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## **Alumni eNews – May 2010**

Dear SIPA Alumni,

As the academic year comes to a close, SIPA Alumni Relations wants to thank all alumni who attended, volunteered and participated in the numerous alumni activities held this past year around the globe. SIPA Alumni Weekend (April 29 – May 1) in particular was a tremendous success, helping to reconnect, to profile, and to showcase our prestigious network. Highlights from the Tenth Annual SIPA Global Leadership Awards Dinner, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration of the International Fellows Program, and the Second Annual Alumni Day are listed below.

As we celebrate our alumni community, we also want to take a moment to welcome the newest members. The SIPA Graduation activities were held on May 17, 2010, with guest speaker [Vikram Pandit](#), Columbia University Trustee and Citigroup Chief Executive Officer. Over 700 new graduates have joined our ranks, and we look forward to seeing them at our alumni events in NYC and around the world.

Best wishes,

**SIPA Alumni Relations**

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## **News at SIPA**

### **Troy J. Eggers Named Senior Associate Dean**

Troy J. Eggers has been appointed Senior Associate Dean at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. Eggers comes to SIPA from the Columbia Business School, where he served as Associate Dean for Executive Education. In his role as Senior Associate Dean, Eggers is the senior administrative officer at SIPA, serving as Chief of Staff to the Dean and managing day-to-day operations. [More.](#)

### **SIPA Signs Agreement to Host Energy Students from Portugal**

Beginning in 2011, SIPA will host each fall semester nearly two dozen students from Portugal's Instituto Universitário de Lisboa's Business School (ISCTE). The students, from ISCTE Business School's MBA program in energy systems, will enroll in energy-related courses at SIPA, such as those offered through the School's Energy and Environment concentration in collaboration with SIPA's Center for Energy, Marine Transportation and Public Policy. [More.](#)

### **Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Speaks at Columbia**

[Admiral Mike Mullen](#), chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, kicked off a year-long series of “Conversations with the Country” at Columbia’s World Leaders Forum on April 18. In his address, he emphasized both the proper strategic role of military power in U.S. foreign policy and the importance of investing in the nation’s military veterans through higher education, career opportunities and support services. [More](#).

### **Evolution: Institute for the Study of Human Rights**

The former Center for the Study of Human Rights is now an institute, a change approved by the Trustees of Columbia University. The Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR) will be able “to play a better role in serving its different constituencies, and in particular to deepen the offering of human rights courses, initiate and coordinate research and bridge the academic work with the advocacy community,” said Professor [Elazar Barkan](#), ISHR Director. [More](#).

### **Professors Stiglitz and Ocampo Co-edit New Book**

[Joseph Stiglitz](#) and [José Antonio Ocampo](#) co-edited *Time for a Visible Hand: Lessons from the 2008 World Financial Crisis*. With co-editor Stephanie Griffith-Jones, Professors Stiglitz and Ocampo examine the financial crisis, governance and major problems in the financial system, and its links to global economic imbalances. [More](#).

### **SIPA Grads Elected as Co-Presidents of the Columbia University Club of Turkey**

Zeynep Basak (MPA’05) and Ilknur Aslan (MIA’98) have been unanimously elected as co-presidents of the Columbia University Club of Turkey. Ms. Basak is Director of Corporate Relations and Resource Development for Koc University and Ms. Aslan works for AKBank as Vice President in Corporate Communications. Congratulations and the best of luck to both women!

### **Communiqué Launches New Web Site**

*Communiqué*, SIPA’s student-run newspaper, launched its new [Web site](#) on April 22. The new online presence brings *Communiqué* into the 21st century, providing students with serious news and opinion reporting on SIPA and the world of international affairs. [More](#).

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## **Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs**

### **5/20/10 NYC: Alumni Happy Hour at the Boat Basin**

The next SIPA Alumni Happy Hour will be on **Thursday, May 20, 2010** from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the **Boat Basin** in New York City. The SIPA graduating Class of 2010 has been invited to this event. Join us in welcoming them to the SIPA alumni community. There will be a cash bar and complimentary food on hand. Register with key word ‘NYC Networking Drinks’ [here](#).

