

EVENTS

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Week of September 27

Sunday, September 27

East Lansing Welcomes the World

Sponsor: The City of East Lansing, Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) and the Community Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP)
2:30-4:30 p.m., East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road

International students and families are invited to meet their neighbors at East Lansing Welcomes the World, featuring food, music, children's activities, community information tables and more. All community members are welcome. Free shuttle buses will run on a loop from Michigan State University's campus to the East Lansing Public Library from 2-5 p.m. on the day of the event, stopping regularly at North Hubbard Hall, the International Center, Brody Hall and Spartan Village Community Center.



Quilts of Southwest China Opening Reception

Sponsor: MSU Museum
2:00-4:00 p.m., MSU Museum Main Gallery

In southwest China, traditional bed coverings and other household items have often been, like American quilts, made of small pieces of fabric that are patched and appliquéd together to form artistic, functional textiles. A binational consortium of American and Chinese museums, led by the MSU Museum and the Yunnan Nationalities Museum (Kunming), has fostered an effort to document this textile tradition and, at the same time, advance an understanding of the intangible and tangible cultural heritage of China. A ground-breaking exhibition on this art will have its world debut at the Michigan State University Museum after which it will tour nationally. The museum will also be celebrating the traditional celebration of the harvest, which falls on the 15th day of the eighth month, according to the Chinese calendar. The festival is always in autumn, at a time of year when the moon is at its roundest and brightest. For this reason, many know it as the Moon Festival. In addition to the exhibition opening, the celebration will include moon cakes and refreshments, along with kids activities. For more information, please visit the MSU Museum website: <http://museum.msu.edu/index.php?q=node/1312>

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Monday, September 28

“The Proposed Iran Nuclear Deal: Potential Impact on the US and the Middle East”

Sponsors: James Madison College, Muslim Studies, Peace and Justice Studies, Asian Studies Center, and Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities
7:00-8:30 p.m., Case Hall, 3rd Floor, Club Spartan

What are the short-term and long-term implications—for the U.S. and for the Middle East—of President Obama's historic proposed deal with the Iranian government over the future of their nuclear program? Each panelist will share their analysis of the issues and then open the discussion to include the audience. Panelists will include: Yael Aronoff, director of Jewish Studies, Sherman Garnett, dean of James Madison College, and Russel Lucas, director of Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities.

Tuesday, September 29

Science, Agriculture, Food, Environment and Health Career Fair

Sponsor: Career Services
2:00-6:00 p.m., Breslin Center

This unique career fair is designed to connect employers with MSU participants studying for careers in a wide range of science-related fields. This will include employers offering internship and full-time opportunities in the fields of science, agriculture, food, health, the environment, and natural resources. MSU undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral scholars are encouraged to attend this event.

“The Economics of Hope in Rural Myanmar – Research Methodology and Identification”

Sponsor: Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Jeffrey Bloem, graduate student in the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE), will speak as part of the AFRE Brown Bag Seminar Series.

Past Forward Panel Discussion and Reception

Sponsor: Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum
6:00 p.m., Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum

The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University presents a panel discussion on *Past Forward: Contemporary Art from the Emirates*, the first major touring exhibition of Emirati art. The exhibition showcases paintings, photographs, sculptures, video installations, and other media that emphasize core elements of life in the United Arab Emirates. Emirati artists are a multifaceted group of men and women who have maintained a sense of national identity while also promoting their vision and aspirations for the future.

Wednesday, September 30

James Madison College Founders Circle Event with Rajmohan Gandhi

Sponsor: James Madison College
5:30 p.m., Kellogg Center, Big Ten A

Gandhi Rajmohan will deliver a talk entitled “Feats and Fault Lines of India’s Democracy.” A noted Indian politician, academic, and advocate for tolerance and reconciliation, Rajmohan Gandhi has served in the Indian Senate, as president of Initiatives of Change International, a global nonprofit aiming at reconciliation and trust-building, and a research professor at the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Rajmohan Gandhi has published eleven books and has had a distinguished career in journalism. There is no charge for this public event, but please RSVP at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jmc-founders-circle-talk-with-rajmohan-gandhi-tickets-18352820781>.





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“Electoral Violence: An Empirical Investigation of Current Theories”

Sponsor: Department of Economics
12:00-1:00 p.m., 75 Ag Hall

Greg Wallsworth, doctoral student in the Department of Economics, will speak as part of the Department of Economics' Development Lunch Seminar Series.

