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Study Abroad: CICS Presents Study Abroad Program in Istanbul

Following the successful Central and Southeastern Europe summer abroad programs, CICS is expanding its scope to include Turkey and the world of the Eastern Mediterranean. The New Program will be hosted by one of Turkey’s most prestigious universities, Istanbul Bilgi University. Formerly known as Constantinople, the seat of both the Byzantine (330 A.D. to 1453) and Ottoman Empires (1453 to 1923), Istanbul maintains its important position as the commercial and cultural center of the Republic of Turkey to this day. Situated between the Balkans, the Caucasus region, and the Arab countries, Istanbul is the center for students wishing to undertake a study of the region and its rich history.

The six-week program “Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean World: Civilizations, Societies, Cultures” will offer two courses. The first, “Istanbul: City and Civilization in the Eastern Mediterranean World,” will cover the major historical civilizations of the region. The course will provide an in-depth examination of the cultural, social, and political institutions of the various peoples and trace their development. Lectures at Bilgi University will be accompanied by study tours to Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman and contemporary Turkish sites pertaining to the lectures.

A second course, titled “Islam and the West,” will examine Islam by situating it in a nexus of Western conceptual categories, including: multiculturalism, colonialism, orientalism, occidentalism, imperialism, modernization, post-colonialism, post-communism, and globalization. The course will provide students with an understanding of the social context of Islam by examining relevant topics in the history of the Ottoman Empire and drawing comparisons with Muslim societies, stretching from Andalusia to Indonesia. The Ottoman Empire, by virtue of its geographical position, power, and prestige as the defender of the Islamic Caliphate, was a key player of both interaction and confrontation with the West. It is therefore especially appropriate to consider the relation of Islam and the West by looking at this multicultural city at the meeting point of two civilizations.

More information about our summer study abroad programs may be obtained by contacting Rita Koryan at r-koryan@northwestern.edu, and by visiting http://www.cics.northwestern.edu/pages/content/Istanbul_Turkey

CICS Launches Working Paper Series

In a new initiative to support and promote discussion of current research on international and comparative issues, this year CICS is launching a Working Paper Series. The papers will be written by Center affiliates or presented at CICS Conferences and Working Groups. They will be published on the CICS website and in printed form. CICS Associate Director, Brian Hanson said, “There is so much rich and important research on international and comparative topics being done on campus. The Working Paper series is intended to create a forum in which these ideas can be captured and made accessible to interested scholarly and policy making communities on campus and in the wider world. We intend for the Working Paper Series to reflect the broad and interdisciplinary nature of international and comparative studies at Northwestern, which reaches across many disciplines and schools here on campus.” CICS invites submissions to the series by faculty affiliates, graduate student affiliates, visiting scholars, and associates of the Center. Please direct manuscripts to Brian Hanson (bhanson@northwestern.edu).
Ethnic conflicts are some of the most important security threats facing the world today. Such conflicts often produce vicious wars and massive human rights violations for those directly involved. For the world at large these conflicts can lead to the collapse of states, the rise of extremist politics, uncontrolled flows of refugees and weapons, and the conditions for producing terrorists capable of acting anywhere in the world. Given that there are more than 5,000 different ethnic groups but only 185 nation-states in the world, multi-ethnic states and the likelihood of conflict between ethnic groups will continue to be a central, and dangerous feature of international politics. There is a pressing need to develop better understanding of the effectiveness of various policy approaches for managing and resolving these conflicts, and recognizing when each approach is most likely to succeed.

CICS and the Keyman Family Program in Modern Turkish Studies at Northwestern will host a one-day conference that will focus on the model of Cyprus to examine internationally recognized and enforced partition as a possible strategy for managing and resolving ethnic conflicts. Some of the key questions that will provide the broad framework for the conference include the following:

1) In situations of ethnic conflict, does partitioning and then policing the contending communities provide for an effective long-term solution?  
2) Why did the International Community abandon this solution in favor of a policy of promoting integration?  
3) Can we identify particular conditions in which a policy of separation could produce positive results?  
4) Conversely, under what conditions would such a plan exacerbate existing tensions and even provide for a precedent that could be used to justify aggression?”

