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NEWS AND EVENTS

Student News

New Student Study Center Open

The New School opened a new Student Study Center on the 2nd floor of 90 5th Avenue on Monday, January 24th. The space features natural light, computer terminals, and private or group work rooms for reserve. This new addition provides students with much-needed study space. At present the hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Hours will be extended as the semester continues.

Economics Student Contributes to the Kathmandu Post



NSSR PhD Student **Prakash Kumar Shrestha** became a contributor to the Kathmandu Post with

recent articles concerning economic regulation, monetary policy, and inflation control in Nepal from the perspective of a heterodox economist. The first article, entitled “Through the Roof” appeared on December 6th 2010 and is available online [here](#). “Breaking the Bank,” a [second post](#), quickly followed on January 17th, and a [third](#) went to print on January 23rd coauthored by Shrestha and titled, “No Invisible Hands Here”.

NSSR Economists Win Championship Victory in the New School Intramural Soccer League



For the second straight season **Dynamo Economics** took the championship title for New School Intramural Soccer. The team, comprised entirely of

MA and PhD economics students, played an undefeated season to win the December title.

Faculty News

Economics Professor Anwar Shaikh Offers Three Lectures in India

NSSR Economics Professor **Anwar Shaikh** traveled to the University of Delhi to share his research on global economic theory in three appearances. Professor Shaikh first delivered the Oliver Tambo Lecture at the Developing Countries Research Center, titled “The Theory and Ideology of Neoliberalism.” He then delivered a second presentation, “The First Great Depression of the 21st Century,” at the International Conference on the Global Crisis and Hegemonic Dilemmas. Finally, Professor Shaikh also took part in “Globalization, Justice, and Democracy,” a symposium at the University of Delhi.

In all three appearances Professor Shaikh discussed his research on the global financial upheaval and the resulting crisis in economic thought. He argues that the recent financial collapse was precipitated by free-market policies inspired by the rightwing economist Milton Friedman, which held ascendancy in the academy for decades. Professor Shaikh believes that the lack of alternative perspectives inhibited intellectual inquiry in the academy and damaged the

global economy itself by fostering an inequitable distribution of wealth, unstable growth patterns, and high unemployment.

Toward More Perfect Unions: NSSR's Andrew Arato Shares His Constitutional Research in Zimbabwe



As Zimbabwe progresses toward the creation of a new constitution, the U.S. embassy in Harare has been inviting the world's top constitutional scholars to the nation's capitol to share their perspectives. **Andrew Arato**, Dorothy Hart Hirshon Professor of Political and Social Theory at The New School for Social Research, traveled to Harare last month as a scholar invited to discuss the process of building fair and durable constitutions in democratizing nations.

Drawing on his research on constitutional processes around the world, Arato stressed that broad, popular engagement is key to a functional governmental charter. Unfortunately, free and open discussion has been lacking thus far in Zimbabwe's initial steps toward a new constitution—a situation the U.S. embassy hopes to correct with visits by academics like Arato. To read more about Arato's visit to the U.S. embassy in Harare and Zimbabwe's constitutional revision process, visit the [U.S. Department of State's blog entry on the event](#).

NSSR Events

NSSR Philosophy Workshops

Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm

February 3rd: Simon Critchley, "On Tragedy and Philosophy"

February 10th: Carla Bagnoli, "Paradoxes of Autonomy"

February 17th: Drucilla Cornell, "Comrade Judge, Can a Revolutionary Become a Justice?"

Location: 6 E 16th Street, Room 1103

Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

Sociology Lecture

Thursday, February 3rd 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

The Department of Sociology invites Professor Amal Jamal, Chair of Political Science at Tel Aviv University for a special talk entitled: Politics of States of Exception in Israel/Palestine.

Location: 6 E 16th Street, Room 1106
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

Politics Lectures

Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm

February 8th: Susan Buck-Morris, “The History of Humanity Demands a Communist Mode of Reception”

February 15th: Drucilla Cornell

February 22nd: Nicole Pepperell, “The Higher Realms of Nonsense: Unpacking *Capital*’s ‘Greatest Difficulty’”

Location: 80 5th Ave, Room 529
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

The Body and the State: How the State Controls and Protects the Body

Thursday – Saturday, February 10th – 12th 2011

Join 35 distinguished experts to discuss the body as an international human rights arena in which many forces, such as religion, science, media, and the market, struggle for control over policies that control our bodies. We hope to illuminate how the often tacit assumptions about the "normal," "healthy," and "acceptable" body lead to unjust policies.

