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E V E N T S

Week of November 7, 2011

Monday, November 7th

"Practicing Law in China - Cultural, Social, Political and Legal Aspects"

Sponsored by: The Asian Studies Center and The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Castle Board Room, MSU Law School

Free to attend and free food will be provided. Panelists include: Jeff Reidinger, Dean of International Studies at MSU; Professor Michael Lawrence; Mr. Richard Wigley, Practitioner of IP Law in China.

Wednesday, November 9th

"Life in the US - Coping with the 'Winter Blues'"

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, 303 International Center

Winter can be a difficult time for domestic and international students alike. In our third 'Life in the US Series' event this semester, we will explore ways to cope with the cold and dark winters here at MSU. Representatives from the MSU Counseling Center will present strategies to manage the "Winter Blues." Pre-registration is required. Those who register will be provided lunch and refreshments.

Contact for information: tobinzac@isp.msu.edu

"Culture and Development in Cuba"

Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center

Speakers: Rene Hinojosa, Professor, School of Planning, Design and Construction; and Ricardo Lorenz, Associate Professor, College of Music.

"Peace Corps General Information Meeting"

Sponsored by: Peace Corps

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, 303 International Center

Join us for a general informational meeting about the Peace Corps. If you have ever been interested or just want to know what your experience could be like, stop by and check it out.

Thursday, November 10th

"On Horticulture In Zimbabwe"

Sponsored by: African Studies Center

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center

The African Studies Center Brown Bag Talk with speakers, Rick Bernsten, Faculty Emeritus (AFRE, MSU).

"Pakistani Cultural Night and EID Dinner"

Sponsored by: Pakistani Student Association

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Erickson Kiva

The purpose of this event is two fold: 1. Celebrate Eid-al-Adha with fellow Spartans, and 2. Introduce Pakistani culture to the MSU community. This event coincides with Eid-al-Adha, the "Festival of Sacrifice", celebrated by Muslims around the world. We will take this opportunity to share the happiness of this occasion with our MSU family and show them how we celebrate it in Pakistan. There will be traditional Pakistani dinner, Pakistani culture including traditional dresses, regional dances and music, Pakistani style Henna tattoos, and finally, documentaries about some of the most beautiful places of this world that are in Pakistan.

EVENTS *continued***“Spartans Abroad: A Day in the Life”**

Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 1281 Anthony Hall

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.

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“Friday Forum”

Sponsored by: The Center for Advanced Study of International Development and The Center for Gender in Global Context

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center

Speaker: Yael Aranoff, James Madison College

“The Voice of the People”?: Democratic Processes and Peace Negotiations in the Israeli-Palestinian Context

“International Coffee Hour”

Sponsored by: The Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court, International Center

Our weekly coffee hour is a great place to make new friends (and reconnect with old friends), practice your language skills, and get free coffee and tea.

**Week of
November 14, 2011****Tuesday, November 15th****“Asian Studies Center ‘Award Winning Documentary Films’ Series: Vaastu Marabu”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 303 International Center

Join us for a series of award winning documentary films from various parts of Asia. In this third screening we will present *Vaastu Marabu* by director Bala Kailasam. This film explores the theory and practices of the Vaastu tradition of Indian art, architecture, craft and design. It shadows one of India's most talented designer, builder and sculptor, Shri. V. Ganapati Sthapati as he meditates on his art. To demonstrate the lasting relevance of ancient technology and tradition, the film shows the process of making stone idols, casting bronzes and of building stone temples.

Wednesday, November 16th**“Tropical South America, the US Dollar, and the Sourcing of Food and Environmental Degradation in an Era of Globalization”**

Sponsored by: Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center

Speaker: Pete Richards, doctoral candidate, Department of Geography and MS student, Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics.

“Colleges of Arts and Letters, Social Science and Agriculture and Natural Resources Study Abroad Fair”

Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad, College of Arts and Letters, College of Social Science and College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, MSU Union, Parlors ABC

If you are interested in a study abroad experience and are in one of these three colleges this fair is for you! The fair also features a workshop about “funding your study abroad” experience at 5:00 pm and a raffle for study abroad scholarships from each of the three colleges.



“Carrot Top” in Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, 2010
Alumni Glenn Detrick
Social Science

EVENTS *continued***Thursday, November 17th****“International Book Club”**

Sponsored by: East Lansing Public Library
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, East Lansing Public Library

Read the story “Little Princess: One Man’s Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal” by Conor Grennan. Please join us and engage in thoughtful discussion about the book.

“Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan: Key Issues in Expanding Your Business to Emerging Markets”

Sponsored by: The Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan

12:00 noon, Henry Center, University Club of Michigan State University

The Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan focuses on global issues of interest to the mid-Michigan business community. The monthly GB Club luncheons provide outstanding speakers wrap personal insights around a practical and up-to-the-minute approach to conducting international trade.

Friday, November 18th**“Witchcraft Accusations, Tea Plantation Economy, and Lives of Migrant Laborers”**

Sponsored by: Center for Gender in Global Context

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, 201 International Center

Speaker: Soma Chaudhuri, Department of Sociology and School of Criminal Justice

This presentation describes how a tea plantation migrant labor community in India uses witchcraft accusations that culminate in witch hunts to deal with social stress caused by a globalized economy. Here the witchcraft accusations are a reaction of the community against their oppressors, who are in this context the

plantation management, against whom the workers are powerless to protest. Thus the incidents of witch hunts are a discourse; it is within this discourse that witch hunts are not viewed as exotic/primitive rituals of a backward community, but as a powerful protest by a community against its oppression.

