Events: Week of October 24, 2011

Monday, October 24th

“Taiko Drum Clinic”
Sponsored by: Japan Centers of Michigan and Marshall Music
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 951 Mall Drive, Portage
Michigan Hiryu Daiko will present a performance, Q & A, as well as an opportunity to get hands on experience with this ancient Japanese art form.

Tuesday, October 25th

“Optional Practical Training Session (OPT)”
Sponsored by: Office of International Students and Scholars
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm, 303 International Center
F-1 students may apply for one year of work authorization called Optional Practical Training (OPT) for use after graduation. We recommend that applications are submitted at least 3 months before graduation. Come learn more about how you can apply for OPT.

Wednesday, October 26th

“So You’re Interested in Developing a Study Abroad Program...”
Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad
11:30 am - 1:00 pm, MSU Union, Lake Superior Room
Have you ever wondered about creating your own study abroad program or how to go about doing that? If you have, this meeting will be perfect for you. Join the Office of Study Abroad as they present how to develop your own study abroad program.

“Joseph Lee Memorial Lecture: ‘How to achieve infinite freedom within the limited life-span?’”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 301 International Center
Annual Presentation of the Joseph Lee Memorial Lecture. Lecture given by Dr. Li Yaonan.
**Events continued**

**Thursday, October 27th**

“Representations of Clandestine Migration in Francophone and Hispanophone Moroccan Cultural Production”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center
African Studies Center Brown Bag talk with David Alvarez, Faculty, Grand Valley State University.

“Korean Coffee House”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, 302 International Center
Join us to learn about Korean culture, music, food and more! Practice Korean with native speakers.

**Friday, October 28th**

“Halloween International Coffee Hour”
Sponsored by: The Office for International Studies and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan Room 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.

“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: Stephan Gasteyer, Department of Sociology
“Participatory Governance?: Associations, Districts, and the Localization of a Global Water Crisis”

“Globalization, Homophobia & Youth: Reflections on Anti-Homophobia Day Celebrations in Canada and Mexico”
Sponsored by: Center for Gender in Global Context
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Room 201 International Center
Speaker: Javier Pescador, Department of History Anthropology
This ongoing project discusses some of the responses to homophobia in the context of globalization, community activism, youth and visual arts, using the example of 2010 International Anti-Homophobia Day celebration in Ontario, Canada and Mexico City, Mexico. It focuses on the making of visual arts performances addressing global issues (homophobia & youth), by different LBGT local organizations.

**Week of October 31, 2011**

**Tuesday, November 1st**

“Asian Studies Center ‘Award Winning Documentary Films’ Series: A Homage to Mani Kaul”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 301 International Center
Join us for a series of award winning documentary films from various parts of Asia. The award winning director started his career with the film Uski Roti, which won the Filmfare Critics Award for Best Movie in 1969. Kaul was celebrated as one of the key figures in New Wave Indian cinema and his early experimentation with technique, form and narrative. Kaul was also one of the co-founders of the Yukt Film Co-operative.

“Film Screening: The Taqwacores”
Sponsored by: Muslim Studies Center
7:00 pm, MSU Communication Arts & Sciences Auditorium, East Lansing
This feature film chronicles a Muslim punk rock scene and examines the complexities of being young and Muslim in modern-day America.

Sponsored by: MSU-African American and African Studies
12:00 pm, 302 International Center or 6:00 pm, 201 International Center
This year, CAL’s African American and African Studies program presents its speakers series theme within a similar framework. This year’s theme is “Exploring Our Africana World”. We seek to renegotiate discourses, debates and dialogues in the Black Studies Discipline. We have invited speakers and audiences interested in exploring both the comparative as well as the integrated and interconnected lived experiences of African American, other African Diaspora, and continental African peoples, communities, nations and regions around the world.
Wednesday, November 2nd

“DAVIVA: A Spanish in Action Program in Latin America”
Sponsored by: Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center
Speaker: Elias Ruiz, President, Ola Canada International

Thursday, November 3rd

“From Malaria Control to Crop Protection: Use of eco-friendly nets for vegetable production in Benin and Kenya”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center
African Studies Center Brown Bag Talk with Mathieu Ngouajio, Faculty, Horticulture, MSU.

