ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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GLOBAL CONFLICTS INFOCUS: THE COMPLEXITY OF GEOPOLITICS, EXTREMIST GROUPS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

You are invited to InFocus, a monthly conversation on today’s hot topics. This month’s conversation will use recent events such as the expansion of ISIS, the abduction of girls in Nigeria, and the Russian/Ukrainian border dispute as a springboard for a broader conversation about human rights and geopolitics. Dr. Claude Welch, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Political Science, and Mehwish Sarwari, Department of Political Science, will serve as moderators.

Date: Friday, November 7
Time: 12:00-1:00
Place: Capen Hall 107, North Campus

Sponsored by Student Life, the Honors College and International Student & Scholar Services

https://www.facebook.com/transcendingbordersUB

GLOBAL CINEMASPECTIVES FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES: “THE LIVES OF OTHERS”

In 1984 East Berlin, an agent of the secret police is conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover. Emotionally drawn to the subjects of his surveillance, he becomes increasingly absorbed by their lives and his loyalties begin to shift.

Prof. David Fertig, Department of Linguistics, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

Date: Friday, November 7
Time: 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Place: Knox Hall 4, North Campus

Co-sponsored by International Student & Scholar Services and the Undergraduate Academies

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CORNER

The Center for Excellence in Writing's English Conversation Corner provides an informal, relaxed atmosphere for students who would like to practice their English conversation skills.
**Dates:** Mondays – Thursdays  
**Time:** 12:00-1:30  
**Place:** Baldy Hall 209, North Campus

For more information, call 645-5139, e-mail writing@buffalo.edu or visit www.writing.buffalo.edu.

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INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME
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Do you enjoy meeting new people, playing games and having tea? If so, please join us for International Tea Time!

International Tea Time brings together international and U.S. students for conversation and fun. They meet, play games, talk and get to know each other. For more information contact: elenayak@buffalo.edu.

**Dates:** Every Thursday  
**Time:** 5:00-6:30  
**Place:** Student Union 240, North Campus

Organizer: UB Counseling Services

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ELI CHAT ROOM
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Practice your conversation skills at the English Language Institute’s Chat Room! Participate in a weekly face-to-face conversation program involving one U.S. undergraduate student paired with two international students.

**Dates:** Mondays – Fridays  
**Times:** 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 & 4:00  
**Place:** Near Baldy Hall 314, North Campus

**To sign-up, go to the first floor of Baldy Hall on Fridays between 11:00 and 1:00.**

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ELI OPEN LAB
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Practice your pronunciation and listening comprehension on your own with tapes at the English Language Institute’s Open Lab.
**UB CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING**

The Center for Excellence in Writing (CEW) offers one-on-one writing consultations to UB students. The consultants discuss essays, reports, application materials, theses, dissertations, etc. They serve as a thoughtful, informed audience for writers across the disciplines and help them make choices about revision.

The CEW also offers special programs for graduate students: Dissertation Retreats and Writing Groups. If you are interested, please email writing@buffalo.edu.

For more information, please visit [http://writing.buffalo.edu](http://writing.buffalo.edu)

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**ISSS WORKSHOPS**

**“F-1 Employment Authorization: Curricular & Optional Practical Training”**

Friday, November 7
3:00-4:15
Baldy Hall 110, North Campus

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

GB Tran is a young Vietnamese American artist who grew up distant from (and largely indifferent to) his family's history. Born and raised in South Carolina as a son of immigrants, he knew that his parents had fled Vietnam during the fall of Saigon. But, even as they struggled to adapt to life in America, they preferred to forget the past—and to focus on their children's future. When his last surviving grandparents die within months of each other, GB visits Vietnam for the first time and begins to learn the tragic history of his family and the homeland they left behind. In telling his family's story, GB finds his own place in this saga of hardship and heroism. *Vietnamerica* is a visually stunning portrait of survival, escape, and reinvention—and of the gift of the American immigrants' dream passed on to their children.
Presenter: GB Tran, author of the graphic novel *Vietnamica: A Family’s Journey*

**Date:** Tuesday, November 5  
**Time:** 2:00-3:00  
**Place:** Student Union 330

Cosponsored by the Asian Studies Program, Humanities Institute, Honors College, the Asian American Student Union, and the Departments of Art, Anthropology and Transnational Studies

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ASIA AT NOON: “SLANTED MEMORIAL: CREATING A NATION’S MEMORY: MEMORIAL AND HOUSING AT THE DMZ FOR FAMILIES SEPARATED BY THE KOREAN WAR”  
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The reason we encounter new construction designed to memorialize the past is that we focus on a future shaped by contemporary responses to memorialization. In this context, remembering can manipulate perception, either toward action or inaction (amnesia). The fundamental danger is when memorialization becomes propaganda or a redemptive tool deployed by authority. The two divided Koreas have exemplified these problematic functions of memorialization. Slanted Memorial is a proposal to build housing on the site of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Korea for families separated by the Korean War (1950-53). It is intended to serve as a memorial to provoke action toward reconciliation beyond mere stimulating and sensational expression.

**Presenter:** Jin Young Song, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, UB

**Date:** Friday, November 7  
**Time:** 12:00-1:00  
**Place:** Park Hall 280, North Campus

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UB WORKSHOPS  
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**“Prehealth Committee Student Information Meeting”**  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 5  
**Time:** 2:00-3:00  
**Place:** Student Union 210, North Campus

**“Dealing with Distress”**  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 5  
**Time:** 5:00-6:00  
**Place:** Student Union 250, North Campus
**Leading Self: “Hello, My Name Is… - A Networking Workshop”**
Wednesday, November 5
5:00-6:00
Student Union 240, North Campus

**“So You Want to be a Doctor, Dentist, Vet, Chiropractor, Optometrist, Podiatrist or Physician’s Assistant?”**
Thursday, November 6
3:30-4:20
Capen Hall 107, North Campus

**Leading for Change: “Leading for Social Change”**
Monday, November 10
5:00-6:00
Student Union 235, North Campus