“So You are Interested in Developing a Study Abroad Program?”

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., MSU Union, Lake Superior Room

The Office of Study Abroad, in collaboration with Faculty and Organizational Development, will offer a workshop on developing study abroad programs. It is intended for faculty interested in exploring what is involved in developing and leading a study abroad program at MSU. The presenters will focus on providing basic framing information, introduce available resources, and share their experiences as program leaders. Topics will include academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular learning, program design, planning and logistics. In addition, participants will receive an overview of the formal steps involved in program development from concept to implementation. Bring your ideas and come ready to brainstorm with colleagues. Registration is free and required at: <http://fod.msu.edu/events/so-you?re-interested-developing-study-abroad-program>.

Thursday, October 1

Graduate Student Workshop with Lara Putman

Sponsors: Department of History, Center for Gender in Global Context and the African Studies Center

10:00-11:30 a.m., 255 Old Horticulture

As part of the Department of History's Transnational Histories Series, Professor Lara Putman, Department of History at the University of Pittsburgh, will share a piece of scholarship in progress. Graduate students in all departments and programs are encouraged to join in this lively and engaging series. Those wishing to participate should preregister by contacting Elyse Hansen, hanse119@msu.edu to receive a copy of the essay being discussed.

“The Transnational and the Text-Searchable: Digitized Sources and the Shadows They Cast”

Sponsors: Department of History, Center for Gender in Global Context and the African Studies Center
3:3-5:00 p.m., 255 Old Horticulture

Lara Putnam, chair of the Department of History at the University of Pittsburgh, will speak as part of the Department of History's Transnational Histories Series. Professor Putnam has published extensively on the history of race, citizenship and gender in the Caribbean and Latin America.

"Change and Continuity in African Electoral Politics, 1990-2015"

Sponsor: Africa Studies Center
12:00-1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Nicolas van de Walle, the Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Government at Cornell University, will speak as part of the African Studies Center's Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

MSU CN Forum

Sponsors: The Institute for Public Policy and Social Research and the Canadian Studies Center
11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research and the Canadian Studies Center for Michigan State University's CN Forum, a regional network gathering of business, policy, and research leaders. This year's forum is titled Thinking Ahead: Regional Needs for Meeting Global Demand. The forum is where new information is exchanged on the status of the U.S. and Canada connection in areas of trade, travel, and Great Lakes stewardship. New contacts are made to help move the U.S. Midwest region and Canada forward, making this binational connection the world's model for cross-border collaboration.



Friday, October 2

Arabic Tea Hour for Arabic-Speaking Students

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center, Arabic Program and the MSU Arabic Flagship
4:30-6:30 p.m., 302 International Center

Arabic Diwan is a gathering for Arabic speakers where they speak Arabic and learn about the culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment, along with Fulbright Teaching Assistant Amr Abdulla from Egypt. Students from all Arabic levels are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet other learners of Arabic, make friends, and exchange language and cultural knowledge.

Week of October 4

Tuesday, October 6

“Elucidating Conflict Structures in the Middle East: Separating the Grain from the Chaff”

Sponsor: James Madison College
4:30 p.m., James Madison College Library

University Distinguished Professor Emeritus Mohammed Ayoob will deliver this talk.

“Marginal Generation, Emissions and Abatement Benefit Estimation”

Sponsor: Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Miguel Castro, doctoral student in the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE) will speak as part of the AFRE Brown Bag Seminar Series.

Wednesday, October 7

“The Spillover Effects of Public Works on Migration, Labor Allocation and Wages: Evidence from National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, India”

Sponsor: Department of Economics
12:00-1:00 p.m., Koo Room of Marshall-Adams Hall

Ashesh Prasann, doctoral candidate in the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics, will speak as part of the Department of Economics' Development Lunch Seminar Series.

