

SIPA Student Group Events:

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Post CICR retreat: Open Space Convergence

Tuesday 24 Nov at 12.30pm, room 1512 IAB

CICR is happy to invite SIPA students to a follow up for the open space we did at the retreat which will deal with the same subject - how to promote Conflict Resolution at SIPA. The Open Space session we undertook during the retreat was all about Divergence and thinking broadly and creatively; this second stage is about Convergence, we will evaluate where we are in promoting ideas that came up in the first session, which ideas can be further promoted and how they can be implemented. We will be using the book of procedures of the first session - this should not prevent anyone who could not participate then from joining us now.

Please RSVP at das2190@columbia.edu

Event: What's Faith Got to Do with It? Religion as a Driving Force in Humanitarian Action

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: International Affairs Building, Room 1512

Contact: nar2120@columbia.edu

The Humanitarian Affairs Program at the School for International and Public Affairs presents a panel discussion on the role of religion as a driving force in humanitarian action.

If faith can be a strong motivation to provide humanitarian aid, will that affect the nature of the assistance given? How do religious values shape the governance and the programs of faith-based relief and development organizations? Does their work still evoke memories of the missionaries in the colonial era?

Panelists:

Christina Tobias-Nahi, Director of Public Affairs, Islamic Relief USA

Paul Mikov, Director and United Nations Representative, World Vision International

Paul Miller, Africa Team Leader and Policy Advisory, Catholic Relief Services

Ruth Messinger, President, American Jewish World Service

*Refreshments will be provided to ground the discussion.

Sponsored by the Humanitarian Affairs Program and co-sponsored by the Humanitarian Affairs Working Group at SIPA.

IAS Brown bag: "Challenges of the Return Process in Post-Conflict Northern Uganda"

Presented by Evalyne Achan, Columbia University Human Rights Advocate

Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2009

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Location: Knox Hall, Room 208

Evalyne Achan is one of nine human rights leaders currently in residence at Columbia University with the Human Rights Advocates Program (HRAP) at the Center for the Study of Human Rights. Evalyne is a field coordinator with CARE International (Gulu, Uganda), co-founder for Charity for Rural Development and vice chairperson of the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution. Her work with CARE International is to build the capacity of the government to implement peacebuilding projects modeled on the framework of the Peace, Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP) designed for Northern Uganda. By monitoring implementation of the PRDP, the project also aims to empower communities in the Amuru and Pader districts of Northern Uganda to hold their government accountable for the transparent and efficient provision of goods and services.

Prior to her appointment as a field coordinator, Evalyne worked for five years as a team leader/program officer for the Agency for Co-operation and Research in Development on issues of conflict, good governance, civic education, sexual and gender-based violence, and human rights programming and protection. Evalyne holds a Bachelor of Law (2001) from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda and a diploma in Conflict Transformation and Peace Building from the School for International Training in Vermont (2006).

Event: NYC Career Series: International Energy Management and Policy

Date: Monday, November 30, 2009

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: IAB 1512

Contact: sipa.nyc.career.series@columbia.edu

Whether you are a 1st year or 2nd year student, come and learn about career paths and potential opportunities in International Energy Management and Policy. The New York City Career Series is organized by the SIPA Office of Career Services (OCS) as a means to inform students about career paths and potential job/internship opportunities in the New York area.

Featured speakers for this panel are from: Endurant Energy, GE Capital, Neuberger Berman and Public Service Enterprise Group.

Sign up on SIPALink. Business attire.

Event: Immigration Reform in 2009: On the Agenda or Falling Behind?

Date: Tuesday, December 1

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Contact: Diana Rodriguez, dcr2135@columbia.edu

Come join LASA and the Migration Working Group in a panel discussion on the prospects of immigration reform in 2009

Applications for spring 2009 are being accepted for the Kraft Family Fund for Intercultural and Interfaith Awareness and the Office of the University Chaplain Co-Sponsorship Fund.

The Kraft Family Fund Intercultural and Interfaith Awareness Fund

The Kraft Family Fund supports collaborative efforts between recognized student groups at Columbia University to promote intercultural and interfaith understanding on campus during the academic year. The Kraft Fund seeks to provide students with timely and appropriate venues for exploring controversial issues and resolving conflicts in a manner that promotes greater understanding among Columbia University students of diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

- Requires two or more recognized Columbia University/Barnard College cultural and/or faith-based student groups working collaboratively
- Recognized student groups must schedule a brief meeting with Office of the University Chaplain staff at least 72 hours before the deadline in order to review their proposal
- All aspects of the program must take place on the Columbia University campus
- Deadline: Noon on Friday, December 11, 2009
- Questions: kraftfund@columbia.edu

The Office of the University Chaplain Co-Sponsorship Fund

The Office of the University Chaplain Co-Sponsorship Fund is available to recognized Columbia University undergraduate, graduate, and professional student groups whose programs explore issues of religion, spirituality, race, ethnicity, sexual identity, gender, social justice or community service.

- Priority will be given new initiatives
- First-time, innovative programs are especially encouraged.
- All aspects of the program must take place on the Columbia University campus
- Deadline: Noon on Friday, December 11, 2009
- Questions: commonmeal@columbia.edu

For additional information and an application, visit us online www.columbia.edu/cu/earl or call 212.854.4194.