### **5/24/10 NYC: ISP Network Discussion on Climate Change after Copenhagen**

The ISP network invites you to an off-the-record dinner conversation with Janos Pasztor, Director of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Climate Change Support Team. The talk will focus on “Climate Change after Copenhagen: What Next?” and will be moderated by Grant Goodrich, Assistant Director for International Accounts and Operations at Columbia University’s Earth Institute. Details below. The event will be from 7:00p.m. to 9:30p.m at the Restaurant Trattoria Dopo Teatro 125 West 44th Street (between 6th Ave. and Broadway). The price is \$35 prix fixe for SIPA alumni / \$50 for non-SIPA (Tax & gratuity included. Cash only.) Please RSVP to [naf2107@columbia.edu](mailto:naf2107@columbia.edu) by Wednesday, May 19, 2010 (Seating is limited so reply early).

### **5/27/10 London: Policy Event: A Nuclear Iran: Threat or Distraction?**

The alumni clubs of Columbia, Georgetown, Sciences Po and Tufts are collaborating on the sixth international affairs event, themed around a nuclear Iran. The event will take place at Charing Cross Hotel on **Thursday May 27 at 6:30pm**. For registration information, click [here](#).

### **6/16/10: Hong Kong: Invitation to an Evening with CAA Vice President Donna MacPhee**

Join CAA for delicious drinks and scintillating conversation with Columbians past and present. The evening will feature special guest Donna MacPhee '89CC, vice president for alumni relations and president of the CAA. RSVP [here](#).

### **6/17/10 NYC: Speed Dating Soiree at the CU Club**

Are you between the ages of 25 and 40 and single? Then come to the Columbia Club's All Ivy Alumni Speed Dating event and meet other eligible singles. The cost is \$45. Event includes two free drinks and appetizers. Reservations are required and space is limited. Sign up today! To reserve your place, please contact the Columbia Club Office at 212-719-0380 or [events@columbiaclub.org](mailto:events@columbiaclub.org). Indicate Speed Dating on subject line. The event will be held at the Columbia Club of New York. Cancellations not accepted after June 10.

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## **Alumni Career Programs & Events**

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### ***SIPALink***

SIPA's Office of Career Services (OCS) encourages you to use ***SIPALink***, an online recruitment database. Follow the links below for online job and internship postings, employer information sessions, and much more. Some recent jobs are highlighted below. Register to find out more: <https://www.myinterfase.com/cusipa/student/>.

- Manager, Access and Supply Chain-India, The Clinton Foundation (New Delhi)
- Technical Advisor, Chemonics International (West Bank and Gaza)
- Diversity Manager, RBC Capital Markets (New York)

Please see ***SIPALink*** for more detailed descriptions and application instructions.

### **IvyExec.com**

OCS has teamed up with IvyExec.com, an exclusive job site for high caliber professionals with graduate degrees from top universities. Ivy Exec has over 5,000 new and pre-screened jobs with leading companies. As part of our sponsorship, Ivy Exec has agreed to provide all SIPA students and alumni the opportunity to join Ivy Exec as All Access members for free for three full months. As an All Access member, you can apply to all of Ivy Exec's exclusive opportunities, receive relevant job alerts and industry updates, and have the option to be searched by employers. Please visit the following link and use the promo code SIPA2010 to take advantage of this free offer by clicking [here](#).

\*Please note: You will need to enter your credit card information; however, you will not be billed if you decide not to continue after the three month trial. Please be aware, however, you must contact Ivy Exec if you choose to opt out after three months.

## **5/18/10: Twitter Your Way to a New Job: Learn How Twitter Can Enhance Your Reach and Reputation, Deepen Your Digital Footprint, and Lead to Job Search Success**

This webinar will introduce the popular social networking tool and explain why professionals should consider using it to enhance their profiles. Learn the “whys” and the “hows” so you can optimize Twitter - a well-documented, indispensable resource for job seekers and all professionals. Webinar will be held on Tuesday May 18, from 7:00-8:00pm. [More](#).

