E V E N T S

Week of December 5, 2011

Wednesday, December 7th

“US Aid in the Andean Region, an Alternative Development Strategy -- with emphasis on Ecuador”

Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center
Dr. Kenneth Farr, US Foreign Service Officer (Ret.) presents, “US Aid in the Andean Region, an Alternative Development Strategy -- with emphasis on Ecuador.”

Thursday, December 8th

“Learning, Teaching and Curriculum Development at Makerere University”

Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center
African Studies Center Brown Bag Talk with Andrew State, University of Michigan African Presidents Scholar (UMAPS).

Friday, December 9th

“Last International Coffee Hour of 2011!”

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. Come join us for an evening of new friends and fun!

2011 International Human Rights Day Commemoration

International Human Rights Round Table
Are we making progress on human rights?

Humphrey Fellowship International panel:
Bolivia - Gissela Morales
Burkina Faso - Djelika Pare
Nepal - Mina Aryal
Togo - Kossi Tsogbe
Vietnam - Tran Thi Lan Ahn
Red Cross Humanitarian Law Project - Ashley Goll and Chelsea Walker

Teachers, students, MSU students, faculty and the general public are cordially invited. The program and parking are free so please invite colleagues, friends and family to attend with you.

East Lansing Hannah Community Center
819 Abbott Rd.
Sunday December 4, 2011
6:45 pm to 7:00 pm Refreshments, visit exhibits, meet panelists
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Program
FW 813 Democracy and the Environment

Political scientists, philosophers, anthropologists, sociologists, historians, ecologists and lawyers have long debated whether democracies have better or worse influences on the natural environment. This course seeks to provide answers from all these approaches, unpacking the institutional machinery of democracies and other governance structures. We will start with a basic overview of the relationship between democracy and environmental protection, and then assess the effects of particular democratic and authoritarian institutions.

In this course, students will:
- Compare democratic and authoritarian political institutions
- Identify different approaches to environmental policy
- Compare measurements of environmental outcomes
- Integrate theories of social and natural sciences
- Incorporate institutional and ecological variables into comparative research projects

Spring 2012
Wednesdays, 3:00 pm - 5:50 pm
Instructor: Mark Axelrod

For more information, email axelrod3@msu.edu

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 International Awards.

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

Have a Safe and Happy Winter Holiday!