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E V E N T S

For the week of December 4th:

Monday, December 4th

Study Medical Ethics in London

Information Event

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Rm. C-102 Holmes Hall

Tuesday, December 5th

"Trends in New Firm Clusterization in Life Science in Japan and the United States"

Asian Studies Center

Speaker: Kathryn Ibata-Arens, Political Science, DePaul University

4:00 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

"Lichter" (Distant Lights)

German Film Series

7:00 pm, Rm. B102 Wells Hall

Wednesday, December 6th

"The North Star"

Russian Film Series

This film was made at the request of the Roosevelt Administration to boost support of the USA's alliance with the communist Soviet Union against Nazi Germany. A peaceful farming collective in the Ukraine fights back against brutal Nazi occupation.

7:10 pm - 9:10 pm, Rm. C311 Wells Hall

Friday, December 8th

"New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives"

Second in a six-part Colloquia Series to

inaugurate the new Gender and Global Studies Center

Speaker: Zakia Salime, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, MSU

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Rm. 302 International Center

"Human Rights and Social Conditions in Senegal: The Problems of Tailbe and Clandestine Emigration"

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Kenneth Harrow, Professor of English

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

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

For the week of December 11th:

Tuesday, December 12th

"Livestock, manure and nutrient management: an international perspective on sustainability and environmental impact"

Department of Animal Science 2006 - 2007 Seminar Series

Speaker: Salvador Fernandez-Rivera, Coordinator of CGIAR Systemwide Livestock Programme, International Livestock Research Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

10:30 am, Rm. 1310 Anthony Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR THE:

2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR FELLOWSHIPS and 2007 SUMMER INTENSIVE LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIPS under the FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) and Women and International Development Program (WID) at Michigan State University awards graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program of the U.S. Department of Education (US/ED). The FLAS Fellowship program is designed to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. CASID/WID's FLAS Fellowships are awarded to graduate students enrolled in programs which combine the study of a modern foreign language with advanced training and research in international development studies. Per US/ED guidelines, priority will be given to students who apply to study less commonly taught languages. Questions regarding language eligibility should be directed to Dr. Robert Glew (517-353-4818). Fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to \$12,000 per academic year) and a stipend of \$15,000 for the academic year. To be considered for fellowship support, an applicant must:

1. Be a citizen or national of the United States; or a permanent resident of the United States; or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
2. Have earned a baccalaureate or comparable degree before the fellowship period begins and be admitted to or currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Michigan State University.
3. Intend to complete an advanced graduate program (disciplinary, interdisciplinary, or professional; Ph.D. or Master's) at Michigan State University with a concentration on international development/globalization/gender.
4. Show potential for high academic achievement, as evidenced by such indices as grade point average or other measures.

Applicants must agree to pursue full-time graduate study and propose a course of study that includes both language training and international development course work.

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SPRING COURSE OFFERINGS: AGRICULTURE AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Selected Topics: ACR 891:002

Time: Monday 3:00 pm - 5:50 pm

Location: 223 Natural Resources Building

This course will explore the role that social movements have played in transforming the current agro-food system. Most of the readings will be confined to the case of the U.S., but other readings drawn from Latin America and Europe will allow students to compare cases of agrarian insurgence across geopolitical boundaries. We will begin by providing an historical overview of the nature of farmer and farm worker movements in the U.S. This class will explore the ways that agency is manifest through farmer and farm worker mobilization and the impact these actors have had on shaping our current agro-food system. We will examine the interplay and articulation between contemporary social movement's theory and empirical cases of farmer and farm worker resistance. Students will be encouraged to explore their particular interests in farmer or farm worker activism as part of the requirements for this course.

