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Turkey and Europe: Cultures in Conflict?

Lecture by Dr. Alexandru Balas, Assistant Professor, International Studies & Director, Clark Center for International Education

Part of the Brooks Museum 2013-2014 Lecture Series: Cultures in Conflict; Pathways to Resolution



Date: February 26th @ 4:30pm
Location: Moffett 2125

Turkey's unique geographic position places it in a cultural pull between Europe and Asia. Should Turkey conform to EU economic and social values? What exactly separates them in the first place? Dr. Balas will explore what divides and unites Turkish and European cultures. Religion and secularism in Turkish society, women's rights, and the freedom of mass media are just a few of the fault-lines to be tackled during this lecture.

Democratization in Eastern Europe and Central Asia 25 Years On

Lecture by Vera Axyonova, PhD, Fulda University

Organized by: Clark Center for International Education, International Studies Program, Project on Eastern and Central Europe, Department of Political Science, International Programs Office, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Committee, Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies, Political Science Student Association

Event funded by a generous grant from the Campus Artist and Lecture Series Committee



Dr. Vera Axyonova is a researcher at Fulda University's Centre for Intercultural and European Studies as well as Brussels-based Europe-Central Asia Monitoring Program. Her talk will explore the process of democratization in Central and Eastern European countries, as well as in Central Asian countries in the aftermath of the fall of Communism in 1989 and the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Date: March 4th @ 4:30PM
Location: Moffett 2125

Studying Abroad in Germany

Undergraduate Study Abroad and Graduate Opportunities (MA, PhD) in Germany

Presentation by Vera Axyonova, Fulda University & Hugh Anderson, International Programs Office, SUNY Cortland

Are you an undergraduate or graduate student who is curious about studying abroad? Would you like to learn more about German culture, language, and customs? Well here is your chance to hear about SUNY Cortland's partnership with Fulda University directly from a Fulda representative visiting our campus. Come to this talk to get a sense of what this opportunity would mean for you financially, educationally and otherwise!





Date: March 4th, 11:30 – 12:30
Location: Moffett 2125

This talk showcases the strong bond that SUNY Cortland maintains with its partners abroad. Vera Axyonova will be on hand, along with Cortland Study Abroad Advisor Hugh Anderson, to highlight what studying at Fulda and graduate studies (MA, PhD) in Germany have to offer to you. This opportunity to discuss a program directly with a representative of that campus is a rare chance students should take advantage of!

Sandwich Seminar: "The Peace Corps & Me – One Man's Adventure in Senegal"

Lecture by Michael Goldman - MS student, Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Studies, SUNY Cortland

Event Part of the Black History Month 2014 at SUNY Cortland and organized by the Africana Studies Department

Have you ever considered applying for the Peace Corps? Would you like to know more about this unique service program? Come hear a returned volunteer talk about his 27-month experience in Senegal.



Date: February 27th @ noon
Location: Brockway Hall, Jacobus Lounge – Room 112

For more than 50 years the United States Peace Corps has worked to promote world peace and friendship through the placement of volunteers across the globe. The PC places volunteers in areas where one's skill set—whether it be in relation to education, health, youth in development, environment, community economic development or agriculture—best meets the needs of the local people. SUNY Cortland graduate student and returned volunteer Michael Goldman will be offering his insider's view at this unique experience.

SUNY Cortland Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, February 19th
11am -2pm
Corey Union Lobby

The fair is your one-stop shopping for your perfect study abroad

program! You will be able to talk with representatives and returned study abroad students of many of the over 600 programs available. You will also have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win $500 towards your study abroad program.

Cortland Study Abroad Promoters (CSAP)

Give 5 minutes of one class session for a Study Abroad presentation

The CSAP program is built around promoting and educating students of Study Abroad programs, not only those here in Cortland but also the many opportunities via other SUNY schools and institutions. One of the many ways we promote study abroad is by visiting classrooms and presenting our own study abroad experiences and discussing with students the many options and opportunities there are to study abroad. Please consider donating a short period of your class time and have a returned study abroad student describe the amazing opportunities and benefits that studying abroad can offer.

Please contact Melanie Figueroa at Melanie.figueroa@cortland.edu to schedule a CSAP presenter for your class!

Study Abroad in Ghana this Summer

Program Faculty-led by Dr. Seth Asumah

This once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity will consist of participation in a tour of cultural, economic, historical and educational locations while in Ghana. The program involves the creation of a log and journal during the trip that is used for the completion of a reflection/term paper about the experience upon return to the US. Students earn six credits toward graduation as well as the chance to gain the valuable experience of being a world traveler.

For more information about program requirements, application components and costs, please make an appointment in the

International Programs Office or visit their website.

International Activities in the Area

Cornell-Syracuse South Asia Consortium 2014 Annual Symposium: "Transformations in South Asian Folk Arts, Aesthetics, and Commodities"

"*Transformations*" is presented by the South Asia Center in the Maxwell School's Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, in conjunction with The College of Arts and Sciences and the Cornell-Syracuse South Asia Consortium

Sponsored by: South Asia Center (SU), South Asia Program (CU), The Humanities Council of Syracuse University (Ray Smith Annual Symposium)

Date: February 27th-March 1st

Locations: Refer to schedule



Nearly a dozen scholars and artists from around the world will lead lectures, academic panels, workshops, and exhibitions devoted to South Asian folk art traditions in the modern world. Special focus will be on Mithila art from northern India and the adjoining regions of Nepal.

Call for Papers-

Undergrad, Graduate, & Faculty

SUNY Oneonta – 6th Undergraduate Political Science Conference

Sponsored by: Political Science Club & the Department of Political Science, State University of New York at Oneonta

Proposal Due Date: February 28, 2014

Undergraduates are invited to submit papers for SUNY Oneonta's 6th Undergraduate Political Science Conference. We encourage papers from political science or related fields (International Studies, Africana Studies, History etc.) on any topic related to politics and government. Papers should be approximately 10-20 pages in length and presentations approximately 20 minutes long.

