

Center for South Asia Outreach e-Bulletin

Monday, November 9, 2009

Sharing South Asia Related events with the UW-Campus and the greater Madison Community!

INDIA INITIATIVE AND CENTER FOR SOUTH ASIA LECTURE

November 10 5:30 – 6:30 PM Auditorium, Wisconsin Historical Society

Eswaran Sridharan

Academic Director, University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI)

“Coalition Politics in the 2009 Indian Election”

Professor Sridharan will be comparing patterns of pre-electoral coalition politics, state by state, within each pre-electoral alliance in the 2009 election compared to 2004, placing this in the context of coalition theory and the dynamics of first-past-the-post electoral systems.

Eswaran Sridharan is the Academic Director of the University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI), (in New Delhi), from its inception in 1997, and was earlier with the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi. He is a political scientist with research interests in the political economy of development, party systems and coalition politics, and international relations theory, conflict resolution and cooperation-building in South Asia. He is the author of *The Political Economy of Industrial Promotion: Indian, Brazilian and Korean Electronics in Comparative Perspective 1969-1994* (1996); and has co-edited (with Zoya Hasan and R. Sudarshan), *India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices, Controversies* (2002; 2005); co-edited (with Anthony D'Costa), *India in the Global Software Industry: Innovation, Firms Strategies and Development*, (2004); co-edited (with Peter de Souza) *India's Political Parties* (2006); and edited *The India-Pakistan Nuclear Relationship: Theories of Deterrence and International Relations* (2007). He earned his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Pennsylvania.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the India Initiative with funding from the Division of International Studies and WAGE.

CSA FALL LECTURE SERIES

November 12 Noon – 1 PM 206 Ingraham Hall

Robert Linrothe

Associate Professor, Art History, Skidmore College

“Anxious Fascination: Yogis in Mughal, Company, and Raj-Period Paintings and Photographs”

The Mughals and the British, who ruled most of South Asia for several centuries, were in equal measure outsiders to those lands. They saw its natural and social environments as foreign and exotic, and developed certain overlapping fascinations. One of these was with Yogis, naked ash-covered Sadhus with dreadlocks who were perceived as having magical powers. In Indian society Yogis derived religious and even political authority from asceticism. The reactions of the Mughal and British elites to these charismatic renouncers mingled attraction, scepticism, and unease with a tinge of fear. The mixed responses they generated surfaced in paintings and photography. In this talk I will explore the enduring stereotype of the Yogi as perpetuated in elite arts and photographs used variously for political surveying, missionary work, souvenirs, and for the tourist market. I will also look at cases where the photographer's gaze was returned, when the making of a photograph turns from being a moment of objectification by these outsiders to that of subjective self-expression on the part of the Yogi.

Dr. Linrothe is an art historian (Ph.D., Chicago, 1992), who has worked extensively on Buddhist and Himalayan art. His book *Holy Madness* (on traditions of 84 Siddhas) has attracted much scholarly attention. Last year he was at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles, is teaching at Skidmore College presently, and will join Northwestern University's Art History Department in January 2010. His research interests include representations of yogis and sadhus in 19th/20th century photographs and in earlier painting.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the University Lectures Committee and the Department of Art History.

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November 19

Noon – 1 PM

206 Ingraham Hall

Bhavani Raman

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Princeton University

"The Duplicity of Paper and the Problem of Attestation in Early Colonial Madras"

For more information about the lecture and to see our complete series, go to:

<http://southasia.wisc.edu/events/fall09.htm>

CAMPUS EVENTS

Peace Corps Info Session

Tuesday, November 10

Noon-1 PM

336 Ingraham Hall

The [African Studies Program](#), [Center for East Asian Studies](#), [Center for European Studies](#), [Center for Russia East Europe and Central Asia](#), [Center for South Asia](#), [Go Global!](#) and [Global Studies](#) at UW-Madison invite you to lunch and to explore the possibilities of Peace

Corps.

Learn about how to apply your diverse international interests and skills in the Peace Corps. Presentation by Jeff Sheffy, UW Campus Representative, about his experiences combining Peace Corps and Grad School. Come learn about how you can apply your diverse international interests and skills in the Peace Corps, while learning new languages, immersing yourself in another culture, and developing your international work experience. We will cover current Peace Corps opportunities and how to make your application more competitive. Please bring your questions.

