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## **Alumni eNews – April 2007**

### **Greetings Alumni!**

We are pleased to bring you the April edition of *SIPA Alumni eNews*, a monthly newsletter designed to highlight upcoming events at the University and update you on the many exciting developments at SIPA.

There are many ways to stay connected with SIPA in April! This month, we will host an **Alumni Reception in Boston**, the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinkins Forum**, and the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni-Student Networking Reception**. We hope you will join us.

Please **stay in touch** and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

Margaret Reynolds  
SIPA Director of Alumni Relations

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### **News at SIPA**

#### **Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize-Winning Iranian Activist To Speak at SIPA's Graduation Ceremony**

Shirin Ebadi, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient and human rights activist, will be the speaker at SIPA's graduation this year. Ebadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her significant and pioneering efforts in democracy and human rights, especially for the rights of women and children. The first Iranian and the first Muslim woman to receive the prize, she is well-known in Iran and around the world for the legal defense of victims of attacks on freedom of speech and other political freedoms.

#### **Fuchs, Buck-Luce, and Wolfe appointed to NYC Commission on Women's Issues**

Ester Fuchs, Professor of International and Public Affairs and Political Science, Carolyn Buck-Luce and Melinda Wolfe, Adjunct Professors of International and Public Affairs, have been appointed to the New York City Commission on Women's Issues. The full press release is available [online](#)

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### **Upcoming Events and Regional Activities –April**

**4/9:** SIPA Open House Alumni Career Panel and Cocktail Reception, from 5-7:30 p.m. in the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the International Affairs Building. This event is held to encourage interaction between admitted students and SIPA alumni, current students, faculty and administration. Click here to RSVP using the key word "Open House" or send an email to [sipaalum@columbia.edu](mailto:sipaalum@columbia.edu) for additional information.

**4/11:** Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize winner, author, faculty member, and Columbia University's chair of the Committee for Global Thought, will speak on "Building Bridges in International Development" at the Columbia Club of **New York** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details.

**4/16:** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual David Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum in the International Affairs Building, 15<sup>th</sup> floor from 1-5 p.m. This year's topic is "Wealth & Poverty in Global Cities," 15<sup>th</sup> floor from 1-5 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

**4/19:** The Third Annual NYC Alumni Reception and Career Networking Day. The alumni/student networking reception on April 19<sup>th</sup> is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Studio 450. For event logistics and more information on how to volunteer to host informational interviews [click here](#).

**4/23:** SIPA Alumni reception in **Boston** with Dean Anderson at The Four Seasons Hotel located at 200 Boylston Street from 6-8 p.m. [Click here](#) to RSVP for this event using the name "Boston" or send an email to [sipaalum@columbia.edu](mailto:sipaalum@columbia.edu).

**4/25:** "Off-Ramps and On-Ramps: Keeping Talented Women on the Road to Success" with Sylvia Ann Hewlett, author, founder and president of the Center for Work Life Policy; Lisa Anderson, Dean, SIPA; Jean E. Howard, Vice Provost for Diversity Initiatives; Mark Horney, Director, EMBA Career Services, Columbia Business School. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Save the Date!**

**6/5:** SIPA's Seventh Annual Global Leadership Dinner will take place on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Pierre Hotel in NYC. For more information, please call (212) 627 – 1000 or email [SIPA@resevt.com](mailto:SIPA@resevt.com).

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## **Highlights from Recent Events**

### **Third Annual EMPA Forum Homecoming a Success!**



On March 7, 2007, over 90 alumni, students, faculty and friends including Dean Anderson and William Eimicke gathered at the Columbia Club of New York to celebrate the Third Annual EMPA Forum Homecoming reunion. An evening of intellectual discussion, networking and fun was had by all! If you are interested in learning more about becoming a part of the EMPA Forum Board, please contact Kirsten Frivold at [Kirsten.Frivold@gs.com](mailto:Kirsten.Frivold@gs.com).

### **Civil Liberties, Islam and the Nexus Between the Struggle for Democracy and Iran's Nuclear Ambitions**

On March 7, 2007, The Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration and Religion (CDTR) and the Middle East Institute (MEI) presented a lecture entitled, "Civil Liberties, Islam and the Nexus Between the Struggle for Democracy and Iran's Nuclear Ambitions," with **Akbar Ganji**. Akbar Ganji is Iran's leading investigative journalist. He is the winner of the 2006 World Association of Newspapers' Golden Pen of Freedom Award and of the 2006 Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders. [Click here](#) to view his talk on realplayer.

### **Congressman Charles Rangel Speaks at SIPA**

On March 26<sup>th</sup> Congressman Charles Rangel joined a panel composed of Professors Merit Janow and Jagdish Bhagwati along with Harold McGraw III, Chairman, President, and CEO of the McGraw Hill

Companies to address a packed audience. They discussed U.S. trade policy and how trade negotiations fit into current debates in the Congress. Video of the event, along with video of other major events at SIPA, is available online in the rapidly growing SIPA multimedia archive:  
[http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news\\_events/multimedia/](http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/multimedia/)

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## Alumni Benefits

As part of the SIPA alumni network, you are eligible for many programs and services available to Columbia University graduates at Morningside Heights and the other campus locations in New York City and abroad. Highlighted below are a few of the many great alumni benefits available to you. [Click here](#) to learn more about all of the alumni resources and benefits.

### Columbia University Club of New York

Located at 15 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street in the heart of Midtown Manhattan, the Columbia University Club of New York offers membership to alumni, students, and faculty from all divisions of Columbia University. Some of the many wonderful benefits include, but are not limited to: the use of the recently renovated 50 rooms for overnight stays, a fully equipped athletic facility with two new international squash courts, stimulating lectures and discussions, inter-club events, and reciprocity at some of the finest clubs around the world. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Giving to SIPA

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There are many ways to demonstrate your support for SIPA and the education it provides. Through contributions to SIPA's annual fund, support for student fellowships, or participation in SIPA's annual benefit dinner, you can help to foster the link between academic excellence and the practice of public policy that makes SIPA unique. For more information about making a gift to SIPA, please refer to the following website: [http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about\\_sipa/giving\\_to\\_sipa.html](http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/about_sipa/giving_to_sipa.html)

### 2007 Class Gift Update: Celebrity Bar Night a Big Success!!

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Class of 2007 hosted their second annual Celebrity Bar Night with guest bartenders Dean Anderson, Professors Andrea Bubula, Filippo Taddei, Richard Betts, Robert Lieberman, and Associate Dean Sara Mason. The evening was a terrific success, raising over \$4,000 for this year's Class Gift, with wide participation among students, faculty, and staff. Special thanks go to SIPA's "Celebrity" Bartenders who helped contribute to the dollars raised by soliciting tips from admiring fans. With their help, the Class of '07 is well on their way to reaching their goal.

### Create a lasting contribution by making a donation today!

Visit: <https://wwwb.ais.columbia.edu/udar/UDARGiftForm.jsp>

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2. Select 'Annual Fund' for the purpose of your gift

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