If interested, please submit a full draft of the paper to: oneonta.polisci.conference@gmail.com

Have questions?

Please contact Christina Wlodarczyk, Student Coordinator at: wlodcw76@suny.oneonta.edu

Internships, Grants & Fellowship Announcements

Foundation for Sustainable Development Internship

Intern Abroad!
9-52 week placement program for students and young professionals

Deadline: rolling

FDS runs internships with their 300 community partners on a year-round basis, dependent on the needs of the applicant. The program commonly acts as a catalyst for building a career in development, strengthening applications for graduate programs, or cultivating relationships with international communities and organizations.

Your internship will involve home-stays, an on-site orientation, development training, grantwriting, and ultimately project implementation to ensure that the work makes a lasting impact on you and the community you serve. The use of foreign language skills is a potential component,

This structured program allows applicants to choose a region of the world/an area of development in which they are interested in working as the basis for their placement.

Development Subjects:

- Community Development
- Environment
- Health
- Human Rights
- Microenterprise/ Microfinance
- Women's Empowerment
- Youth & Education

Regions of Impact:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- India
- Kenya
- Nicaragua
- Uganda

dependent on your area of interest.

For more information on FDS click here

Global Fairness Initiative - Sapin Fellowship

Summer Fellowship in Washington D.C. is open to applicants willing to complete a research study or proposal alongside GFI staff related to economic access for the working poor.

The Sapin Opportunity Fellowship was established to offer students in post-secondary institutions the opportunity to work for four months with the Global Fairness Initiative (GFI) on issues of economic development and workforce equity

Click here for fellowship details

Benefits to fellowship:

- Participate with GFI staff on all levels of initiatives
- Gain exposure to international development issues
- Non-profit management experience
- Access to a world-wide network of affliated businesses/organization in D.C.
- $1,000 living stipend

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

Graduate Scholarship Program for International Students

Deadline: April 12, 2014

TUBITAK grants scholarships for international students seeking to pursue a graduate degree in Turkey. The scholarship covers fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Eligibility Information can be found here

The scholarship will consist of:

- A monthly stipend of 1.500 Turkish Liras (TL) for MSc/MA students
- A monthly stipend of 1.800 Turkish Liras (TL) for PhD students
- Tuition Fee (up to 2.000 Turkish Liras)
- A monthly allowance for health insurance coverage for the award holder only.
- Maximum duration for the scholarship is 2 years for the Masters and 4 years for the PhD program.
- All scholarship awardees that successfully complete a Master's program will be rewarded scholarship for a PhD program on the condition that they are admitted to a program at a Turkish University.

TUBITAK Fellowships for visiting scholars and academic staff on sabbatical

Take advantage of a TUBITAK Fellowship and spend your sabbatical at one of SUNY Cortland's Turkish partners: Anadolu University or Izmir University of Economics

Deadline: Ongoing (last working day of each month)

Target group: Scholars and academic staff who wish to research or teach in Turkey. Benefits include a monthly stipend of up to $3500 U.S., travel costs, and health insurance. The maximum duration for the fellowship is 12 months.
For more information about TUBITAK scholarships click here.

National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Washington D.C. Summer Internship Program for Undergraduate & Graduate Students

Deadlines: February 10, 2014 (priority)
February 28, 2014 (final deadline)

Program Dates: June 2 - August 8, 2014
Cost: Internships are unpaid. Internship program participants, upon successful fulfillment of the program's academic and internship requirements, receive a **$1,000 fellowship stipend**.

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' Washington, DC Summer Internship Program offers students a ten-week professional, academic, and career opportunity

Program Details:

- ***Professional workplace experience:***
  Interns are placed with one of over a dozen Near East and Arab world-related organizations

internship in the nation's capital. The program features a demanding mix of professional involvement, intellectual challenge, career exploration, and cultural encounters designed to provide interns with a rich and varied experience during their time in Washington.

in Washington, D.C., where they are expected to work 35-40 hours/week under the direct supervision of their host organizations

- ***Academic seminars:*** Interns take part in twice-weekly seminar sessions designed to provide them with greater depth of knowledge about the Arab world, to underscore the cultural, economic, and political diversity of Arab states, and to explore intricacies of the Arab-U.S. relations
- ***Site visits:*** Interns receive a behind-the-scenes look at many of the central institutions of federal government, national security policymaking, international diplomacy, and international business

For more information about the National Council on U.S-Arab Relations Summer Internship please click here.

Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship

Do you like to travel abroad? Do you like taking photos/editing videos/drawing/painting or writing about your experiences abroad? Get paid to become a digital storyteller!

Deadline: February 28, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. EST

Fellowship Themes: Biodiversity, Cities, Climate Change, Cultures, Energy, Food, Oceans, and Water (one or more of these themes)

The Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship is a new component of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program that provides opportunities for U.S. citizens to participate in an academic year of overseas travel and digital storytelling in up to three countries on a globally significant social or environmental topic.

Digital storytelling describes the practice of using digital tools to tell a story. Stories may combine text, photography, video, audio, graphic illustrations and/or social media. Applications should include ideas for imaginative use of digital tools to produce and distribute stories.

U.S. citizens of all ages and from all backgrounds are eligible to apply. Applicants may come from a broad range of fields. Candidates must have completed at least an undergraduate degree by the commencement of the program but may not hold a Ph.D. at the time application. The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated talent for storytelling (including but not limited to

publications in print, online or multimedia platforms) and an academic or professional background relevant to their proposed project.

For further information concerning eligible countries for travel and application details click here.

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