“The Mughal Court as a Translation Zone: Early Modern Anglo-Muslim Encounters, 1600-1620”

Sponsored by: Muslim Studies Center

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 213 Morrill Hall

The presentation will be given by Professor Jyotsna Singh, Department of English.

“Essay Contest Coffee Hour”

Sponsored by: The Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan Rooms B and C, International Center Food Court, International Center

Our weekly coffee hour is a great place to make new friends, practice your language skills, and get free coffee and tea. This week’s coffee hour is highlighted by a reception to announce and celebrate the winners of the 2011 International Student and Study Abroad Essay Contest. Snacks and refreshments will be served in honor of all those who participated. Join us to celebrate the experiences that our international and study abroad students have shared!

“Friday Forum”

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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center

Speaker: Mark Axelrod, James Madison College and Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

“Sustainable Indian Fishing: Translating Global Market Shifts to Village-Level Ecosystem Impacts”

Global Focus People’s Choice Award

International Students and Programs is thrilled to announce that due to their use of online submission, they have had an amazing response to the Global Focus Competition this year. The online submissions were especially successful in seeing that many more entries from alumni were submitted.

International Students and Programs has now opened the online voting for the People’s Choice award in the Global Focus competition. With the help of a talented IT team online voting was launched last year, allowing the greater MSU community to help name a People’s Choice winner. The photo receiving the most online votes is added to the judges selections and put on display in the International Center for everyone to see.

Voting will take place now through **November 30th**, with the winners being announced in mid December.

Votes may be cast online at:

<http://isp.msu.edu/awards/photo-contest/vote.htm>



“Dutch Transportation” in Amsterdam, Netherlands 2010 Student, Chen Wang
Human Medicine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEO/GUSP 816: The World System of Cities

With trade liberalization decentralizing global economic activities in the 20th century, a new scale of interdependence emerged between nations and cities on a worldwide basis. The removal of trade barriers reduced the importance of national boundaries and has led to the reorganization of the mass production industrial economy. This restructuring facilitated an international division of labor, the separation of management, finance, and manufacturing, partitioning the world into specialized roles at increasing spatial distances. This course will explore 20th century global economic restructuring and its social, economic, and political impacts on cities and their regions. A particular focus of the course will be directed to exploring the transformation of cities during the 20th century.

Spring 2012 Course Offering
GEO/GUSP 816: The World System of Cities
Tuesday and Thursday 10:20 am - 11:40 am

Igor Vojnovic
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ACR 848: Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Developing Countries

This course analyzes rural natural resource management in developing countries, focusing on the factors that lead to natural resource outcome, e.g. conservation, productivity, and income distribution. The course begins with a look at how human and natural systems interact, then addresses a variety of issues that influence natural resource management including people's perceptions of the natural resource scarcity, poverty and population density, tenure security, property rights regimes, collective action and its determinants, and governance. It also examines policy approaches for promoting conservation where benefits are off-site.

Spring 2012 Course Offering
ACR 848: Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Developing Countries
Thursday 3:00 pm - 5:50 pm

John Kerr
Associate Professor
Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies
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International Awards

With the 2012 International Awards Ceremony scheduled for March 21, the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs at MSU will continue our tradition of recognizing the talents of faculty, staff and community members with a global vision. You can be part of this celebration by nominating a colleague, student or alumni for one of the awards listed below.

Ralph Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs

The John K Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award

The Gill-Chin Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Global Studies

The Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award

The Charles A. Gliozzo International Award for Public Diplomacy

The Glen Taggart Award for Community Contributions
The Award for Outstanding Service to Study Abroad

Special Recognition Award for Promoting International Understanding

The Homer Higbee International Education Awards

For full descriptions please go to: www.isp.msu.edu/awards/awards. Nominations are due: **Wednesday, December 15, 2011 at 5:00 pm.**

Detroit Red Wings vs. Winnipeg Jets Hockey Game

Hey there hockey fans! Are you ready for some Detroit Hockey? That's right! On December 10, the Canadian Studies Center along with the Canadian Studies Student Organization is taking a road trip to Joe Louis Arena to watch the Red Wings play the Winnipeg Jets for the first time since 1995. Since tickets are limited please contact Sarah Quraishi with you information as soon as possible.

December 10, 2011
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Joe Louis Arena

Sarah Quraishi
Contact: (517) 353-9349 or quraish3@msu.edu
Sponsored by: Canadian Studies Center and Canadian Studies Student Organization

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Global Festival

The Global Festival is truly a community event drawing together a crowd ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 visitors from the Lansing/East Lansing community and beyond. It celebrates both our diversity and the human experience that binds us together. This event contributes greatly to the spirit of community that is so unique to MSU, through the joint efforts of MSU's nationality student groups and the residents of the greater Lansing community. Enjoy an afternoon of International Student Performances, Children's Games, the Global Café and MSU Nationality Club Exhibits. You will have the opportunity to travel the world in one day! Expect music, dancing, demonstrations, great food, variety of activities for all ages and exhibits representing dozens of countries.

Sunday November, 13th

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MSU Union

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2011 are due by 12:00pm on November 11th. Send information to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Sarah Anthony; e-mail: casid@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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