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This Month's Notices

International Awards Ceremony

Thursday, November 15th, 2007

3-5PM

Adele H. Stamp Student Union

Room 1210 (The Prince George's Room)

Honoring GVPT's own: Professor Vladimir Tismaneanu to receive the Distinguished International Service Award. This award recognizes significant contributions to the development of international programs at the University of Maryland. Also, previous Bahai' Chair, Professor Suheil Bushrui will be receiving the Landmark Award which is given for exceptional long-term achievements in support of international life at the University of Maryland. To attend you must RSVP by email to Lucie Covey lcovey@umd.edu.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The most efficient way to keep abreast of developments in the Department of Government and Politics is to spend a few minutes each month reading GVPT NEWS. We cover all the workshops, seminar series, panel discussions, brown bags, and general meetings that occur in the Department. We discuss undergraduate and graduate student affairs. The latest developments in staff and administration are covered. We even bring you up to date on past PhD's!

This newsletter allows graduate students to take advantage of the full range of research, teaching, and service experiences available from our faculty. If you are an Americanist, take a look at what the theorists are doing; if you are a theorist, take a look at what's happening in comparative politics; if you are a comparativist, find out about international relations; and if you plan to be in IR, drop by a workshop in American politics. As you move through your career, you will inevitably specialize. A little time spent exploring the breadth and depth of political science can lead to better informed choices.

This semester will be challenging. With 4 field searches bringing in anywhere from 20-24 applicants, there will be plenty of job talks. Please make the time to attend as many of these talks as possible. As soon as the department has dates, an email will be sent out. When the announcements for the talks are sent, a CV for each individual candidate will be available as well. If one or more of these candidates is of interest to you, please let Cissy Abu Rumman know so that she can try to fit you into that candidate's schedule. Graduate students will be given a time to meet as a group with each candidate.

Mark I. Lichbach
Professor and Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Alumni Relations

Mark Your Calendars!! The GVPT Alumni - Student - Faculty Networking Event will be taking place on November 7, 2007 from 6:00PM-9:00PM at McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant (9th & F Streets, Washington DC). We hope to have a large number of faculty come to reconnect with our alumni. To RSVP, please email alumni@gvpt.umd.edu.

Undergraduate Programs

Registration

Registration for Spring 2008 will begin on October 25, 2007. Testudo course listings have been up since Monday. Please check your inboxes for important information from Jennifer Coarts about Spring 2008 courses.

Book Orders

Winter 2008 book orders are due October 1. Spring 2008 book orders are due November 1. Please use the online form provided on the GVPT website to submit book orders. The book order form is available here: www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/admin/forms

Assessment

The department has just completed its analysis of the GVPT Learning Outcomes Assessment in Spring 2007 and has passed its assessment for last semester. The department is now in the process of beginning a new assessment for Fall 2007. Faculty - please keep an eye out for new assessment information in your mailboxes soon. We will need new assessment information turned in by the end of the semester. Thank you to all faculty for your continued support in this process.

Academic Advisor Recruitment

The GVPT Advising office has begun its search for a new GVPT Academic Advisor. If you know of any good candidates for the position, please direct them to the employment page of the University Maryland website for the job announcement and application information. The search officially opens September 28, 2007.

Wayne McIntosh
GVPT Undergraduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Nominations for Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science are due to Ann Marie by October 1, 2007. Nominees must have been admitted to candidacy prior to nomination. Other details about this award are available outside my office.

The Jean Elizabeth Spencer award committee (Frances Lee, Wayne McIntosh and Ric Uslander) invite nominations and self-nominations for the 2007 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award. The award goes to an outstanding woman graduate student in Government and Politics, with "preference given to a candidate with the potential to make a contribution to the areas of state and/or local government or American politics." Nominees must be active graduate students either taking courses or working on their dissertations. Nominees should submit a brief letter outlining their interests and goals in political science, a resume, a short writing sample, and the names of at least two professors willing to serve as references. All materials should be submitted to Ann Marie Clark. The deadline for application is October 15, 2007.

Graduate students who are planning to take one or more comps in January 2008 and who have not submitted their paperwork to Ann Marie should do so as soon as possible.

