

Department of Political Science Newsletter, October 19, 2009

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FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

The editorial committee for the Studies in Asian Security Series sponsored by the East-West Center and published by the Stanford University Press awarded **Yuko Kawato** a grant to develop a book manuscript for the series. Yuko will return to some of her field research sites after graduation to prepare a manuscript based on her dissertation on U.S. military bases and protests in Asia. Yuko thanks Beth Kier (dissertation committee chair) and Jon Mercer for their extremely helpful comments on her application. They and other members of her dissertation committee (Susan Whiting and Robert Pekkanen) wrote recommendation emails to the editorial committee. Yuko is deeply grateful for their support.

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TALKS/SEMINARS:

2009 Severyns-Ravenholt Lecture: **Ban Ki-Moon** (Secretary-General of the United Nations), **Monday, October 26, 3:30pm, Meany Hall for the Performing Arts**. The University of Washington will hold a special convocation to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Tickets are required (deadline for requesting tickets was Noon, Friday, 10/16). Doors will open at 2:30pm. Audience must be seated by 3:20pm.

Practice Job Talk: **Brian Greenhill** (Ph.D. student, UW-PoliSci), "Norm Transmission in Networks of Intergovernmental Organizations," **Wednesday, October 28, 1:00-2:30pm, Gowen 1A**. Please join him in providing support and constructive feedback.

Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy, Philanthropy Northwest and Social Venture Partners: **David B. Smith** (Executive Director of the National Conference on Citizenship), "Sustaining Impact: Measuring our Civic Return on Investment," **Wednesday, October 28, 4:00-5:30pm, Parrington Hall Commons, 3rd floor**.

University of Washington International Security Colloquium (UWISC): **Terence Lee**, (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore), "Fractured Militaries: The Armed Forces and Transitions from Authoritarian Rule in Asia," **Friday, October 30, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A**. Discussant: TBA.

Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, and Sexuality (WISER): **Neil Roberts** (Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Faculty Affiliate in Political Science, Williams College), "Kant and Rastafari on Respect," **Tuesday, November 3, Noon, Petersen Room in Allen Library**.

Southeast Asia Center: **John Prados** (Analyst of national security based in Washington DC, Ph.D. from Columbia University, Senior Fellow and Project Director with the National Security Archive), "Commitment, Controversy, and Torture: The Road to Defeat in Vietnam (and New Wars)," **Tuesday, November 3, 4:00-5:30pm, Communications 120**.

Simpson Center for the Humanities, NEW BOOKS IN PRINT: **Stephen Majeski** (Professor and Chair, UW-PoliSci), U.S. Foreign Policy in Perspective: Clients, Enemies, and Empire (Routledge, 2009), **Tuesday, November 10, 4pm, Communication 202**.

Law, Societies & Justice, the South Asia Center, the Jackson School of International Studies, and the Center for Human Rights: **Ray McGovern** (retired CIA analyst turned CIA critic, founder of "Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity"), "Why Accountability for Torture is Crucial for Human Rights, Our Security, and Our Souls," **Thursday, November 12, 7pm, Kane 220.**

University of Washington International Security Colloquium (UWISC): **Steve Zech**, (Ph.D. Student, UW-PoliSci), "Grass-roots Jihadist Networks, Political Entrepreneurs, and Terrorist Violence: Dynamic Networks and the 11-M Madrid Train Bombings," **Friday, November 13, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A.** Discussant: TBA.

University of Washington International Security Colloquium (UWISC): **Nina Tannenwald**, (Associate Professor of International Relations, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University), "Targeted Killings: The Decline of the Norm Against Assassination?" **Friday, December 4, 12:00-1:30pm, Gowen 1A.** Discussant: William d'Ambruoso, Ph.D. student, UW-PoliSci.