In the case of Cyprus, the United Nations and the International Community at large, have accepted the partition of the two communities as an acceptable state of affairs. Even though the status quo falls short of the ideal, the Greek and the Turkish Cypriots have been able to enjoy a period of stability by virtue of being separated. What we want to think about is whether the cooling-off period provided by this separation has laid the groundwork for a permanent solution whereby Greek and Turkish Cypriots could live together. We also wish to examine the negative consequences of the partition in the economic, cultural, and social spheres on Cyprus.

The conference will also compare the Cyprus case with important contemporary cases of ethnic conflict to determine the extent to which the policy lessons from Cyprus could or should be applied elsewhere. Thus, for example, we will consider the situation in Kosovo where the international community has insisted that separation and de facto partition are unacceptable, a position that has produced different (though not obviously better or worse) consequences for the local ethnic communities in the short and medium term.

Participants (in alphabetical order)

Georgi Derluguian, Professor, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.

Mari Fitzduff, Professor of Coexistence and Director of the Master’s Program in Intercommunal Coexistence, Brandeis University.

Dilip Gaonkar, Professor, MSC Managerial, Associate Professor, Communication Studies.

Enver Hasani, Professor of Law and International Relations, University of Pristina, Visiting Scholar, Center for International and Comparative Studies.

Mete Hatay, Project Leader, Cyprus Center, International Peace Research Institution, Oslo (PRIO).

Ian Hurd, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University.

Chaim Kaufmann, Associate Professor, International Relations, Lehigh University.

William Reno, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University.

Nicholas Sambanis, Assistant Professor of Political Science & Associate Director, United Nations Studies, Department of Political Science, Yale University.

Andrew Wachtel, Dean, The Graduate School, Bertha and Max Dressler Professor in the Humanities, Director, Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University.

Birol Yesilada, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, Contemporary Turkish Studies Endowed Chair, Portland State University.
Nader Hashemi (Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Science)
Nader Hashemi (Ph.D., Toronto University) is an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Political Science. This year he will be teaching two courses on the politics of the Middle East (Fall semester) and relationship between Islam and democracy (Winter semester). He recently completed his doctoral dissertation at the University of Toronto entitled: “Rethinking the Relationship Between Religion, Secularism and Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies.” His research interests include, but are not limited to, the relationship between religion and politics, the history of political thought (both Western and Eastern), democratization and its discontents in the Middle East/Islamic world and the politics of religious fundamentalism.

Ausma Khan (Visiting Professor, Political Science)
Ausma Khan has a Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Canada. For several years she worked in the field of immigration law, but her dissertation work was on the fall of Srebrenica, Bosnia and the failure of humanitarian intervention, with a specific focus on political will as a normative linchpin. Her research interests include international criminal law (the Balkan war crimes trials), international human rights protection and the new ‘Responsibility to Protect’ doctrine. Ausma Khan will be teaching two courses in the fall quarter: The International Politics of Human Rights and International Human Rights Law.

James Mahoney (Associate Professor, Political Science)
James Mahoney (Ph.D. 1997, University of California, Berkeley) arrives from Brown University to begin as associate professor of political science and sociology. He is a comparative-historical researcher with interests in national development, political regimes, and qualitative methodology. Mahoney is the author of The Legacies of Liberalism: Path Dependence and Political Regimes in Central America (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001) and coeditor of Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences (Cambridge University Press, 2003). His work also includes articles on political and socioeconomic development in Latin America, path dependence in historical sociology, and causal inference in small-N analysis. Mahoney is currently president of the Qualitative Methods section (American Political Science Association).

