor emeritus in Sociology and African Studies, will speak. The talk will focus on a discussion of militarism in the U.S. federal budget and its impact on higher education in a time of the “Global War on Terror.”

“Intersectional Discrimination of African Women Migrants in Istanbul”

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

Seçil Paçacı Elitok, a visiting adjunct associate professor at Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, will speak. Dr. Elitok’s presentation will discuss her findings of an empirical research based on focus group discussions conducted with female African migrants (FAMs) in Istanbul. The findings shed light on the working and living conditions of FAMs and analyzes their migration experiences as blacks, women and irregular migrants. Dr. Elitok has worked at the Hamburg Institute of International Economics and at the Istanbul Policy Center at Sabanci University. She also consulted for the World Bank on international mobility research projects. Prior to coming to MSU, Dr. Elitok was a post-doctoral research fellow at the MiReKoc (Migration Research Center at Koc University). Her main research interest is international migration with a specific focus on migration to and from Turkey, as well as high-skilled migration, return migration and remittances.

Panel Honoring the Work of Anna Morris

Sponsors: Jewish Studies, Romance and Classical Studies
3:00 p.m., B-342 Wells

Jewish Studies, in coordination with the Department of Romance and Classical Studies, will have a panel honoring the work of Anna Morris, of blessed memory.

Bettinghaus Lecture

Sponsor: College of Communication Arts and Sciences
3:00-4:30 p.m., 145 College of Communication Arts and Sciences

Edward Maibach, the director of George Mason University’s Center on Climate Change Communication, will be the keynote speaker for the annual Bettinghaus Lecture. His lecture will be based off of his research on practicing collaboration with TV weathercasters, “Climate Matters.” His recent research is centered around mobilizing populations to adopt behaviors and support public policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
and help communities adapt to the unavoidable consequences of climate change.

Saturday, April 22

Caribbean Music Festival

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
8:00 p.m., International Center

While supplies last jerk chicken, rice, red velvet and pineapple upside down cupcakes will be available.

Additional Events

Sunday, April 23

“Literature and Oppression”

Sponsor: African American and African Studies, American Indiana and Indigenous Studies, Citizen Scholars, English, Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, Linguistics and Languages, MSU Inclusion, Philosophy, and Romand and Classical Studies
3:00-4:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Donato Ndongo-Bidyogo, a visiting scholar from the University of Missouri as well as a writer and journalist, will be speaking. He is the author of several books, most notably: Las tinieblas de tu memoria negra (1987), Shadows of Your Black Memory (2007), and Historia y tragedia de Guinea Ecuatorial (1977). One of the most important living writers of Hispanophone Africa, he has been a professor at the University of Colombia-Missouri, the assistant director of the Hispanic-Guinean Cultural Center of Malabo, and the director of the Center for African Studies in Murcia, Spain. He has lived in exile for over 50 years as a result of successive post-independence dictatorships in Equatorial Guinea. This lecture is part of the 2017 Global Perspectives Colloquium: Arts & Aesthetics in Archipelagic Contexts. This colloquia centers artistic and scholarly works emerging from Oceania, East Asia, Africa, and Caribbean archipelagos. This archipelagic perspective will enable an engagement with the global impact and influence of what are often thought of as insular and isolated islands. With sustained attention to migration and diaspora, music and literary productions, and geopolitical symbolism and empire, this colloquia infuses archipelagic experiences into contemporary understandings of culture and society.

Tuesday, April 25

“Developments in the Serbian Economy: The Progress of Ongoing Fiscal Consolidation and Broader Reforms”

Sponsors: CASID and the Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
3:00-4:00 p.m., 305 International Center

Dušan Vujovic, the current Minister of Finance of Serbia, will speak. Dušan Vujovic has served as the minister of finance in the Republic of Serbia.
since August 2014. Previously, he was the minister of economy. Dr. Vujovic is a professor at the Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration at the Singidunum University, Belgrade and an affiliate faculty member of the Institute for Strategy and Competitive-ness at the Harvard Business School. He has worked for the World Bank as a consultant in the areas of R&D for innovation, macroeconomic policy, and fiscal and governance reform, and as a USAID consultant on the issues of budget and fiscal reform. He is also a research fellow at CASE Institute, Warsaw. Dr. Vujovic authored and co-authored a number of publications on macroeconomic policy, development, and institutional reform and transition issues. A reception will follow directly after the talk.

