

## INDIANA DEMOCRACY CONSORTIUM

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*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?*

### Upcoming Events

*Colloquia:* On Thursday Feb. 7 Archana Sridhar and Brian Shoup will present on interdisciplinary grant programs associated with the dilemmas of contemporary democracy studies. Please join us at the Law School Conference Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) at 3:00.

*Interesting Reading:* This op-ed by former Secretary of State Madeline Albright recently appeared in the L.A. Times. You can access it here:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-albright8jan08.0.7991151.story?coll+la-news-comment-opinions>

*Anti-Americanism in Latin America and the Caribbean: "False Populism" or Coming Full Circle?":* On Jan. 22 American Studies and CLACS will host Dr. Alan McPherson as he discusses current issues related to Latin American attitudes towards the United States.

Tuesday, January 22  
Woodburn 100  
5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by American Studies and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Last September Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez called President Bush "the devil" in a speech before the UN general assembly. Polls have long indicated that the global public disliked American leaders or foreign policies, but they now show a growing hostility toward U.S. culture and values, and toward Americans themselves. Alan McPherson is a historian of anti-Americanism. His prizewinning book *Yankee No! Anti-Americanism in U.S.-Latin American Relations* (Harvard University Press, 2003), chronicled the image of the northern colossus in the

Latin American imagination. He is also the author of *Intimate Ties, Bitter Struggles: The United States and Latin America since 1945* (Potomac Books, 2006), *Anti-Americanism in Latin America and the Caribbean* (Berghahn Books, 2006), and co-edited with Ivan Krastev, *The Anti-American Century* (Central European University Press, 2007). He is currently researching resistance to U.S. occupations in the Caribbean and Central America from 1912 to 1934. His commentary has appeared on television, radio, and op-ed pages, and in his lecture at IU he will investigate long-term changes within anti-Americanism, the changing cast of proponents for resisting U.S. influence, their audiences, and the evolution of images and modes of transmission. In short, how have different generations of “anti-Americans” defined themselves vis-à-vis the United States and how did their strategies change?

### **Fellowship Opportunity**

*Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship 2008*: For those of you with grad students ready to start their dissertation research...

The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) supports early-stage graduate students in the humanities and social sciences in formulating doctoral dissertation proposals that are intellectually pointed, feasible for completion, and competitive in fellowship competitions. Funding for the program is provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Early-stage graduate students, generally in their 2nd or 3rd years, apply to one of five research fields led by two research directors. For each research field, twelve fellows are selected. Fellows participate in two required four-day workshops, (May and September 2008) that frame their summer 2008 research experiences. The Spring workshop emphasizes preparation for pre-dissertation research; the Fall workshop guides fellows through the synthesis of their summer research into dissertation proposals and applications for dissertation research funding. DPDF Fellows are eligible to apply for up to \$5000 from the SSRC to support pre-dissertation research during summer 2008.

2008 Research Fields:

Animal Studies: [http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-EFB4/59987098/clickto1\\_.ssrc.org-dpdf-animalstudies-.html](http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-EFB4/59987098/clickto1_.ssrc.org-dpdf-animalstudies-.html)

Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change: <http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-E922/59987111/http-programs.ssrc.org-dpdf-hdgec-.html>

Muslim Modernities : [http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-B9E2/59987100/clickto3\\_c.org-dpdf-muslimmodernities-.html](http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-B9E2/59987100/clickto3_c.org-dpdf-muslimmodernities-.html)

Critical Studies of Science & Technology Policy: [http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-7863/59987102/clickto4\\_.ssrc.org-dpdf-scitechpolicy-.html](http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-7863/59987102/clickto4_.ssrc.org-dpdf-scitechpolicy-.html)

Urban Visual Studies: [http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-7AE3/59987104/clickto5\\_ms.ssrc.org-dpdf-urbanvisual-.html](http://pull.xmr3.com/p/945-7AE3/59987104/clickto5_ms.ssrc.org-dpdf-urbanvisual-.html)

Information about the DPDF program, including eligibility and selection criteria, is available through the DPDF website, <http://programs.ssrc.org/dpdf/>

Fellowship applications are available at <http://applications.ssrc.org/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 8, 2008

*FLAS Opportunities:* Once again, the deadline for applying for FLAS support quickly approaches.

Applications are now being accepted for FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Fellowships for the study of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean for summer 2008 and academic year 2008-09. The application deadline is February 1, 2008.

These fellowships are available through two centers at IU--the East Asian Studies Center (EASC) and the Center for the Study of Global Change. FLAS awards from the Center for the Study of Global Change will be given only to students whose academic program or career objectives are international in perspective, so applicants whose field of study or career goals have a global component should apply for the fellowship through both centers.

FLAS Fellowships include:

- \* Tuition fee remission
- \* Academic-year stipend of \$15,000 (estimated); summer stipend of \$2,500 (estimated)
- \* Enrollment in graduate student health insurance program (academic-year recipients only)

Eligibility requirements:

- \* U.S. citizens and permanent residents
- \* Eligible modern East Asian languages: Chinese, Japanese, and Korean (priority for those studying at 3rd- or 4th-year level)
- \* For academic-year fellowship, must take one language course and one East Asian studies course each semester
- \* For summer fellowship, program of study must be at least 8 weeks long and provide at least 120 contact hours at the 4th-year level and at least 140 contact hours at lower levels.

Additional requirements pertain to the use of a FLAS at an overseas institution; if applying to use a FLAS overseas, please contact [easc@indiana.edu](mailto:easc@indiana.edu).

For further details and to apply, go to the on-line application website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~flas/>.