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Coming up at the Mershon Center

Friday, March 14, 2008

Online Consultation and Public Policy Making: Democracy, Identity, and New Media

Organized by Peter Shane and Stephen Coleman

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Barrister Club, Moritz College of Law, 25 W. 11th Ave.



The Internet now offers the world an unprecedented capacity to foster the sharing of information and to facilitate sustained, many-to-many communication. The networking of citizens with their governments, with each other, and with the organs of civil society has created new opportunities for popular engagement in the public sphere. The **International Conference on Online Consultation and Public Policy Making: Democracy, Identity, and New Media** will feature researchers

from Australia, England, France, Israel, Italy, Korea and Slovenia, as well as the United States, addressing a variety of e-democracy issues from a diverse interdisciplinary background and both theoretical and applied research. [Read more and RSVP](#)

Other events

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Adrienne Germain

"A New Global Agenda for Girls' and Women's Health and Rights"

11:30 a.m., The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.

Sponsored by the [Columbus Council on World Affairs](#)

Since her pioneering work in the 1970s, **Adrienne Germain** has reshaped global policy on women's health and rights. Under her leadership, the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) has built partnerships to promote and protect sexual and reproductive rights and health. For over 20 years, IWHC's policy analysis, advocacy, and direct support to local organizations working in Africa, Asia and Latin America have improved the lives of women and girls. A skilled strategist and negotiator on U.S. government delegations to world conferences on population, women, and development from 1993 to 2000, Germain helped revolutionize the way the world views population policy by making women's health and rights central. She continues to advise governments on policy and program implementation, most

notably on empowering women and girls against HIV through With Women Worldwide: A Compact to End HIV/AIDS, supported by more than 260 organizations. At this lecture, Germain will present IWHC's four-point agenda for the next U.S. administration to consider in addressing the most challenging global health and rights issues. Please [click here to register online securely](#). For questions, call Clare Kirlin at 614-229-4599, ext. 401.

Fulbright workshops for faculty

The Office of International Affairs is hosting a Fulbright Workshop for faculty and professionals on Friday, March 28, from 1-3:30 p.m. in 155 Jennings Hall. This free workshop will highlight lecturing and research opportunities available in 150 countries. Workshop participants will get advice on which country to apply for, meet other successful Ohio State Faculty Fulbright recipients, and learn how to prepare the Fulbright application. Council for International Exchange of Scholars Assistant Director Muriel Joffe will deliver a special Fulbright presentation. Ohio State Fulbright recipients Kirk Denton and Karl Danneberger will share their Fulbright application experience. RSVP for the workshop and reception at fulbrightscholars@oia.osu.edu by Friday, March 21. For more details visit <http://fulbright.osu.edu>.

Funding for undergraduate research

Faculty who work with undergraduates are encouraged to tell their students about a new funding opportunity. Twelve students will get paid \$3,500 to conduct 10 weeks of full-time, independent research with an Ohio State faculty member this summer. Applications will be accepted through Monday, April 7, and are available online at the [Undergraduate Reserch Office website](#). For more information, contact Helene Cweren at cweren.1@osu.edu.

Featured group: Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

Celebrating its 50th year in 2008, the **Weatherhead Center for International Affairs** is the largest international research center within Harvard University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Its vision is to confront the world condition "where a nation's level of life or survival may depend as much on the actions of other countries as on its own."

The center emphasizes supplementing individual academic research with sustained intellectual dialogue among scholars, practitioners, and students. To stimulate intellectual interaction, the center sponsors a wide array of seminars, research programs, workshops, and conferences. This year, it will support eight conferences and 30 seminar series.

Funding is provided for both faculty and student research. Endowments from the Ford, Dillon, Huntington, Mackenzie King, and Weatherhead foundations allow faculty, both within and outside Harvard, to engage in individual and group projects. The Weatherhead Foundation and the Hartley R. Rogers family allow the center to provide extensive research opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students, including pre- and post- doctoral fellowships, thesis research, workshops, language study opportunities, and affiliations for graduate students and recent Ph.D. recipients.

A working paper series highlights the research of current Weatherhead affiliates, and selected papers are available for download at the website at <http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu>. Some titles include "Can Policy Influence Culture? Theory and Evidence from Looking at the Minimum Wage-Unionization Rate Trade-off" and "Social Capital and Migration: How Do Similar Resources Lead to Divergent Outcomes?" The bi-annual newsletter, *Centerpiece*, features undergraduate research projects and a photo essay celebrating the past 50 years of the center's activities.

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