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Dear SIPA Alumni,

The academic semester at SIPA is in full swing. This year we welcomed over 530 SIPA students from 63 countries, who speak 56 different languages. The MIA and MPA graduating class of 2011 are also the first to enroll in SIPA's new [core curriculum](#).

As the School year begins, SIPA Alumni Relations has also launched its fall alumni programming. Upcoming activities planned in cities around the world include NY, D.C., London, Paris, and Istanbul, just to name a few. (To find out of a CU event in your area, please check your [local CU Club](#) listing.) In addition, for those alumni living or travelling to Paris in October, be sure to stop by the St. James Hotel for an alumni reception with Dean Coatsworth on October 20th. ([Details](#).)

Fall alumni programming will also focus on employment opportunities for alumni as well as major current events topics such as policy responses to the financial crisis and latest developments in counter-terrorism efforts. For those seeking career advice, the SIPA Office of Career Services has a number of resources and information sessions geared towards alumni looking for employment, a career change, or information on a particular industry. (See below.)

Lastly, please note that the second **SIPA Annual Alumni Day** is scheduled in NYC on **Saturday, May 1st 2010**. An official *Save the Date* will go out in the coming weeks. We will update alumni as details of the schedule are confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you,

SIPA Alumni Relations

News at SIPA

Lindenmayer to Direct UN Studies Program

Professor [Elisabeth Lindenmayer](#) has been appointed to a three-year term as director of SIPA's United Nations Studies Program, after a successful term as acting director. Lindenmayer previously served as an advisor to former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. [More](#).

Professor Guillermo Calvo speaks on India's response to the Financial Crisis

Professor Calvo, the keynote address speaker at the *Sixth Annual India Policy Forum*, organized by the National Council of Applied Economic Research and the Brookings Institution, spoke on "Lessons from

Systemic Financial Crises,” examining India’s response to the credit crisis. [More](#).

Professor Merit Janow Appointed to the International Advisory Board of the China Investment Corporation

The China Investment Corporation, currently China’s \$200 billion sovereign-wealth fund, has recently named SIPA Professor Merit Janow as one of its 14 members of its newly established international advisory board. The Board is comprised of economists, investors and former government officials from the United States, Europe and Asia. [More](#).

SIPA Alumna to Serve in Peacebuilding Role at the UN

MIA graduate Judy Cheng-Hopkins ('78) was appointed as United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support. Cheng-Hopkins previously served as Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees in charge of operations in more than 118 countries. More [here](#).

Foreign Policy's "[Twitterati 100](#)"

Are you curious to see what influential policy makers are tweeting? For details, click [here](#).

SIPA Discount to World Policy Journal

Michele Wucker (MIA '93), Executive Director of the [World Policy Institute](#), has arranged for a special SIPA discount to WPI’s highly respected and widely cited quarterly magazine, *World Policy Journal*. The World Policy Institute seeks to identify crucial emerging issues and new perspectives from around the globe and to change the conversation from a narrow definition of US self-interest that sees the world as "foreign" to one of shared interests in an interdependent world. WPI and SIPA will be deepening a collaborative relationship on joint events and policy projects.

To subscribe to *World Policy Journal*, please click [here](#) and enter discount code ZWPJX09B to receive 35% off of the regular subscription price (50% off of the newsstand price).

Highlights of Upcoming Events and Programs

9/23/09 London: Columbia University Club of London invites CU Grads to an All-American Alumni Quiz Night

CU alumni in London are invited to participate in a charity quiz night sponsored by the Andover/Abbott Association, the proceeds of which will be donated to a charity. This year's event will benefit Plan International, a charity helping children in 48 different countries around the world. This year’s quiz night will be held at Punch Tavern on September 23rd at 7:00pm. For more information on how to participate, click [here](#).

9/23/09 DC: SIPA Alumni Networking Drinks in DC

The next SIPA Alumni Happy Hour in DC will be on **Wednesday, September 23**, 2009 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at [James Hoban's Restaurant and Bar](#). For more information on the event, please click [here](#).

9/24/09 Paris: Columbia Club Happy Heures are Back!

On **Thursday September 24th at 7:00pm**, the Columbia Alumni Association will hold a happy heure as part of its Worldwide Networking Events series. For dues-paying members, a 5€fee will entitle you to two cocktails and appetizers (15€regular fee). If you are interested in supporting the Club by becoming a *dues-paying member* for the remainder of 2009, a half-year membership at half-price is currently available. The happy heure will be held at *The Cardinal*. For more details, click [here](#).

10/4/09 Turkey: Joseph Stiglitz to meet with Alumni in Istanbul (5:30 – 7:30pm)

Save the Date – Lecture followed by cocktail reception. For details, click [here](#).

10/6/09 NYC: Master Class: Negotiating in a Global Economy

Columbia University's Center for International Conflict Resolution (CICR) offers a hands-on workshop for executives. For details, including registration, click [here](#).