“Ali Mazrui: a Walking Triple Heritage”

Sponsor: Africa Studies Center
5:00-7:00 p.m., 303 International Center

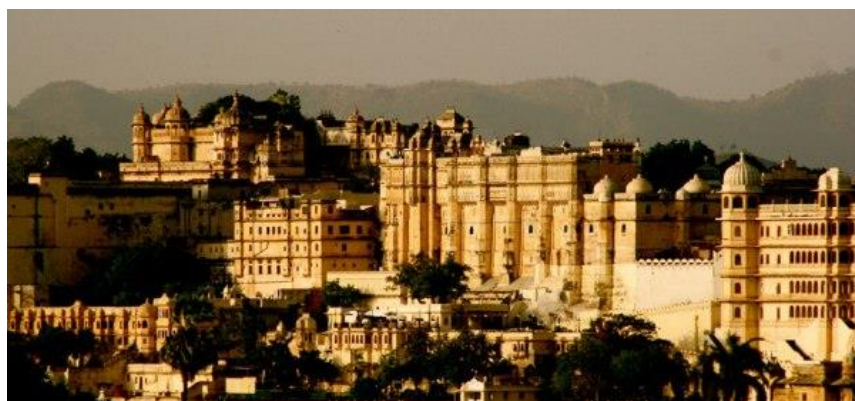
David Wachanga, associate professor in the Department of Communications at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, will lead a viewing and discussion on the film “Ali Mazrui: a Walking Triple Heritage” as part of the African Studies Center's Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

Thursday, October 8

“Dynamic Life-cycle Simulation Models - the State of Play”

Sponsors: Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics and the Department of Economics
1:30-3:30 p.m., Koo Room of Marshall-Adams Hall

Laurence Kotikoff, the William Fairfield Warren Professor at Boston University, will speak as part of the Department of Economics' Applied Economics Seminar Series.



**Thursday, October 8
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“Citizen Suits and Environmental Activism in Israel: What Happens When One Country Opened the Gates of its Courts Up to the Public”

Sponsors: Jewish Studies, the College of Law, and the Science, Technology, Environment, and Public Policy Program
12:00 p.m., Law College, 3rd Floor

Alon Tal, visiting scholar from Ben Gurion University, will speak. Almost sixty years ago, Israel was one of the first countries to implement a law allowing the general public to file criminal indictments against polluters. Moreover, Israel's Supreme Court has extremely liberal rules of standing for administrative appeals that can file petitions against governmental agencies for inadequate efforts to protect the environment. As a result, Israel's civil society and individual citizens have frequently taken advantage of this opportunity, challenging polluters and the government in a broad range of legal actions. While public interest in legal actions have led to scores of environmental victories, numerous environmental indicators suggest that many other battles have been lost. This talk explores the potential and limitations of using the courts to promote environmental interests and the lessons it can teach environmental activists everywhere.

“Epidemiology and the Public's Health: Three Lessons”

Sponsor: Epidemiology and Biostatistics
4:00 p.m., E4 Fee Hall

Jim Anthonly, professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, will discuss three lessons pertinent to epidemiology and public health: (1) epidemiology and biostatistics as vocational callings [or are we in it only for the job credential and the money?], (2) if you discover or learn something true, what next? [Can there be an inconsequential epidemiology?], (3) the late Professor Wade Hampton Frost, who and what came before, and who and what came after. Dr. Anthony will weave into the seminar presentation some of the material that Dani Fallin and he prepared as SER President Sandro Galea's invited guests for a Society for Epidemiological Research Plenary Session in June 2013.

African Tea

Sponsor: African Studies Center
4:00-6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Eritrea, South Sudan and Sudan will be the focus of this tea.

“East Africa Memory Project”

Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00-1:00 p.m., 201 International Center

David Wachanga, associate professor in the Department of Communications at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, will speak as part of the African Studies Center's Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

“The Small Voices of History: Rekhti Poetry, A Dargah amongst Ruins, and Letters Written to Jinns”

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center, Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, Muslim Studies Program, Film Studies Program, Departments of Religious Studies, History and English
4:00-5:30 p.m., Wells Hall A108

Anand Taneja, assistant professor of religious studies at Vanderbilt University, will speak as part of the Muslim Communities in India and South Asia Fall Colloquium. A historically informed anthropologist working on Islam in urban South Asia, Professor Taneja's research interests include historical and contemporary Islam and interfaith relations in South Asia, the anthropology of religion, everyday life and postcolonial urbanism, and Bombay cinema. A persistent line of inquiry in his academic work has been thinking about Islam in South Asia as not just a religious identity, but shorthand, as it were, for a whole complex of ethical orientations and remembered ways of being linked to the precolonial past.