Finally, for those currently on the job market, please remember to provide Ann Marie with the names and addresses of the individuals/search committees to who you wish your file sent as early as possible. It is very

difficult to make a dozen deadlines with a couple days notice. Obviously, if you have not yet sent your completed file to Ann Marie, be sure to do so well in advance of your first job deadline. And for faculty that still have letters of recommendation to submit to Ann Marie, please get these in soon.

Irwin Morris
GVPT Graduate Director



MESSAGE FROM THE PLACEMENT DIRECTOR

We have a number of students on the market this fall, and we are working to make sure they have impressive looking placement files. Some are entering the fray late and are still putting together their files, and some are doing only very limited searches. This is due largely to the fact that a number of students are not quite ready to be on the market. A few are doing limited geographical searches, or are only planning to apply to one place (we have two students looking at openings at their undergraduate alma mater). We have approximately 5 comparativists, 5 Americanists, 6 theorists, and 4 IR students looking for jobs to varying degrees. The number of job openings this year seems very large (right now there are a record-breaking 42 Theory openings listed), so I have high hopes for success. With luck, we will be busy in the coming months with practice job talks.

We have good news from the tail end of last year's placement season-Arcelia Rodriguez, theorist, was just offered a position at St. John's in Santa Fe. Congratulations, Arcelia!

Virginia Haufler
Director of Placement



MESSAGE FROM THE GVPT GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

- The next GSA General Meeting is Wednesday, October 10th at 11am in Tydings 1111. We'll give an update on news from the department, discuss open issues such as computer lab cleanliness, computer processing speed, the lounge on the 5th floor, and, of course, eat free food.
- The next Technology Session is Wednesday, October 17th at 11am in Tydings 1111. We'll be covering bibliographic software like Endnote and Zotero. For those who are familiar with Endnote, but not Zotero, it will still be worth your while to come.
- Friday, October 12th at 3pm is grad lab clean up. We'll bring the cleaning supplies. Please come to help us clean; we are not your mothers!

Finally, we have several social activities coming up (like Happy Hour on Oct 7th at Franklins and a possible football tailgating).

Check out the GVPT Google Calender at to keep abreast of department events like workshops, presentations, and frisbee.

<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/grad/> click on "Important dates or head to Google calender and search for "gvpt gsa" .

Your GSA Co-chairs,
Katie Baxter – kbaxter@gvpt.umd.edu
Alison Staudinger - astaudinger@gvpt.umd.edu



STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

MAILBOXES

In case you haven't noticed that there are no more boxes on the floor in the mailroom, we are now putting little red magnets that say **"You have a package"** on the outer side of your mailboxes if you have a box/es instead. The boxes are now located either on top or on the bottom of your mailboxes. Please return the magnets to the main office once you have picked up the items.

Graduate Students: Please make every effort to clear out your mailboxes. Overflowing mailboxes send the department a signal that you do not need a mailbox.

GIFT FUND

It is that time of year to begin collecting for the gift fund.

If you would like to participate in the **GIFT FUND**, payments must be made in CASH for easy access to the fund. This fund is used for baby gifts, flowers, etc. sent to department members (Faculty, Graduate Students and Staff).

Faculty: \$25.00

Staff: \$10.00

Graduate Students: \$5.00

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Although the Holiday Reception is not set in stone yet, we are looking at Wednesday, December 12. This reception will be a wine, cheese and dessert event. If you know of any reason that this date would not be good for the OVERALL department, please let Mike Mansfield know ASAP.

COPYING/PRINTING

The Department will continue to enforce the copy codes the faculty, grad students and centers. Faculty and funded graduate students are allowed 1000 copies per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). After your 1,000 copies, you will be charged 5 cents per copy. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT** use your personal copy code for class copying. Each course will be assigned a new copy code per semester. Please **MAKE SURE** your graduate students use that assigned course code if copying for your class. See Cissy for more help with copy codes, such as setting up a new account, making changes to an account, or deleting an account. For financial concerns, please see Michael Mansfield.

Due to budgetary constraints and the large amounts of paper and toner consumed in this department, we have a software program that monitors printing usage by login name. At this point, we are using this software for informational purposes only. Please be selective about the types of material you choose to print. This is just a small way of preserving departmental funds.

