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IDPSA Friday Forum

US Foreign Assistance and the Obama Administration: The challenges lying ahead

Friday, February 6th, 5:00 to 6:30
SIS Lounge

Watch the ListServ for more information
www.idpsa.org



Interested in Contributing?

Have something to say?

We are looking to re-work the DevNet and are interested in your thoughts.

Send us editorials or comments on any development or world events topics that interest you. Please send submissions to idpdevnet@yahoo.com

Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Accomplishments and Open Questions *Thursday, February 5, 12:00 – 1:00 pm*
6th Floor Board Room, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Hosted by The Woodrow Wilson Center's History and Public Policy Program, in cooperation with the East European Studies Program

Andrei Marga, rector of the Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, and also a former Romanian minister of education, will analyze the evolution of the democracies in Central and Eastern Europe, focusing upon the case of Romania. Viewing democratization as a systemic process, Marga will identify current problems and suggest new avenues for the development of democracy in the region. Marga has authored numerous volumes on political science, political philosophy, and the philosophy of history. His lectures encompass a wide range of topics from the philosophic foundations of the transition from communism to a market economy to the evolution of principles guiding European integration. In 2005, Andrei Marga received the Herder Prize in recognition of his contribution in the sphere of European cultural relations.

Mircea Munteanu is the Program Associate at the History and Public Policy Program and the Cold War International History Project. He is a graduate of GWU's Elliott School of International Affairs with an MA in Security Studies. Currently, he is working on a dissertation on Romania's foreign policy in the Cold War.

To RSVP please visit: www.wilsoncenter.org/happ

SIS Student-Alumni Networking Reception *Thursday, February 5th, 7:00 - 8:30pm*

University Club, MGC 3 & 4

This is an opportunity for SIS students, alumni, faculty, staff and employers to meet, share career information and network. Are you an employer with job information? Are you job-hunting? Would you like to share your knowledge and experience in the job-market with current SIS students? Do you enjoy coming to campus to see old friends? Please take a moment and register below.

If you are job seeking or career networking, this is your registration link:

<https://american-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php?s=event&ss=cf&>

Questions? Please contact Pat Oltman in the Career Center: poltman@american.edu

China into Africa: New Research on Chinese Influence in Africa and What It Means for the Continent—and U.S. Foreign Policy, *Thursday, February 5, 2:00pm—3:45pm*

Center for Global Development, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC

The recently published *China into Africa: Trade, Aid, and Influence* sheds new light on the well studied but still poorly understood emerging relationship by drawing in the perspectives of African, Chinese, and American scholars. Robert Rotberg, volume editor, argues that China's current thrust into sub-Saharan Africa promises to do more for economic growth and poverty alleviation there than anything attempted by Western colonialism or the massive initiatives of the international lending agencies and other donors. Chapter author Wenran Jiang explores China's strategic interests, particularly its focus on energy, and concludes that China and the West both have an interest in cooperating to facilitate geopolitical stability. Both authors will also discuss challenges of the new U.S. administration to respond effectively to Chinese engagement in the continent, including partnership on donor assistance and tackling the toughest cases in Somalia, Zimbabwe, and Sudan.

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Job/Internship Opportunities

More event information is available on the IDPSA List Serve

All ID Master's Students should subscribe to the IDPSA and ID Program listserv. Please email idsis@american.edu with your full name and email address to subscribe.

Upcoming Events

Peacebuilding and Development Summer Institute Information Sessions

- Will you be prepared for your job search?
- Can you translate theory to practice?
- Are you getting enough out of your courses?
- Do you have a professional network?

If you want to be able to answer "yes" then come to our information session.

Past participants will discuss the many benefits of participation in the Peacebuilding and Development Summer Institute including:

- Acquisition of valuable practical and communication skills
- Access to practitioners and resources from around the world
- Development of international friendships that may benefit your study and career opportunities
- And much more...

Drinks and light refreshments will be provided at both sessions.

Information Session Times and Locations:

Monday February 2, 2009
8:15 – 9:15 PM
Clark Hall (behind Library)
Conference Room

Tuesday February 3, 2009
11:00 – 2:00 PM
SIS Lounge

For more information please visit our website:

<http://www.american.edu/sis/peacebuilding/index.htm>

For questions please contact:

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JOBS

CONSULTANT: LITERATURE REVIEW FOR PLATFORM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2010

The year 2010, marking the 20th anniversary of the launch of the first UNDP Human Development Report (HDR), provides the United Nations with an important opportunity to engage with civil society on future perspectives on human development. The well being and empowerment of citizens is at the heart of the UN's human development mission. The year 2010 is thus also an opportunity for UNDP to mobilize civil society and other stakeholders in an outward looking multilateralism that engages civil society and fosters civic engagement in the cause of human development.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide an overview of broad trends in the debate on the new multilateralism
- Identify the different schools of thought and a story line emerging in the debate
- Suggest themes on which UNDP may commission papers
- Provide a strong bibliography

Competencies

- Strong understanding of international development issues and civil society and civic engagement
- Ability to organize and interpret data and present findings in both oral and written form
- Plans and produces quality results to meet established goals
- Generates innovative, practical solutions to challenging situations
- Ability to meet deadlines in a timely fashion

Required Skills and Experience

- Proven knowledge of international development trends, United Nations and multilateralism, and civil society perspectives, in developed and developing countries
- Demonstrated writing skills in English
- Strong research and analysis abilities

For more information go to:

http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?job_id=8450