“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.

Friday, November 4th

“Yamato - The Drummers of Japan”
Sponsored by: Japan Center for Michigan Universities
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm, MSU Cobb Hall
A performance by Yamato - The Drummers of Japan - is infused with the idea that the drumbeat, like the heartbeat, is the very pulse of life. That pulse grows to a thunder as the master drummers put their souls into performing on an unbelievable array of traditional percussion instruments large and small, including massive Odaiko drums six feet in diameter. Founded in 1993 in Nara, considered the birthplace of Japanese culture, Yamato travels the world with traditional Wadaiko drums. The men and women of Yamato are young, modern, and brimming with infectious energy, and promise a heart-pounding spectacle of athleticism, grace, precision, and musical expertise, described as a celebration of life where pure energy meets spiritual high.

Fall 2011 CASID/GenCen Friday Forum Schedule

October 28
Stephan Gasteyer, Department of Sociology
Participatory Governance?: Associations, Districts, and the Localization of a Global Water Crisis

November 4
Susan Linz, Department of Economics
Protestant Work Ethnic and Performance: A Cross Cultural Analysis of Gender Differences

November 11
Yael Aranoff, James Madison College
“The Voice of the People”?: Democratic Processes and Peace Negotiations in the Israeli-Palestinian Context

November 18
Mark Axelrod, James Madison College & Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Sustainable Indian Fishing: Translating Global Market Shirts to Village-Level Ecosystem Impacts.

November 25
No Friday Forum - Thanksgiving Break

December 2
Leo Zulu, Department of Geography
Topic to be announced at a later date.

All sessions are held in room 201 International Center from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.
Sponsored by: Center for Advanced Study of International Development and Gender in the Global Context.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MSU Celebrates United Nations 66th Anniversary and International Year of Forests**

To celebrate 2011 as the International Year of Forests, Michigan State University is hosting an international science and policy conference October 23 to 25 for the MSU and Greater Lansing community. The conference will include prominent speakers from around the world, and will highlight the global concern for forests related to climate change, biodiversity, sustainable development, human needs and international policy.

Keynote speaker Jan McAlpine, Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests in New York, will open up the conference on October 23 at 6:45 pm at the Hannah Community Center. Her presentation will focus on the domestic and global challenges in creating sustainable forests, while still maintaining economic development.

October 23rd - 25th, Michigan State University  
Contact: International Studies and Programs  
517-355-2350 or www.for.msu.edu/goes

**ANP 892: Violence and the State**

Anthropological analysis demonstrates the complexities of understanding the state and sovereignty in a wider context of regimes of human rights, transnational nongovernmental struggles and humanitarian interventions. This course considers political violence and state power theoretically and ethnographically. The relationship among state power, the social legitimacy of legal institutions, and historical narratives are explored through readings on the legacies of massive violence, theories of trauma, practices of commemoration, and the transitional justice. The class proposes a broader understanding of corruption that includes the failure of legal institutions to establish appropriate relationships between narrative meanings and social consequences.

Spring 2012 Course Offering  
ANP 892: Violence and the State  
Tuesdays 9:10 am - 12:00 pm

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**International Awards**

With the 2012 International Awards Ceremony scheduled for March 21, the Office of the Dean of International Students and Programs at MSU will continue our tradition of recognizing the talents of faculty, staff, the 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.

**Spartans Abroad Photo Contest**

The annual Spartans Abroad Photo Contest is looking for interesting, compelling, exciting and awe-inspiring photos that evoke emotion about your experience abroad. Winning entries will be selected on the best quality photographs that convey a strong sense of place or express a cross-cultural experience in one of four categories: People, Nature, Architecture and Spartans Abroad. While maintaining economic development. Entry form must be completed.

Submission Deadline: October 31st, 5:00 pm  
Contact: Office of Study Abroad  
Contact for more Information: marti269@msu.edu
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