PAYROLL

Please remember that when you need to make any payroll additions or changes, please fill out a payroll request form. This form allows us to determine what payroll paperwork the new employee will need. This form can be found at www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt under Administration, then click on forms.

Help reduce staff time on payday. Go on-line and request that you no longer need a hard copy of your pay stub. Goto: <https://was-2.umd.edu/phrtimeentry/menu> , then click on View/Print Bi-weekly Earnings Statement, then you will see the line that says: I wish to continue to receive printed bi-weekly earning statement from state payroll, YES or NO. Don't forget to save your change.

MAKE-UP EXAMS (Proctoring)

The main office staff does not proctor or oversee make-up exams. Make-up exams will not be held in the GVPT main Office Conference Room.

RETURNING STUDENT PAPERS

The main office staff does not collect or return student papers. If you want to provide a pick-up service, give the students a time when you will be in your office for them to pick the papers up. Leaving papers out for the students to flip through is a violation of student privacy. The best suggestion is to ask the students to provide a self addressed and stamped envelope and you will return the papers to them.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR PAST PHD's

CONGRATULATIONS!

Books

Gusmano, Michael, PhD, 1995, Colleen M. Grogan and Michael K. Gusmano. *Healthy Voices/Unhealthy Silence: Advocacy and Health Policy for the Poor.* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2007).

Halter, Gary, PhD 1970, McGraw-Hill has just published the 6th edition of his book "Government and Politics of Texas: A Comparative View," 6ed. 2007.

Harword, Paul G., PhD 2003, Director of Public Opinion Research Lab in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Florida **and Victor Asal**, PhD 2003, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the State University of New York in Albany. "Educating the First Digital Generation." Praeger, 2007.

Articles and Book Chapters

Gusmano, Michael, PhD, 1995, with Weisz, D., V.G. Rodwin, and L. Neuberg. 2007. "Population Health and the Health System: Avoidable Mortality in 3 Wealthy Nations and their World Cities," *European Journal of Public Health* August: 1-7. With V.G. Rodwin, D. Weisz and D. Das. 2007. "A New Approach to the Comparative Analysis of Health Systems: Invasive Treatment for Heart Disease in the U.S, France and their two World Cities," *Health Economics, Policy and Law* 2: 73-92.

Hardt, Jan. 2007. "Oklahoma Legislature," "Political Parties and Elections in Oklahoma," and "Interest Groups and Political Participation in Oklahoma," three chapters in *Oklahoma Government and Politics*, 3rd edition, Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. Jan remains Professor of Political Science at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Rodger A. Payne, PhD 1989. "Neorealists as Critical Theorists: The Purpose of Foreign Policy Debate," in *Perspectives on Politics* (2007), 5: 503-514. Rodger is Professor and currently serving this academic year as Acting Chair in the Department of Political Science, University of Louisville.

Other

Weil, Carola, PhD 2003, has accepted a position as Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Research Professor, Annenberg School of Communications, University of Southern California.



FIELD UPDATES - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

AMERICAN POLITICS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The American Politics Workshop is a bi-monthly research colloquium for faculty and graduate students. The workshop constitutes an ongoing research community where participants present and discuss papers in an informal, supportive environment. Papers are made available via the workshop website in advance of our meetings, and participants are expected to have read them. Discussion leaders are assigned on a rotating basis, matching papers with discussants who share complementary research interests. Many of the papers presented in recent years have gone on to publication in top tier political science journals.

The workshop is especially beneficial for our graduate students. It provides an excellent opportunity to interact with the American Politics faculty outside of the classroom and, for advanced graduate students actively engaged in scholarly research, the workshop can also be an invaluable source of professional advice. The American Politics faculty strongly encourages all of our graduate students to regularly participate in the workshop.

The Fall 2007 American Politics Workshop will meet from 10:30 to 12:00 in Tydings 1111 on the days scheduled below. The AP Workshop website is: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/apworkshop>. While the workshop focuses on issues in American politics, all faculty and graduate students are welcome to attend.

Friday, October 5

James Gimpel, Frances Lee, & Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz. "The Check is in the Mail: Interdistrict Funding Flows in U.S. House Elections."

