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Dear SIPA Alumni,

The World Leader's Forum this fall brought a number of international leaders to campus, including European Commission President José Manuel Barroso, Prime Minister Hashim Thaci of Kosovo, and José Sócrates, Prime Minister of Portugal, to name a few.

Around the world, from NYC to San Francisco, Tokyo to Colombia, SIPA seeks to engage alumni, through organized events, varying from intellectual discourse to social networking. Whether in **San Francisco** on October 21 or in **NYC** on October 28, Alumni Affairs is here to help you reconnect and to exchange ideas with your fellow classmates. Don't miss out on these great opportunities.

Lastly, SIPA's recently published 2009-2010 annual report highlights a number of the School's important milestones. If you are interested in reading it, see below.

SIPA Office of Alumni Affairs

NEWS at SIPA

SIPA's 2009 – 2010 Annual Report Now Available

"At SIPA, optimism abounds. Our school is training leaders and problem solvers, people discovering and learning about new solutions to global dilemmas every day." - Dean John H. Coatsworth. To read more about the School's achievements this past year, click [here](#).

SIPA's Emmy Winner for Digital Documentary

Adjunct professor Craig Duff, who teaches in the International Media, Advocacy, and Communications specialization, shares an Emmy for his work at *TIME* – three online videos called the [Iconic Photo](#) series.

European Commission President Describes Europe's "Smart Power" to SIPA Students

José Manuel Barroso, president of the European Commission, spoke of Europe's leading role in tackling international challenges and also met with SIPA students in a September 21, 2010 *Columbia World Leaders Forum* lecture, co-sponsored by SIPA and the Alliance Program. [More](#).

Panel Asks Whether World Can "Keep the Promise" of the MDGs

Five United Nations officials called for renewed urgency in alleviating poverty during a discussion at SIPA on the eve of a global summit on the Millennium Development Goals. [More](#).

SIPA Alumnus Leads NYPD Civilian Counterterrorism Team

"We have found that conducting terrorism investigations is more art than science," said Mitchell Silber (MIA '05). "...the analysts have 360-degree visibility. They focus on the bigger picture, and they sometimes see things detectives don't see." To read more about what the NYPD Civilian Counterterrorism Team does, click [here](#).

Prime Minister of Kosovo Speaks at SIPA on Independence Ruling

Prime Minister Hashim Thaci of Kosovo spoke at SIPA on September 8, 2010 about the challenges and opportunities facing his country in the wake of a much-anticipated court ruling on its declaration of independence. His speech was hosted by the Harriman Institute. [More](#).

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

10/16/10 London: Columbia, MIT and Harvard Outing to [Frieze Art Fair](#)

Please join your fellow Columbia alums, along with our MIT and Harvard friends for some dim sum and the art fair. After dim sum at 12:00 pm at [Royal China](#), everyone will walk to Regent's Park for the fair. Please RSVP to Yiting at ys238@columbia.edu. For more information, click [here](#).

10/21/10 San Francisco: Lecture with SIPA [Professor Ken Prewitt](#) on Race and the US Census

Ken Prewitt, SIPA Carnegie Professor of Public Affairs, the Columbia University Vice-President for Global Centers, and former Director of the US Census Bureau (1998-2000), will give a talk titled, "In a Post-Racial Society, Why Does the Government Ask What Race We Are? Reflections on the US Census." The talk will be from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, followed by a reception at the [The City Club of San Francisco](#), San Francisco, CA 94104. For more information, click [here](#).

10/22/10 Tokyo: Worldwide Networking Event and Annual General Membership Meeting

Come join fellow Columbia alumni in Japan at [Eiraku Club](#) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for an evening of networking and mingling, while receiving updates on the latest news and events from the board of the Columbia University Alumni Association of Japan (CUAAJ). This is part of a global networking event, and this year there will be a photo contest for the club with the most school spirit. Contact Kishimoto Yasuhiro '71SEAS with questions at ykykishi@nifty.com.

10/23/10 NYC: Environmental Student and Alumni Mixer

Students and alumni from the MPA Environmental Science and Policy program, the SIPA Energy and Environmental Policy concentration (formerly Environmental Policy Studies), and the SIPA applied science specialization are invited to this event taking place in Room 1501 at SIPA (420 West 118th Street) from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Please RSVP, acceptances and regrets, to Mariel Kessel at msk2156@columbia.edu. If attending, please include an organizational affiliation, so that we may print it on your name tag.

10/23/10 NYC: Black Alumni Council (BAC) Homecoming

The CAA is pleased to join the Black Alumni Council (BAC) in sponsoring an exciting annual Homecoming celebrating the culture and achievement of Black alumni throughout the University. The event will take place at [Providence](#) (311 West 57th Street) from 7:30 to 10:30pm. More than 300 alumni and guests attended the event last year, and we hope to repeat our success! For more information, please click [here](#). Please RSVP to Emily Kubo at ekk2113@columbia.edu, or 212-851-7839.

