ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
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UB’S TURKISH GSA’S NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY & CHILDREN’S DAY
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You are invited to the Turkish GSA’s celebration of National Sovereignty and Children’s Day, and Nevruz Day! The event will include food, live Turkish Classical music, and a chance to build connections with Turkish professors and students.
UB’S CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING’S ABSTRACT WRITING WORKSHOP II

Are you an international graduate student looking for constructive feedback on an introduction to your current writing project? Are you struggling to measure the rhetorical success of your abstract? Would you like a peer commentator outside your field to help you articulate research questions for a broader audience? If so, please choose a writing project to share and sign up for this upcoming workshop by emailing writing@buffalo.edu. Visit www.buffalo.edu/cas/writing.html for more information.

Date: Thursday, April 27  
Time: 3:30-4:30
Place: Clemens Hall 1032, North Campus

ALISON DES FORGES INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: “COUNTERTERRORISM, ELECTORAL POLITICS & HUMAN RIGHTS”

We like to view counterterrorism as an essential policy to keep innocent people safe, and electoral politics as a way to protect human rights. Yet, counterterrorism measures can result in immigration policies and military tactics that violate human rights, and elections and referenda may provide opportunities for racist demagoguery, nativist discrimination, and violence against civilians. This symposium will explore these counterintuitive relationships, and seek ways to mitigate the unwanted side effects resulting from such policies and institutions

Date: Thursday, April 27  
Time: 9:00-4:00
Place: Capen Hall 107, North Campus

Panel 1: Africa

“Human Rights in the Context of Elections in Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda”  
Sarah Jackson, Deputy Regional Director, Amnesty International (via Skype)

“International Responses to Human Rights Crises in Sudan and Southern Sudan”  
Jehanne Henry, Senior Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch
"Political Process, Inclusion and Citizen Satisfaction with Governance in West Africa"
Ryan Dalton, Program Officer, Central and West Africa, National Democratic Institute

Panel 2: Europe

“Recasting Refugees as Terrorists: Populist Exploitation of the National Security Narrative in European Electoral Politics"
Julia Hall, Expert on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, Amnesty International

“European Complicity in U.S. Drone Attacks and Mass Surveillance”
Eric Topfer, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor, German Institute for Human Rights

“Turkey’s AKP after the July 15 Coup Attempt: Moving towards End Game”
Howard Eissenstat, Associate Professor, St. Lawrence University

Panel 3: United States

“National Security and Human Rights in the U.S.”
Naureen Shah, Director, Security with Human Rights, Amnesty International

“U. S. Counterterrorism and Human Rights Post Presidential Election”
Laura Pitter, Senior U.S. National Security Counsel, Human Rights Watch

"National Security and Recent Changes in U.S. Immigration Policy"
Nicole Hallett, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Community Justice Clinic, University at Buffalo School of Law

Sponsors: Alison Des Forges Memorial Committee; Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy; Community for Global Health Equity; Departments of Comparative Literature, History and Political Science; Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Humanities Institute, James Agee Chair in American Culture, Department of Philosophy Samuel P. Capen Chair and Office of the Vice Provost for International Education

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE’S OPEN LAB
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Open Lab is a free walk-in service providing listening and pronunciation practice with tapes. UB Card is required.
Days & Times: Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:00-5:00; Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00
Place: Clemens Hall 1, North Campus

Free and open to all UB students. Bring your UB Card!

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SPANISH CONVERSATION TABLE
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Would you like to improve your Spanish conversation skills for class or personal use? Come have informal conversations while playing games and enjoying snacks. Interact with native speakers and learn about their cultures. Get to know other UB students through the use of Spanish.

Dates: Wednesdays, February 1 – May 10
Time: 1:00-1:50
Place: Clemens 218, North Campus

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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. We meet each week, play games, talk and get to know each other. For more information: http://ub-counseling.buffalo.edu/tea.php.

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

Organizer: UB Counseling Services

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ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES
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BPO ROCK SERIES: THE MUSIC OF PRINCE
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Come enjoy a fantastic tribute show by Brent Havens and the Windborne Music team! Combine dynamic orchestrations and performance of the BPO with the music of the incomparable Prince,
add a full rock band and show lighting, and you have an experience not to be missed. **Note:** A South Campus (Main Loop) drop-off will be available after the concert.

**Date:** Friday, April 28  
**Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Meeting Place:** Flint Loop, North Campus  
**Return Time:** 10:30 p.m. (approximately)  
**Cost:** $33.50 (for ticket and round-trip bus) (non-refundable)  
**Sign-Up Deadline:** 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 (or when sold out)  
**Note:** Guests must be 17 years old or older. Sorry, but children are not allowed on ISSS trips.

Sign-up at: [https://www.ubevents.org/event/1617issstrips](https://www.ubevents.org/event/1617issstrips)


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UPCOMING EVENTS  
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UB’S CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE FILM SCREENING: “DEAREST”  
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This 2014 award-winning drama is based on the true story of a divorced Chinese couple in the southern city of Shenzhen dealing with the disappearance of their 3-year-old son. It will be introduced by Confucius Institute Chinese teacher Nie Xi of Nardin Academy and shown in Chinese with English subtitles.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 26  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
**Place:** UB Commons 113, UB North Campus


Sponsored by UB’s Confucius Institute

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CHILL OUT EVENT  
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The Chill Out Event is here to help you find healthier ways to relax and take care of yourself during Finals! Come relax in the Chill Out Lounge. Experience a peaceful environment that offers guided meditation, massage chairs, mini stress relief guides, soothing tea and a space to just breathe.
Date: Wednesday, April 26  
Time: 11:00-2:00  
Place: Student Union Lobby & Student Union 145, UB North Campus


Sponsored by UB Health, Wellness & Counseling and UB Student Association

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UB WORKSHOPS
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“**Adjusting to Life After Graduation**”
Tuesday, April 25  
3:00-4:00  
Student Union 210, North Campus

“**Preparing for Fall 2018 Application to the Professional Health Schools**”
Wednesday, April 26  
4:00-5:30  
Student Union 210, North Campus

“**Leading for Change: Dialogue Across Difference**”
Thursday, April 27  
5:00-6:00  
Student Union 235, North Campus