

Pulse of the Planet

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Welcome to International Relations' *Pulse of the Planet* fortnightly update on opportunities through our international partnerships. This is intended to provide an information resource for any upcoming international events and opportunities through our partners and overseas links which may be of interest to your faculty, staff, and students. Please share the information contained in this letter with your colleagues at the University as appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of the upcoming events, and please let us know if we can provide assistance with engagement in any of these opportunities.

Best regards,
International Relations



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NZIIA: The Challenges to Journalism

July 19, 2009

The New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA) in conjunction with the US Consulate General is holding a free public seminar this Sunday, 19 July from 6pm to 730pm at the Lecture Theatre 032, ClockTower Building.

Ralph Begleiter, Rosenberg Professor of Communication at the University of Delaware, is invited to talk about how the "new" (digital) media affected the 2008 US Presidential election campaign, and future challenges to journalism in the United States and internationally.

During two decades as CNN's "world affairs correspondent," Begleiter was the network's

most widely-travelled reporter. He has visited some 95 countries on 6 continents. At CNN during the 1980's and 1990's, he covered U.S. diplomacy, interviewed countless world leaders, hosted a global public affairs programme called "Global View," and co-anchored CNN's prestigious "International Hour." In 1998, Begleiter wrote and anchored a 24-part series on the Cold War. He covered many historic events at the end of the 20th century, including virtually every high-level Soviet/Russian-American meeting; the Persian Gulf Crisis in 1990-91; the Dayton Bosnia Accords; and Middle East Peace efforts. Begleiter has received numerous press awards including, in 1994, the Weintal Prize from Georgetown University's Graduate School of Foreign

Service, one of diplomatic reporting's highest honours.

NZ-JSPS Bilateral Programmes

The Ministry of Research, Science & Technology (MoRST) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding in June 2005 and subsequent bilateral programmes support (1) Postdoctoral Fellowships; (2) Exchange of visits between the two countries; and (3) the holding of a joint workshop in either country.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

NZ-JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme for Foreign Researchers provides opportunities for young postdoctoral researchers from New Zealand to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, co-operative research with leading research groups in Japanese universities and other research institutions. The programme aims to help such researchers advance their own research, while contributing to the advancement of research in Japan and New Zealand.

Exchanges of Scientists

The objective of this programme is to support the exchange of short-term visits of New Zealand Scientists to Japan and for Japanese Scientists to New Zealand. The number and duration of the visits will depend upon the participant's respective research programme but there shall be up to six short-term (14 to 60 days) exchanges and one long-term exchange (61 days to 10 months) and must take place between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011.

The sending country will nominate candidates for the exchange visits and these will be subject to approval by the hosting country. The hosting country will cover the costs of the visiting researchers including international travel, domestic travel costs, and a maintenance allowance.

Workshops/Seminars

NZ-JSPS Bilateral Programme also supports up to one workshop/seminar per year that results in the exchange of research knowledge of New Zealand Scientists to Japanese Scientists and vice versa. The duration of the workshop/seminar will depend upon the respective programme but it is expected that the duration of a workshop/seminar would be no longer than 5 working days.

Applications for all three programmes are now open. Guidelines and application forms are available at

<http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/site/international/jsp/default.aspx>

The closing date for all programmes is 4.00pm Wednesday, 9 September 2009.

For a list of The University of Auckland's Japanese partner institutions, please refer to:

<http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/partners-asia>

Historical Crossroads Conference at Auckland

February 18 – 20, 2010

The University of Auckland is hosting an interdisciplinary conference from 18 to 20 February 2010, which proposes to offer a framework for the ongoing debate concerning Spain's political, moral and cultural legacy, with particular reference to the historical intersections that have defined the country's trajectory from the Second Republic through to becoming a leading European nation.

Scholars and graduate students are invited to submit proposals for papers and panels engaging with the Second Republic, the Spanish Civil War, the Francoist Régime and Spain's Republican Exile, the Transition to a fully-fledged democracy, and Spain as a European nation in the 21st century through the broad areas of Cultural Studies, Film Studies, Fine Arts, History, Literature, Philosophy, Politics and Sociology.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 October 2009, with official notification of acceptance by 1 December 2009.

For more information please visit

<http://www.historicalcrossroads.auckland.ac.nz>

or contact Ms Kathleen Kramlinger, International Relations Officer at:

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U21's Food Security Workshop

November 4 – 5, 2009

Plans are well under way for U21's Food Security Workshop, to be held at the University of Edinburgh from 4 to 5 November 2009.

The aim of the workshop is to provide a platform for a meaningful and focused discussion between Food Security experts in the U21 network and those in U21's key partner institutions in the Global South. The workshop will set the agenda for collaboration in teaching and research between U21 institutions and the Global South around Food

Security themes for the next five years. Most significantly, the workshop will allow U21's developing world partner institutions to define the collaborative mechanisms which work best for them and which address their specific needs. By involving national and international aid agencies as well as NGOs, the workshop will facilitate a four-way discussion which will lead to greater efficiency, faster outcomes and more focused collaboration.