Pizza and beverages will be served!

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India Study Abroad Info Session

Wednesday, November 11

4-5PM, Memorial Union TITU

<http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/>

Please come and learn about the current UW study abroad programs in India.

BHUTANESE REFUGEES IN WI

You are invited to join Lutheran Support Services and the Center for South Asia as we celebrate the grand opening of Lutheran Social Services' Sub-Office for Refugee Resettlement and welcoming Bhutanese people to the Madison Community.

Tuesday, November 24

4:30-6:30PM

The University Club

803 State Street, Madison

Professor of Sociology Joe Elder will address current affairs in Nepal. LSS' Rebekah Johnson will highlight newly arrived refugees' needs and volunteer opportunities. Rachel Weiss, Assistant Director of the Center for South Asia will address Bhutan's history and political climate.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to either:

Rebekah Johnson, rebekah.johnson@lsswis.org

Rachel Weiss, rweiss@southasia.wisc.edu

SUMMER LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The United States Department of State is pleased to announce the upcoming scholarship competition for overseas intensive summer language institutes in thirteen critical need

foreign languages for summer 2010. The on-line application for CLS Program awards will be available November 9, 2009, and the deadline to apply will be December 18, 2009. The selection process will be administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) with awards approved by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The CLS Program will be administered by CAORC and the American Councils for International Education.

For the following languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, Urdu

See the following page for more details: <https://clscholarship.org/home.php>

UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Wisconsin Idea Fellowship Info Sessions November 16 & 17, December 1 Red Gym

Information sessions about the WI Idea Undergraduate Fellowship Program 2010-2011 are scheduled for November 16th, 17th and December 2 at various locations in the Red Gym.

WI Idea Undergraduate Fellowships provide opportunities for undergraduates to collaborate with a community partner and faculty/instructional staff sponsor to meet pressing community needs locally, nationally or internationally. Students earn three credits and receive a stipend (up to \$3000 for individuals and \$5000 for groups). Additional funding is also available to develop and implement the project.

The application deadline is **Friday, February 12, 2010**.

The Information Sessions are:

Monday, November 16, 6pm (Mezzanine AB, Red Gym, 2nd floor)

Tuesday, November 17, 5pm (Room 154 Red Gym, 1st floor)

Tuesday, December 1, 4:30pm (Room 154 Red Gym, 1st floor)

More information and application materials are available online at www.morgridge.wisc.edu/students/wif.html or at the Morgridge Center, 154 Red Gym. For more information, contact Elizabeth Tryon, etryon@wisc.edu or (608) 890-3334 .

DISSERTATION RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

WAGE Advanced Dissertation Research Assistantships
Deadline is **Friday, December 4th**.

The Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy (WAGE) is pleased to announce that it will award one or more doctoral research assistantships for spring semester 2010.

WAGE is a research center that brings together scholars from economics, political science,

public policy, sociology, business, law and other fields to study contemporary processes of globalization and its governance. In the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, WAGE shares international expertise with the businesses, government, and public of Wisconsin. We organize and fund university events, faculty research, graduate education, and public outreach. WAGE is a member program of the International Institute, a joint initiative of the Division of International Studies and the College of Letters & Science. To learn more about WAGE, visit our website at <http://wage.wisc.edu/>.

[Click here to view PDF version of the application guidelines](#)

JOB POSTINGS

Lecturers and Faculty Assistants, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI) is now accepting applications for Summer 2010. Lecturers are listed as PVL #63215 and Faculty Assistants are listed as PVL #63216.

Applications and instructions for lecturer positions can be found at http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_063215.html.

Applications and instructions for Faculty Assistants can be found at http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_063216.html.

The first consideration date for applications is November 18, 2009.

**Please note that even though the first consideration date is listed as November 18, 2009, we will continue to accept applications until all positions are filled.

Additional questions can be addressed to either Laura Hammond or Ean Barnard, SASLI Program Assistant at (608) 261-1194 or sasli@southasia.wisc.edu

Visit http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_062865.html for more information.

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