Reinvigorating the Faculty Affiliates Program

Northwestern faculty members with research interests in international and comparative topics are welcome to become **CICS Faculty Affiliates**. We will be contacting all faculty with international and comparative research interests to request a one paragraph professional biography, and a brief summary of current research interests. We shall also request a digital photograph for posting on our Website. CICS intends to deepen the connections between the Center and its affiliates, launching new initiatives and coordinating with affiliates to develop and support their research and programming on international topics. In the winter we will focus on updating our faculty affiliates information. In the spring we will focus on graduate student affiliates. All researchers involved in international and comparative topics are welcome to be Center affiliates. Stay tuned to learn more about programs and the benefits of being a CICS affiliate.

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium Builds Community

“All of us are going to talks by fancy outside experts, but rarely do we have the chance to listen to each other and learn about research our colleagues are doing. This series creates that opportunity.” CICS Director Andrew Wachtel.

One of the new initiatives launched at CICS this year is a weekly **‘Faculty and Fellows Colloquium’** series held each Friday from 12:00 p.m. (noon) – 1:00 p.m. At each session a Northwestern faculty member or visiting fellow presents current research to an interdisciplinary audience of faculty, fellows, graduate students and staff. The colloquium meetings last one hour with lunch provided by CICS in order to accommodate busy faculty schedules. Frequently informal discussion continues afterward. This series is motivated by a desire to build greater awareness among colleagues' research, to promote interdisciplinary connections and discussions among faculty, and ultimately to strengthen community among CICS affiliates.

The series has been very successful with strong interdisciplinary and cross school audiences of 20 – 30 colleagues for the talks, with collegial and constructive discussions of the work presented. Presenters have been drawn from a wide range of departments and schools. This series has included members of CICS interdisciplinary study groups who bring research and discussions from those groups to a larger audience. Visiting fellows have the opportunity to meet and share their work with others on campus with similar interests, and junior faculty members have a chance to gain greater exposure on campus with scholars from other departments and schools. We expect that as the series continues new research groups and collaborative research projects will be spawned from these discussions. “The CICS faculty seminars are a wonderful venue for interdisciplinary exchange drawing an especially varied group of scholars with vast international research experience. I benefited greatly from presenting new work in progress where I received inspired and inspiring advice from colleagues” said Brian Edwards, Assistant Professor, English.

Colleagues interested in presenting research in this series, are invited to contact, Associate Director, Brian Hanson.
Identifying Self-Repairing Dynamics in Post-Conflict Societies:
The Caucasus and Central Asia

Beginning on Thursday, February 3rd and continuing through Saturday, February 5th, CICS will host a conference entitled ‘Identifying Self-Repairing Dynamics in Post-Conflict Societies: The Caucasus and Central Asia.’ Funded by a seed grant from the Carnegie Corporation, the conference will focus on this key, under-researched region.

The expression self-repairing dynamics is commonly used in scholarship on complex systems from biochemistry to nano-engineering. Social systems, which are always complex, possess a variety of ‘self-repairing dynamics’ that make human collectivities a possibility. Our focus is on a particular set of situations in the former Soviet republics of the Caucasus and Central Asia, which recently experienced traumatic turmoil. The conference kicks off on Thursday evening with an opening talk by Ronald Gregor Suny, a leading expert on the Caucasus and the former Soviet Union. The program itself is divided into four sections. The first, focusing on the macro-level, examines the large empires and states whose political and cultural formations are the backdrop against which the states and nations in the Caucasus and Central Asia define themselves. The second section is concerned with the role (both positive and negative) of local patrimonial networks which exist either in competition with or alongside of state institutions. The third section looks at the actual political structures in the various states and parastates of the region, asking in particular whether interventions from external sources play a positive role in their transformation. Finally, the fourth panel analyzes the phenomenon of localized self-repair in these regions from a ground-up perspective.

IDENTIFYING SELF-REPAIRING DYNAMICS IN POST-CONFLICT SOCIETIES PROGRAM

Thursday, February 3; 7:00 p.m. :: OPENING SPEAKER :: Ronald Grigor Suny, Professor, Political Science and History, University of Chicago, and Visiting Professor, History, University of Michigan. “Why We Hate You: The Passions of National Identity and Ethnic Conflict.”

