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*** 1. UPCOMING EVENTS

+++ Dienstag, 21.10.08 | 18.00-20.00 Uhr c.t. | Festsaal der Universitaet (Hauptgebaeude)
Das Nordamerikastudienprogramm - in Kooperation mit der Botschaft der Vereinigten
Staaten von Amerika und der Volkshochschule Bonn - laedt herzlich ein zur

Columbus Day Lecture 2008

Crister Garrett

Professor fuer Amerikanische, Transnationale und Internationale Studien
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"Sailing into Unchartered Waters?

The United States, Russia, and Transatlantic Relations in the Context of the 2008
Presidential Election"

The North American Studies Program looks forward to welcoming Prof. Dr. Crister S. Garrett as the speaker of this year's Columbus Day Lecture. Prof. Garret will address the conflict between Russia and Georgia which has inserted a new dynamic into the 2008 presidential election. The primacy of economic issues in this election season has suddenly been strongly relativized with developments in the Caucasus. Indeed, the concept of the Cold War no longer seems so antiquated. In important ways, as leaders in Europe and the United States underscore, the international community is sailing into unchartered waters in trying to negotiate a response to the unfolding of the Russia-Georgia conflict. Prof. Garret will show that the values and policies that the two presidential candidates represent in foreign policy overall have taken on new importance.

Crister S. Garrett is Professor for American, Transnational, and International Studies and Director of the Institute for American Studies at the University of Leipzig. He earned his PhD at the University of California at Los Angeles in contemporary politics and history. His teaching and research focuses on current political and economic transformations in the United States and Europe and their impact on transatlantic relations and global governance. There will be a reception after the discussion of Prof. Garrett's talk.

*** 2. NAP NEWS

+++ The North American Studies Program welcomes our new faculty member Christian Kloeckner who joined us in September 2008. Mr. Kloeckner spent the last academic year doing research for his PhD thesis entitled "Fictions of Terror" at the University of Wisconsin,

Madison. As a graduate of the North American Studies Program (2004), he has previously worked in the area of international relations at the Akademische Auslandsamt of the University of Bonn where he coordinated the Transatlantic Summer Academy. This winter semester he teaches the third-year BA module entitled "Golden Promises? California Fiction". He is also student counsellor for our MA students. His office hours are Tu, 4:00-6:00 pm, Walter-Flex-Str. 3, Room 329.

+++ We are also very happy to welcome Katherine Verhagen from the University of Toronto who has been appointed this academic year's Canadian guest professor. Ms. Verhagen currently finishes her PhD thesis on "Afro-Caribbean-Canadian Women Writers: a Publishing History." She offers two classes in the winter semester, the Proseminar "Canadian Modern and Postmodern Short Fiction," Tue 16:00-18:00 pm, Room D. This class is also open to BA Minor North American Literature and Culture (5th term). The Wissenschaftliche Uebung "Canadian Diasporic Non-Fiction," Tue 14:00-16:00 pm, Room D. For more information, please consult our website.

+++ Thursdays 16-18 | Raum B | Rainer Hillrichs M.A
Reading/Performing Contemporary Plays
Extra Curricular Activity, WS 08/09

The human voice as a medium of performance is experiencing a renaissance. Live performances of radio plays, poetry slams, and public readings of novels are drawing huge audiences and media coverage. In this course we engage with contemporary theatre texts by reading them out loud. Possible relations of text and performer are discussed. We enter current debates in theatre studies over voice and performativity. A public reading of a text of our own choice will conclude the semester.

Registration is not required. Texts are taken from the courses Contemporary British Drama (Schmidt-Haberkamp, SS 08) and Twenty-First Century American Drama (Komor SS 08). A former participation in these courses is not required.

*** 3. NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

+++ Mo, 28.10.08 | 19.00 Uhr | Uni-Club (Konviktstr. 9)

Diskussionsabend "Gegen Bush oder gegen Amerika?"

Das Amerika-Haus NRW e.V. laedt ein

mit dem Autor Axel Birkenkaemper und Jared Sonnicksen, Universitaet Bonn

Vorbehalte in der deutschen Bevoelkerung gegenueber Amerika sind weit verbreitet. Aber

richten sie sich gegen das Land und seine Gesellschaft oder gegen die Person des

amtierenden Praesidenten George W. Bush? Gegen wen oder was richtet sich die Kritik

genau? Und wie wirkt sich der anstehende Regierungswechsel in den USA auf die deutsche

Sicht auf Amerika aus? Axel Birkenkaemper und Jared Sonnicksen gehen in einem

Gespraech dem deutschen Antiamerikanismus auf den Grund und diskutieren das Thema mit

Blick auf die aktuellen Entwicklungen im US-Praesidentschaftswahlkampf mit dem Publikum.

