

INDIANA DEMOCRACY CONSORTIUM

The IDC seeks to connect IU's many talented researchers and students working on questions of contemporary democratic change, and to foster new conversations and research projects linking academic scholarship and the broader world of practitioners and policy-makers. The IDC is focused on the basic preconditions of successful democratic transformation - from the enterprises of vibrant civil society networks, to the structure of formal electoral rules and constitutional design, and to the importance of professionalism in managing the affairs of the formal government and the transactions between governmental and non-governmental organizations. The fundamental question that defines the mission of the IDC is quite straightforward: why is it that some democracies succeed and others fail?

A Note from Brian Shoup, IDC Associate Director: Welcome to the first of our new bi-weekly IDC newsletters. Every other week, I'll send a quick note to affiliated faculty and IU units, asking for any updates or contributions. If you have a recent article or conference presentation, if you know of a grant or award for which others might apply, or if you have a seminar or presentation you wish to advertise to other IDC members, please let me know about them for inclusion in future newsletters. Ideally, this newsletter will be a good way to network among affiliated faculty and students and can serve as an effective method of keeping us aware of interesting events on campus. Finally, it is important to note that the IDC website is up and running. A work in progress, it can be accessed at <http://democracy.indiana.edu>.

Recent Events

Social Context and the Process of Reconciliation: On October 26, IDC members Shane Greene (Anthropology) and Regina Smyth (Political Science) organized a small conference exploring efforts at post-conflict national reconciliation. The panel brought together a group of sociologists, anthropologists, and political scientists in an effort to explore aspects of how historic violence can color prospects for future political cooperation and the ways that modern states try to deal with this dilemma. The panel produced a remarkable discussion that highlighted not only new ways of considering national reconciliation efforts in terms of their utility for state-building, democracy promotion, and transitional justice, but also in terms of what this emergent area of scholarship says about the limits and opportunities for cross-disciplinary research. Guests included Cynthia Horne of Western Washington University, Caroline Yezer of the College of the Holy Cross, and Jonathan VanAntwerpen of the Social Science Research Council.

Dissertation Support from the Social Science Research Council: On October 26, the IDC sponsored a roundtable with Jonathan VanAntwerpen from the Social Science Research Council and Rebekah Tromble from Political Science on strategies for writing successful dissertation support proposals. Approximately 35 graduate students from several departments, including Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, attended.

Crisis in Pakistan: What is the Endgame?: On November 12, the Center for American and Global Security (CAGS) sponsored a panel discussion on recent events in Pakistan. Panelists included Rafia Zakaria (IU political science graduate student), Aqil Shah (Columbia University graduate student in political science) and Sumit Ganguly (Director of the India Studies Program). CAGS is directed by IDC members David Fidler and Sumit Ganguly.

Research Colloquia: The IDC has sponsored its first two faculty colloquia. On Oct. 4, Tim Waters (Law School) discussed his current work on territorial integrity, self-determination, and democracy-building. On Nov. 1, Regina Smyth of Political Science presented her work on the ways that institutional incentives affect how Russian legislative candidates choose to run for office.

Upcoming Events

Colloquia: On December 6, Christy Ochoa (Law School) will present “Proposing an Odious Finance Doctrine as a Deterrent to Despotic Finance” as part of the IDC Colloquia Series. The talk will be held in the Law School Conference Room (on the 3rd floor of the Law School) from 3 to 5. The following is a brief outline of her upcoming talk:

What means do despotic rulers use to acquire the monies that fund their extravagant regimes and lifestyles? When such regimes collapse, do their successors morally bear the financial obligations incurred under authoritarianism? Moreover, what incentives and disincentives exist under extant norms and rules to minimize the likelihood that dictators will use socially unacceptable means of raising capital in light of international norms against funding autocrats? In this presentation, Christy Ochoa examines the odious debt doctrine, a doctrine that argues that democratic successors to despotic governments should not be bound to repay the debt obligations of prior despotic governments if the benefits of those obligations were not passed on to the people. She posits that there may be valuable lessons to be learned from the odious debt doctrine for application to other types of transnational financing arrangements, and proposes that an “odious finance” doctrine is the better approach. The contours of such an odious finance doctrine are presented herein. The *Harvard Journal of International Law* selected the article for an issue forthcoming in early 2008.

If you would like to present your work as part of the IDC Colloquium series, please contact Brian Shoup (bshoup@indiana.edu).