THE SHADOWS OF IMPERIAL STATES
Friday, February 4: 9:00 a.m.
Michael Khodorkovsky, Professor, Department of History; Loyola University of Chicago. “Invisible Colonialisms: Russian and Ottoman Empires in the North Caucasus.”
Liuba Kurytnova, Adjunct Professor, International Studies; Northwestern University. “When Empire meets a ‘Noble Savage’: the Russian Bureaucracy in the Northern Caucasus during the Caucasian War.”
Nayereh Tohid, Associate Professor, Women’s Studies and Director, Islamic Community Studies; California State University Northridge and Research Associate, Center for Near Eastern Studies; UCLA. “National Identity Formation in a Regional Interaction: Iran and Azerbijan Compared.”
Andrew Wachtel, Dean, The Graduate School, Bertha and Max Dressler Professor in the Humanities, and Director, Center for International and Comparative Studies; Northwestern University. “Travel, Art, and Imperialism.”
Discussant: Charles Ingrao, Professor, History, Purdue University.

PATRIMONIAL NETWORKS: FUNCTIONAL AND DESTRUCTIVE DYNAMICS
Friday, February 4: 1:30 p.m.
Sergei Alexandrovich Artuytunov, Member, Russian Academy of Sciences, Director, Caucasus Department, Institute of Anthropology and Ethnology, Moscow, Russia. “Late-Soviet Preconditions for the Post-Soviet Disasters in the Caucasian Area.”
Alta Aliidinov, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Center for International and Comparative Studies; Northwestern, and Director, Central Scientific Library; Academy of Arts and Sciences, Tajikistan. “The Peace Process in Tajikistan: From National Reconciliation to Sustainable Development.”
Tigran Hovannisian, Lieutenant Colonel, Main Staff of the Armed Forces, M.A., Department of History, Yerevan State University. “War-Making and State-Making in the Caucasus.”
Eric McGlinchy, Assistant Professor, Political Science; Iowa State University. “Remaking Central Asia’s Khanates: Corruption, Courts and Authoritarian Rule in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.”
Discussant: Will Reno, Associate Professor, Political Science; Northwestern University.

POLITICAL STRUCTURES: BRUTAL, BRITTLE, TRANSFORMABLE?
Saturday, February 5: 9:00 a.m.
Venelin I. Gonev, Assistant Professor, Political Science; Miami University (Ohio). “Strong Elites, Weak Institutions: Reflections on the Reconfiguration of State Structures in Post-Communism.”
Jan Koehler, Project Manager and Fieldwork Supervisor; Free University, Berlin, Germany. “Grounding Statehood? Some Observations on Processing Conflict at the Community-State Divide.”
Christoph Zuercher, Senior Researcher and Lecturer, Institute of East European Studies; Free University, Berlin; Germany, and Chair, Conflict Research and Stability Export, Berlin, Germany. “Western Liberal Intervention and its Discontents.”
Discussant: Ahmet Ervin, Founding Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, and Member, Executive Board of Istanbul Policy Center, Turkey.

LOCALIZED SELF-NORMALIZATION IN CONFLICT ZONES: TRANSBORDER COMMERCE, INFORMAL DEALS, COMMUNITY, LABOR AND GENDER
Saturday, February 5: 1:30 p.m.
Georgi Derlugian, Associate Professor, Sociology; Northwestern University. “Incorporating the Locally Obvious in our Big Schemes.”
Galina Khizriyeva, Lecturer, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia. “Oil, Deportation and the Warriors of Jihad.”
Rita Kuznetsova, Research Associate, The Pontic-Caucasian Studies Center, Kuban State University, Krasnodar, Russia. “Akh meda Before and After the War.”
Nono Shahnazaryan, Instructor, Faculty of Public Relations, Krasnodar State University, Krasnodar, Russia. “Our Mountains Shall Feel Us!: The Structures of Everyday Survival in the War-time Karabagh, 1988-1994.”
Discussant: Timothy Earle, Professor, Anthropology; Northwestern University.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events are open to the public and held at CICS, unless otherwise noted. Contact 847/467-2770 or cics@northwestern.edu

JANUARY

Women & Islam :: Mon 1/10: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Margot Badran, Visiting Research Professor, Program of African Studies
“Opening the Gates: A Century of Arab Feminist Writing”
Co-sponsored by the Program of African Studies

Faculty & Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 1/14: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Alla Aslitdinova, Fulbright Scholars, CICS and Director, Central Scientific Library; Academy of Sciences, Republic of Tajikistan
“The Tajikistan Bazaar as a Social Phenomenon and a Security Level Indicator”