J. Andrew Grant
J. Andrew Grant is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellow. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science at Dalhousie University in 2005. From April to June 2003, Grant was an intern at the Campaign for Good Governance in Freetown, Sierra Leone. His primary research project will analyze how the interplay between global governance and national governance impacts diamond mining as a strategy for improving human security and development prospects in West Africa. Grant’s other research interests include global governance initiatives on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and the political economy of formal and informal regionalism and regionalization processes. He is co-editor (with Fredrik Söderbaum) of The New Regionalism in Africa (Ashgate, 2003). Grant is also a Research Fellow with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University. He will be staying for the course of the entire academic year here at CICS and can be reached at: andrew@northwestern.edu.

Dilek Barlas
Dilek Barlas received her Ph.D. in 1993 from the University of Chicago. Professor Barlas is an Associate Professor of History at Koc University in Istanbul, Turkey, where she teaches courses on Turkish History, the History of the Balkan Countries, European History, and History of Ideologies. During her yearlong stay here at NU, Professor Barlas will be working on her new book on “Turkish Diplomacy in the Balkans and in the Mediterranean,” especially from the Republic’s Foundation until the Second World War. Her previous book was published in 1998 under the title: “Etatism and Diplomacy in Turkey, 1929-1939: Economic and Foreign Policy Strategies in an Uncertain World.” In addition, Professor Barlas has written a number of articles on Turkish diplomatic and military history. Professor Barlas can be reached at: dbarlas@ku.edu.tr.

CICS Visiting Scholar Program Expands
As part of our efforts to strengthen long term intellectual and research relationships between Northwestern faculty and scholars from around the world, CICS has expanded its Visiting Scholar program for the 2005-2006 academic year. Over the course of the year, CICS will host a total of 12 Visiting Scholars in residence from around the world. We encourage you to look at the profiles below and contact visitors with whom you have common research interests. Visiting scholars will also be presenting their current research in the CICS Faculty and Fellows Colloquium series throughout the year. For more information about the CICS Visiting Scholar program, please see our website: www.cics.northwestern.edu/pages/content/visiting_scholars/
New Faculty Con’t

Marcus Moseley (Visiting Professor, Jewish Studies)

Marcus Moseley has just completed a book, now in print at Stanford University Press, Being For Myself Alone: Origins of Jewish Autobiography, for which he a Koret Foundation publication award in 2004. He convened and chaired the editorial committee for this volume, Awakening Lives: Autobiographies of Jewish Youth in Poland before the Holocaust (2002), to which he also contributed an introduction. He is now working on revising and editing the manuscript of his next book, From People of the Book to Literary Nation: On the Emergence of Literature in Jewish Eastern Europe. In the coming academic year he will be offering the following courses at Northwestern: “Versions of the Self: Theories of Autobiography” (graduate level); “An Introduction to Yiddish Literature in English Translation”; “An Introduction to Hebrew Literature in English Translation”; “Messianism, Mysticism and Magic in Jewish Literature”.

Seamas O’Driscoll (Assistant Professor, Slavic Languages and Literatures)

Seamas O’Driscoll (Ph.D., Harvard University) is a College Fellow and Assistant Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. He is currently working on a book based on his Harvard dissertation entitled “Invisible Forces: Capitalism and the Russian Literary Imagination.” His research examines the interaction between political economy and fiction-making in Western Europe and Russia. For the past four years he has been actively involved in New Economic Criticism in both Europe and the United States, co-chairing the 2004 Critical Exchanges conference at Northwestern. He is currently editing two volumes exploring economic criticism in the context of Central and Eastern European culture and literature. In the coming academic year he will be teaching a Freshman seminar entitled “Money, Sex and Power: Crime and Criminality in Fiction and Film” as well as a course on Russian comedy.