“Cultural Ecosystem Services: How Do You Measure That (Especially When “That” May Be Dynamic)?”

Sponsor: Forestry
4:00-5:00 p.m. (coffee and cookies at 3:50 p.m.), 225 Natural Resources Building

Rachelle Gould, an assistant professor in the Rebenstein School for Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont, will speak as part of the Hanover Forest Science Seminar Series.

Wednesday, April 26

“Social, Political and Scientific Challenges of the Zika Outbreak”

Sponsor: Environmental Science and Public Policy
3:00 p.m., 273 Giltner Hall

Steven Bursian, a professor in the
Thursday, April 27

Ahmed Kathrada (1929-2017): A Tribute to a South African Activist for Non-Racialism and Democracy”

Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00 p.m., 3rd floor of the International Center

A panel of MSU faculty and South Africans will pay tribute to Ahmed Kathrada, South Africa freedom fighter and long-time partner of Nelson Mandela in Robben Island Prison and in the ANC government after elections in 1994. Kathrada (deceased March 28, 2017) published his Letters from Prison with MSU Press and was awarded an honorary doctorate by MSU for his lifetime of struggle for freedom, democracy, and non-racialism in South Africa and abroad. He has hosted many MSU faculty and students and even President Obama in tours of the Robben Island Prison near Cape Town. This tribute to Kathrada is being offered on South Africa Freedom Day, celebrated each year on 27th April, marking the anniversary of the day in 1994 when the country held its first ever all-race, democratic election, ending decades of sanctioned racial oppression under the apartheid system.

Friday, April 28

“Beyond Humanitias, Toward Anthropos: Decolonizing Marxist Humanism in Eastern Europe”

Sponsor: Philosophy
3:00-5:00 p.m., 530 S. Kedzie Hall

Nikolay Karkov, a specialist who teaches for the Center of Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities as well the Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities Program, will speak. This presentation pursues two distinct yet interrelated levels of analysis. Theoretically, the presentation seeks to destabilize Western narratives of a transition from humanism to anti- and post-humanism in radical scholarship, by foregrounding two traditions, from Eastern Europe and the Caribbean respectively, where the language of the human persisted long after its declared obsolescence in the West. The argument made here is that these divergent narratives (or bifurcations) of the human were neither wholly contingent nor just a matter of distinct intellectual traditions, but were deeply interwoven with both the history of the Cold War and the legacies of colonialism. On a practical-political level, the presentation also engages in a close reading of arguably the major tradition of Marxist humanism in Eastern Europe, that of the Praxis circle in former Yugoslavia. While examining the specific political and theoretical reasons for the persistence of humanism in the writings of Praxis, Dr. Karkov argues that, in the end, their radical humanism never completely freed itself from its deep colonial dispositions, leading also to a series of controversial political choices in the 1990s.

“Global Trade Flows: Revisiting the Exchange Rate Elasticities”

Sponsor: Economics
3:30-4:50 p.m.

Walter Steingress, a senior economist in the Advanced Economies Devision at the Bank of Canada, will speak as part of the Department of Economics’ Macroeconomics Spring 2017 Seminar Series.
GJEC Fellowships for Dissertation Research and Completion

Applications are due April 15, 2017.