Friday, October 9

Migration without
Boundaries Graduate
Student Conference

Sponsor: Anthropology
All day October 9 and 10, Third
Floor of the International Center

This conference aims to facilitate and foster an interdisciplinary, trans-institutional cohort of scholars interested in issues of migration and mobility and will give graduate students the opportunity to present original research before an audience of like-minded peers and professors. The keynote speaker this year will be Dawn Chatty, professor at the University of Oxford Department of Anthropology and Refugee Studies Centre. Papers will be presented by scholars at any stage in their graduate career, who are working on any thematic, conceptual, spatial, or temporal aspect of migration in any disciplinary perspective. Attendance at the conference is free and open to the public.

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Saturday, October 10

Brazil Today and
Tomorrow: Business
Insights

Sponsors: Center for International
Business Education and Research
(CIBER), College of Engineering, Center
for Latin American Studies,
Department of Economics, and the
MSU Alumni Association
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Business College
Complex

Come to the inaugural Brazuca Professional and Academic Development (BrazPAD) conference. BrazPAD conferences seek to support those with academic and professional interests related to Brazil. This year, Brazilian CEOs and entrepreneurs will share their knowledge and experience about the economy, culture, as well as insights into the job and general market. Networking opportunities will facilitate new connections for individuals and potential partnerships for MSU.

Study Abroad Information Sessions

Information meetings are an opportunity to learn about a program from the program leader, find out about applying to study abroad, ask questions and meet with fellow study abroad participants.

Australia and New Zealand's People, Government, and Justice System

Wednesday,
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4:30-5:30 p.m., 305
International Center

Made in Italy

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3:00-4:00 p.m., 184
Communication Arts
and Sciences

Business and Culture in Japan

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Eppley Center

Global Finance Studies in Belgium

Friday, October 9
3:00-4:00 p.m., N21
Business Complex

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Call for Proposals for the 4th Annual Learning Abroad Conference

The Office of Study Abroad announces a call for proposals for their 4th Annual Learning Abroad Conference. This is an opportunity for students to share their international experience with MSU peers, faculty and staff, hear other students' stories, and build their portfolio. The conference will take place Friday, November 20, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the International Center. **The deadline for submitting a proposal is Wednesday, September 30, 2015.**

For complete details and to submit proposals, visit the Office of Study Abroad website:

<http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/lac/>.

Call for Applications for the Science and Society @ State (S3) Collaborative Grant

The S3 Collaborative Grant seeks to stimulate new or emerging interdisciplinary collaborations between MSU's science studies scholars and its STEM and health sciences professionals. These interdisciplinary seed grants will be used to help create opportunities for developing collaborative research projects. Funding available for each project will be in the range of \$10,000. To be eligible to apply, interdisciplinary teams must: 1) consist of one or more MSU STEM and/or health sciences professionals; 2) consist of one or more MSU science studies scholars who examine scientists and/or science from a social science and/or humanistic perspective; 3) and the collaborative teams must have been formed recently and/or be working on a new topic of investigation. Note: The grant may not be used to fund extensions to existing grants or established research programs. **Applications are due October 5, 2015.**

To apply, please complete the online form: <http://lbc.msu.edu/S3/>. To learn more about S3 visit:

<http://s3.msu.edu> or email Georgina Montgomery, director of S3, associate professor in Lyman Briggs College and the Department of History: montg165@msu.edu.

Scholarship Opportunity with the Academy of International Business

In an effort to support the global competencies and knowledge of students interested in Asia, the Academy of International Business Southeast (AIB-SE) and the Asia Institute are collaborating to offer \$1,000 in scholarships supporting global learning experiences for students traveling to Asia in 2016. These scholarships are open to all universities with faculty engaged in the Academy of International Business, so please feel free to share these details with your faculty and students if applicable. **Applications are due October 10, 2015.** For more details on how to apply, please visit: <http://www.aibse.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/I-HYPERLINK-AIBSE-Asia-Institute-Scholarship-1.pdf>.

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2016 Strategic Partnership Grants

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies is requesting proposals for the 2016 Strategic Partnership Grants (SPG) research and scholarship program. This grants program, funded by the Michigan State Foundation, provides funding for major projects in key areas of research, scholarship, and creative activities.

This year's SPG program supports research and scholarship that is leading-edge, interdisciplinary or futuristic, and capitalizes on the existing intellectual capital at MSU. The program is initiated in two parts: pre-proposals are open for university-wide competition, while full proposals will be invited based on the review of pre-proposals.