Der Autor Axel Birkenkaemper absolvierte sein Studium der Politischen Wissenschaft,

Neueren Geschichte und Staatsrecht an der Universitaet Bonn. Seine Arbeitsschwerpunkte

sind Internationale Politik, politische Theorie und politische Kultur der Bundesrepublik

Deutschland. 2006 erschien seine Publikation "Gegen Bush oder Amerika? Die

transatlantischen Beziehungen und das deutsche Amerikabild". Jared Sonnicksen, geboren in

Valparaiso, Indiana, lehrt und forscht am Institut fuer Politische Wissenschaft und Soziologie

der Universitaet Bonn. Seine Forschungsschwerpunkte sind Vergleichende Regierungslehre,

die Europaeische Union und Demokratietheorie. Sein Studium absolvierte Sonnicksen am

Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana und an der Universitaet Bonn (Politikwissen-

schaft, Neuere Geschichte und Neuere Deutsche Literatur). Moderation: Eveline Metzen, Direktorin des Amerika Haus e.V. NRW.

+++ Do, 13.11.08 | 19.00 Uhr | Excelsior Hotel Ernst/ Trankgasse 1-5/ Domplatz/Koeln
Einladung

Der Amerika Haus e.V. NRW laedt Sie zusammen mit dem Koelner Pressclub herzlich ein zu dem Gespraechsabend:

"The USA after the Presidential Elections: Consequences for the world, implications for Europe"

mit Professor Reinhard Bettzuege, Deutscher Botschafter in Bruessel,
Richard W. Weitz, Hudson Institute und Marc Hujer, /Der Spiegel/
am Donnerstag, den 13.November 2008 um 19:00 Uhr

Melden Sie sich gerne online an unter www.amerikahaus-nrw.de.

+++ Bonn International Model United Nations (BIMUN/SINUB)

BIMUN/SINUB is an international university-level simulation of the United Nations and the European Union which will take place in Germany's UN-city Bonn from December 1-5 for the seventh time. The topic of this year's conference is:

Global Social Responsibility: Merging the Needs of a Fragmented World

The goal of BIMUN/SINUB is to give students an opportunity to experience international politics and to actively promote international understanding and cooperation. At the same time, participants will get familiar with the work and the functioning of the United Nations and the European Union.

At a Model-UN conference the participant takes on the role of an ambassador – but not of his/her own country, since participants are encouraged to look beyond their national borders.

To guarantee a realistic simulation of the United Nations the debates are held in two of the official working languages of the UN. The participants improve their language skills and moreover get an insight into the functioning of international politics and organizations: Besides their rhetorical and leadership skills, delegates train their negotiating and conflict management abilities.

Since 2002 more than 800 students from over 40 countries have taken part in BIMUN/SINUB.

We encourage students to apply for our program now. The application period is open until October 31st, 2008.

For further information, including this year's topics as well as details about the application process, please visit our webpage: www.bimun.org. Please do not hesitate to contact us with further questions.

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***4. INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

+++ The United States Meets Germany: A Forum for Young Leaders
Berlin, November 10th-14th, 2008

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) is pleased to announce The United States Meets Germany: A Forum for Young Leaders (USAMG) taking place in Berlin from November 10th to November 14th, 2008. The ICD is now accepting applications for participants interested in taking part in this Forum.

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy is an international, not-for-profit and non-governmental organization concerned with the promotion of inter-cultural understanding, through research, bi-lateral and multi-lateral programs and leadership initiatives. To learn more about the ICD, please visit our website: www.culturaldiplomacy.org.

The United States Meets Germany: A Forum for Young Leaders is designed with the intention of bringing together young, influential people from both sides of the Atlantic in order for them to gain insight into cultural diplomacy, exchange ideas and experiences and learn from influential players already working in the field. Participants will develop contacts on both a social and professional level, and participate in challenging discussions. The Forum will therefore produce a dynamic, informed group of Young Leaders who are aware of the potential for cultural diplomacy and have the necessary resources to organize their own initiatives. It is hoped that these participants might cooperate on independent initiatives together in their future. Ultimately the USAMG Forum will improve understanding between the US and Germany, and improve future cooperation and exchange between the two countries.

As a key part of the Forum, the ICD is looking for participants from the United States and Germany, as well as the wider international community, with a strong academic background and/or professional experience. Furthermore, participants should demonstrate leadership skills and have an active interest in international affairs with particular emphasis on the US-German bilateral relationship.

More detailed information about the USAMG and the application process is available on the USAMG website, which can be accessed via the following link:

http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_program_usamg_introduction

+++Jobangebot: Haus der Geschichte, Bonn

Zum Maerz 2009 werden auf Honorarvertragsbasis freie Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter als Gruppenbegleiterinnen und -begleiter im Besucherdienst gesucht.