Please contact Dr. Wynne Wright, Assistant Professor, CARRS Department (wrightwy@anr.msu.edu) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***GRADUATE SEMINAR: INTERNATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT (INTERNET COURSE)**

Selected Topics: RD 876

The course simulates a small groups of students sitting around a table with the professor, who has years of hands-on experience actually designing and implementing many development programs and projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Since it is offered in a weekly asynchronous conversation, you can fit it into your schedule, no matter what your timing is. Conversations, readings, your individual term paper, and other assignments address these topics:

Development and International Development
Strategies and Design of International Collaboration
Program Development and Evaluation Strategies
Learning and Communication Strategies
Basic Concepts of Administration
Organizations that Implement International Development
The Personnel of Development Organizations
Directing Development Organizations

For more information about this graduate seminar, see the preview at <https://angel.msu.edu> or e-mail Prof. George H. Axinn at axinn@msu.edu

AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY: PHL 351

Time: Monday/Wednesday 8:30 am – 9:50 am

Location: 112 Bessey Hall

Instructor: John Otieno Ouko (oukojohn@msu.edu)

Topics to be covered:

- Is there an African Philosophy?
- African debates about knowledge and reality
- The role of ethics in African philosophy
- The “rationality” debate
- African philosophy’s ties to African American and feminist thought

For information, call the Dept. of Philosophy (355-4490)

ANTHROPOLOGY OF WAR: ANP 491

Time: Thursday

Locations: 121 Baker Hall

Instructor: Professor Hourani

During the final decade of the 20th Century, the world witnessed what many scholars now call “New Civil Wars” in the non-western world. New wars are said to last longer, and entail far greater levels of violence against civilians – especially women – than previous conflicts. The outbreak and savagery of the NCW result from the replacement of ideological concerns – the pursuit of democracy or economic justice for example – with a “new barbarism” rooted in “resurgent tribalism” and xenophobic nationalisms. Most

important, due to the rise of globalization these recent conflicts afford participants ever greater opportunities for material gain – so much so that the imperative of military victory takes a back seat to efforts to sustain fighting and highly lucrative “war economies.” In short, tribalism and greed have replaced political grievance as the driving force behind civil violence.

The Middle East and North Africa have been absent from recent efforts to theorize contemporary conflicts. Therefore, the main goal of this course is to evaluate NCW approaches in light of conflicts in Afghanistan, Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, and Sudan. What contributions might Middle Eastern and North African cases make in the evaluation of theories of civil war? To what extent do these approaches re-orient our understandings – if at all – of conflicts in the region? To what extent does globalization give rise to civil war?

TOPICS IN AREA STUDIES AND MULTICULTURAL CIVILIZATIONS: FOCUS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA: IAH 251A

This two-credit course will meet twice a week during the first half of Spring Semester; 2007: January 8 - February 28, 2007. Monday 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm, Wednesday 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.

POLITICAL ISLAM IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS: PLS950

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 explore manifestations of political Islam, both in terms of ideology and political action, in leading Muslim countries of the Middle East, Asia and Africa. 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 Professor Mohammed Ayoub at 353-3538 or 353-6750; e-mail: ayoub@msu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT: JEAN AND RALEIGH BARLOWE EN-DOWED GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ECONOMICS AND POLICY**

Dr. Raleigh Barlowe and Mrs. Jean Barlowe have generously sponsored this fellowship to support the training of graduate students who take an institutional economics approach to the study of land resource, natural resource and environmental resource issues. Successful candidates must be strong scholars with demonstrated academic ability. They must demonstrate an interdisciplinary commitment to the social sciences and intend to combine the workings of history, law, political science, and population dynamics with their work in land resource, natural resource, or environmental resource economics and policy. Prior specialization in economics training is not required. Candidates may be enrolled in any graduate program in the University.

To Apply for the Barlowe Fellowship:

Each year one Barlowe Fellowship will be awarded, provided that qualified candidates have applied. Both current and new (applicants) MSU graduate students may be nominated (either by the student or a faculty member). Doctoral students receive preference, but Masters students are eligible.

Submit your complete application packet NO LATER THAN December 15, 2006, to Diane Davis, CARRS Graduate Secretary: CARRS, MSU, 131 Natural Resources Bldg., East Lansing, MI 48824-1222 (davisdia@msu.edu)

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current will be posted in the first Spring Issue of 2007. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Andrea Freidus; e-mail: freidusa@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.

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