Friday, October 19

Frances Lee. "The Congressional Politics of Good Government Causes."

Friday, November 2

Anne Marie Cizmar & Irwin Morris. "The Geography of Campaign Resource Allocation."

Friday, November 16

Michael T. Heaney (University of Florida). "The Politics of the Contemporary American Antiwar Movement."

Friday, November 30

David Campbell (University of Notre Dame), John Green (University of Akron), and Geoff Layman. "God Talk: How Voters' Respond to Candidates' Religious Cues."

Monday, December 7

Paul Herrnson, Mike Hanmer, and Richard G. Niemi (University of Rochester). "To Verify or Not to Verify: A study of Independent Vote Verification Systems."

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The international relations workshop brings together faculty and graduate students with an interest in international relations. We invite faculty and graduate students to discuss their latest research; present papers in progress, with a formal discussant; present information for professional development; and invite guest speakers. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and we would also like to see some students present their own work in the workshop. *All workshops will be held in 1136 Tydings Hall from 11am-12:15pm unless otherwise indicated.* Working papers will be posted on the IR Workshop website at www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/irworkshop as they become available.

Students could present dissertation work or a conference paper. Students interested in presenting their work should contact Virginia Haufler at vhaufler@gvpt.umd.edu or call at 301-405-4122.

Schedule:

October 1: Prof. Soo Yeon Kim, "The WTO and International Trade" discussant TBD

October 8: Quddus Snyder, "From Anarchy to Confederacy: A Liberal Theory of International Relations," Discussant Nick Grossman

October 29: Ben Appel, "Polanyi's Globalization: Rethinking the Kantian Peace Paradigm," Discussant Tony Marcum

Graduate Student Conference for International Relations Department of Government and Politics University of Maryland

We invite you to participate in the first annual Graduate Student Conference for International Relations scheduled for 7 March 2008, sponsored by the International Relations Field Workshop and the Department of Government and Politics. The conference is scheduled to be an all day event at the Stamp Union on the University of Maryland campus.

CONFERENCE PURPOSE AND THEME

The purpose of the conference is to provide a venue for graduate students to present current research and ideas, and gain valuable experience carrying out effective conference presentations. One of the most vital aspects of being a scholar is presenting research, fostering a productive dialogue, and receiving commentary and criticism from colleagues. As graduate students, our intellectual efforts inevitably change from studying and learning in a classroom setting, to designing and implementing our own research initiatives. Part of this process consists in receiving feedback as a means to advance our ideas and participating fully in the community of scholars. This conference is designed to facilitate the graduate student transition from the classroom to the conference.

The theme is, "From Study to Design: New Directions in Research on International Relations," and focuses solely on graduate student research projects that fit broadly into the domain of IR. The conference will be organized around a set of panels and include the active participation of Department of Government and Politics faculty.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Graduate students interested in presenting at the conference should submit an abstract of the paper. The abstract must include your name, contact information (both email and phone number), and a brief description (250 words or less) of the

research project. If the paper is co-authored, please include the co-author(s) name and contact information. Abstracts are due to Tony Marcum (amarcum@gvpt.umd.edu) no later than 12 October 2007.

Graduate students are encouraged to serve as chairs to coordinate panels, and as discussants for the papers presented. If you are interested in serving as a chair or discussant, please submit your name along with contact information (email address and phone number) by 12 October 2007 to Tony Marcum (amarcum@gvpt.umd.edu).

Graduate students will be notified of their participation in the conference by late October.

Please Note: The conference is open to all fields and any graduate students with an interest in international relations. We look forward to receiving your submissions. Dr. Virginia Haufler, Dr. Paul Huth, Michael Beevers, Tony Marcum
Mike McDonald

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Throughout the course of the semester we will hold periodic gatherings for the comparative field, including social events, speakers, and special topic seminars (e.g. how to do research in the field, how to get grants to go overseas). Please watch for future emails.

DC AREA WORKSHOP ON CONTENTIOUS POLITICS

The DCAWP is dedicated to the rigorous study of contentious political phenomena including, but not limited to state repression/human rights violation, protest, civil war, genocide/politicide, everyday resistance as well as interstate conflict.

