



# CASID Current

Center for Advanced Study of International Development

## Week of October 23

### October 23

#### **Beyond Borders: Environmental Cooperation in Israel and Palestine**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

303 International Center

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center, Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison College, Jewish Studies Program, Lyman Briggs College, Muslim Studies Program, and the Science Technology, and Public Policy Program.

#### Event Details:

Learn about the cross-cultural community and environmental studies at the Arava Institute, a leading environmental studies and research institute in the Middle East, where students from Israel, Palestine, Jordan, and around the world come together to collaborate on environmental solutions. Our speakers [Eve Tendler and Shadi Shiha] are alumni of the Arava Institute.

### October 24

#### **24th Annual Joseph Lee Memorial Lecture**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

115 International Center

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center, Joseph Lee Memorial Fund and Gu Wi Hui

#### Event Details:

"City and Gardens: Yangzhou's Cultural Development During the Qing Dynasty"

Located at the junction of the Yangtze River and the Grand Canal, Yangzhou is a famous city in



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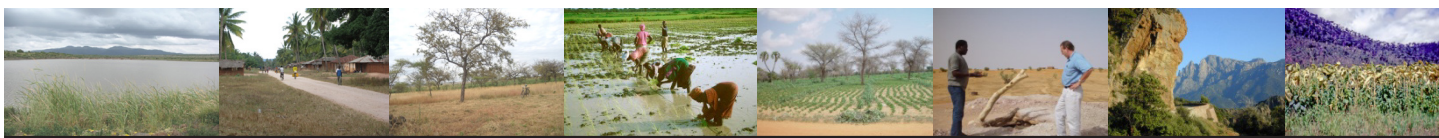
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## Announcements



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China's Jiangsu Province. During the Qing Dynasty, Yangzhou was one of the economic centers of China. The city's cultural richness was evident in the bustling city and beautiful gardens. At the same time, other cultural productions were on the rise in very interesting ways, such as the publication of books, dramatic performance, and tourism.

## October 25

### **New Studies on the Samandis (9TH & 10TH Centuries) In Uzbekistan**

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

302 International Center

Sponsor: Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies

#### **Event Details:**

CERES Brown Bag Talk

Speaker: Shamsiddin Kamoliddin, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor of the Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan

Prof. Kamoliddin's research interests are on medieval history and historical geography of Central Asia through the Arabic, Persian, and Turkic sources. He is author of 7 books and about

200 articles in Uzbek, Russian, English, and Arabic.

### **Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

305 International Center

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center and Arabic Program

#### **Event Details:**

Arabic Diwan is a gathering of Arabic students who are in the Arabic program, where they speak the language and learn about the culture in a relaxed environment with the Fulbright teaching assistant. Students

from all Arabic language levels are encouraged to attend. Also, we extend the invitation to the Arabic-speaking students at the English Center.

## October 26

### **Eye on Africa with Berhanu Abegaz: Science, Technology and Globalization – Where is Africa?**

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

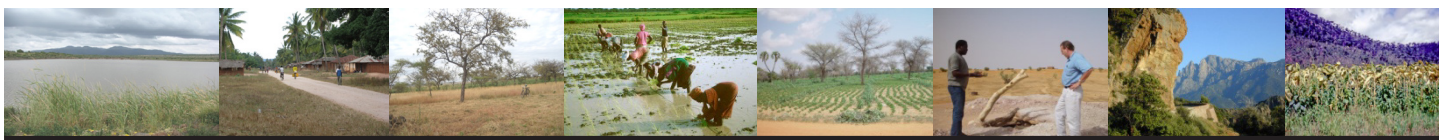
201 International Center

Sponsor: African Studies Center

#### **Event Details:**

Berhanu Abegaz is the former





Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences, & current member of the African Union High Level Panel on Emerging Technologies (APET).

### **The Evolution of Wastewater Treatment in Norway**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

3540 Engineering Building

Sponsor: Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Speaker: Harsha Ratnaweera, Professor of Water and Wastewater Technology, Head of Research, Faculty of Sciences and Technology, Norwegian University of Life Sciences

#### **Event Details:**

Norway, with its 5 million population and 6 million P.E. wastewater treatment capacity, has somewhat peculiar practices: Over 70% of wastewater goes through a coagulation stage; some plants have treatment requirements of over 97% on phosphates; no private ownership; many plants are constricted underground/rocks; over 80% of sludge is used in agriculture etc. Norwegian plants also show that removing over 80% organic matter without biological treatment is possible. Norwegian practices thereby stand out from both continental European and Scandinavian practices. Welcome to a quick

journey through the evolution of Norwegian wastewater treatment.

