For the week of November 20th:

Tuesday, November 21st
“Fremde Haut”
German Film Series
7:00 pm, Rm. B102 Wells Hall

“The Battle of Algiers”
Department of History International Film Series
7:30 pm - 12:00 pm, Rm. 107 South Kedzie

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving - University Closed

For the week of November 27th:

Tuesday, November 28th
“To Live” (Chinese Film)
Department of History International Film Series
7:30 pm, Rm. 107 South Kedzie

Wednesday, November 29th
“Micro-Macro Battles over Biodiversity, from Post-Conservation to Neo-Commercialization”
Center for Latin America and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) Seminar
Speaker: Dr. Michael Dorsey, Professor, Dartmouth College
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

Thursday, November 30th
“Xhosa-English Bilinguals: Gramatical Steps in Language Shift”
African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Carol Myers-Scotton, Faculty in Linguistics, MSU
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

Friday, December 1st
“Human Resource Management in Nepal”
CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speaker: Biswas Rai, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

“Migration, Gender, and Local Economic Development: Evidence from an Albanian Border Community”
CERS Brown Bag Series
Speaker: Prof. Brendan Mullan, Sociology
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Rm. 305 International Center. RSVP to enyart@msu.edu to reserve a box lunch

“C.R.A.Z.Y” (French Canadian)
Romance Languages Film Series
5:30 pm, Rm. 206 Old Horticulture Auditorium

S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A. Dance-a-thon
Campus-wide dance-a-thon to benefit the Partners in Health Rwanda Programs
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Contact: Alex B. Hill, www.scoutbanana.org

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

IAH 251A- Topics in Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations: Focus on Southern Africa

This two-credit course will meet twice a week during the first half of Spring semester of 2007: January 8 - February 28, 2007. Mon. 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm, Wed. 6:30 pm - 8:50 pm, Rm. 110 Berkey Hall. The course will count toward the second IAH requirement. Students who have already completed the second IAH requirement can register for the course as an elective. This course investigates contemporary issues in the southern Africa region through the media of film, literature and lecture. It will make use of MSU professors with Southern African expertise and visitors from Southern Africa. Please direct questions to instructors John Metzler or David Wiley at 353-1700.

PLS 950: Research Seminar in Comparative Politics: Political Islam in Comparative Perspective

The seminar will begin by posing the question: Is there one political Islam or are there many? It will analyze in some details the historical background to the phenomenon now called political Islam. This will include discussions about the nature of the relationship between state and the religious classes during the classical period of Islam as well the use of Islam as an ideology of resistance against European colonial domination. It will analyze the writings of leading Islamist thinkers of the 19th and 20th century, such as al-Afghani, Mawdudi, al-Banna, Qutb, and Khomeini. Finally, it will manifestaionses of political Islam, both in terms of ideology and political action, in leading Muslim countries, such as Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Indonesia. Students will have the opportunity both to review the analytical and historical literature and to undertake research on the interaction of religion and politics in discrete countries in the Muslim world. Please direct questions to Mohammed Ayoob, University Distinguished Professor of International Relations, James Madison College and Department of Political Science, 353-3538, 353-6750; e-mail: ayoob@msu.edu

SAVE THE DATE ANNOUNCEMENT: 4TH ANNUAL CLACS UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

March 28 - 30, 2007

This is one of the few opportunities for undergraduate students to gain experience presenting at a conference. Please consider organizing a panel of your students or volunteering to moderate for this event. We encourage you to share this information with your students and colleagues (from other institutions as well). More information will be sent out soon.

GENDER, JUSTICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: NOVEMBER 20TH DEADLINE

The Gender, Justice and Environmental Change (GJEC) specialization at MSU is offering internship opportunities with leading environmental and social justice organizations that are looking for hard-working, creative, and motivated students to assist them on various projects and campaigns. Students will work with supervisors from the host organizations and from their department or college during their internship, benefiting from their supervisors’ experience and expertise in the environmental field.

The Spring 2007 application deadline is November 30, 2006, while applications for Summer 2007 internships will be accepted through March 16, 2007. Students interested in international internships during any upcoming semester should contact the Internship Coordinator to discuss deadlines and special application procedures:

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RITA S. GALLIN AWARD FOR THE BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER IN WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Friday, December 15, 2006

The Women and International Development (WID) Program 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.

The papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be made at WID’s Annual Open House in January. The winning paper will be peer reviewed for publication in the WID Working Paper 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.