This workshop is meant to help authors refine and revise their work for publication. As such, we do not present/discuss work that is already published, but work in any other phase of completion is welcomed, including work that is just getting underway. We encourage both graduate students with papers and dissertation chapters to present their work. We also encourage faculty members at institutions throughout the DC metro area to submit their work for consideration in future meetings.

The DCAWCP format is as follows: the paper is submitted to the group roughly one week prior to the discussion (or earlier if possible); everyone reads the paper and comes prepared to discuss; two discussants lead off the discussion with their comments on the work after which the author is allowed to respond; finally, the floor is opened to the audience for discussion.

The plan is to meet every other Wednesday of the semester in 0139 CIDCM Conference Room from 11:30-12:15pm. If interested in presenting or serving as a discussant/reviewer, then please provide a title and a date preference.

07/08 Schedule:

October 10

Paper: Meredith Weiss, East-West Center, “Intellectual Containment: Students and Politics in Postcolonial Southeast Asia”

Discussant: Chris Sullivan

October 24

Paper: Cyanne Loyale, U of Maryland, Title TBA

Discussant: TBA

November 7

Paper:

Discussant:

November 21

Paper:

Discussant:

December 5

Paper: Maren Milligan, U of Maryland, Title TBA

Discussant: TBA

Spring Semester

February 6

Paper: Ariel I. Ahram, Georgetown University, "Devolution from Above: State-Sponsored Militia in Comparative Historical Perspective"

Discussant: TBA

February 20

Paper:

Discussant:

March 5

Paper:

Discussant:

April 2

Paper: Chris Sullivan, U of Maryland, "Social Networks and the Diffusion of Information in Irregular War"

Discussant: TBA

April 16

Paper:

Discussant:

April 30

Paper:

Discussant:

May 14

Paper:

Discussant:

To find out more about DCAWCP please explore our website

<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/davenport/dcawcp> where you will find a schedule, past papers discussed at the workshop and directions to the campus.

The DCAWCP organizing committee: Christian Davenport, Jack Goldstone, Paul Huth, and Mark Lichbach. This year Christian Davenport and Paul Huth, Professors in the Department of Government and Politics at the

University of Maryland will organize the workshops. Please email Graduate Student Ben Appel at bappel@gvpt.umd.edu that will be assisting with the organization of the workshops.

FORMAL POLITICAL THEORY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

Please watch for future emails and newsletters for more panels as we schedule them. All graduate students and faculty are most welcome, especially those with some interest in wars and/or game theory. A lot of really clever work has been done recently in this area. So even if you don't care at all about wars, and couldn't care less about game theory, you should come just to find out what is going on.

POLITICAL THEORY/PHILOSOPHY FIELD - WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

We would first like to congratulate Sung-Moon Kim on his successful defense of his dissertation, "A Post-Confucian Civil Society: Liberal Collectivism and Participatory Politics in South Korea."

Political Theory will be holding its first reading group, Friday October 5th at 4:30 @ the College Perk. The reading will be Carl Schmitt's "The Concept of the Political", with an introduction given by our own newly minted PhD., Dr. Ozguc Orhan. A copy of the piece can be found in an envelope posted in the grad lab, please copy and return. The reading group will continue on October 19th and biweekly thereafter through Dec. 7. Those interested in suggesting a reading, and willing to offer a brief introduction to it at the reading group should it be chosen, should contact the email below. We will also be holding a colloquium with graduate student presentations in mid-November, so watch your email for updates.

QUANTITATIVE POLITICS – WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

The Quantitative Politics group is starting up for the Fall Semester with a biweekly series of workshops and seminars. All are welcome to attend, and we are currently soliciting presenters and authors.

For new students, the Quantitative Politics group seeks to connect students and faculty interested in learning about and discussing formal theory, statistical methods, simulation modeling, and other quantitative techniques. We do not limit the discussion to particular substantive areas (American Politics, IR, etc), but instead focus on how to better use, and critique, the available quantitative tools.

We are planning two types of meetings this Fall:

1. Workshops in which participants engage in a detailed discussion of a paper, giving feedback to the author on how to clarify and improve the model and analysis. The author would circulate the paper beforehand.
2. Seminars in which a speaker presents an interesting quantitative technique, such as panel data or GIS analysis.