Contact: Dr. Vlad Tarabara

## **October 29**

### **UN Day Celebration**

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Kellogg Center, Lincoln Room

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the Arabic Program

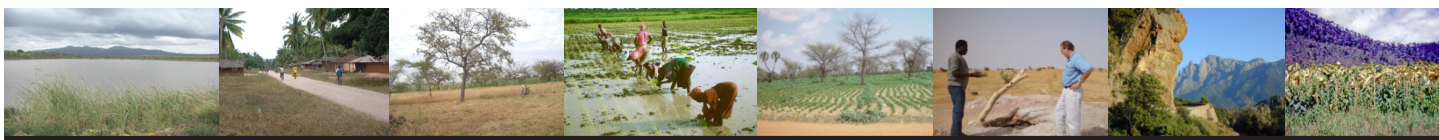
#### **Event Details:**

Celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the United Nations and help us honor local leaders with the Arthur H. Vandenberg Award for International Cooperation and the Greater Lansing United Nations Association (GL-UNA) Local Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Leader awards. Enjoy entertainment, conversation, a served 3-course dinner, and a keynote speaker from the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA). Parking is provided free of charge!

Keynote speaker Robert Skinner, Executive Director  
UN Information Center, Washington, D.C.

Join us as we honor U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Arthur H.





Vandenberg Award recipient for promoting international cooperation.

“Global Goals - Local Leaders”  
awardees

Terry Link and Joan Jackson  
Johnson

GL-UNA Global Education  
awardees

Aidan Winters and Erin Paris-Dallia

Ticket prices are as listed below:

Non-members (of the United  
Nations Association): \$30

Members: \$25

Students: \$10

## Week of October 30

### November 1

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#### Combined Effects of the Agricultural Frontier & Hurricane Otto on River Resources in Nicaragua

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

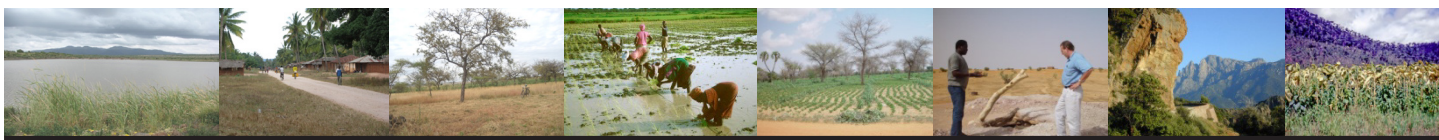
201 International Center

Sponsor: Latin American Studies Center

#### Event Details:

Joel Betts, graduate student, MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, looks at these issues in the Rama-Kriol territory in southeast Nicaragua





## **Celebration of the 94th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

303 International Center

Sponsor: Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies

### **Event Details:**

Turkey and Regional Developments: Foreign Policy and Economy

With special guests from Altinbas University: President, Dr. Çağrı Erhan and Vice-President, Dr. Emre Alkin

Turkish Music and Food

RSVP to [nurtenural@gmail.com](mailto:nurtenural@gmail.com) by October 25, 2017



## **Junction 48 film showing**

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Wells B-119

Sponsor: Muslim Studies Center

### **Event Details:**

Screening of Junction 48 and conversation with Tamer Nafar, Palestinian Israeli rap singer and star of the film

—Introduction and discussion led by Marc Bernstein

### **Junction 48 description:**

Set against a backdrop of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Palestinian rapper Kareem and his singer girlfriend Manar struggle, love and make music in their crime-ridden ghetto and Tel Aviv's hip-hop club scene.

Stars: Tamer Nafar, Samar Qupaty, Salwa Nakkara

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### **Key Note Presentation:**

Dr. Salam Diab, Director of Center for Oriental Studies, Grenoble Alpes University (France), "Lexicon in the Arabic Press between Archaism and Neologism: The Islamic lexicon as an Example" (Translation: Nicholas Bruckman, French Program, MSU) —Comments by Dr. Camelia Suleiman, Arabic Studies, MSU, "Arabic between the Anglophone and the Francophone Spheres"

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### **Panel I: Visualizing Arabic**

Moderator, Dr. Safoi Babana-Hampton (French Program, MSU)

Dr. Salah Hassan, Department of English, MSU, "Renoir in Algeria: Art and Colonialism"

Dr. Eswaran Pillai, Department of English and Film Studies, MSU, "Diaspora and the Cinema"

Dr. Marc S. Bernstein, Hebrew Program, MSU. "Tamer Nafar and the Politics of Arabic Rap in Israel"

### **Afternoon session**

1:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Wells B-342

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Guest Speaker presentation:

