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Graduate Society for International Studies
Center for Regional & Global Studies, and
Graduate Program in International Studies

7TH annual
conference

GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Excellent Work All Around

The Seventh Annual Graduate Research Conference, a collaborative effort between the Graduate Society for International Studies, The Center for Regional and Global Study, and the Graduate Program in International Studies, was held in Webb Center on Friday, February 20th. With forty panelists from five universities, the day-long conference was a great opportunity for students in GPIS to present, meet, and interact with other

students from outside the department and throughout the region. Three prizes were awarded to the students with the best papers: Melodee Baines, Jennifer Schiff, and Shannon Howard from George Mason University. Eminent Professor Dr Simon Serfaty gave a keynote address on the challenges faced by the new American administration. The conference was followed by a collegial reception.

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Important Dates

February

26: Coffee with Dr Gaubatz, 1:00PM at Starbucks

27: Deadline, Baltimore Mayoral Fellowship

March

2: "Making America Harmonious" lecture, 7:30pm

3: Carlos Teixeira, "The Case for Latin America"

5: Professor Aaron Karp, spring seminar series.

24: Matus Dobsovic, "New Regionalism"

28: EndNote workshop, Perry Library

30: Job Search Strategies for Int'l Studies workshop

News and Notes

The Graduate Society for International Studies will be hosting "Coffee with a Professor" with Dr. Gaubatz. The event will be an informal opportunity to meet with **Professor Gaubatz** to discuss whatever comes up. We'll be meeting at **1:00 in the Villiage Bookstore Starbucks on Thursday February 26th. Plan to grab yourself a tasty beverage and have a nice conversation -- we look forward to seeing you there!**

Please join the **World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads** for its extraordinary **Great Decisions program** on **Saturday mornings from 10-12** at the **Contemporary Art Center of Virginia**. Join local and invited experts as they deliver exciting presentations on current events and explore issues during an audience-driven Q & A session. **Admission is free for students.** For more information on upcoming events, visit the World Affairs Council's website at www.hrwac.org.

The Graduate Society for International Studies is a student organization that includes all of the students in GPIS. The mission of GSIS is to represent its members interests to the faculty, college, and University. GSIS also works to promote student socialization, collaboration, and professional development.

The current GSIS Officers are:

- President: Laura Gwathmey
- Vice President: Jonny Torcivia
- Development Officer: John Applebaugh
- Secretary: JoAnne Hakala-Applebaugh
- Treasurer: Sheila Ryan
- Social Activities Officer - Hannah Ozment

GSIS still needs volunteers to work on the following committees:

- Fundraising Committee
- Academic Activities Committee
- Social Activities Committee

So, if you're a socializer, a number cruncher, a fundraising

fiend, or just someone with a good idea, please contact Jonny Torcivia (jtorcivia@odu.edu) so that he can set you up with the right officer.

The Graduate Society for International Studies will be hosting several upcoming research presentations. These presentations will showcase current research interests of faculty and students in GPIS. Please show your support for your colleagues by attending. Presentations will take place in 7009 BAL (large conference room). **On Tuesday March 3, 2009 at 2:00 PM, PhD student Carlos Teixeira** will present: "The case for Latin America - why it does and will matter and how the US is losing it". **On Tuesday March 24, 2009 at 12:30 PM, PhD candidate Matus Dobsovic** will present: "New Regionalism" which will highlight theory, modeling methods, and a case study on the Soviet Union. Audience members are welcome to bring their lunch.

GSIS and the Career Management Center for Arts & Letters have teamed together to create a series of workshops specifically for students in International Studies. This workshops will focus on job searching, resume/cv, interviewing, and federal careers. please join us for this upcoming workshop: **"Job Searching Strategies for International Studies."** **Monday March 30, 2009 at 3:00 PM in 7009 BAL.**

Aaron Karp will present "The Changing Ownership of War: States, Insurgencies and the end of Max Weber" in the **Department of Political Science and Geography spring 2009 seminar series.** The presentation is on **Thursday March 5th from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.** in BAL 7009.

From the Library

Perry Library will be holding a tutorial workshop for graduate students on **EndNote**, a computer program for organizing bibliographic materials. According to the library, "this workshop has received rave reviews—don't miss it!" **Registration is required.** The next workshop will be **Saturday, 28 March.** Contact Nancy Schafer (nschafer@odu.edu) to participate. Please visit <http://www.lib.odu.edu/libassist/howto/endnote/> for more information.

On the library's Website under "Research Assistance & Instruction" you will find "**Subject Guides.**" These guides, **created by subject-specialist librarians** at the ODU Libraries, provide suggested resources that may include print materials in the Old Dominion University Libraries, online resources provided by the Library, and select recommended resources on the Internet. The focus and contents of the guides vary significantly, depending on the subject area, and they are by no means comprehensive. Select the "Subject Guides" option, and look at the guides for your interests. Contact the Subject Specialist in your area for more information.