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program, at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2017-18 academic year. Funding must be used during the 2017-18 academic year. Applications are available at www.gencen.msu.edu/funding/gjec.htm. Email: gencen-ga@msu.edu. Generous funding provided by MSU’s Graduate School allows us to offer four fellowship opportunities of up to $10,000** in the following two categories:

GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship
Eligibility: PhD students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus specifically on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Eligibility: PhD students at MSU who have completed dissertation research and all other requirements for their degree program, except for completion of the dissertation. Applicants must graduate by Spring 2018, and their dissertations must focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

Peace and Security Fellowship for African Women and Peace and Security Fellowship for African Scholars

The ALC is pleased to announce a call for applications for the Peace and Security Fellowship for African Women for 2017/2018. The Peace and Security Fellowship Programme for African Women is designed to expose professional African women at the early stages of their careers to the complexities of conflict, security and development. The Fellowships bring together a cohort of African women to undertake a carefully designed training programme in conflict, security and development. This Fellowship is an intellectual and financial award to those who are able to portray convincing demonstrable or potential capacity to bring about intellectual, policy or other change in their field. The fellowship is a postgraduate non-degree program, and does not lead to an academic qualification. For information, please see http://africanleadership-centre.org/index.php/22-news/409-call-for-applications.

Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute Title VIII Fellowship Competition

If you are interested in studying Kazakh, Tajik, Uyghur, or Uzbek at UW-Madison this summer, the Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute (CESSI) has reopened the competition for Title VIII Fellowships. Fellowships cover full tuition for the summer, plus a $2,500 stipend. The fellowships are for U.S. citizens who are graduate students or working professionals in any sector. For more information or to apply, please visit their website at http://cessi.creeca.wisc.edu/applications.html.
Announcements

American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowship Competition

Applications are due July 1, 2017.

Junior Research Fellowships are available to doctoral candidates in all fields of study and are specifically designed to enable doctoral candidates to pursue their dissertation research in India. Awards are available for up to 11 months. Senior Research Fellowships are available to scholars who hold a PhD or its equivalent and are designed to enable scholars in all disciplines who specialize in South Asia to pursue further research in India. Short-term awards are available for up to four months while long-term awards are available for six to nine months. In addition, there are also Senior Scholarly/Professional Development Fellowships for established scholars without previous specialization in India studies and Senior Performing and Creative Arts Fellowships to accomplished practitioners of performing arts of India and creative artists. Applications can be downloaded from their website. For questions, please email aiis@uchicago.edu or call at (773) 702-8638.

Upcoming Conference

Addressing inequalities, Mobility and Dislocation: Insights from international and Domestic Research and Practice

June 12 - June 13, 2017
East Lansing, Michigan

Michigan State University's College of Education is announcing a conference, Addressing inequalities, Mobility and Dislocation: Insights from International and Domestic Research and Practice, to be held in East Lansing, Michigan, June 12-13. This conference will bring together researchers and practitioners from Michigan, across the continent, and around the world, working across a variety of disciplinary and professional perspectives. Together, we will explore how to work toward educational contexts that can help individuals, families, and communities thrive in the midst of inequity due to mobility, displacement, and other changes to education on local, national, and transnational scales. In the context of the current global moment of social, economic, political and cultural transformation and dislocation, inequalities are growing. Exploring ways to understand and address them is even more urgently needed. This conference creates an opportunity for dialogue among U.S. and international scholars, practitioners, and graduate students working on inequality in a range of contexts, drawing on different disciplinary perspectives and approaches. Our goal is to strengthen our insights and ability to create or support educational contexts (from early childhood through higher education) that help students, families and communities thrive in the midst of such turbulent and uncertain times. We welcome your paper proposals and participation. Papers can focus on any level of education (early childhood through higher education/adult), and can address issues pertaining to local, national, or transnational contexts. See the website, http://education.msu.edu/international/Inequalities_Conference.asp, for more information about the conference, registration, and paper proposal.
New Courses

Islamic Architecture (HA291), Summer Session I

MSU’s Art History program is currently offering an online summer course on Islamic Architecture. This course surveys the history of architecture in the Islamic world spanning fifteen centuries, from the emergence of Islam in the seventh century to the present. Geographically, the course examines monuments and cities in Asia, Africa and Europe as well as North America. The survey studies key and representative architectural examples in their political, social and religious contexts. The course is organized chronologically tracing the spread of Islam introducing influential patrons, thinkers and designers. Architecture and Urban forms are the focus of the course but it also touches upon other related cultural and artistic forms such as ceramics, metalwork and textiles. The course presents Islamic architecture both as full-fledged historical tradition and as a dynamic and interactive catalyst that influenced and was influenced by the civilization with which it came in contact. No prerequisites are required to take this course.