## **November 2**

### **Blurring Boundaries - Arabic Identities Across The Mediterranean And Beyond**

9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

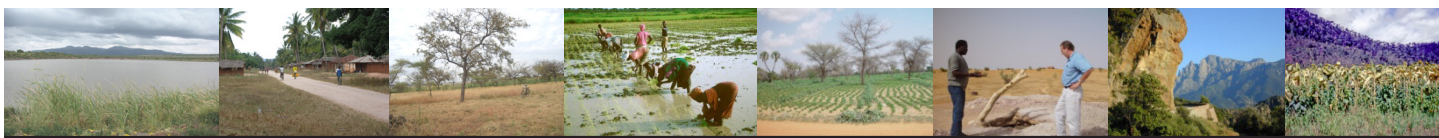
Wells B-342

Sponsor: Muslim Studies Center

### **Event Details:**

Morning session

9:00 am - 12:15 p.m. in Wells B-342



Dr. Abdenbi Lachkar, Arabic Studies, University of Montpellier, "Uses of Languages and Cultures in the Moroccan Arabic Media: Diversity, Hybridity and Borders" (Translation: Nicholas Bruckman, French Program, MSU)

Dr. Ahmad Ayyad, Al-Quds University, "Contesting Palestinian and Israeli Narratives in Translation".

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Panel II: The Arabic Legacy in Spain and Italy

Moderator, Chantal Tetreault (Department of Anthropology, MSU.)

Dr. Nancy Marino (Spanish Program, MSU) "The Arabic Legacy in Spain"

Dr. Roberto Dainotto (Duke University) "The impact of the Algerian War on Southern Italy"

Dr. Joseph Francese (Italian Program, MSU) "Giufà and the Sicilian Writer Leonardo Sciascia"

### **Carcinogens in our Food: Global Impact in Comparison to Diet-Related Risks**

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

115 International Center

Sponsors: Visiting International Professionals Program

Event Details:

Speaker: Dr. Felicia Wu

Certain chemicals and naturally occurring toxins that contaminate our food supply have been shown to cause human cancer. Among them are aflatoxin (a fungal toxin, naturally occurring in corn and various nuts and spices), arsenic, and aristolochic acid. In this talk, I will discuss my work at the World Health Organization (WHO) to evaluate the global burden of disease caused by carcinogens in the human diet. I will compare these risks to the global burden of cancer caused by other diet-related risks, including processed and red meat, and diet-related obesity.

### **Chinese Film Festival: Soulmate** 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

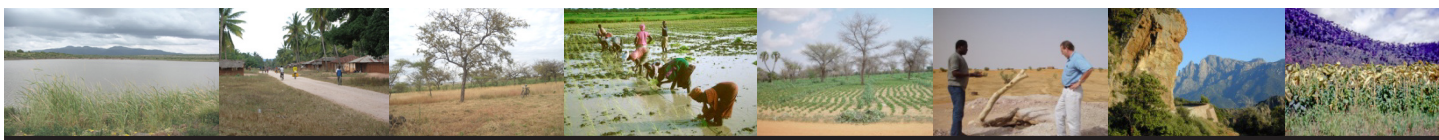
B119 Wells Hall

Sponsors: Confucius Institute, the Asian Studies Center, Department of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages and the Office of China Programs

Event Details:

To increase the understanding of modern Chinese culture and society, MSU's Confucius Institute is working with the Asian Studies Center, the Office of China Programs, the Department of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages to host a series of Chinese film screenings and discussion forums. The series will kick-off





with an opening event and film screening on October 5, 2017. Consul General of China in Chicago, Mr. Hong Lei, will join the event and provide opening remarks. The theme for the series is “Exploring Relationships in Modern Chinese Films,” with the screening of two films. After each screening, an open forum will be held for the audience to have a discussion around the theme and the film.

## November 3

### **Blurring Boundaries – Arabic Identities Across The Mediterranean And Beyond**

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wells B-342

Sponsor: Muslim Studies Center

#### Event Details:

9:00 a.m. –9:30 a.m. Coffee

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Panel III: Challenges of Pedagogy and Translation

Moderator, Dr. Suzanne Wagner (Linguistics Program, MSU)

Dr. Sandro Barros, School of Education, MSU. “The Culture of Monolingualism and the Training of Arabic Teachers in the U.S.: New Solutions to Old Dilemmas”

Dr. Ayman Mohamed, Arabic Studies, MSU, “Dilemmas of teaching Arabic Vocabulary to Non-natives: Between Neologism and Archaism”

Dr. Russell Lucas, Global Studies Program, MSU, “Lost in Translation: Public Opinion Surveys in the Arab Gulf”

11:00 a.m. -11:15 a.m. Coffee

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Round Table Discussion II in Wells B-342

Participants with Dr. Cheng-Wei Lin (Arabic Program, MSU to talk about corpus linguistics and Arabic)

12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Organizers’ Closing Remarks

### **The Rice Theory of Culture: Evidence that Rice Farming Shaped Culture in Southern China**

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

118 Psychology Building

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center, the Consortium for Multicultural Psychology Research and the Department of Psychology

#### Event Details:

Cross-cultural psychologists





have mostly contrasted East Asia with the West. Professor Thomas Talhelm tested 1,162 Han Chinese participants in six sites and found that people in southern China are more interdependent and holistic-thinking than people in the north. I propose that rice farming's irrigation and high labor requirements gave southern China a tight, interdependent culture. In contrast, traditional wheat farming required less labor and less coordination, giving northern China a more free-wheeling independent culture. The fact that these differences exist among in this sample of China's youngest generation who have not farmed for a living suggest these agricultural legacies continue to affect people in the modern world.