Sarah Pearseall (Assistant Professor, History)

Sarah M. S. Pearseall (Ph.D., Harvard University) is a historian of early America, with special interests in early modern North Atlantic and Caribbean history. She is especially concerned with the interconnections between Atlantic and Caribbean Anglophone colonization, settlement, and revolution in the early modern era, and issues of gender, the family, sexuality, and the household. She is currently completing a book, based on her Harvard dissertation (2001), tentatively entitled Atlantic Exchanges: Fractured Families in the Age of the American Revolution which uses transatlantic family letters to demonstrate the myriad ways in which families reflected, dealt with and, in some cases, contributed to the enormous dislocations engendered by the growth and rupturing of an eighteenth-century Anglophone Atlantic world. Her next project, provisionally entitled ‘More Wives Than One’: Early American Polygamy, 1600-1840, traces the means by which the marital structure of polygyny, and the place and labor of women, became enmeshed with cultural and racial critiques in various locations of the Atlantic (and the Mediterranean and Pacific) worlds. This year, she will be teaching a graduate seminar in early American history, as well as undergraduate courses on “Atlantic Encounters in the Long Eighteenth Century” and “Early American Captivity Narratives.”

Visiting Scholars Con’t

Alvaro Nascimento received his Ph.D. in Social History at UNICAMP, São Paulo, Brazil, in 2002. His research focused on the Sailors’ Revolt in Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro City, in the year 1910. He is currently working on two projects. The first involves research on Afro-Brazilian history in Brazil’s post-emancipation era. Labor, livelihood, music, dance, and religion help Dr. Nascimento to better understand the lives of black men and women in this under-studied period. The second project looks at pluralism within specific communities, and how these communities perceive difference within themselves. The Serrinha community, in Rio’s impoverished Madureira neighborhood, provides the setting for Dr. Nascimento’s research, more specifically, he focuses on the relationship between people and Jongo, a particular dance form and ritual developed during the age of slavery. A Rockefeller Foundation Visiting Fellow during 2005, Dr. Nascimento will be working on his project: ‘Jongo and Serrinha: dance, social risk and economic ascension in a poor community” during this academic year’s stay at CICS. Dr. Nascimento can be reached at: a-nascimento@northwestern.edu.

Igor Stiks is a Ph.D. candidate at the Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and at Northwestern University (dual Ph.D. program in Intercultural and International Studies jointly offered by Northwestern University and Sciences Po). He is also a research fellow at the Center for International and Comparative Studies (NU). He studied Philosophy and Comparative Literature at the University of Zagreb and obtained his M.A. in Political Philosophy at the University Paris VIII. He is preparing a dissertation on the relationship between nationality and citizenship in multinational political entities, such as the former Yugoslavia and the EU. Beside scholarly prose, he writes essays, literary criticism and fiction. His novel A Castle in Romagna (Zagreb, 2000) received the award for best first novel in Croatia. It has been translated into German, Spanish, French and recently English (published in the US by Autumn Hill Books, 2005). Igor Stiks will be staying at CICS for the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer quarters. He can be contacted at: i-stiks@northwestern.edu.

Steve Striffler is a Rockefeller Foundation Visiting Fellow during Fall 2005. Striffler received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the New School in 1998 and is currently Associate Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies at the University of Arkansas. His work focuses broadly on US-Latin American relations. His first book, “In the Shadows of State and Capital” (Duke University Press, 2002), examined the dismantling of US-owned plantations and the emergence of contract farming in Ecuador’s banana industry. His latest book, Chicken: The Dangerous Transformation of America’s Favorite Food (Yale University Press, Fall 2005), explores the role of Latin American immigrants in the making of the US poultry industry. While at Northwestern University for the Fall quarter, Striffler will be working on a postwar history of US intervention in the Americas, focusing in particular on Colombia. Steve Striffler can be reached at: s-striffler@northwestern.edu.

