

Political Science and International Relations



DATES AND DEADLINES

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SHIBLEY TELHAMI

On Monday, September 23rd in the CSB Auditorium, University of Maryland Professor Shibley Telhami will talk about the ongoing attempt to ground a sustainable peace in the Middle East. Come hear Professor Telhami and join us at a reception following his remarks.

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COURSE INCOMPLETES

This is the last day to submit work for a course graded incomplete during the Spring or Summer semesters

WEDNESDAYS

POLI SCI/IR CLUB

The club meets weekly at 6:00pm in SUB 407.

11 September, 2013

Constitution Day



Constitution Day is September 17th, and this year the department is sponsoring an event on the War Powers clause of the U.S. Constitution (Art. 1, Sect. 8, Clause 11). Join Professor Nancy Kassop for a screening and discussion of a star-studded moot court where constitutional scholars argue a hypothetical war powers case of a president who wishes to keep US troops in a military action after Congress has passed House and Senate resolutions ordering him to withdraw the troops - and the president defies Congress.

Members of Congress then challenge the president's defiance in court, and in the screening lawyers for each side (president and Congress) present arguments with questions from the judges.

So, you'll get to see a war powers scenario as well as a full debate over the roles of Congress, the president and the courts on questions of the use of military force.

The event will be held on *Monday, September 16th from 7-9pm in LC 104*. We hope to see you there.

CONFERENCE

65TH ANNUAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON U.S. AFFAIRS (SCUSA)

This is a major annual conference hosted by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Approximately 200 undergraduates from across the country attend.

The theme of this year's conference is "Navigating Demographic Flows: Populations, Power, and Policy." It will investigate the current direction and velocity of demographic trends across regions and then determine how US policy might manage these trends into the future to best advance US interests.

The conference runs from 30 October to 2 November, and all costs except for transportation (to and from West Point) are born by West Point and SUNY New Paltz. The Poli Sci/IR Department will nominate *one* student for this event. If you're interested submit a one-page letter of interest along with a resume to Jeff Miller



Information Meeting Model EU and EU Study Mission

Professor Kathleen Dowley will hold two information sessions for interested students: Thursday, September 12th in HUM 214, and Friday September 13th in HUM 114.

Off Campus: Volunteer Saturdays of Service

Saturdays of Service (SoS) is a new program for fall 2013 and will provide students with an opportunity to volunteer in the Hudson Valley community over the course of one semester in a FUN and meaningful way. This semester-long initiative gives students the opportunity to take part in a number of volunteer, social, and educational activities to better the community and themselves.

Application: Complete your application now! Among other items, the application requires a resume and detailed answers to seven application questions. Additional information and an application can be found at <http://>

www.newpaltz.edu/careers/sosfall2013application.pdf

Volunteer sites: 1) Queen's Galley in Kingston, NY 2) Brook Farm Project in New Paltz, NY 3) The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY (tentative).

Deadline: All applications must be turned in to the Career Resource Center (HUM 105) no later than Friday, September 20th. Interviews will be scheduled beginning the following week. This program is competitive and selective; space is limited to no more than 15 students.

Additional details: Open to matriculated, full-time, undergraduate students in good academic standing at SUNY New Paltz. The program is free and all costs related to transportation, meals, and service materials will be covered for the duration of the program

For further information or questions please contact Erica Wagner, Service Learning Coordinator, at wagnere@newpaltz.edu.

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