The Keynote Speaker, Didier Fassin, will speak at 6 pm on February 10th.

Topics include the sexual body and behavior, religion, gender, citizenship, punishment, the impact of media, race and class, reproductive rights, sustaining and ending life, death, biology, illegal organ trade, genes and DNA ownership and use, prostitution, sex trafficking, and the pharmaceutical industry in an international and multicultural context.

Find the program [here](#).

Location: Tishman Auditorium, 66 W 12th Street
Admission: Free to New School students, faculty, staff, alumni. RSVP now to cps@newschool.edu.

Anthropology Public Lecture Series

Wednesday, February 16th 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tobias Rees, Assistant Professor in the Departments of Anthropology and the Social Studies of Medicine at McGill University, delivers a lecture as part of the NSSR Anthropology Public Lecture Series.

Location: 80 5th Ave, Room 529
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations
required

India's World

Thursday and Friday, May 10th – 11th 2011

Join speakers to discuss key issues of contemporary Indian life and connect the dots between government, economy, polity, and culture in India and in India's world today. The mission of the conference is to engage both experts and the public in discussions that will deepen our understandings of the ways in which the country and people of India are influenced by the world and the world, by India.

The Keynote Speaker, Amitav Ghosh, will speak at 6 pm on May 10th.

Find an overview and list of speakers [here](#).

Location: Tishman Auditorium, 66 W 12th Street
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staff, alumni. RSVP now to
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEADLINES

Get Academic Planning and Scholarship Information and Key Student Resources Online

NSSR students can find lots of useful resources on the [Current Students link](#) on the New School website. This page compiles some commonly requested documents and information, including resources for

- Consortium Classes
- Internal and External Funding Opportunities
- PhD Guidelines
- Grades and Transcripts
- The Academic Calendar

And many, many more. Just go to www.newschool.edu and click on the link to The New School for Social Research and you will see 'Current Students' at the bottom left of the page.

Democracy & Diversity Graduate Summer Institute

July 8th – 24th 2011, Wroclaw, Poland

The World in Crisis: A Critical Reading

The Transregional Center of Democratic Studies of the New School for Social Research is very pleased to announce the twentieth Democracy & Diversity

Summer Institute, to be held in the inspiring city of Wroclaw, Poland, from July 8-24, 2011. Located in a landmark modernist structure in the largest park of the Lower Silesia region, the institute offers an intensive program of study, equivalent to a full semester of graduate study in the US.

Known as an intimate international forum for lively but rigorous debate on critical issues of democratic life, the Institute brings an interdisciplinary, comparative, and highly interactive approach to the social, political, and cultural challenges facing today's world. We are looking forward to welcoming another cohort of up to forty junior scholars from the US, Europe, and other parts of the world to this anniversary session of the Democracy & Diversity Institute. This year's program will unfold around the theme *The World in Crisis: A Critical Reading*, and will consider issues of political violence, the salient role of new media, the contestation of gender, and the ethnicization of politics.

The courses offered at the 2011 Institute include:

- 'We the People': Nationalism, Ethnicity and Belonging, Professor Sharika Thiranagama, New School for Social Research
- Media and News in a Time of Crisis, Professors Daniel Dayan, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris and New School for Social Research and Jeffrey C. Goldfarb, New School for Social Research

- Romancing Violence : Theories and Practices of Political Violence, Professor Elzbieta Matynia, New School for Social Research
- Gender: Stable and Unstable, Professor Ann Snitow, Eugene Lang College

Located between Berlin, Prague and Warsaw, and saturated with the history and memory of these three distinct cultures, Wroclaw (formerly Breslau) is a beautiful and booming city that uniquely conveys both the challenges and the promise of a united Europe. Drawing on Wroclaw's culture of the borderland, TCDS's network of distinguished and dedicated collaborators and alumni, and the New School's reputation stemming from our long-term engagement in the region, this anniversary session of the Democracy & Diversity Institute offers a rigorous program of critical inquiry on some of the most pressing problems of our time.

Our local collaborator is the International Institute for the Study of Culture and Education at the University of Lower Silesia. Please watch for the full program announcement, including full course descriptions, application instructions and deadlines, in early February 2011. Application deadline: March 14, 2011. For information and questions, please contact TCDS@newschool.edu or visit www.newschool.edu/tcds.