Professor Enver Hasani completed his Ph.D. studies in the field of International Law and Relations from the University of Bilkent, in Ankara, Turkey. Professor Hasani has been teaching International Law and International Relations at the Faculty of Law of the University of Pristina in Kosovo since 1987. He served as a legal advisor to a number of important posts, including: the Albanian Foreign Ministry in Tirana from 1992 to 1997, the Kosovar Government in-exile until 1999, and finally for the Kosovar Albanian Delegation at the Rambouillet Peace Conference on Kosovo (1999). Enver Hasani is the author of scores of academic articles and essays published in internationally credited journals and has been a participant at various academic training activities in the field of Human Rights and the Rule of Law held outside Kosovo, such as a training event held at the Institute for Human Rights of the Abo Academy in Finland (2001). In addition to this, from December 2000 to October 2002 he served as the Director of the Human Rights Centre of the University of Pristina. As a Fulbright Scholar for the Fall Semester, Dr. Hasani will be conducting research, here at CICS, in the fields of Self-Determination and International Humanitarian Law. He can be reached at: e-hasani@northwestern.edu.
The Roberts Buffett Visiting Professorship presents a unique opportunity to bring to Northwestern prominent scholars from around the world. While on campus, these scholars enrich the curriculum by teaching in their areas of expertise, and build lasting professional linkages with Northwestern faculty and graduate students. Within this framework, CICS would like to welcome Ariane Chebel D’Appollonia, Roberta Buffett Visiting Professor for the Fall Quarter.

Educated at Sciences Po (Ph.D. in Political Science, DEA in History), Ariane Chebel d’Appollonia teaches at both undergraduate and postgraduate level at universities in France (Sciences Po, Paris III-Sorbonne, Columbia and Chicago Universities in Paris), and the US (New York University, University of Pittsburgh). She was the Director at Sciences Po of the American Center (2000-2003) and TIRES Program, a transatlantic research network on “Transnationalism, Immigration, Racism, Ethnocentrism and the State.” She is also an Attachée Scientifique at the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques and Associate Researcher at the CEVIPOF/Center for Political Research.

She specializes in the politics of immigration and anti-discrimination in Europe, racism and xenophobia, extreme-right wing movements, immigrant integration, and urban racism. In addition to three books and three edited volumes on the subject, she has published a number of articles. She was recently a visiting fellow at the Ford Institute for Human Security (University of Pittsburgh) where she is in charge of a transatlantic research network on “Immigration Policies After September 11: Comparative Perspectives (US, Europe)”. As an EU-US Fulbright scholar for January–June 2006, she will focus her research on “Discrimination and Identity Politics in Europe” and work in collaboration with the Center for European Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

During her stay at Northwestern University Professor Chebel d’Appollonia will teach two classes in the Political Science Department, one on “Politics of European Integration”, the other on “Immigration and Discrimination in Europe”. She will also present a public lecture: “Immigration and Discrimination in Europe: The Failure of Integration as a New Security Issue?”, November 9th from 5:00 – 7p.m. in Harris Hall 108, 1881 Sheridan Road. This is a timely and important topic and we hope you will be able to attend. Professor Chebel D’Apollonia can be reached at: ACA@gspia.pitt.edu.

Research Committee 19 (on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy) of the International Sociological Association has for the past two decades been an important venue for the presentation of innovative comparative research on systems of social provision and regulation. At its annual conference – held this year at Northwestern - scholars from across the developed world - and, increasingly, from the developing world as well - have met for a long weekend of in-depth conversations and debates about the core theoretical issues in the field. CICS associate, Professor of Sociology and RC19 President Ann Shola Orloff organized the 2005 annual RC19 conference, which drew over 90 scholars and featured over 50 papers on the theme of “retheorizing welfare states.” A number of other Northwestern faculty members (Monica Prasad, Kathleen Thelen, Jeff Manza, Celeste Watkins), graduate students (Alan Czaplicki, Elisabeth Anderson, Umud Dalgic, Erin Metz, Alyssa Montgomery) and undergraduates (Kyle Schafer, Sarah Levy) participated as members of the program committee or coordinating staff, and as paper-givers and discussants.