Graduate seminar- Global Justice and Peace Building (Fall 2017)

PHL 850 - Seminar Social and Political Philosophy
Mon. 7:00-9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Professor Steve Esquith
Email: esquith@msu.edu

While this course is offered in the Department of Philosophy, it is designed as part of the inter-disciplinary ethics and development program to be of value to students in other programs. This seminar will address major theoretical contributions to our understanding of democracy, global justice, and peace building. The course will examine different concepts of transitional justice, citizenship, and responsibility in the context of contemporary issues such as migration, inequality, violence, and peace building. One important distinction that will run through the seminar is the difference between ethical theory and political theory. Some of the theorists to be discussed are Pablo DeGrieff, Naomi Roht-Arriaza, Carla Ramirez-Barat, Sheldon Wolin, Raymond Guess, Wendy Brown, Antonio Y. Vazquez-Arroyo, and Thomas Nail. In addition to graduate students in the Department of Philosophy, students from other graduate programs with an interest in global justice and peace building and the interdisciplinary Ethics and Development Program are encouraged to consult the instructor to determine whether they have appropriate preparation to enroll in the course.
MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon and MSU Alumni Club of Hong Kong invite alumni and friends from around the world to

**ENGAGE: International Alumni & Friends Reunion, May 19-21, 2017 in Hong Kong.**

ENGAGE brings together Spartan alumni, friends, researchers, and thought leadership from around the world for networking and high-level engagement, with plenty of Spartan fellowship. This year, the reunion’s theme centers on sustainability and conservation, connecting the dots between the work Spartans are doing to combat climate change and pollution, protect the environment, and create sustainable business practices.

The reunion begins with an evening reception on Friday, May 19 and concludes Sunday, May 21 at noon. Reunion agenda, details on activities, registration and payment link, and hotel information are now available. RSVPs are kindly requested by April 17.

President Simon will be joined by a number of MSU colleagues including Steven Hanson, Associate Provost and Dean for International Studies and Programs; Sanjay Gupta, the Eli and Edythe L. Broad Dean of the Eli Broad College of Business; and Scott Westerman, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations/Executive Director, MSU Alumni Association.

Questions can be directed to Daniel Spadafore, Associate Director of International Advancement, at dms@msu.edu or 517-884-6789.
Dušan Vujović has served as the Minister of Finance in the Republic of Serbia since August 2014. Previously, he was Minister of Economy. Dr. Vujović is a professor at Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration at the Singidunum University, Belgrade and an affiliate MOC faculty member of the institute for Strategy and Competitiveness at the Harvard Business School. He has worked for the World Bank as a consultant in the areas of R&D for innovation, macroeconomic policy, and fiscal and governance reform, and as a USAID consultant on the issues of budget and fiscal reform. He is research fellow at CASE Institute, Warsaw. Dr. Vujović authored and co-authored a number of publications on macroeconomic policy, development, and institutional reform and transition issues.
In this talk, Roger Meece will draw on decades of international diplomacy experience to discuss United Nations engagement in Africa, highlighting peacekeeping operations and other key areas of involvement, associated issues and controversies. He will also address the past and potential future U.S. role in this sector, a subject of particular importance given the current U.S. administration’s proposed cuts to foreign affairs and assistance budgets, as well as support to the U.N. and its agencies.

**About Roger Meece**

After graduating from MSU, Mr. Meece served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone, and later held various staff assignments in several countries. Joining the U.S. Foreign Service in 1979, he had assignments in Washington DC, Canada, and parts of Latin America, but spent a majority of his career in Africa, including two appointments as U.S. Ambassador to Malawi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Following his retirement from the Department of State, the U.N. Secretary-General appointed him as Special Representative in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, heading the U.N. Mission there from 2010-2013. Upon completion, he returned to retirement in the Seattle area, but continues to be involved in foreign policy related activities. He currently serves on the board of the Seattle World Affairs Council, and chairs the Foreign Service Retirees Association of Washington State.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Erickson Kiva (Room 103)

*A light lunch will be served.*

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