## **Recent Alumni Events**

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### **4/16/10 London: Project Mosaic Lecture on “Islam and Feminism”**

Last month, alumni in London gathered for the Project Mosaic Lecture on “Islam and Feminism” by Mona Eltahawy, columnist and international public speaker, at Ramada Jarvis Hyde Park Hotel.

### **4/22/10 NYC: EMPA Forum 2010 Homecoming Reception**

Kudos to all who attended the EMPA Forum at the Scandinavia House; the event was a huge success and a great time was had by all! To view pictures, click [here](#).

### **4/29/10 NYC: Tenth Annual SIPA Global Annual Awards Dinner**

SIPA hosted its Tenth Annual Global Leadership Awards Dinner on April 29. The event honored two individuals and a not-for-profit organization that exemplify the qualities and achievements that SIPA seeks to embody: *Newsweek's* Fareed Zakaria, the World Bank's Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, and Partners In Health. [More](#).

### **4/30/10 NYC: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration for the International Fellows Program**

Over 100 alumni attended a kick-off celebration at the Casa Italiana to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Fellows Program. Professor Richard Gardner, one of the first professors associated with the program, delivered the keynote address, and a few alumni of the program reminisced about their experiences.

### **5/1/10 NYC: SIPA Alumni Day**

On Saturday May 1, 2010, SIPA alumni returned to their old stomping grounds to attend the School's annual Alumni Day. This year's alumni day focused on both domestic and global health care issues, in addition to workshops on how to boost your career in a recovering economy. NYC Public Advocate Bill de Blasio (MIA 1987) delivered the welcome address, and [Dr Jay Levy](#) (IF'62, MD'65), co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, HIV, was the keynote speaker.

### **5/5/10 DC: Dinner with Former Columbia President George Rupp**

This past month alumni from Harvard, Columbia, and Princeton gathered in DC for a dinner with former Columbia president and current president of the International Rescue Committee.

### **5/19/10 San Francisco: Networking Drinks with SIPA Alumni**

SIPA alumni met in San Francisco for SIPA networking drinks at the [The Blue Light Cafe](#), 1979 Union Street, San Francisco, CA . SIPA Alumni Relations extends a big thanks to Jeremy Newman (MPA '08) for helping organize the event.

### **5/19/10 NYC: Economic Implications of the Property Market Boom in China and Hong Kong**

SIPA alumni were invited to the Gordon Wu Distinguished Speaker Forum at the Columbia Business School to hear a discussion on the “Economic Implications of the Property Market Boom in China and Hong Kong.” [More](#).

## Alumni Notes

Have you logged onto [Alumni Connection](#) yet to update your [class note](#)? What are you waiting for! All you need is your UNI and Password. (If you forgot them, you can access them [here](#).) Below are some recent postings. Post your note today and stay connected with more than 16,000 alumni in 155 countries.

**Cihan Sultanoglu** (MIA, 1981) was recently appointed Director of Human Resources at the UNDP. Sultanoglu began her career with UNDP in 1981 as an Administrative Trainee in New York and Thailand, and over the next 10 years moved from being a Recruitment Officer to Deputy to the Director of Administration. In 2000, Sultanoglu moved to Lithuania, where she served as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative. While continuing to be responsible for Lithuania, in 2004 Sultanoglu moved to Belarus, where she became UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative. Sultanoglu returned to Headquarters in 2007 to become Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Regional Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS (RBEC).

**Jonathan Adams** (MIA, 2003) writes, "I'm pleased to report that "Silicon Sweatshops," an investigative report I conceived and wrote for Global Post, recently won a "Best in Business" award from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers. The report exposed working conditions at factories in China that build components for companies like Apple and Nokia. The series was co-reported by Beijing-based Global Post colleague Kathleen E. McLaughlin and me, with photos by Sharron Lovell and myself." Click here to read the original report series: <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/china-taiwan/091103/silicon-sweatshops-globalpost-investigation>

## Giving to SIPA

Through contributions to SIPA's Annual Fund, donations for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual global leadership awards dinner, you can help to foster the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique. For information on how you can contribute to SIPA's mission, please visit: [http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about\\_sipa/giving\\_to\\_sipa.html](http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html).

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