Das Haus der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in Bonn ist ein Ausstellungs-, Dokumentations- und Informationszentrum fuer deutsche Zeitgeschichte vom Ende des Zweiten Weltkrieges bis in die Gegenwart. Das Museum repraesentiert Politik, Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftsgeschichte, Lebensbedingungen des Alltags sowie wichtige Aspekte aus Kunst und Kultur. Wechsausstellungen ergaenzen das Angebot.

Der Besucherdienst bietet zielgruppenorientierte Begleitung von ca. 1 Stunde sowohl durch die Dauerausstellung als auch die Wechsausstellungen. Ziele einer Begleitung sind die Vermittlung der Ausstellungsinhalte und die Anregung zum Nachdenken ueber die Nachkriegsgeschichte.

Erwartet wird, dass Sie

- sich mit den Zielen und Aufgaben des Hauses der Geschichte identifizieren,
- ueber gute Kenntnisse der deutschen Zeitgeschichte verfuegen,
- komplexe zeitgeschichtliche Entwicklungen zielgruppengerecht praesentieren
- historische Inhalte und Zusammenhaenge durch Objekte vermitteln
- Begleitungen basierend auf vorgegebenen Praesentations- und Vermittlungszielen eigenstaendig erarbeiten.

Ausgepraegte Kommunikationsfaehigkeit im Umgang mit Gruppen, ein aufgeschlossenes und freundliches Auftreten sowie ein gepflegtes Erscheinungsbild sind Voraussetzungen.

Bewerber mit aktiven Sprachkenntnissen (vor allem Franzoesisch, Englisch, Russisch und Niederlaendisch) werden bevorzugt. Schwerbehinderte werden bei gleicher Eignung vorderrangig beruecksichtigt.

Wenn Sie fuer acht bis zehn Begleitungen pro Monat, fuer mindestens zwei Jahre dem Besucherdienst regelmaessig zur Verfuegung stehen und ueber aktive

Fremdsprachenkenntnisse verfuegen, richten Sie Ihre Bewerbungen mit den ueblichen Unterlagen (zur Einsparung von Postgebuehren ohne Plastikhefter o. ae.) bitte bis zum 31.

Oktober 2008 an die

Stiftung Haus der Geschichte
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Personalreferat

Willy-Brandt-Allee 14

531 13 Bonn

+++ Praktikumsangebot: Public Relations, Faber-Castell

Aufgabeninhalte:

- Assistenz im Bereich PR (Schwerpunkt: Sponsoring und Hilfsprojekte)
- Bearbeiten von Presse- und Besucheranfragen
- Mithilfe bei der Redaktion der Hauszeitung
- Korrespondenz und allgemeine administrative Aufgaben

Anforderungsprofil:

- Kommunikationsstaerke und gute Ausdrucksfaehigkeit
- Sorgfalt und Genauigkeit
- Organisationstalent und Engagement
- Teamorientierung und Belastbarkeit
- Sehr gute MS-Office-Kenntnisse
- Sprachkenntnisse von Vorteil

Zeitraum: ab sofort fuer mindestens 5 Monate

Verguetung: 500,- € / Monat

Interessenten schicken Ihre aussagefaehigen Bewerbungsunterlagen bitte an: Faber-Castell Aktiengesellschaft, Frau Marina Strauch , Nuernberger Strasse 2, 90546 Stein, Tel.: 0911 / 9965-582; bevorzugt Bewerbungen per E-Mail an: marina.strauch@faber-castell.de

+++ Praktikumsangebot: Amerika Haus NRW: e.V. Koeln

Zur Verstaerkung unserer Geschaefsstelle in Koeln suchen wir ab Mitte September (oder spaeter) eine/n Praktikant/in fuer die Mindestdauer von zwei Monaten.

Sie haben Interesse am transatlantischen Austausch sowie an politischen, wirtschaftlichen und kulturellen Themen? Das sind auch die Themenbereiche, in denen sich der Amerika Haus e.V. Nordrhein-Westfalen engagiert – mit Projekten und einem breit gefaecherten Veranstaltungsprogramm. Bei uns arbeiten Sie mit im Veranstaltungsmanagement, in der Oeffentlichkeitsarbeit und erhalten Einblick in die Arbeit einer Nonprofit-Organisation. Wir bieten vielseitige Aufgaben, die alle Bereiche unseres Engagements umfassen und suchen Studenten mit eigenstaendiger Arbeitsweise und guten PC- und Englischkenntnissen. Fuer das Praktikum in unserer Geschaefsstelle sollten Sie das Grundstudium bereits abgeschlossen haben. Bewerbungen richten Sie bitte per Email oder Post an: Eveline Metzen Geschaefsfuehrende Direktorin Amerika Haus e.V. Nordrhein-Westfalen Apostelstraße 14-18, 50667 Koeln metzen@amerikahaus-nrw.de