The key SPG program goals are to support the initial development of: leading-edge projects that foster highly innovative or conceptually creative research and scholarship in all areas, multidisciplinary investigator initiatives, projects that have the potential for generating significant external funding, projects that have the potential to position MSU as a nationally and internationally recognized leader in a particular research area, projects that have potential to yield significant intellectual property and commercial potential for the University, projects that complement the research and scholarship priorities established within departments and colleges. The maximum funding will be \$400K total for projects of up to three years duration. Details regarding the SPG can be found at: <https://gps.vprgs.msu.edu>.

For programmatic questions contact Doug Gage at gage@msu.edu. For technical questions contact Melissa Buell at gpshelp@msu.edu.

2015 Dongwha East Meets West International Essay Competition

How have your cultural views changed in today's globalized society? The 2015 East Meets West International Essay Competition seeks to provide an intellectual and creative forum that empowers young voices and broadens the dialogue on cultural awareness and exchange. The competition is open to all high school and college students. **Applications are due September 30, 2015.**

The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. Cash prizes are also included with gold, silver, and bronze awardees in the high school and college divisions. Additional special award certificates will also be awarded. The East Meets West International Essay Competition is organized every year by the Donghwa Cultural Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes East Asian culture, philosophy, and art through our programs and events.

Essays can be submitted by email at essay@donghwaculture.org or submitted via post to the following address: P.O. Box 271, Englewood, NJ 07631. Please visit the organization's website to access the competition entry form and competition details at: http://www.donghwaculture.org/ver2/bbs/board.php?bo_table=Competitions_1&wr_id=6#.VgGie02FOU. If you have any further inquiries, please contact via essay@donghwaculture.org or 201-871-3033.

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Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Fellowships for Dissertation Research or Completion

The Gender, Justice and Environmental Change Program at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce two fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2015-16 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of four up-to-\$10,000 fellowship opportunities in the following categories:

GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship

Eligibility for Dissertation Research Fellowship: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus specifically on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Eligibility for Dissertation Completion Fellowship: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree program including dissertation research. **Applicants must graduate by Spring 2016**, and their dissertations must focus on gender as it relates to environmental and/or agricultural change.

Funding must be used during the 2015-16 academic year. **The application deadline is September 30, 2015.**

Submit completed application and all supporting documents:

GenCen Advisor, Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Program

c/o Center for Gender in Global Context

206 International Center, 427 N Shaw Lane

Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI 48824

Email: gencenad@msu.edu

Phone: (517) 353-5040

Fax: (517) 432-4845

Volunteers Needed

Native English speakers are needed as conversation partners with international students, through the Volunteer English Tutoring Program. Meet with a student for one hour a week to help them practice their English speaking and listening skills. While acting as a guide to the English language and American culture, you can expand your horizons too. For more information, go to vetp.isp.msu.edu or contact vetp@msu.edu.

Ethics and Development Discussion Group

The Ethics and Development discussion group this semester will focus on Diana Tietjens Meyers' new anthology, *Poverty, Agency, and Human Rights*. We will start with the chapter addressing issues of transnational migration. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Judy Andre at andre@msu.edu.



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ESPP Research Symposium: International Research Collaborations – Addressing Environmental Challenges

The Environmental Science and Policy Program (ESPP) is now welcoming abstract submissions from undergraduate and graduate students for the annual ESPP Research Symposium, to be held on October 23rd, 2015 at the Kellogg Center. Top poster and oral presentations will receive first and second place awards of \$500 and \$300. This year's theme focuses on collaborations between scholars across disciplines and across geographies working together to identify and address pressing environmental challenges. A holistic approach toward sustainability requires multiple perspectives, and this program intends to foster this interdisciplinary sharing. The symposium will explore opportunities to better unite present and future academics in addressing the state of the environment. **Abstracts are due October 9, 2015.**

The symposium is a student-centered event, coordinated through MSU Environmental Science and Policy Program (www.environment.msu.edu) with distinguished speakers delivering plenary talks. Keynote speakers this year include: Arup SenGupta, professor of civil and environmental engineering, Lehigh University, and DeAndra Beck, associate dean for research, MSU International Studies and Programs. Dr. SenGupta will talk about his groundbreaking work on arsenic removal from water, while Dr. Beck will discuss opportunities for external funding for students interested in international research.