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Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007

Birgit Brock-Utne

“Women Protesting Against War, Writing and Acting for Peace”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Co-sponsored by OSU Women in Development

Birgit Brock-Utne is a Professor of Education and Development and Director of the M.Phil. in Comparative and International Education at the University of Oslo. Her research interests include peace education from a gender perspective, education in Africa, language in education, higher education in Africa and donor influence on education in the developing world. Brock-Utne is author of Educating for Peace (Pergamon Press 1985; translated into Korean, Italian and Norwegian), Feminist Perspectives on Peace and Peace Education (Pergamon Press 1989) and Whose Education for All? (Falmer Press 2000; reprinted by africanabooks.org 2006). Read more and RSVP

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007

Undergraduate Research Forum

“Recipe for Success: Basic Ingredients for Undergraduate Research”
3:30 p.m., Page Hall Policy Forum, 1810 College Road

Co-sponsored by Undergraduate Research Office

Undergraduates are invited to join a panel of Mershon Center professors for an interdisciplinary discussion on the basic ingredients of a good undergraduate research project. Panel members will cite examples of good undergraduate research projects and address such questions as: How do you develop good research questions? What types of methodologies should you use in your research? What foundation do you need to have before undertaking a research project? What theories and facts do you need to know? What classes do you need to take? How can undergraduates work with the Institutional Review Board? How can undergraduates make connections with faculty members? Read more and RSVP

Friday, Nov. 16, 2007

Struggle for the Soul of Islam: Inside Indonesia
Film and discussion
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Islam in Indonesia has a centuries-old tradition of being tolerant, compassionate, and inclusive. Despite this history of pluralism and moderation, in recent years Indonesia has become both a target and breeding ground for Islamic militants. The bombing of two night clubs in Bali in October 2002 was a stunning wake-up call that Al Qaeda-style terrorism had spread to Southeast Asia. Paradoxically, the coming of democracy to Indonesia in 1998 was a factor in the rise of Islamist violence and terrorism. The new democratic freedoms allowed Muslim militants who had fled the country to return and rekindle their movement. **Struggle for the Soul of Islam: Inside Indonesia** explores this conflict between Indonesia’s long tradition of tolerance and the dramatic rise of fundamentalist forces. The film runs for 58 minutes, with a discussion afterward moderated by resident Mershon Indonesia expert Bill Liddle. [Read more](#)

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**Other events**

*Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007*

**Tom O’Donnell**

“The Global Political Economy of Oil and the ‘New Nationalism’”
5:30 p.m., Mendenhall Labs Room 100, 125 S Oval Mall

*Sponsored by the Middle East Studies Center, Center for Latin American Studies, and Center for International Business Education Research (CIBER)*

Tom O’Donnell will be a U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Venezuela beginning January 2008. He is also a graduate of The New School Program in International Affairs. He has been Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, with appointments in the Center for Middle East and North African Studies; Science, Technology and Society Program; Michigan Center for Theoretical Physics; and Residential College. O’Donnell makes frequent presentations on global oil trade, energy technologies, and their role in world politics.

*Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007*

**International Photography Exhibition Opening Reception**
5:30 p.m., Bricker Hall First Floor Lobby, 190 N. Oval Mall

*Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs*

The 7th Annual International Photography Exhibition displays the winning photographs of the 7th Annual International Photography Contest. Winning photos are on display from three categories: People, Places, and OSU Spirit. All the photographs were taken outside the United States by current Ohio State faculty, staff, students and visiting scholars. The exhibit will from until Dec. 31, 2007, or later.

*Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007*

**Peter Materu**

“Higher Education for Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction in Africa”
Noon, Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center, 153 W. 12th Ave.
Sponsored by the Center for African Studies

**Peter Materu** is a Senior Education Specialist in the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he focuses on tertiary education in Africa. He joined the World Bank in 2000, initially with the African Virtual University project. Prior to that, Materu was a Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where he later served as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and as Director for Postgraduate Studies. A light lunch will be served. For more information, contact cas@osu.edu or 292-8169.

*Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007*

**Connie Schultz**
Barbara K. Fergus Women in Leadership Lecture
4 p.m., Weigel Hall Auditorium, 1866 College Road
Sponsored by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs

**Connie Schultz** won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 2005 as a columnist for The Plain Dealer in Cleveland. In June 2007 Schultz published *...and His Lovely Wife: A Memoir from the Woman Beside the Man*, which chronicles her experiences on the campaign trail with Sen. Sherrod Brown, her husband. In 2003, she was a Pulitzer finalist and won the Robert F. Kennedy Award for social justice reporting for her series “The Burden of Innocence,” which chronicled the ordeal of Michael Green, who served 13 years in prison for a rape he did not commit. Don’t miss this informative and engaging speaker’s look at life on the political trail. Reservations are required. Please visit http://glennschool.osu.edu/schultzlecture.php by November 8, 2007.

*Friday, Nov. 16, 2007*

**International Scholar Research Exposition Opening Reception**
5:30 p.m., Bricker Hall Second Floor Lobby, 190 N. Oval Mall
Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs

**2nd Annual International Scholar Research Exposition** showcases some of the world-class research being undertaken by a few of the almost 900 international visiting scholars currently at The Ohio State University, and recognizes their presence on campus and the significant contribution they make to Ohio State and the global community. President E. Gordon Gee will make a few comments, present certificates to international scholars showcasing their research posters, and have a few photographs taken with the international scholars. The exposition will run until Dec. 31, 2007, or later.

**Chinese trade delegation to visit**

The China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) is the most important arbitration institution in China. CIETAC independently and impartially resolves economic and trade disputes by means of arbitration and mediation. Since it began in 1956, CIETAC has administered more than 10,000 international arbitration cases. More than 700 cases are filed each year, most of which are international. CIETAC arbitration is marked by its unique combination of arbitration with mediation, which not only resolves disputes, but also renews positive business and personal relations between the parties.
On Thursday, December 6, a 13-member delegation from CIETAC will conduct a seminar on International Commercial Arbitration in China from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. Third St. Among those speaking are Dong Songgen, Vice Chairman of CIETAC and Vice Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), and Yu Jianlong, Vice Chairman and Secretary General of CIETAC.

On Friday, December 7, the delegation will attend a reception for leaders, faculty, staff and students at The Ohio State University at 4:30 p.m. at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave. For more information, please see the event web page.

Ohio State high in international exchange
The Ohio State University ranks as one of the nation’s top public universities for the number of students studying abroad and for its international student enrollment. Ohio State is ranked 10th among the nation’s research institutions with 1,858 students studying abroad and 12th among all U.S. universities in hosting international students, with 4,345 students representing 113 nations.

These findings were issued as part of the Open Doors 2007 report, an annual survey published by the Institute of International Education. It is the first time that Ohio State’s Study Abroad program has made the Top 10 list. Ohio State also ranked 6th nationally among research institutions, with 955 students studying abroad for at least one quarter or more.

The most popular destinations for Ohio State students include the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Australia, China, and Brazil. International students at Ohio State are from 113 different countries, including China (806), Korea (687), India (673), Taiwan (232), and Japan (101).

The data presented in the annual Open Doors report are obtained each year through surveys sent to more than 2,800 accredited U.S. institutions. Separate surveys are conducted for international scholars and U.S. study abroad programs. The Institute of International Education has conducted an annual census of international students in the United States since its founding in 1919.

The annual report is released as part of the nationwide observance of International Education Week, held Nov. 12-16. At Ohio State, the week is celebrated with activities promoted by the Office of International Affairs. For more information, see http://oia.osu.edu/

Middle East Studies Center FLAS Fellowships
The Middle East Studies Center at The Ohio State University is seeking applications for fellowships for Summer Quarter 2008 and Academic Year 2008-09 under the U. S. Department of Education’s Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program. Languages for which awards will be made through MESC are Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish. Please note: the awarding of FLAS fellowships is dependent upon the availability of U.S. Dept. of Education Title VI funding. Deadline: February 1, 2008.

For details and application procedures, see http://mesc.osu.edu/procedures.htm
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