Faculty & Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 1/21: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Ben Jones, Assistant Professor, Kellogg School of Management

Images of the U.S. Abroad :: Mon 1/24: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
McCormick Tribune Forum – 1870 Campus Drive
Richard Longworth, Executive Director; The Global Chicago Center
“What are America’s Responsibilities to the Developing World?”
Co-Sponsored by AID Northwestern (Americans for Informed Democracy)

Diasporas :: Tues 1/25: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Matjaz Klemenčič, Professor, History; University of Maribor, Slovenia
“Yugoslav Diasporas and Dissolution of Yugoslavia”

Images of the U.S. Abroad :: Thurs 1/27: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Harris Hall, Room 108 – 1881 Sheridan Road
Stephan Walt, Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs and Academic Dean; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
“U.S. Power and the Roots of Anti-Americanism”

Faculty & Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 1/28: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Jide Nzelibe, Assistant Professor, School of Law
“A Positive Theory of the War Powers Constitution”

FEBRUARY

Conference :: Thurs 2/3 7:00 p.m., Fri 2/4 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.,
Sat 2/5 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Harris Hall, Room 108 – 1881 Sheridan Road
“Identifying Self-Repairing Dynamics in Post-Conflict Societies: The Caucasus and Central Asia” (see page 2)

Women & Islam :: Mon 2/7 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Nayereh Tohidi, Associate Professor, Women’s Studies, California State University, Northridge and Research Associate, Center for Near Eastern Studies; UCLA
“Women, Islamism, and the Pro-Democracy Movement in Iran”

Faculty & Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 2/11: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Justine Cassell, Professor, Communication Studies and Computer Science
“How to Win a World Election: Emergent Leadership in an International Online Community”

Faculty & Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 2/18: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Andrew Roberts, Assistant Professor, Political Science
“Pension Privatization: Eastern Europe, the US, and Beyond”

Diasporas :: Mon 2/21: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Katherine Ewing, Professor, Anthropology, Duke University
“Imagining Tradition: Turkish Men, German Media”

Images of the U.S. Abroad :: Thurs 2/24: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
McCormick Tribune Forum – 1870 Campus Drive
Michael Doran, Assistant Professor, Near Eastern Studies; Princeton University and Ian Lustick, Professor, Political Science; University of Pennsylvania and Associate Director, Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict,
“Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Important in Shaping Arab Views of the US?: A Debate”

 Faculty & Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 2/25: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Jan Hoffman French, Rockefeller Visiting Scholar, CICS
“Descendants of Indians and Fugitive Slaves in the Brazilian Northeast”

MARCH

Faculty & Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 3/4: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Peter Carroll, Assistant Professor, History
“Suicide, the Media, and the Search for Causality in Republican China”

Seminar :: Fri 3/4: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.,
Sat 3/5: 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Harris Hall, Room 108 – 1881 Sheridan Road
“Representations of Ottoman Imperial Space: Maps, Texts, Historiographies”
Co-Sponsored by the Department of History
Palmira Brummett, University of Tennessee
“The Turks’ Head: The Edge of Europe and Ottoman Sovereignty in Early Modern European Maps”
Ariel Salzmann, Queens University
“Frontiers of Sovereignty: The Ottoman Empire and Neighboring States in West Asia”
Robert Dankoff, University of Chicago
“The Ottoman Empire seen through Evliya Çelebi’s Travels”
Dana Sajdi, Concordia University
“In Other Worlds: The Geographies of Chroniclers in the 18th Century Ottoman Levant”
Jack Davis, University of Cincinnati
“Archaeology and Ottoman Studies in Greece”
Donald Whitcomb, University of Chicago
“Ottoman Archaeology in the Persian Gulf Region”
Supporting Graduate Student Research

CICS continues support for graduate student research on topics of international and comparative focus. Interested students are encouraged to visit the CICS website (www.northwestern.edu/cics) for more details.

Conference travel grants are designed to assist graduate students develop their research and to network with scholars in their fields. Students may apply for up to $300 support to attend a professional conference. Applicants should address a letter with a budget to Associate Director, Brian Hanson (bhanson@northwestern.edu) briefly explaining the conference and the student’s purpose for attending (such as paper presenter, discussant, chair, participant, etc.). Students should also include mention of whether they have applied for any additional funding to attend this conference. Applicants are typically notified within two weeks of their submission; one conference grant is awarded per student, per year.

