EVENTS

Week of February 2

Sunday, February 2

2014 Chinese New Year Spring Festival
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
7:00pm-10:00pm, Wharton Center

2014 Chinese New year Spring Festival is an event that celebrates the Chinese New Year and is meant to spread ideas and traditions of Chinese culture.

Monday, February 3

Film Screening: Imported From China
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars
6:00pm-7:30pm, Main Library, North Conference Room (W449)

This documentary film captures some of the challenges and growth experiences of Chinese students at MSU as they navigate a new cultural and social landscape on campus and beyond. The screening will follow with a talk and discussion with the directors: Emmy Award-winning director Geri Alumit Zeldes, Associate Professor of Journalism, MSU, and Emmy Award-winning television journalist Troy Hale, Academic Specialist in Telecommunication, Information Studies & Media, MSU.

Tuesday, February 4

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.”

Wednesday, February 5

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 6

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.

Conference: The Lebanese Civil Wars: History, Politics, Memory
Sponsor: Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, the Global Urban Studies Program, The College of Social Sciences, the College of Arts and Letters, the Honors College, the Department of Anthropology, and James Madison College
8:00pm, B122 Wells Hall

This free public event will kick off with a screening of the film, “Incendies.” It will be followed by a discussion with Salah Hassan, associate professor of English, Michigan State University.

Friday, February 7

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!

International Studies in Education Breakfast
Sponsor: College of Education and 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.

Week of February 9

Wednesday, February 12

Summer Job & Internship Fair
Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars and MSU Career Services Network
3:00pm-6:00pm, Spartan Stadium Office Tower- 4th Floor

For students in any major looking for a full or part-time seasonal job or internship. Over 80 employers representing corporations, MSU departments, parks, and more attend.
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 13

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 Lesotho, South Africa, and Swaziland.

“HIV/AIDS in Arusha”
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 Alison Norris, Ohio State University, Faculty, Epidemiology, as she discusses “HIV/AIDS in Arusha.”

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.

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!

Friday, February 14

Financing Your Study Abroad Program
Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad
2:00pm-3:00pm, B122 Wells

Studying abroad is an investment in your future. Like any other type of investment, it requires planning, careful management, creativity, perseverance and commitment. Come to this session hosted by the Office of Study Abroad and the Office of Financial Aid to find out the options you have available to help pay for study abroad and maximize the resources available to you.

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!
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.

The program is perfect for students with a strong interest in Africa, development issues, and for those interested in careers in international development-related fields.

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

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

MSU, Peace Corps and USAID: How Spartans are Feeding the Future

Campus Food Security Tour
February 19th, 2014
Sponsor: MSU Peace Corps and USAID
6:00pm, 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 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!

Peace Corps service is the opportunity of a lifetime and offers two years of international experience immediately upon graduation. Meet your campus representatives to have your questions answered and gain tips to guide you through the application process.

msupeace@msu.edu, 517.432.7474
International Center, Room 202
Spring Office Hours: Wed. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Thur. 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Become a Fan at [www.facebook.com/MSUPeaceCorps](http://www.facebook.com/MSUPeaceCorps) or Twitter @PeaceCorpsatMSU
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Greek and Turkish societies and cultures are relatively “open” compared with that of northern European countries and North America. 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.

You can apply for the program at: https://osa.jsp.msu.edu/Programs/program/index/105651

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

The next issue of the CASID Current will be sent out February 9, 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.