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Announcements

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20 min. presentations will begin at 2pm and 3pm for each session followed by Q&A. Locations, dates and times:

BALLANTINE 005

Friday March 13, 2009, 2 - 4:30pm

Friday April 24, 2009, 2 - 4:30pm

BUSINESS 111

Friday April 3, 2009, 2-4:30

Friday April 17, 2009, 2-4:30

MEMORIAL UNION - ALUMNI HALL

Thursday April 9, 1-4pm - You can pick up information and ask questions about Fulbright Grants at the Career Fair.

Resources at IU for more information and help preparing your application:

1) Paul Fogleman, Fulbright Adviser, Office for International Affairs

Tel. (812) 855-3948; Email: pfoglema@indiana.edu

AND

2) The Grad Grants Center in room E651 in the Wells Library

Tel. (812) 855-5281; Email: gradgrnt@indiana.edu; Website:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~gradgrnt/>

Resources on the web at: www.us.fulbrightonline.org

Social Science Research Network Journal: The IDC is sponsoring a new journal at the Social Science Research Network. Our journal, *Building States and Democratic Processes*, is part of the Legal Studies Network. Brian Shoup and Tim Waters are serving as the Editors for the e-journal and it can be accessed at www.ssrn.com.

March 27: - Old Europe, New Orders: Post-1945 German Thought on War, Peace, and International Law: The IDC's Bill Scheuerman and Bill Rasch are hosting a conference on German political thought and 20th Century Warfare. The Program can be accessed at the IDC website (<http://democracy.indiana.edu>).

The conference revisits the neglected debate among German-speaking scholars – including both those who remained in Germany and those forced into exile – concerning the fundamental roots of twentieth-century warfare as practiced in Europe and the best way to avoid its recurrence. For a number of political and intellectual reasons, this endeavor seems timely today.

First and most important, globalization and recent experiments in extending global governance have reignited significant inquiry about the prospects of novel forms of international order, while the European Union offers one real-life example of a “post-national” form of political and legal order. Because many of the issues central to the ongoing debate were insightfully discussed by German and German-Jewish thinkers between 1945 and 1960, their oftentimes neglected contributions can shed fresh light on that debate.

Second, most scholarship continues to neglect the acute analyses of international politics and law among mid-century German and German-Jewish thinkers. Existing scholarship also tends to downplay the extent to which an intellectual dialogue of sorts often took place between those who remained in Germany and the émigrés. Hans Kelsen, for example, continued to direct much of his ire against Carl Schmitt, for example, while other émigrés—such as Hannah Arendt and Hans Morgenthau—remained attuned to intellectual trends in Germany.

Professor Raj Kumar on March 24th and March 25th: March 24th and Wednesday, March 25th, the IU Maurer School of Law will be hosting Professor C. Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor of the Jindal Global University (Haryana). The first school that will be created at the Jindal University will be the Jindal Global Law School, which Professor Kumar has been tapped to lead.

The IU law school is organizing an afternoon tea and coffee meeting with Professor Kumar on Tuesday, March 24th at 3 pm in the law school's Room 310. On Wednesday, March 25th, Professor Kumar will be speaking at the law school at noon in Room 335. He will be discussing the state of legal education in India and the origins of the Jindal Global Law School. Lunch will be served.

Professor Kumar is an Honorary Consultant to the National Human Rights Commission in India. Before moving to the Jindal University, he held a faculty appointment at the City University of Hong Kong, where he taught for many years. He was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, a Landon Gammon Fellow at the Harvard Law School, where he obtained his Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree, and a James Souverine Gallo Memorial Scholar at Harvard University.

He also obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree from the University of Delhi, India; and a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) degree from the Loyola College of the University of Madras, India. Professor Kumar is the author of numerous, highly-respected scholarly works on legal education, human rights, and the Indian legal system. In addition, he is admitted to the New York state bar. For more information on his background and the Jindal Global Law School, please see: www.jgls.org.

If you would like to attend the Tuesday afternoon meeting and/or the lunchtime talk on Wed., please RSVP to Ms. Nikki Rolf at nrolf@indiana.edu.

Interesting Articles and Links:

1. Here is a link to the recent Foreign Policy survey issue on contemporary global conflict flashpoints:

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=4681

2. Follow the link to Paul Rogers' essay on the developing conflicts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. For those who attended the recent talk by Gilles Dorronsoro this piece provides a different perspective:

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/article/the-afpak-war-washington-s-three-options>

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/article/a-world-in-revolt>

3. Of interest to IDC members looking at Democracy Promotion, here is a recent article on the subject by Michael Walzer:

http://www.cceia.org/resources/journal/22_4/essays/001.html

In addition, check out Anthony Lang's treatment of intervention-led democracy promotion:

http://www.cceia.org/resources/ethics_online/5405.html

4. It's been about a year since we hosted the film series on Venezuela. Here are a couple links to recent articles from Open Democracy:

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/article/hugo-chavez-tides-of-victory>

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/article/hugo-chavez-oil-and-venezuela>

5. Here is a link to the World Movement for Democracy's webpage:

<http://www.wmd.org/>

6. Last December the National Endowment for Democracy sponsored a conference on the future of Democracy Promotion. Here is a link to the conference proceedings, including web access to participants' papers:

http://www.hudson.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=HUDSON_upcoming_events&id=637