Given their political centrality, and the extent of cross-national and historical variation in policies and politics, modern systems of social provision have provided an important arena for the development of social and political theory. Both theoretical and “real worldly” challenges invited us to reflect on how we theorize welfare states and to propose retheorizing where necessary. This year’s conference papers responded to the challenges. We saw attention to ideas and ideology, culture, language, discourse, moral meanings; investigations of the microfoundations of political agency; analyses that move beyond interest-based politics or which reconceptualize the kinds of interests at stake; engagement with questions of bodies, corporeality, fertility and health; explorations of the scalar and global dimensions of policy, and of variation within nation-states; examinations of different dimensions of inequality, to mention only some of the intellectually exciting work presented. Those interested in learning more are invited to the conference website: www.northwestern.edu/rc19, where copies of the papers can be read and downloaded.

The conference was a success largely because of its unique format, in which papers are circulated in advance and presented by a discussant, allowing for serious engagement with the papers. Also notable was the conference’s mentoring program for the many young scholars in attendance; in these special sessions, two faculty mentors had in-depth discussions of the work-in-progress of two graduate students. And, finally, conference participants got to see some of Chicago’s great restaurants and clubs, with events at Russian Tea Time and Smoke Daddy, and trips to the Green Mill and Velvet Lounge for those able to stay awake past eleven.
Changes at FIG!

FIG AND CICS ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP:

FIG and CICS have joined forces. Though FIG retains its institutional and financial autonomy, it acquires greater staff support through its arrangement with CICS as well as greater financial stability, making possible longer term planning of visits and events. Such planning has become increasingly important to FIG as we develop collaborative ties with French universities through new initiatives, described below. Our partnership with CICS also allows us to collaborate on a number of projects, such as the “Europe and its Peripheries - Working Group” and in so doing bring greater resources and visibility to international studies at Northwestern. FIG also looks forward to helping CICS foster new area programs, taking advantage of the fact that, with the exception of PAS, there are no area-specific research centers at Northwestern. The absence of such centers offers an opportunity to conceptualize area studies in new ways, and promote cross-area collaboration on specific topics, which is rare among traditional style area centers.

Departures and Arrivals. In application of the new statutes, Michal Ginsburg (French and Italian), co-founder and co-director of FIG since 1996, has handed over the co-direction of FIG to Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Philosophy). FIG owes its existence and success to Michal Ginsburg’s vision and energy. Her willingness to “hand over control” in application of the new reforms is a striking reflection of how much she has accomplished. Bachir has already brought a large bag of new ideas to take FIG in new directions, which is precisely the goal that the reforms seek to achieve. Valued members of the steering committee, David Van Zanten (Art History), Lee Huebner (Communications and Medill), and Ken Abbott (Law and Political Science), will also be stepping down, though they remain active and oft-consulted associates. They will be succeeded by Tom Cook (Sociology and Institute for Policy Research), Janet Pierrehumbert (Linguistics), and Sarah Maza (History).

FIG’s ACTIVITIES IN FALL 2005:

Dual Ph.D. Program with Sciences Po. In October, 2004, Richard Descoings, Director of the Institut d’Études Politiques, and Andrew Wachtel, Dean of the Graduate School, signed an agreement creating a dual Ph.D. program. Doctoral students of each school can now spend two years at the partner institution, taking classes and doing dissertation research under the guidance of a joint dissertation committee, and become eligible for the Ph.D. degrees of both universities. It is the first joint Ph.D. degree program ever created between an American and a French university. Present at the signing were Northwestern faculty members Fay Cook, Director, Institute for Policy Research, Tom Cook, Sociology, and Michael Loriaux, Co-Director, FIG. Lee Seymour, doctoral candidate in Political Science, will become Northwestern’s first dual Ph.D. candidate, and Florent Blanc and Igor Stiks will represent Sciences Po. Lee Seymour is examining international legitimation of insurrectionary movements, Florent Blanc is looking at resistance to the “state of exception” created by the Patriot Act in the United States, and Igor Stiks is working on federalism in Europe.

