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UNIVERSITY PARK EVENTS

Fire (directed by Deepa Mehta, 1996)

Thursday, October 1, 2015
112 Chambers, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Art of Business and the Business of Art

Dr. Prajit Dutta, Columbia University
Friday, October 2, 2015
111 Chambers, 3:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Reclaiming the P... Word: An initiative to combat sexual violence at Penn State

Friday, October 2, 2015
State Theater, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, 2015
HUB, Heritage Hall, 2:00 p.m.

Beyond the Human: Universalism, Humanism, and the 1930s French Avant-garde

Efhymia Rentzou, Princeton University
Monday, October 5, 2015
102 Kern, 12:15p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Yacoubian Building (directed by Marwan Hamed, 2006)

Thursday, October 8, 2015
101 Chambers, 6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

Helpless against the tides: The Spirit of the Times in Doris Lessing's Autobiographies

Maria Olausen
Monday, October 12, 2015
102 Kern, 12:15p.m – 1:30 p.m.

How to Become (and Remain) Gainfully Employed: A Career Talk for Unconventional Students

Michael Gaw, U.S. SEC
Monday, October 12, 2015
114 Katz Building, 5:45 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Phonetic and phonological variation in vowel production in Ibero-Romance

Dr. Marianna Nadeu, Penn State
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
101 Old Botany, 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Sun Come Up Film Screening and Discussion

Thursday, October 29, 2015
102 Kern, 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Improvement of Law and Human Rights in Afghanistan

By Bridget Adduce



In a recent event held by the Center for Global Studies, Rafi Nadiri of the Afghan Independent Bar Association (pictured left), and Dr. Samuel Richards,

professor of sociology at Penn State and director and co-founder of World in Conversation, came together to discuss the current state of law and human rights in Afghanistan, specifically as it pertained to women and girls.

In the history of Afghanistan, many women across the country share similar stories of being convicted and brutally punished of “moral crimes.” Due to deep-rooted cultural traditions, women were seen as property in their family, and were denied basic human rights.

However, in the course of a few short years AIBA has made tremendous progress in advocating for these women and has worked to create new laws in their defense. They have succeeded not only in amending the constitution to eliminate discrimination against women and children, but also in providing defense attorneys to thousands of defendants in need of a fair trial.

Nadiri stated in his presentation that among many goals, AIBA’s agenda for progress includes: Increase public awareness through education, amend the civil code and add new laws, advocate for the basic rights of all people, and train and assign defense attorneys for all defendants. Currently the organization is comprised of over 1,000 female defense attorneys, several of which are stationed in Afghanistan.

The event ended with an open question and answer session with Mr. Nadiri and Dr. Richards. Their outlook for Afghanistan remains optimistic as the government continues to actively participate and aid in establishing an amended constitution.

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FALL CAREER DAYS

Fall Career Days 2015

By Rick Devery

Each fall at Penn State, hundreds of recruiters from countless companies from around the world convene at the Bryce Jordan Center for the Fall Career Days event. For students of all degree programs and ages, it is an excellent opportunity to find an internship or job to start their careers. Prior to the three days of recruiting, Penn State's Career Services offers a wide array of workshops to help students tailor their elevator speech, resume, cover letters, interview skills, and even their wardrobe.

This year, the Center for Global Studies, is collaborating with Career Services to host a series of workshops. The first workshop, especially tailored for international students, took place on September 10th. According to the presenter, 80% of international students have the goal of working in the US, but only 30% get offers. This is because not many companies are willing to sponsor visas to this group, and some employees are not even aware of this process. This workshop offered international students the opportunity to learn how to present themselves to recruiters with confidence and how to highlight traits such as multilingualism, the ability to adapt to different cultural norms, and experience living abroad, that are of interest to US companies. Students were also taught the exact requirements for their visas so they are able to explain them to any recruiter who lacks this information. Knowing such information and how to market oneself, increases the likelihood for international students to find a job.

The CGS continues the spirit of fall career days to inspire students and help them network in the hope of landing their dream job by hosting career talks all year round.

One of these talks will take place on 111 Chambers on Friday October 2, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. titled "The Art of Business and the Business of Art" by

As a published author, professor of economics at Columbia University, philanthropist, and partner of a major art gallery, Dutta will be giving a lecture about his professional development and successes in multiple industries. He will undoubtedly provide not only advice for young professionals, but also inspiration for those who want to pursue their passions.

Later this month, the CGS will be sponsoring a lecture for those students who are looking at their future with uncertainty. Michael Gaw, Assistant Director in the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Trading and Markets, will be talking about finding a career and confidence in a world that for many, lacks clear direction. Mr. Gaw remembers the frustration of being a postgrad without a clear idea of what to do and who to work for, but mostly how valuable encouragement and advice would have been during that part of his life. That is why he seeks to empower unconventional and worried students through his lecture.

The CGS understands how fundamental it is for students to find internships and full time employment to kick start their careers, and for this reason we bring top professionals to offer advice. Check out the CGS website for updated information on upcoming career talks (www.cgs.la.psu.edu).

Fall Film Series Kickoff!

By Leah Bader

This year the CGS is sponsoring two film series to engage students, faculty, and community residents in foreign languages and cultures in an entertaining manner. The Arabic Film Series and the South Asian Film Series look to increase interest in Hindi and Arabic both of which are currently offered at Penn State. The film series kicked off in September and each will feature four film screenings during the semester.

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The first screening took place on Thursday September 10th at 7:00 p.m. *Wadjda* (2012) directed by Haifaa Al-Mansour, is part of the Arabic Film Series. The film educates the audience on the Saudi Arabian culture through the story of a young girl, Wadjda, who dreams of purchasing a green bicycle and does everything to get it, including entering a Quran recital competition for the cash prize. Through it, viewers were exposed not only to the Arabic language but also to the Arab and Muslim culture.

Wadjda was shot entirely in Saudi Arabia and was the first feature-length film made by a female Saudi director.

The South Asian Film Series debuted with a screening of the movie *Monsoon Wedding* (2001) directed by Mira Nair.

Through beautiful scenery and a dramatic, yet entertaining plot, the movie reflects many aspects of the Hindi traditions, such as arranged marriages, big celebrations, and the how women are seen within this culture.

The film portrays the typical complex relationships between family members in the Punjabi society, while educating on the marriage customs and Indian wedding culture, which is very different from the Western culture.

Both the South Asian and Arabic film series will continue through the semester. This month, the South Asian Film Series will feature the film *Fire* (1996), the first of a trilogy, directed by Deepa Mehta while the Arabic Film Series will screen *The Yacoubian Building* (2006) directed by Marwan Hamed. For details about both film screenings, check out the events listing in this newsletter and be sure to catch at least one of these screenings!

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Clockwise L-R: Dr. Sophia McClennen, CGS Director, presents speakers Dr. Sam Richards and Rafi Nadiri; presenting an overview of the regions in Afghanistan; Q & A with Richards and Nadiri; an engaged audience.

Our Mission

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) has been designated a Title VI National Resource Center by the Department of Education. Working in collaboration with Penn State’s many excellent international initiatives, faculty and students from multiple disciplines, and K-12 schools in the region, the CGS is dedicated to the growth and support of global studies.

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