As part of their endorsement of the U21 Food Security proposal at the Annual Network Meeting, the U21 Presidents agreed to sponsor the participation in the workshop of a minimum of two researchers, one of whom should ideally be an established Principal Investigator and the other an early-career researcher, from each of their institutions. Invitations to attend the workshop will also be extended to the national development agencies of the countries represented in the U21 network, NGOs and international research funding agencies.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.universitas21.com/event/091104FSW.html>

Registration will be open in the coming weeks.

Student opportunities

U21 Graduate Research Conference registration open

November 29 – December 2, 2009

Registration for the 2009 Graduate Research Conference is now open.

The conference builds on the highly successful inaugural GRC held in Birmingham in July 2008. Globally, economies are facing challenges to future sustainability and are investing in strategies to mitigate and adapt to the potential of new climatic realities. People are increasingly moving into urban areas, placing stress on transport and other basic infrastructure. Australia provides an excellent 'laboratory' to review the future sustainability of cities, with climate scientists suggesting it will be one of the first countries to be impacted by climate change. The conference will explore issues of sustainability of cities including: energy; water; the built environment; cultural, historical and social issues; human health; transport and the natural environment.

The conference begins in Melbourne on Sunday 29 November and delegates will be flown to

Brisbane on Wednesday 2 December. The conference concludes with dinner in Brisbane on 5 December 2009. All U21 graduate students with an academic/research interest in the sustainability of cities and associated themes are welcome, although the number of participants will be limited to 60 graduate students. The conference fee is AUD\$1,000, which includes the cost of accommodation, local travel (including airfares between the Melbourne and Brisbane venues), and meals.

Expression of interest must be submitted to respective faculties' Associate Dean (International) by 17 August 2009.

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or for general information about this event please refer to:

<http://www.universitas21.com/event/GRC2009.html>

Mexican Government Scholarships for New Zealanders

The Government of Mexico is now calling for applications for scholarship awards.

Included are:

- Specialisation studies for postgraduate students
- Postgraduate research: to undertake research projects in Mexico
- Postgraduate mobility: short stays, visits, academic exchanges

This year scholarships are available on a bilateral basis for students holding New Zealand citizenship. Potential candidates must first be accepted by the institution of their choice in Mexico.

The directory outlining the programmes available and providing the application forms can be found online by visiting <http://becas.sre.gob.mx> and following the link to 'Scholarships for foreigners' (where information is given in both Spanish and English). This website provides links to all participating tertiary institutions and points of contact for each academic discipline. Individuals interested in finding out about the institutions of higher education and research in Mexico might also wish to consult www.anuies.mx or www.conacyt.mx.

Scholarships cover enrolment and tuition fees (where applicable); monthly allowance, medical insurance, and domestic transport on arrival.

Applications for most scholarships must be received

by 15 August 2009, though there are a number of special programmes for which applications will remain open until 30 October 2009. Those applying for all but the special programmes must then register online between 15 July and 15 August 2009.

For more information, email Clare McLennan-Kissel at clare.mexico@xtra.co.nz

You can also download the full terms and conditions by going to Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs website or get more information from the New Zealand Embassy of Mexico website.

<http://portal.sre.gob.mx/nuevazelandia/index.php>

professors and young lecturers, and 1,900 euros for professors (in exceptions, 2,240 euros). In addition to these payments, the DAAD generally will pay an appropriate flat-rate travel allowance.

Detailed information on the application papers can be found on the Application Form for "Research Stays and Study Visits for University Academics and Scientists" which can be obtained from the following website page:

www.daad.de/en/form

Staff opportunities

3rd U21 Learning Environment Design Forum

October 5 – 9, 2009

3rd U21 Learning Environment Design Forum will be hosted by the University of Virginia from 5 to 9 October 2009. Like the previous forums convened in Melbourne and Hong Kong, this event aims to develop skills and knowledge of university staff that are involved in, or interested in, the design and development of new classrooms and informal learning spaces on campus.

The forums are intensive five-day design studios, aimed at developing a collaborative approach to the creation of new-generation learning environments. Participants will work in small, multi-disciplinary teams on a representative design project reflecting common ambitions and concerns.

Registration closes on 31 July 2009.

To register for the forum, log on to

<http://www.universitas21.com/event/091005LEDF>

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DAAD's Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is providing foreign academics and scientists working in higher education or at research institutes with an opportunity to carry out research projects at a state (public) or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany.

Depending on the applicant's work schedule, the research stay will last between one and three months. The monthly award will amount to 1,840 euros for assistant lecturers, assistant