Meetings will be bi-weekly, on Tuesdays at 11am. If you are interested in presenting a paper or technique (or to request that someone else present a topic), please contact Steve (swendel@umd.edu) or Ben (bappel@gvpt.umd.edu).

Finally, we would like to avoid spamming the entire department and thus will keep future discussion to the quantitative politics email list. Please sign up for the list if you want to participate in meetings, etc

If you are not yet on the list, you can subscribe by sending an email to: "listserv@listserv.umd.edu" The email body should contain: "subscribe quantitativepolitics yourname". For example: "subscribe quantitativepolitics Jane Doe".

Any questions? Suggestions? Contact Steve Wendel (swendel) or Ben Appel (bappel).

The updated schedule can also be found on our wiki at:

<http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/UMd>

http://quantitativepolitics.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page

CIDCM CONTENTIOUS POLITICS SEMINAR SERIES

The Contentious Politics Seminar will continue its Speaker Series. Please consult our website for announcements and dates. <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu>

COMMITTEE ON POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC POLICY (CP4) WORKSHOPS

The Committee on Politics, Philosophy, and Public Policy (known informally as CP4) is an interdisciplinary graduate specialization sponsored by the [Department of Government and Politics](#), the [Department of Philosophy](#), the [Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy](#), and the [Maryland School of Public Policy](#). The CP4 monthly workshop is an excellent opportunity to interact with faculty and graduate students across disciplinary lines.

Workshops take place one Friday a month, **2:00-3:30 p.m. in Tydings 1136**. The paper should be read in advance; speakers will talk only briefly before discussion begins. Please see <http://www.publicpolicy.umd.edu/prospective/specialization/cp4workshop.html> for a copy of the paper. To be added to our e-mail list, or if you have questions, please contact Prof. Karol Soltan of the Government and Politics Department at ksoltan@gvpt.umd.edu.

Schedule:

October 5: Mark Sagoff, Director, Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy
"Is Preference Normative?"

November 16: Peter Levine, Director, Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement
"A Strategy for Realistic Civic Republicans: Thoughts Based on a New National Survey"

December 7: TBA

A reminder: Please read the paper (or as much of it as possible) before the workshop. The papers will be posted on the CP4 Workshop Website (google: cp4 workshop)



CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)

Peace and Conflict 2008 presentation at USIP

Joseph Hewitt recently presented the Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger at a public event sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace. The program ("Behind the Numbers: Assessing Indices of Peace, Conflict, and Instability") featured some of the most prominent projects doing work to measure state vulnerability to conflict and instability. Other panelists included Pauline Baker (Fund for Peace) and Chic Dambach (Global Peace Index). The panel examined the indices with special attention to their meaning, methodologies, and utility for policymakers and researchers. http://www.usip.org/events/2007/0917_peace_indices.html

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Peace and Conflict 2008 featured in Baltimore Sun

CIDCM's flagship publication, Peace and Conflict 2008, was featured in the Ideas section of the Baltimore Sun on Sunday, September 16, 2007. In an article entitled, "By the Numbers," the Sun highlights how the quantitative data presented by the authors counters the prevalent notion that international conflict is waning. Among many factors, Peace and Conflict 2008 attributes the increased number of global conflicts to more autocratic governments, increased civilian deaths, and other problems associated with challenges to state stability.

http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/ideas/bal-bynumbers0916,0,3788680.graphic?coll=bal_news_opinion_ideas_promo

ICONS hires new Training/Policy Manager

The ICONS Project is pleased to announce the appointment of Gururaj Kumar as its new Manager for Training and Policy. A former organizational development consultant, Mr. Kumar has most recently worked as Director of Mediation Services at American University. Mr. Kumar brings considerable experience in the design and delivery of training in the areas of mediation, cross-cultural communication, and organizational effectiveness.

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START Presentation by Counterterrorism Expert on October 3, 2007

The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) will feature a presentation by The Honorable Henry A. Crumpton, Former Coordinator of Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State on "A New Era of Conflict"

WHEN: Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 3:30pm through 4:45pm

WHERE: Orem Alumni Ballroom, Riggs Alumni Center,

RSVP required to: infostart@start.umd.edu or 301 405 6600

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Henry "Hank" A. Crumpton served as the Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State from August 2005 until February 2007. Working directly for the Secretary of State, Ambassador Crumpton developed, coordinated, and implemented U.S. counterterrorism policy.