Graduate Writing Center

As of January 2011, the Graduate Writing Center will be part of the University Writing Center.

Are you new to graduate work? Is English not your first language? The New School offers academic writing services for students at the University Writing Center (UWC). Information about the UWC can be found here:

<http://www.newschool.edu/admin/writingcenter/>

The UWC offers 40-minute individual tutoring sessions in which students can discuss grammar, style, structure, use of quotations and references, and other scholarly issues. We also hold workshops on graduate writing, revising, using outlines, and other techniques that apply to dissertations, theses, articles, grant applications, and course papers. The writing counselors for graduate students are advanced PhD students who can help with graduate level academic writing and provide advice about academic expectations and conventions.

The UWC is located at
71 Fifth Ave, 9th floor
(Between 14th and 15th St.)
New York, NY 10003
212.229.5121

Graduate students book their own 40-minute appointments via

<http://www.newschool.edu/writingcenter/>

Graduate writing tutors are specified by "GRAD" on the schedule.

See you soon at our new location! And be sure to tell your friends about our move!

Reminder for Students Completing Study this Semester

Students expecting to complete their studies in May 2011 must file a Graduation Petition with the University Registrar's Office. The university cannot confer degrees or certificates for students who have not filed a petition. Filing should be done as soon as possible; no fee will be charged to students who file before February 15. Forms are available at the Registrar's Office at 72 Fifth Ave, lower level and online at <http://my.newschool.edu>.

Online Graduation Petition: From January 10th until February 15th 2011, students will be able to petition to graduate online for the Spring 2011 semester. To submit a petition online login to <http://my.newschool.edu>. Within the Graduation Petition box, click on "Click here to submit your graduation petition online" and follow the instructions provided. The online petition is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Avoid the late fee and petition before February 15.



EXTERNAL FUNDING AND CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Academic Affairs provides external funding and scholarships information and career guidance to New School for Social Research students. Services include: (1) providing students with scholarships and funding information; (2) assisting NSSR students with CV, cover letter and resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search strategies; (3) workshops and information sessions on various topics including: CV workshops (every month), SPIN database tutorial (twice a semester), Grant Writing workshop, Fulbright workshop, and information sessions on Academic and Non-Academic Careers in Social Sciences.

Career Services Office Hours

Individual appointments can be made Monday through Friday by appointment. Send an email to kraemerb@newschool.edu, or call 212.229.3790.

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Chronicle of Higher Education

The Chronicle of Higher Education, a great source of news, information, and job postings for college and university faculty members and administrators, is available for review and reading in the Office of Academic Affairs.

New Funding Database

The New School for Social Research now subscribes to a new external funding opportunity data base - COS. Both students and faculty tested the site and identified it as a vast improvement to our previous service. The best part is that you do not have to be on campus to access the database.

Just use your New School webmail username and password in order to access the COS funding Opps database through the library website. Look under "Search Electronic Resources and Databases."

The direct link is:

<https://login.libproxy.newschool.edu/login?url=http://www.cos.com.libproxy.newschool.edu/>

Workshops

Job Interview and Job Talk Skills for Academic Jobs

Wednesday, February 2nd 2010, 2:15 – 3:45 pm

Learn what to expect in an academic job interview and a job talk. Find out how to present your teaching and research ability and your match with the department. Bring a job ad or identify a university where you would like to teach and practice in a mock interview.

Location: 6 East 16th Street, 10th floor, room 1005

How to go about Academic Publishing

Wednesday, February 9th 2010, 2:15 – 3:45 pm

You want to publish a research or a practice article or your PhD as a book? Find out how to choose and approach a publisher. Learn and discuss recommendations for your writing as well as for your mind set.

Location: 6 East 16th Street, 10th floor, room 1005

Funding Opportunities

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences Fellowships

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) invites applications to its PhD and postdoctoral programs. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University and is funded by the Excellence Initiative. The program provides close supervision of dissertation work within a demand-tailored education and research framework. Fellows are expected to choose Bremen as their place of residence.

You can find information on more than 15 PhD stipends and fellowships as well as postdoctoral positions [here](#).

Congressional Research Awards

Proposals must be received by March 1, 2011

The Dirksen Congressional Center invites applications for grants to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. A total of up to \$35,000 will be available in 2011. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who reside in the United States.

To apply, submit the online application form available [here](#). The final submission must not exceed 9 printed pages.

For more information please visit [the Center's website](#).



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