Faculty Exchanges and Doctoral Student Exchanges. FIG has negotiated one-month faculty exchanges with Sciences Po and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Ann Orloff (Sociology) and Ben Schneider (Political Science) will visit Sciences Po, and Nasrin Qader (French and Italian) will visit Hautes Études. Nilufer Gole of Hautes Études and Riva Kastoryano of Sciences Po, both experts on European Islam, will visit Northwestern. FIG will publicize the exchange in Winter Quarter and solicit applications from NU faculty.

Chicago will be host to an unusually large number of exhibits of French art in 2005-6. The Toulouse-Lautrec exhibit at the Art Institute will close October 10, but the exhibit “Paris: Photographs from a Time that Was,” will run until November 6. The Art Institute will then organize an exhibit of the paintings of Girodet in Winter, and the Block Museum will feature an exhibit devoted to nineteenth century French caricature at the Block Museum. The Art History department, with support from FIG, will be organising seminars and other events around these exhibits featuring FIG associate Holly Clayson, Art History, Carol Armstrong, Princeton University, Crowe Visiting Professor in Fall, and Georges Didi-Huberman, Hautes Études, Crowe Visiting Professor in Spring. These events will help launch the creation of a French Research Group in the Art History Department, also co-sponsored by FIG.

CAFÉS PHILOSOPHIQUES:

The French Interdisciplinary Graduate Group (FIGG), under the direction of Laura Reagan (Political Science) and Chike Jeffers (Philosophy), will launch a new series of CAFÉS PHILOSOPHIQUES for graduate students. The CAFÉS PHILOS will provide students an opportunity to discuss important texts by French thinkers in a setting that is not only interdisciplinary, but sympa et bien arrosé. The discussions will be led by Northwestern and visiting faculty. In Fall, David van Zanten (Art History), Bonnie Honig (Political Science), and Hannah Feldman (Art History) will police debate.

NU faculty interested in receiving information on FIG activities should send their email address to Michael Loriaux, at m-loriaux@northwestern.edu, and to Bachir Diagne, at s-diaigne@northwestern.edu. Graduate students should send their address to François Blumenfeld-Kouchner at blumenfeld-kouchner@comcast.net.
As many of you know, Scott Lang, left CICS this summer to pursue a Masters Degree in Peace Studies at the University of Bradford in Great Britain, where he will be a Rotary World Peace Scholar. We are pleased to announce that Magnus Briem has come onboard as our new Assistant Director. A native of Greece, Magnus has a BA in International Relations from Tufts University, an MA in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago, and a wealth of international work experience. He has run European Union Cultural programs, worked as a reporter for the Athens Olympic Committee, and was part of the communications and website team for Greece when the country held the Presidency of the European Union. He brings to the Center considerable linguistic skills as well, speaking Greek, French, and Mandarin Chinese. Magnus will oversee all of the Center’s communications and publicity operations, be involved in conceptualizing and planning special events and speaker series, and assist with grant writing and reporting. Magnus can be reached by email at m-briem@northwestern.edu or by phone at (847) 491-4750.
This Fall Quarter, CICS and the Program on Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) welcome two Rockefeller Humanities post-doctoral fellows to Northwestern. In line with the goals of the four year grant, entitled “How do the Poor Constitute Community?”, each scholar will focus on poor communities’ responses to the challenges presented by globalization and economic development. University of Arkansas anthropologist Steve Striffler, whose previous work has focused on multinational capital, labor, and migration in the banana economies of Ecuador and the chicken industry in Arkansas, will begin research on coal and US imperialism in Colombia. Alvaro Nascimento, a historian from Brazil’s Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, will be on campus the entire year, developing his research on the Afro-Brazilian musical form of Jongo and its impact on community and cultural survival in the impoverished Rio neighborhood of Serrinha. Both scholars will be in residence at CICS. In connection with the Rockefeller program, Latin American and Caribbean Studies will host an ongoing seminar series on topics of poverty, community, modernization and globalization; this year’s speakers will include Josef Barton, Peter Guardino, Laura Gotkowitz, Juan Poblete, Charles Hale, and Alma Guillermoprieto. Please see the CICS calendar for more details.