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Anwar Sadat Chair Middle East Seminar Series Presents:

"The Islamist War of Ideas"

With Marc Lynch, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at George Washington University, Thursday October 18th, 2007, 12:30-2pm . Lunch will be provided therefore an RSVP is required. If you would like to attend please email: middleeastseminarseries@gmail.com. Location is subject to change depending on room availability and will be announced via email to those who submit an RSVP

Harrison Program

The Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda promotes research, teaching, and public dialogue on issues related to ecological security, long-term sustainability, energy and environmental policy, and global governance. The Harrison Program also hosts international visitors; sponsors conferences, workshops, and visiting speakers; and sponsors two doctoral students annually as Harrison Dissertation Fellows. For more info see www.bsos.umd.edu/harrison or contact the Harrison Program's director, Ken Conca at kconca@gvpt.umd.edu.

GVPT 'GREEN GROUP' GETTING ORGANIZED: Several GVPT graduate students and faculty with interests related to the environment will be meeting periodically in the fall to talk about common interests and possible activities. Contact Mike Beevers at mbeevers@gvpt.umd.edu to be added to the distribution list or for more information.

DEMOCRACY COLLABORATIVE

Upcoming Presentations:

Ted Howard has been invited to address the Grantmakers in Health national conference in Chicago in October. His presentation is entitled: "Anchor Institutions as an Emerging Community Building Asset."



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Chapters and Article Publications

Butterworth, Charles "Averroes on Law and Political Well-Being," in *Averroes et les Averroïsmes Juif et Latin: Actes du Colloque International* (Paris, 16-18 juin 2005), ed. J-B Brenet (Turnhout: Brepols, 2007), 183-191. "On Natural Right and Other Un-written Guides to Political Well-Being," in *PEGS (Political Economy of the Good Society)*, 15/2 (2006), 53-55. Book Reviews: Akbar Ahmed, *Journey into Islam: The Crisis of Globalization in The Middle East Journal* 61/3 (Summer, 2007), 554-555 and Pierre Manent, *A World Beyond Politics? A Defense of the Nation State in Choice* 44/9 (May, 2007), 4302.

Uslaner, Ric, "Where You Stand Depends Upon Where Your Grandparents Sat: The Inheritability of Generalized Trust," accepted for publication, *Public Opinion Quarterly* and "The Foundations of Trust: Macro and Micro," accepted for publication, *Cambridge Journal of Economics*.

Lectures, Presentations and Other

Alperovitz, Gar is keynoting two major conferences this upcoming this month. The first, "What's An Economy For, Anyway?," a major U.S. event to be held on October 5-7 in Washington, focuses on domestic concerns. The second, to be held October 22-25 in Victoria, B.C. Canada, is the first international research conference on the Social Economy (sponsored by the Centre International de Recherches et d'Information sur l'Economie Publique, Sociale et Coopérative in Liège, Belgium.)

Uslaner, Ric was an invited keynote speaker, "Corruption, Inequality, and Trust," at the International Social Capital and Networks of Trust Congress 200, University of Jyväskylä, Finland, October 18-20, 2007. An invited speaker, "Where You Stand Depends Upon Where Your Grandparents Sat: The Inheritability of

Generalized Trust,” Department of Economics Seminar, Illinois State University, October 31. And an invited speaker, “Tax Evasion, Corruption, and the Social Contract in Transition,” Andrew Young School Conference on Tax Compliance and Tax Evasion, Georgia State University, September 30-October 2, 2007.

Walters, Ron was a panel discussant for Congressman Major Owens "A New Challenge to Black Congressional Caucus" on October 1.



GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

NOTHING TO REPORT THIS MONTH

SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 IR Workshop 1136 TYD 11-12:15	2	3 Executive Committee 11-12:15 GVPT Conf Rm. START Seminar 3:30-4:45 Riggs Center	4	5 American Pol. Wrkshop 10:30-12:00 TYD 1111	6
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