10/15/09 – 10/16/09 NYC: Columbia University to Launch New Alumni Center for All CU Grads

The newly opened Columbia Alumni Center on W. 113th Street offers Columbia's growing alumni community access to University resources and a healthy dose of hospitality. The Columbia Alumni Center is preparing to celebrate its official "Especially Open House" featuring refreshments and giveaways for October 15-16. All alumni are invited to come! For more information on the Center and the upcoming event, click [here](#).

10/17/09 NYC: Black Alumni Council of Columbia Homecoming: A Celebration of Culture

The Columbia Alumni Association and the Black Alumni Council of Columbia University cordially invite all Columbia University alumni, family, and friends to the 2009 Black Alumni Homecoming—a celebration of culture and achievements by black alumni at Columbia. For details, click [here](#).

10/20/09 Paris: Dean John Coatsworth meets with CU and SIPA Alumni in Paris

Save the Date: Join SIPA Dean Coatsworth for an informative evening and discussion at the [St. James Club in Paris](#) (7:00pm). [Details](#).

Alumni Career Programs & Events

SIPALink

SIPA's Office of Career Services (OCS) is proud to introduce **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/>.

- Chief Executive Officer, FINCA (El Salvador)
- Communications Director, Institute for Policy Studies (Washington, DC)
- Resident Director National Democratic Institute For International Affairs (Sudan)

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

In addition, the Office of Career Services subscribes to a number of **online job publications**, which alumni are encouraged to check out. You may view numerous job listings in various fields, such as international development, human rights, public health, international security and others. These postings are in addition to the hundreds of positions listed in our online job database SIPALink. To access the online publications, click [here](#).

Join Columbia on LinkedIn

Network with over 9,500 Columbia alumni in this online community! Use your Columbia University e-mail address for immediate admission. For more information, click [here](#).

9/23/09 NYC: Robert Bosch Foundation Information Session

1:00-2:00pm in the OCS Conference Room (420) at SIPA (420 West 118th Street, NY, NY)
For more information, please contact Email: sipa_ocs@columbia.edu.

9/23/09 NYC: What's Your Next Journey? Career Change Webinar for Alumni

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. [Details](#).

9/24/09 NYC: Tele-seminar on Navigating Successfully Through Corporate Change

Do you feel frustrated in your corporate career? With all that's going on in the economy, downsizing, mergers, reorganizations, even day-to-day job demands can be daunting. Join career coach Maggie Mistal as she shares her insights and tips about how to navigate successfully through corporate change. More information is available [here](#).

10/7/09 NYC: Alfa Fellowship Program Information Session

1:00-2:00pm in the OCS Conference Room (420) at SIPA (420 West 118th Street, NY, NY)
For more information, please contact Email: sipa_ocs@columbia.edu.

Recent Alumni Events

8/27/09 Moscow: Columbia Club of Moscow Jazz Reception

The CU Club of Moscow organized a jazz session with Chris Washburne. [Details](#).

8/31/09 Conversation with Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph Stiglitz in Australia

The Columbia University Alumni Association of Australia and Columbia Alumni Association hosted a casual, intimate setting with Professor Stiglitz to exchange ideas about economics, the world, and Columbia. For more information, please click [here](#).

9/16/09 NYC: SIPA Alumni Networking Drinks in NYC

Over 100 Alumni met at the Boat Basin in New York City.

9/17/09 London: Evening Discussion on "American Radical: The Life and Times of I.F. Stone"

London Alumni met for an evening with CU alumnus D.D. Guttenplan (CC' 78), to discuss his newly authored book about the life of I.F. Stone, who was a critic of the emerging Cold War, an opponent of McCarthyism and a campaigner against racial discrimination.

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.

Mary Angelini (MIA 2000) writes, "After a brief stint consulting in the private sector, I've returned to the NGO world as the Vice President of Community and Humanitarian Assistance Programs at Counterpart International. Counterpart is a Virginia-based NGO with programs in about 25 countries. As VP, I'm managing a commodities delivery and humanitarian assistance portfolio with field staff in nine countries of the former Soviet Union and Sudan. I'm also taking the lead on evaluating our current program and identifying areas for strategic expansion, ideally drawing on the types of projects I managed for Peace Corps I look forward to reconnecting with some of my friends and former colleagues in the humanitarian assistance field as this effort takes shape."

Joshua Levine (MIA 2000, IF 1999) was recently named one of Institutional Investor News' 2009 Rising Stars of Hedge Fund. The awards program "recognizes up-and-coming professionals from across the hedge fund community who have achieved a demonstrable level of success in their careers to-date, have shown a commitment to continued growth and contributions to the industry, and are poised to evolve into leaders in their fields." Since 2007, Josh has worked at Permal Group, where his responsibilities include managing the institutional team, maintaining relations with consultants, executing investment mandates and ensuring that strategies continue to meet clients' needs.

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.

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