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2010-2011 Schedule of Events

The Festival of Ideas Global Research Institute will present six events during the 2010-2011 academic year. These events by UT Arlington faculty members or invited speakers include lectures and presentations. Times and locations are subject to change; be sure to check with the hosting department's website before the event.

Event No. 1:

Artist Lecture
 Alfredo Jaar

October 5, 2010 - 6 p.m.
 Architecture Room 204

Alfredo Jaar, an artist, architect and filmmaker, has been awarded both a Guggenheim Fellowship and a MacArthur Fellowship, as well as Spain's Premio Extremadura a la Creación. His work has been shown extensively around the world. He has participated in the Biennales of Venice (1986, 2007), São Paulo (1987, 1989), Sydney (1990), Istanbul (1995), Kwangju (1995, 2000), Johannesburg (1997), and Moscow (2009), as well as Documenta (1987, 2002) in Kassel. He just completed two important public commissions: The Park of the Laments for the Indianapolis Museum of Art and The Geometry of Conscience, located next to the just opened Museum of Memory and Human Rights in Santiago de Chile.



Event No. 2:

Islamic Art Lecture

Dr. Francesca Leoni (Assistant Curator of the Arts of the Islamic world, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston)

November 4, 2010 - 6 p.m.
 Architecture Room 204

Dr. Leoni studied at the Istituto Universitario Orientale (Naples) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (London) before earning her Ph.D. at Princeton in 2008. In 2009 her dissertation *The Revenge of Ahriman: Images of Divs in the Shahnama, ca. 1300-1600* was named the best dissertation in Iranian Studies by the Foundation for Iranian Studies. She was a Sylvan and Pamela Coleman Art History Fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York), where she contributed to the replanning of the permanent galleries of Islamic art, scheduled to open in 2011.



Event No. 3

Lecture

John J. Maresca

Feb. 15, 2011 - 7 p.m.
 Lone Star Auditorium, Maverick Activities Center

John J. Maresca has spent his career encouraging peace, promoting corporate social responsibility and helping teach others about sustainable development. The distinguished educator, diplomat and humanitarian will deliver a timely lecture, "Education for the world of tomorrow." Since 2007, Maresca has served as Rector of the University for Peace, a United Nations mandated institution based in San José, Costa Rica. The University's mission is the



education of worldwide peace and conflict studies. The University's ultimate goal is to reduce prejudice, hatred and terrorism.

Maresca previously served as president of the Business Humanitarian Forum, a worldwide nonprofit association based in Geneva, which encourages private sector support for humanitarian work in post-conflict and very poor countries of Asia, Africa and southeastern Europe. During his diplomatic career, Maresca served as the United States representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, or OSCE. He was chairman of the delegation that negotiated the 1990 Charter of Paris for a New Europe and the Joint Declaration of Twenty-Two States, the two documents that formally ended the Cold War and converted the OSCE to a post-Cold War role. Maresca was sent as a Special Envoy to open U.S. relations with the newly independent states from the former Soviet Union and served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Event No. 4

History Lecture

Dr. Michael David-Fox (University of Maryland)

March 10, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.
E.H. Hereford University Center, Rosebud Theatre

Dr. David-Fox delivered the keynote address ("Beyond the Iron Curtain") for the 46th annual Walter Prescott Webb Lecture Series, sponsored by the Department of History. Spanning the greater part of the Eurasian continent from East Germany to the Pacific Ocean, the Soviet Union and its East European satellites together embarked on an unprecedented experiment in social engineering, economic catching-up and political control. As key agents of the project, the leaders of the communist party-states did much to limit their citizens' spontaneous cross-border interactions with the rest of the world. And yet, there is a growing sense among scholars in recent years that the individuals in the Soviet Bloc participated in the global marketplace of goods and ideas more than most observers during the Cold War realized or were willing to admit.



Event No. 5

Psychology Lecture

Dr. Joshua Greene (Harvard University)

March 25, 2011 - 3:30 p.m.
College Hall, Room 101

Dr. Greene will present "Beyond Point-and-Shoot Morality: Why Psychology Matters for Ethics." From his abstract:

"Does the 'is' of empirical moral psychology have implications for the 'ought' of normative ethics? In this talk I'll argue that it does. One cannot deduce moral truths from scientific truths, but psychology may nevertheless influence moral thinking in profound ways. First, I'll review evidence for the dual-process theory of moral judgment, according to which characteristically deontological judgments tend to be driven by automatic emotional responses while characteristically consequentialist judgments tend to be driven by controlled cognitive processes. I'll then consider the respective functions of automatic and controlled processes. Automatic processes are like the point-and-shoot settings on a camera, efficient but inflexible. Controlled processes are like a camera's manual mode, inefficient but flexible. Putting these theses together, I'll argue that deontological philosophy is essentially a rationalization of automatic responses that are too inflexible to handle our peculiarly modern moral problems. I'll recommend consequentialist thinking as a better alternative for humans facing such problems."



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Program History

The Festival of Ideas began in 2005 with a generous donation by UT Arlington alumnus Mustaque Ahmed ('81). In 2007, that support grew into an endowment to further strength the program's ability to offer six events each year to the university academic community and the community at large. These events have included lectures by scholars in History, Linguistics, Middle Eastern Studies, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, and Physics; presentations by artists and writers about their creative work; and concerts and theatrical performances.

"Mustaque Ahmed's generous gift for the College of Liberal Arts' Festival of Ideas Global Research Institute, as it supports a vibrant and illuminating program of events for everyone on our campus and in our community, enhances our faculty and student research in international cultures, histories, languages, literatures, and the arts," said Dr. Beth Wright, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "We are very grateful for this support of our excellence in education, research scholarship, and creative activity. "

The Festival of Ideas Global Research Institute not only guarantees the continuity of the Festival of Ideas events but provides a venue for research into the world's significant cultural and intellectual issues, integrating the scholarship and creative activity of UT Arlington's faculty and graduate students with the insights gained from presentations by world-renowned experts who visit the UT Arlington campus.

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Supporters of the College of Liberal Arts have a rare opportunity to help expand this program. Current plans including symposia, faculty and graduate research support, and bringing world-renowned speakers to the UT Arlington campus. If you would like to find out how you can support this program, please call or email development officer **Myke Holt** at (817) 272-1055 or mholt@uta.edu.

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