You are invited to InFocus, a monthly conversation on today’s hot topics. As you know, Ebola is spreading throughout parts of Africa and at least one case is now confirmed in the U.S. This month’s conversation will focus on the emergence of pandemics such as Ebola, and our conflicting attitudes and responses to such crises. Dr. Heather Lindstrom, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Environmental Health, UB will moderate the discussion.
A young Saudi girl enters her school's Koran recitation competition as a way to raise the money she needs to buy a green bicycle that has captured her interest. Her efforts at memorizing the verses impress her teacher, but when she wins the competition and announces her intention to buy the bicycle, her teachers have another idea what to do with the money.

Prof. Jeannette Ludwig, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

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“Cultural Tips for the University Environment”
Friday, October 10
3:00-4:30
Capen Hall 258, North Campus

“AAA Driver Improvement Course”
Saturday, October 11
9:00-3:30
Student Union 210, North Campus
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**LETCHWORTH STATE PARK AT YOUR OWN PACE**

Come visit Letchworth State Park, where you can witness autumn leaves changing colors. Afterwards, enjoy a tour of an apple orchard and visit a country store.

**Date**: Saturday, October 18  
**Meeting Time**: 8:30 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)  
**Return Time**: 5:00 p.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)  
**Sign-Up Deadline**: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, October 16 (or until sold out)  
**Cost**: $11 (for transportation & park admission) (nonrefundable)  
**What to Bring**: picnic lunch, water, rain gear

Sign up at [https://www.ubevents.org/event/1415issstrips](https://www.ubevents.org/event/1415issstrips)  

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TALK ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF DEMOCRATIZATION IN TURKEY**

Mahir Zeynalov is a journalist who started his career with the Los Angeles Times and is currently a correspondent for Today’s Zaman. He will speak on the current status of the democratization of Turkey, including current political developments, impacts on social life and groups, and freedom of the press.

**Date**: Thursday, October 9  
**Time**: 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
**Place**: Rosary Hall, Daemen College, 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY

Sponsored by Daemen College and the Peace Island Institute

**ASIA AT NOON: “VIOLENCE, TRAUMA AND RESILIENCE: EXPERIENCES OF CHILDREN FROM MUMBAI’S RED LIGHT AREAS”**
Individuals, families and communities are embedded in socio-cultural, political and economic hierarchies that determine access to resources for survival and development. In India, these structural hierarchies pertain to stark gender, caste, ethnic, regional and income disparities. Familial socio-economic standing and the relative status of children within the family affect quality of life during childhood and life trajectories. Women in low-income prostitution in India are among the most disenfranchised groups in the country; preliminary research suggests that they and their children experience chronic violence. Yet, little is known about the children’s mental and emotional wellbeing. Further, while frontline workers allude to the ingenuity and courage these children display in coping with their realities, factors promoting resilience have not been measured systematically. This presentation shares findings from a study on exposure to violence, the presence of trauma symptoms and factors promoting resilience among 146 community and shelter-based children from two red-light areas in Mumbai.

**Date:**  Friday, October 9  
**Time:**  12:00-1:00  
**Place:**  Park Hall 280, North Campus  
**Presenter:**  Shraddha Prabhu, PhD Candidate, UB School of Social Work

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