Thomas Talhelm is an Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Thomas has lived in China for five years as a Princeton in Asia fellow, as a freelance journalist in Beijing, and most recently a Fulbright scholar. He researches how rice farming gave southern China a very different culture from wheat-farming in northern China. Thomas also founded Smart Air, a social enterprise that makes low-cost DIY air purifiers to help people in China protect themselves against air pollution.

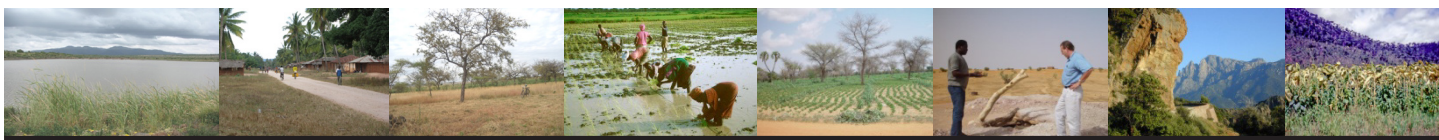
## Announcements

### Beinecke Scholarship Program

Applications are due: December 1, 2017.

The National and International Fellowships and Scholarships (NIFS) Office is encouraging undergraduate students to begin thinking about an application for the Beinecke Scholarship. Students must want to pursue an advanced degree in the arts, humanities or social sciences. They must also currently be a college junior pursuing a bachelor's degree during the 2016-2017 academic year, a U.S. citizen, have a documented history of receiving need-based financial aid during undergraduate years and a 3.0+ GPA. For more information, please visit the NIFS website at [nifs.msu.edu](http://nifs.msu.edu).





## Education 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.

### October 23

Environmental Policy in the UK  
(London and Edinburgh)

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

337 Case Hall James Madison  
College

India: Ecology of the Moun-  
tains Summer 2018

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

130 Natural Resources

Medical Ethics and Health Pol-  
icy in London Summer 2018

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

C104 Holmes Hall

### October 24

Studies in Antarctic System  
Science

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

338 Natural Resources Build-  
ing

Ecological Engineering in the  
Tropic Costa Rica Winter Break  
2017

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

103 Farrall Agricultural Engi-  
neering Building

### October 25

ICT for Development in Tanza-  
nia Summer 2018

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

191 Com Arts

### October 26

Medical Ethics and Health Pol-  
icy in London Summer 2018

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

218 Bessey Hall

### October 27

The Art of Photography Sum-  
mer 2018

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

218 Kresge Art Center

Made in Italy: Rome, Italy  
Summer 2018

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

184 Com Arts

### November 1

Community-based Research  
and Engagement in the Peruvi-  
an Andes

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location:TBA

### November 2

Business in Scotland Summer  
2019

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

BCC (room tba)

Development and NGOs:  
Internships in Malawi Summer  
2018

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

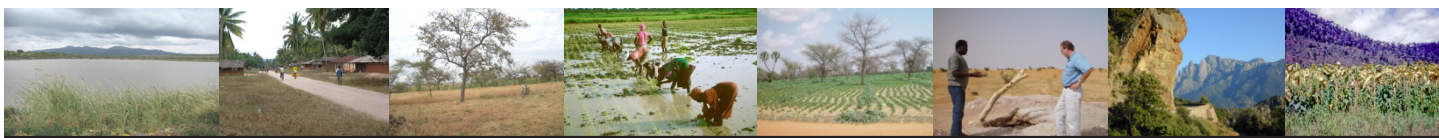
204 International Center

Social Science in Rome, Italy  
Summer 2018

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

201 International Center





## Conversation Hours: Center for Language Teaching and Advancement Fall 2017: Wells B135

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Arabic</b>			10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.		
<b>Chinese</b>		12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.		12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	
<b>ESL</b>	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.			12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
<b>French</b>	1:00 p.m. - 2:00pm	9:00 a.m. - 10:00am	10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.		
<b>German</b>		11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.		11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	
<b>Italian</b>	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.				
<b>Japanese</b>		1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.		2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
<b>Korean</b>	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.			2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
<b>Russian</b>	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.				
<b>Spanish</b>			11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.		11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
<b>Swahili</b>				12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	
<b>Tagalog</b>		2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.			
<b>Yoruba</b>		3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.			



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