Would you like to be featured on the GPIS website?

The "Hire a GPIS Graduate" portion of our website needs updating. If you'd like your information to be listed, please send your resume or CV to Kim (Van Dyke) Gilligan at kvandyke@odu.edu

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS, and FELLOWSHIPS

Congressional Internship

The Congressional-Executive Commission on China (www.ceccc.gov) is offering paid internships for graduate students, advanced undergraduates, and recent graduates this coming summer in Washington, D.C. **Interns must be U.S. citizens.** CECC internships provide significant educational and professional experience for advanced undergraduate and graduate students with a background in Chinese politics, law and society, and strong Chinese language skills.

Interns work closely with the Commission and its staff on the full array of issues concerning human rights, the rule of law, and governance in China (including criminal justice, democratic governance institutions, environmental problems, religious freedom, freedom of expression, ethnic minority rights, women's rights, etc.).

Interns perform important research support tasks (often in Chinese), attend seminars, meet Members of Congress and experts from the United States and abroad, and draft Commission analyses. Interns may also be trained to work with the Commission's Political Prisoner Database, which has been accessible by the public since its launch in November 2004.

The CECC staff is committed to interns' professional development, and holds regular roundtables for interns on important China-related issues.

Summer 2009 interns will be paid \$10/hour. Those unable to apply for Summer 2009 internships may apply for the Spring (February-May) and Fall (September-December). Summer program runs from June to August.

**APPLY BY
1 MARCH 2009**

Further details are available on the Commission's Web site at

www.ceccc.gov.

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Junior Visiting Fellowships in Vienna

Scholars working on projects related to the topics "United Europe - Divided Memory" or "Religion and Secularism" are invited to spend six months in residence at the IWM in Vienna.

The fellows will receive a stipend of **€10,500** for Ph.D. candidates or **€15,000** for Post-Docs to cover travel, accommodation in Vienna, health insurance and incidentals. The IWM will provide fellows with an office and access to e-mail and internet, in-house research facilities and other relevant sources in Vienna.

**APPLY BY
16 MARCH 2009**

Please refer to our website www.iwm.at, "Fellowships", "Junior Visiting Fellowships" to learn the details of application procedure and documents required.

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Leadership and Entrepreneurship

The Nonprofit Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship Program (NLP)'s Phoenix Project seeks to prepare Virginia's next generation of highly effective social entrepreneurs to bridge the emerging and serious leadership gap in the Commonwealth's nonprofit sector, to expose leaders to the challenges of communities in distress and to infuse those communities with able hands and minds to assist their revitalization efforts to the benefit of the entire Commonwealth.

Program dates: 14 June - 25 July

**APPLY BY
15 MARCH 2009**

Applications are submitted online http://www.phoenixproject.org/socialentrepreneurship/nlp/nonprofit_leadership_form/

American U. Summer Internships

This is an extraordinary year in Washington, DC. Opportunities to live, learn, and intern this summer in Washington are at a premium. However, once you apply and are admitted, American University immediately begins working to find you an internship that suits your interests and academic focus. Additionally, based on your academic interest, you are assigned a professor or mentor, who will also be involved in finding the right internship for you and guide you through the entire process. That's why being a "priority applicant" is so important, because the earlier you apply the more likely it is that you will obtain your "first choice" internship!

Internships last from Monday, 6/1 to Friday, 7/31/2009.

**APPLY BY
16 FEBRUARY 2009**
FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Apply online at <http://american.edu/summerintern/apply/index.html>

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Paid Publishing Opportunity

INFINITY JOURNAL (IJ), a "global affairs journalzine", is seeking creative and innovative papers (research and/or opinion pieces) from graduates and young professionals. Please note that we are looking for articles for the 4th edition, which will launch in August 2009.

Awards of up to \$5,000 will be given at the end of the year (November 2009) for best pieces. Please note: those with a degree of PhD or higher are not eligible to submit work (only graduates, e.g. those with or currently obtaining masters level education and young professionals).

For more information, rules, and submission guidelines, visit [infinityjournal.com](http://www.infinityjournal.com)

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RESEARCH CONFERENCES

HUMAN SECURITY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST ASIA - Issues and Challenges

Contributors who are well versed in human security issues particularly in the East Asian region (covering North and Southeast Asia) are invited to participate in this book project.

It will include both top-down and bottom-up processes and focus on issues covered under the seven categories of UNDP-defined "human security". Suggested proposals are on international marriage and migration, poverty, health and diseases, survival of traditional cultures, and environment.

Please send an abstract of about 400 words of your proposed topic and a brief professional C.V. to

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"Europe: A Continent of Paradoxes" History, Politics, Culture, Language, Geography, Economics and Law

Researching Europe's past, present and future brings us face to face with a number of apparently irreconcilable contradictions. However, the very factors that have pulled, and continue to pull us apart drive our understanding of what it means to be European. The conference, hosted by the Graduate Center for Europe, University of Birmingham (UK), will focus on how and where internal differences and similarities manifest themselves. It will question the extent to which different degrees of divergence and convergence are displayed in the historical, current and future development of Europe's structures, practices and identities. 16 - 18 April 2009.

