

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?

Recent Events

CAGS Lecture-"Martyrs Without Borders: The Puzzle of Foreign Suicide Bombers in Iraq.": On Jan. 22, the Center for American and Global Security hosted Mohammed Hafez (University of Missouri - Kansas City) as part of the "Understanding Suicide Terrorism" series.

Upcoming Events

An Interesting Lecture?: The Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Chair of Indiana University Presents a Lecture by Gündüz Aktan.

"Was it a Genocide? The Clash of Turkish and Armenian Nationalisms"

Friday, February 1, 2008

Ballantine Hall 005

7:30-9:00 pm

Gündüz Aktan:

Turkish Ambassador to Greece (1988-91)

Deputy Undersecretary of Political Affairs (1995-96)

Turkish Ambassador to Japan (1996-98)

Columnist in the Turkish daily newspaper Radikal (1998-2007)

Member of the Parliament from MHP (July 22, 2007 to Present)

Colloquia: With winter break approaching, the IDC will not host another colloquia series until February 7 when Archana Sridhar and Brian Shoup provide an overview of their collective research on current cross-disciplinary grant and funding opportunities for democracy studies.

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

CALL FOR PAPERS- The Center for International History at Columbia University announces:

SYMBOLS OF EXCLUSION
A Graduate Student Conference
April 4, 2008

Deadline for abstract submission (extended): January 31, 2008

From the totem to the noose, symbols have been used not only to unify people, but also to signify the exclusion of particular groups from social, ethnic, religious, or national communities. This conference seeks to address the following questions: How have symbols accrued meanings and power, and how have these meanings both created and reflected new social realities? How have various political, cultural, and religious ideologies taken material form? What is the relationship between various symbols and historical memory? How have the meanings of symbols changed in different historical contexts, and how have they been deployed by specific groups? As this conference is presented in conjunction with the Center for International History's annual theme, "In the Name of Humanity," we are also interested in the ways in which symbols have been deployed to mark the changing definitions and conceptual boundaries of humanity itself.

We invite submissions from all time periods - ancient, medieval, early modern, and modern - and various geographic regions. Papers on topics that are broadly transnational or global in scope are preferred. Additionally, we encourage interdisciplinary research, and although proposals with a historical perspective are particularly welcome, we will also consider contributions from the fields of anthropology, sociology, literary studies, political science, and economics.

Please send an abstract of no more than 300 words and a recent CV as email attachments (Word preferred) by January 31, 2008 and any inquiries to Aimee Genell at the following address: amg2159@columbia.edu.

For more information regarding the conference, please refer to the Centre for International History's website: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cih>

Limited funding for travel and assistance in arranging accommodation may be available.

Important dates:

Submission deadline: January 31, 2008

Conference: April 4, 2008

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"Introduction: Considering Democracies in Transition"

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M. Lane Bruner and Noemi Marin, Guest Editors

"Irony as a Pro-Democracy Trope: Poland's Comic Revolution"

Tomasz Tabako

"Argumentation and Democratic Disagreement: On Cultivating a Practice of Dissent"

Kevin Cummings and James K. Stanescu

"The Banality of Nationhood: Visual Rhetoric and Ethnic Nationalism in Post-Communist Romania"

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Recent Publications and Professional Activity

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Archana Sridhar (Law School) recently published "Tax Reform and Promoting a Culture of Philanthropy: Guatemala's "Third Sector" in an Era of Peace" in the *Fordham International Law Journal* 31(1): 186-229.

Sumit Ganguly (Political Science) recently published "Regional Relations: Indian Interests Lie with a Stable Pakistan" in the January 24, 2008 edition of the *Financial Times*.