+++ Praktikumsangebot: 360 relations, Muenchen

PRAKTIKUM ZU VERGEBEN

Hallo liebe Suchende,

wir sind eine junge aufstrebende PR-Agentur und suchen Verstaerkung fuer unser Team. Zu vergeben ist ein 6 Monatiges Praktikum mit Beginn zum September 2008 (oder spaeter) und einer monatlichen Verguetung von 350 Euro. Der Fokus unserer Agentur liegt auf den Bereichen Wintersport und Lifestyle, allerdings werden auch immer mehr Fashion-Themen behandelt. Was Ihr auf alle Faelle mitbringen solltet, ist Engagement und Neugier sowie sicheres Deutsch in Wort und Schrift, gute Englischkenntnisse und ein offenes und sicheres Auftreten. Erste Erfahrungen im Bereich Marketing, PR oder Kommunikation sind vorteilhaft, aber keine Voraussetzung.

Wenn Ihr Euch in dieser Beschreibung wieder erkennt, schickt uns Eure Bewerbung, am besten per Email. Wir freuen uns ueber jede Bewerbung und hoffen, Euch bald zu einem Vorstellungsgespraech begrueßen zu duerfen.

Kontakt: 360 public relations, Sinja Gutzeit, Siegesstraße. 21, 80802 Muenchen, sg@360-pr.de, Tel.: 089/5527927-11, <http://www.360-pr.de>

+++ Internships: The German Marshall Fund of the United States

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a non-partisan American public policy and grant making institution dedicated to promoting greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Europe. The GMF does this by supporting individuals and institutions working on transatlantic issues, by conveying leaders to discuss the most pressing transatlantic themes, and by examining ways in which transatlantic cooperation can address a variety of global policy challenges. Founded in 1972 through a gift from Germany as a permanent memorial to Marshall Plan assistance, GMF maintains a strong presence on both sides of the Atlantic. In addition to its headquarters in Washington, DC, GMF has seven offices in Europe: Berlin, Bratislava, Paris, Brussels, Belgrade, Ankara and Bucharest.

- INTERNSHIP No. 1: Immigration and Integration

The Berlin office is seeking a young academic, ideally enrolled at graduate level (Hauptstudium) for Political Science, Sociology or International Relations, preferably with a focus on immigration and integration policies. The internship will focus on event management, i.e. conceptualizing, planning, execution, support and wrap-up of conferences, lectures and workshops concerning various aspects of transatlantic issues. Prior survey expertise as well as knowing SPSS is an advantage.

- INTERNSHIP No.2: Partnerships

The Berlin office is seeking a young academic, ideally enrolled at graduate level (Hauptstudium) for Political Science, International Relations, or Economics, preferably with a focus on Political Economy. The internship will focus on gaining in-depth knowledge of the foundation and corporate environment in Europe and the United States. Assisting the Senior Program Officer, Partnerships in the Berlin office, the intern will be tasked to conduct research on a variety of institutions and firms in order to find potential synergies with GMF's transatlantic agenda. In addition to this main responsibility, the portfolio might entail event management responsibilities, i.e. conceptualizing, planning, execution, support and wrap-up of conferences, lectures and workshops concerning various aspects of transatlantic issues.

- INTERNSHIP No. 3: Foreign Policy

The Berlin office is seeking a young academic, ideally enrolled at graduate level (Hauptstudium) for Political Science or International Relations with a focus on foreign policy. The internship will focus on event management, i.e. conceptualizing, planning, execution, support and wrap-up of conferences, lectures and workshops concerning various aspects of transatlantic issues. Prior experience in this field would be a plus.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POSITIONS:

The applicant should have excellent communication skills and the ability to work in a small team. Fluency in English and German is required. The individual is expected to complete operational tasks in an accurate and reliable fashion. We are looking for a highly motivated student with excellent organisational skills combined with the ability to work well under pressure. The position is unpaid. The objectives of the GMF internship are to:

- Primarily, provide interns with an opportunity to gain practical work experience to their academic program or future work in a field related to the GMF's mission.
- Secondly, enable GMF offices to benefit from the work undertaken by interns.
- Work in an international environment on political issues. Gain experience working in a mutual learning and knowledge sharing environment with world experts.

Start and length of internship: Preferred starting date: October 2008. Preferred length of internship: 3 months, fulltime

Contact information: If you are interested, please send a resume and cover letter to the attention of: Katharina Freund, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Oranienburger Str.13-14 10178 Berlin Tel. ++49 30 28 88 13-0 Fax ++49 30 28 88 13-10 E-Mail: kfreund@gmfus.org; www.gmfus.org

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If you have comments or suggestions, please contact our office (nap@uni-bonn.de) or send an email directly to Ingrid Thaler (ithaler@uni-bonn.de). For more information on the program and our activities, visit our website at www.nap-uni-bonn.de.