10/25/10 Seattle: SIPA Alumni Networking Reception

Seattle-area SIPA alumni are invited to meet each other and alumni from three other programs: The Fletcher School at Tufts, the MSFS program at the Georgetown Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and The Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton. This event will take place from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the [Wild Ginger](#) in downtown Seattle, 1401 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 9810. For more information, contact Matt Clemons, Director of Admissions, at mc2793@columbia.edu

10/27/10 NYC: Panel on Investing in Private Equity Real Estate in China and India

The Columbia Business School Asian Alumni Club of NY (CBSAAC) invites SIPA alumni to join them for a panel discussion, "Investing in Private Equity Real Estate in China and India," at 6:00pm. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

10/28/10 NYC: Picker Center 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

EMPA alumni are invited to join the Picker Center in celebrating its 10-Year Anniversary. The event will take place at The Kellogg Center, IAB, 420 West 118th Street, NYC, 15th Floor. To register for the event, click [here](#)

Alumni Career Programs & Events

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/>.

- Emergency Food Security Manager, UMCOR Zimbabwe – Chipinge District, Zimbabwe
- Program Officer, Eurasia Foundation – Washington D.C.
- Content Team Leader, International Relations and Security Network (ISN) – Zurich, Switzerland

Please see [SIPAlink](#) for more detailed descriptions, application instructions and industry updates. Also, visit the site if you are interested in attending employer information sessions open to alumni.

10/20/10 NYC: EBRD Information Session at SIPA

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is hosting an information session at SIPA to introduce their new International Professionals Programme and discuss full-time opportunities currently available. Formal business attire is required. Sign up on [SIPAlink](#).

What's Your Next Journey? Career Change Webinar Workshop for Alumni

10/27/10, 11/10/10, 11/17/10, and 12/1, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Meet via Webinar

Do you feel it may be time for a career change but are not sure what you would do? In this workshop, participants assess their values, skills, interests, talents, and personality traits through helpful discussions, exercises, and career tools, including the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, and consider how results apply to the working world. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Recent Alumni Events

9/6/20 Albacete, Spain: Albacete USA Forum

SIPA and Columbia alumni came together with youth and entrepreneurs in Albacete in an open dialogue and exchange of experiences. The meeting was convened by foroUSAab. More information [here](#).

9/28/10 Bogotá, Colombia: Lecture with Dean John H. Coatsworth

More than 50 CU and SIPA alumni gathered to hear Dean John H. Coatsworth address the question, "Does Obama Have a Latin America Policy?" A special thanks goes to Isabela Echeverry (MIA 2009) and Ignacio Miro (MIA 2005) for their efforts to launch the Club!

10/1/10 NYC: Special Lecture by [Jean-Marie Guéhenno](#), Director, Center for International Conflict Resolution, SIPA

International Fellows gathered at SIPA for a lecture by Professor Guehenno, former UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (2000–2008) entitled, "From Afghanistan to the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Fragile States and the New Security Challenges."

10/4/10 NYC: SIPA's Leaders in Global Energy Lecture: "Energy Policy in Europe"

SIPA's Leaders in Global Energy Lecture Series, supported by a gift from Energias de Portugal, hosted [Andris Piebalgs](#), EU Development Commissioner, at SIPA. More than 100 guests were in attendance.

10/5/10 NYC: Nine Years After 9/11: The Al Qaeda Threat from the NYPD Perspective

SIPA alumnus Mitchell Silber (MIA 2005) engaged more than 50 SIPA alumni in a frank conversation on terrorism at the restaurant Trattoria Dopo Teatro. This event was sponsored by the ISP Alumni Network.

10/8/10 Toronto: Alumni Breakfast with Dean John H. Coatsworth

More than 40 CU and SIPA alumni met with Dean Coatsworth for a breakfast update on Columbia's present and future at the Metropolitan Hotel in Toronto .

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.

Sarah Huber (International and Public Affairs, 2006) is currently the Director of Business Development for Driptech, a for-profit social enterprise making drip irrigation systems for small farmers in the developing world. She's excited about the social impact and sustainability of the work and is enjoying the startup environment. She's traveling a fair amount to India these days and would love to meet up with alumni there or in the Bay Area.

Michael Malefakis (International and Public Affairs, 1990) will begin his appointment as Associate Dean for Executive Education at Columbia Business School on November 9, 2010. He will be responsible for leading the Exec Education team in the creation and delivery of high quality custom and open enrollment executive education programs worldwide.

Giving to SIPA

Create a lasting contribution by making a donation to SIPA today!

Through contributions to SIPA's annual fund, donations for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual Global Leadership Awards dinner, you can help strengthen the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique. For information on how to further SIPA's mission, please visit: http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html

SIPA's Annual Fund is the School's chief vehicle to engage the broad base of our alumni in supporting SIPA. It is a critical piece of the School's fund-raising strategy, which also involves solicitations of significant gifts from large donors. One hundred percent of the gifts raised by SIPA's Annual Fund support the education of SIPA students.

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