CICS offers summer field travel grants of up to $1,000 to support dissertation research on international and comparative topics. All Northwestern University graduate students are eligible to apply. Students should send a proposal letter, and include an abstract of the research project, an estimated budget, and indicate what other funding sources are being sought, a requirement of this grant program. Students should also include one letter of recommendation from their advisor. The application deadline is Friday, February 25. Applicants will be informed of funding decisions by April 20, 2005.

The CICS Graduate Student Colloquium is a set of periodic meetings featuring research presented by graduate students who have been awarded CICS support; this series is also chaired and co-organized by graduate students. These colloquia provide a supportive, multi-disciplinary framework for students to present their work in progress to peers and receive constructive feedback through discussion. Graduate students interested in participating should contact Sarah Benoit at s-benoit@northwestern.edu to get involved.

Offices Available for Visiting Researchers

CICS has reorganized its facilities to create seven office spaces for visiting scholars working on international and comparative topics. The goal in creating this space is to build a community of current and future Alumnae/I visitors to CICS that will enhance the intellectual environment at the Center and on campus. We anticipate that our faculty affiliates will be able to use the visiting scholars program to reciprocate and strengthen relationships with colleagues and universities around the world. Over the course of the 2004-2005 academic year a total of nine visiting scholars will have been in residence at CICS. We are inviting applications for the upcoming year. Visitors are provided with a desk, a computer, Internet access, an email account, phone with voice mail, as well as, copying, and printer capabilities. Visitors are expected to participate in the intellectual life of the Center, including in our ‘Faculty and Fellows Colloquium.’ Appointments can be short term (a few weeks in a quarter) to long term (up to a year). We provide these services for our visitors, but visitors must bring their own funding, as CICS does not have funds available to support visitors. Visitors or host departments may also be asked to pay Northwestern’s administrative fee for processing visa requests.

Prospective visitors should provide a letter of interest, a CV, and a description of the project they will be working on at Northwestern. Priority is given to candidates with the support of faculty who are actively involved in Center programming, and those candidates whose research relates closely to current CICS research projects and programs. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Northwestern faculty members are encouraged to contact Brian Hanson or Andrew Wachtel at any point during the year to inquire into availability.

CICS VISITING GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS

Starting in the 2005-2006 academic year, CICS is reserving two desk spaces in a shared office for visiting foreign graduate students nominated by CICS faculty affiliates. Faculty affiliates are encouraged to nominate foreign graduate students pursuing international and comparative research topics who wish to come to Northwestern to conduct work with faculty member on their dissertation. These graduate students are expected to actively participate in the intellectual life of the Center and relevant seminars. Graduate students wishing to be considered should send a letter of interest, including a statement of why they wish to be affiliated with Northwestern, as well as a CV, and a description of their research project. Additionally, Northwestern faculty members wishing to nominate an applicant should send a brief note expressing their willingness to supervise the student’s research on campus. Deadline for nominations is March 4, 2005 and decisions are expected to be made by April 1, 2005. All materials should be sent to the Center’s Associate Director, Brian Hanson.
On October 25, 2004, a team of scholars participated in a workshop entitled ‘Liberty and Security from a Transatlantic Perspective’ held at L’Institute de Sciences Politiques in Paris, France. This event, attended by faculty from Northwestern, the University of Chicago, the U.S. National War College, and Illinois Institute of Technology’s Chicago-Kent College of Law, was organized by CICS in conjunction with a 21-university European project called ‘Challenge,’ whose aim is to examine the changing landscape of European security since 9/11. This workshop represents not only our commitment to taking the lead to arrange consortia and partnerships around the world, but is also part of a broader effort by CICS to internationalize issues of homeland security.

The need to internationalize studies of homeland security plays a central philosophical role in our contribution to a $12 million grant application, led by the Center for International and Comparative Studies at the University of Chicago, to the Department of Homeland Security to create the first DHS Center for the Behavioral and Social Aspects of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism. Working with Northwestern’s Office of Research, we were able to attract faculty from diverse programs such as the Center for Public Safety, Civil Engineering, Comparative Literary Studies, Electrical Engineering, Journalism, Management, Political Science, and Slavic Languages and Literatures to participate in the grant application.

