

Thought for the week: "Having a worthless enemy is your own loss."

-- Japanese novelist Doppo Kunikida

Upcoming Lectures and Events

On **Tuesday, February 26**, Christian Zimmerman (UConn Dept. of Economics) will present a paper co-authored with **Lyle Scruggs** and Stephane Pallage (University of Quebec Dept. of Economics) at **12:30 PM** in Monteith 339. Their paper, "Unemployment Insurance Generosity: A Trans-Atlantic Comparison," is part of the Economics Department's macro-economics workshop.

On **Thursday, February 28**, from **4 - 5:30 PM** graduate students are invited to join comparative politics faculty to discuss effective strategies for conducting field research in Monteith 119. A representative of the Office of Sponsored Programs

will be present to discuss funding options through the University and external sources. This event is open to all graduate students. The group plans a social hour after at the Nathan Hale Inn. If anyone has questions, contact Professor Van Cott: donna.vancott@uconn.edu.

On **Friday, February 29**, **Daniel Stockemer** will deliver a presentation at **3 PM** in Monteith 119. His talk addresses the conditions under which large-scale popular protests in support of greater democratization emerge and when they are successful. In light of the fact that many transitions to democracy have occurred in the wake of such protests, Daniel's research project attempts to identify important

factors and necessary conditions that paved the way for the occurrence of pro-democracy protests. Having identified these factors and conditions, the second phase of the research uses game theory to identify when and how popular protests lead to transitions to democracy. The third part will use case studies (Germany 1989/90, South Africa 1993/94, and China 1989) to prove the salience of the models in part two and three of the research. The project aims to enhance the understanding of democratization by investigating popular protest, an important, but often neglected, path that many nations have taken to achieve greater political participation.

Teachers for a New Era Seeks Grad Assistants

The UConn Teachers for a New Era Project (TNE) has openings for part-time graduate assistants for summer 2008. The UConn TNE project is designed to establish effective collaborations between the Neag School of Education faculty and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences faculty to provide the optimal educational experiences and training for our pre-service teachers, thereby affecting the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of Connecticut's children in the K-12 schools. Additionally, the project works with in-service teachers during their first two years teaching.

Graduate assistants are needed to

work with collaborative teams of faculty from across campus to provide support in the use of educational technology, assessment procedures, instructional design and curriculum reform initiatives. The project is looking to develop a team of people with one or more of the following skills: assessment procedures, statistical analysis, writing skills, and educational technology.

Applicants should submit a letter detailing your interests and skills, a copy of your current resume, and the names and contact information of two references to Donalyn Maneggia at d.maneggia@uconn.edu by **March 14**. Please indicate

which position you are applying for. For more information, visit www.tne.uconn.edu.

Submission Guide

Submissions for publication in *Monday Morning* should be placed in the submission box in Monteith Hall, Room 137, or can be submitted by email to Wes Renfro at wesley.renfro@uconn.edu. Please feel free to submit any suggestions or comments. If you would like to submit publications, presentations, invited talks, etc. for *Monday Morning*, please include an abstract of your work so it may be published.

Tufts Hosts Middle East Conference

The Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies at Tufts University presents “The United States and the Middle East: What Comes Next After Iraq?” on **March 27-28, 2008**.

The conference aims to identify issues pertaining to the Middle East that will be of concern to Americans in the coming years. The conference will consist of a series of lectures and panels.

The Honorable Lee Hamilton, President and Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Co-Chair, Iraq Study Group; Vice-Chair, 9/11 Commission will present “Iraq: Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond.”

General Anthony Zinni, U.S. Peace Envoy in the Middle East; Commander of the Combined Task Force for Operation UNITED SHIELD will present “Iraq: Lessons Learned” (via webcast).

For more information, visit <http://farescenter.tufts.edu>.

Euroscholars Seeks Applicants

The Euroscholars Program invites applicants for its upcoming summer program. The Euroscholars Program is designed for advanced undergraduate students and postgrads looking for an international research experience. The program hopes to give students a unique education experience by conducting original research. Participants learn about scientific reasoning, research methods, theoretical principles related to research area, and scholarly communication. The program encourages students to produce a paper of publishable quality by the end of the program. The research opportunities in the program are specialized and diverse varying in nature by the host university. The research opportunities include humanities, natural, and social sciences. A complete list of previous research projects is available on the program’s website.

The participating institutions are all research intensive universities

and include: University of Geneva, University of Helsinki, Lund University, Leiden University, University of Zurich, Karolinska Institutet, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Utrecht University, and Universiteit van Amersdam.

The program is looking for outstanding and motivated undergrads, honors, or graduate students with an interest in research. Successful applicants should have a GPA of 3.4 or higher. Approval by both the home institution and the visiting institution is required for admission into the program. Transfer credits are available. A transcript of completion of the program will be issued by the host university. All grading and results are at the discretion of the faculty of the host institution. All students should arrange for transfer credit with their home institution before beginning the program. For more information about the program, visit www.euroscholars.eu.

Upcoming Events and Colloquia

Date and Time	Location	Presenter and Title
February 25, 4:00 PM	Dodd Center	Robin Romano (human rights filmmaker and photographer), TBA
March 28, 2:00 PM	Monteith 119	Dawn Brancati (Harvard and Washington University), TBA
April 4, 12:00 PM	Monteith 119	Sharon Krause (Brown University), TBA
April 11, 12:00 PM	Monteith 119	Richard Snyder (Brown University), TBA
April 16, 12:00 PM	Monteith 119	Ronald Schurin, “Are We There Yet? Are We Happy? Sixty Years of Movement Toward Ideologically Coherent Political Parties”