**SUBMIT BY
27 FEBRUARY 2009**

info: <http://www.gcf.ebham.ac.uk/events/conference.shtml>

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

International Human Rights Exchange

IHRE is the only study abroad program to offer a fully integrated, liberal-arts-style curriculum in human rights open to both U.S. and South African (as well as other international) undergraduate students. The semester program promotes a critical understanding of human rights as a part of a broad intellectual and social movement, not simply as a code or set of laws, but a discourse in transformation and often in contest, extending to the humanities, social sciences, arts and sciences. The program is run by Bard College in partnership with the University of Witwatersrand (Wits) in Johannesburg and offers 16 credits of human rights-related coursework as well as the opportunity to participate in a fascinating internship with a local NGO in Johannesburg.

The IHRE program consists of two core courses: Human Rights: Perspectives from the Disciplines and Engagement in Human Rights. Students may also choose from 11 different electives on a wide range of human rights topics, such as Gender and Human Rights; Human Rights and African Literature; Human Rights and the Media; and Philosophy of Human Rights, among others. Students also have the potential to take regular Wits courses offered by the Humanities department. The internship option is an especially attractive and unique component of the IHRE program. As one student who recently interned at Zimbabwe's Action for Conflict Transformation Center notes: "My internship experience provided a platform for me to practice what I am learning in the human rights course and acted as a stepping stone for me towards promoting human rights to achieve sustainable development." Program dates are 28 June – 16 November 2009.

**APPLY BY
1 MARCH 2009**

For more information on the program, please visit the following website: <http://www.ihre.org>

Peacebuilding Seminar in Geneva, Switzerland

Month-long course in Peacebuilding skills: conflict analysis and prevention, intercultural communication and interfaith dialogue, trauma healing. Overlooking Lake Geneva, Mountain House has been a place for reconciliation since World War II. For the past 17 years, The Caux Scholars Program has been held to benefit from the resources of this place. Under the direction of Dr. Barry Hart, Professor at Eastern Mennonite University and editor of the 2007 book, "Peacebuilding in Traumatized Societies, this training also includes a day in Geneva at the United Nations and Interpeace, participation in the Caux Forum for Human Security (see www.cauxforum.net) and designing and presenting a conflict analysis to a public audience. Caux Scholar alumni number over 300 from 85 countries.

Program dates are 10 July – 9 August 2009.

**APPLY BY
1 MARCH 2009**

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CAMCAS Summer Institute on Popular Culture and the City

We are very proud to present the first CAMCAS Summer Institute on Popular Culture and the City, which will be held at the Graduate School of Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam, NL from July 7- 22, 2009.

Amsterdam is a vibrant city with a rich cultural-historical heritage, a substantial creative industry and a diverse cultural life. Its inhabitants are a colorful mix of different cultures and lifestyles. In short, Amsterdam is the perfect testing ground to study and to explore popular culture. We will examine theories and concepts on media, entertainment and popular culture in an urban setting and explain the different research methods used in media, cultural and urban studies. We will discuss how city life is represented in popular culture and how popular culture moulds and forms urban life. We will describe the different subcultures among urban youth and take a closer look at the creative industry and the music scene.

This Summer Institute offers students of various disciplines, but with an interest in media, cultural and urban studies, a great opportunity to study and to explore Amsterdam. The Institute is an intensive and active two-week summer programme that seeks to provide an interdisciplinary approach to the study of urban popular culture and to promote opportunities for international networking among participants

**APPLY BY
1 MAY 2009**

Applications must be addressed to the University of Amsterdam at the address below. You can visit our web site http://www.graduateschoolof-socialsciences.nl/gsss_education/object.cfm/0760D4BC-1321-B0BE-A4A4957B76D75AB9 for further information or to download an application form..

Seminar in Experimental Critical Theory (SECT): Designing China

The University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI) is pleased to announce that the application deadline is extended for its sixth annual Seminar in Experimental Critical Theory (SECT): DESIGNING CHINA August 9-22, 2009, Shanghai, China.

This seminar proposes to focus on China, not because China leads the world in the field of design, but because China today is where design issues are raised in perhaps their most problematic and provocative form. The seminar is neither a survey of design nor a training course in design fundamentals; it is not even exclusively about China. Rather, China will be taken as a case study to explore, in the spirit of "experimental critical theory," the larger issues of design in a globalizing world.

UCHRI has been able to raise funds to reduce the fees for SECT VI significantly.

The registration fee will be \$750 for students and \$1,250 for faculty. Registration fee covers tuition, accommodation, and some food but not airfare and related travel costs.

**APPLY BY
2 MARCH 2009**

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