The proposal has been named a finalist in the DHS competition, and we expect to learn about the results sometime during January 2005. We also intend to continue co-developing projects with the Center for International Studies at the University of Chicago as well as with our foreign partners. We encourage faculty members to bring forward suggestions for additional collaborative opportunities along these lines.

Speaker Series Experts Address Current Affairs

CICS’ ‘Images of the U.S. Abroad’ series explores perceptions of the role the United States plays overseas and the implications for our nation. Following up on four well-attended fall presentations, this winter CICS presents three talks designed to stimulate debate on the role of the U.S. abroad. Richard Longworth, (BS/J57), Executive Director; The Global Chicago Center, addresses the question of “What are America’s responsibilities to the developing world?” in a program co-sponsored by the student group Americans for Informed Democracy. Stephen Walt, the Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs and Academic Dean; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University discusses “U.S. Power and the Roots of Anti-Americanism.” Finally, experts Michael Doran, Assistant Professor, Near Eastern Studies; Princeton University and Ian Lustick, Professor, Political Science; University of Pennsylvania and Associate Director, Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict address the question “Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Important in Shaping Arab View of the US?: A Debate.”

CICS’ ‘Diasporas’ series investigates the post World War II Diaspora experience, with a particular focus on how greater mobility and transnational connections have transformed life in Diaspora. Building upon five presentations last quarter, this winter CICS presents historian Matjaz Klemenčič from the University of Maribor in Slovenia. Klemenčič will discuss the symbiotic relationship between the Yugoslav Diaspora and the dissolution of the former Yugoslavia, placing an emphasis on the activities of Yugoslav Diaspora communities in the U.S. Duke University anthropologist Katherine Ewing presents “Imagining Tradition: Turkish Men, German Media” addressing the assimilation controversies surrounding Muslims in this ‘old European’ society. By using cinematic and other media stereotypes, Ewing confronts the powerful trope of the Turkish male as oppressor.

CICS continues the ‘Women & Islam’ lecture series into a second year to highlight the dynamic lives of women throughout the Muslim world. This series elaborates on the myriad means women use to define their identities in relation to religious and cultural codes. During the first year, CICS presented nine diverse scholars on topics ranging from veiling to political activism, across countries as diverse as Turkey and Pakistan.

This quarter CICS presents Research Professor Margot Badran, Program of African Studies, on the Arab feminist discourse at the occasion of the release of a book she co-edited: “Opening the Gates: An Anthology of Arab Feminist Writing.” Badran is the recipient of the Fulbright New Century Scholars Grant for Equality and the Global Empowerment of Women and she is currently conducting research in Nigeria. She is working on the high-profile and politically charged case of Ms. Amina Lawal who was convicted of adultery and threatened with death by stoning in her home state of Katsina, where, as in other northern states, Shari’ah law had been recently adopted. Also this quarter, CICS welcomes Nayereh Tohidi, Associate Professor, Women’s Studies and Director, Islamic Community Studies, California State University Northridge, and Research Associate, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA. Tohidi speaks on “Women, Islamism, and the Pro-Democracy Movement in Iran.” Following an overview of the women’s rights movement in Iran, Tohidi will focus on the post-1979 Revolution period and the current interaction between feminism, Islamism, and the reformist movement seeking increased modernity and democracy, as well as the global role in shaping local action.
The World Is Their Classroom

Northwestern continues to link students to the well-spring of Central European architecture, culture, literature, history and politics through three ‘once in a lifetime’ CICS summer study abroad programs taught in Dubrovnik and Split, Croatia, Krakow, Poland, and Prague, Czech Republic.

Partnering with top institutions in the region, CICS organizes courses taught by Northwestern and expert European faculty analyzing the triumph and tumult of these storied lands. These six-week long academic programs also provide students an opportunity to conduct field research through visits to societies in transformation such as Montenegro and Ukraine with the guidance of local experts.

Whether basking in the Mediterranean glow of Renaissance Croatia, discovering Jewish Shtetl culture in Poland, or witnessing Czech rebirth in Prague; Northwestern students have the opportunity to intellectually explore the ‘New Europe.’ The programs include housing, breakfast, excursions and two courses and cost $6,000 each. More info can be found at: http://www.northwestern.edu/studyabroad/summerstudy/index.html or by contacting Rita Koryan r-koryan@northwestern.edu

Students receive a lecture at the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps as part of the Jewish and Polish interactions course taught in Krakow, Poland.