Metamorphosis of Suicide Terrorism: From Targeting Foreigners/Occupiers to Sectarian Violence: On Wednesday, Nov. 28th the Center for American and Global Security (CAGS) will host Mia Bloom as she discusses her recent work on suicide terrorism. Her talk will take place at the Law School Conference Room between 3:30 and 5:00. For more information contact CAGS at 856-7390 or at cags@indiana.edu.

Fellowship Opportunity

Ernst B. Haas Fund Fellowship: The 2007-2009 EUSA Executive Committee is pleased to announce the 2008 EUSA Haas Fund Fellowship Competition, an annual fellowship for graduate student EU-related dissertation research. Thanks entirely to contributions to the Ernst Haas Memorial Fund for EU Studies, launched in June 2003 to honor the memory of the late scholar

Ernst B. Haas (1924-2003), EUSA will offer at least one unrestricted fellowship of \$2,000 to support the dissertation research of any graduate student pursuing an EU-related dissertation topic in the academic year 2007-08.

The selection committee consists of

- Liesbet Hooghe (EUSA chair, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Free University of Amsterdam).
- Mitchel Smith (University of Oklahoma)
- Andrea Lenschow (University of Osnabrueck)

Please note the following stipulations for applicants, who must:

- * be pursuing the doctoral degree (PhD) at an accredited institution in any country;
- * be writing a dissertation in English;
- * have an EU-related, doctoral dissertation topic approved by the professor who will supervise it; and,
- * be able to demonstrate clearly the relevance to EU studies of the dissertation topic.

Applicants for this Fellowship should submit:

- (1) A one-page letter of application that specifies how the fellowship would be used;
- (2) A CV;
- (3) A two-page (500 words) précis of the dissertation research project that also explains its relevance to EU studies; and,
- (4) Ask for two letters of support to be sent directly to EUSA. These letters should be from professors serving on the student's dissertation committee, and one should be the chair. Please send to eusa+@pitt.edu, and use the heading: "2008 E.B. Haas Fund Fellowship competition."

The firm deadline for applications to be received in the EUSA office is January 18, 2008.

The successful applicant will be notified by April 1, 2008, at the latest, and will receive the grant as soon as the fellowship award letter has been signed and returned to EUSA. The fellowship will be paid in one lump sum by check only and in US\$ only.

Recent Publications and Professional Activity

Sumit Ganguly (Political Science) recently published a book: *The State of India's Democracy (A Journal of Democracy Book)*, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, (with Marc Plattner and Larry Diamond).

Shane Greene (Anthropology) recently edited a special issue of the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* (Issue 12:2), "Entre "lo indio" y "lo negro": Interrogating the Effects of Latin America's Afro-Indigenous Multiculturalisms." The special issue looked at the topic of multiculturalism in Latin America, with a focus on the ways the state incorporates afro-descendant and indigenous groups and the various ways they contest it.

Ho-fung Hung (Sociology) recently published "Changes and Continuities in the Political Ecology of Popular Protest: Mid-Qing China and Contemporary Resistance" in a special issue of *China Information* (Issue 21:2). In addition, Ho-fung also attended the Social

Science History Association Annual Meeting in Chicago where he participated on the panel “A Rocky Road from Empire to Nation: The Tibet, Taiwan, and Hong Kong Questions in China’s Modernity.”

Jeffrey C. Isaac (Political Science) recently published “What John Dewey Learned: A Contemporary Reflection on Intellectual Responsibility” in *The Hedgehog Review* vol. 9, no. 1 (Spring 2007). And the *Perspectives on Politics* Book Review, which he edits, ran a symposium on suicide bombing in its March 2007 issue that featured David Laitin, Ian Shapiro, Karen Rasler, Gilles Kepel, and others. A forthcoming issue will include a symposium on the new *U.S. Army Counterinsurgency Manual* featuring Stephen Biddle, Stathis Kalyvas, Immanuel Wallerstein, Wendy Brown, and Lt. Colonel Doug Ollivant, an IU Political Science PhD currently stationed in Baghdad.

Robert Ivie (Communications and Culture) edited a special issue of *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (Issue 37:4, December 2007) on the theme of “Shadows of Democracy in Presidential Rhetoric.” Articles in the special issue consider the question of democracy’s prospects within the present state of presidential rhetoric. Bob’s contribution (coauthored with Oscar Giner) to the collection of essays examines democracy’s rhetorical impulse to war.

Archana Sridhar (Law School) recently published a book: *Análisis de los Procesos Administrativo y Penal en Casos de Evasión Tributaria en Guatemala*, Centro Internacional para Investigaciones en Derechos Humanos, (with José Ricardo Barrientos).