3rd Annual Asian Studies Symposium

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Program Brochure

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Day 1  Friday, 2/19, 2010
Session I: 6 to 9PM
Location: Event Center
Chinese New Year Celebration
Co-sponsored with Chinese Student Association

Day 2  Wednesday, 2/24, 2010
Session II: 4 to 6PM
Pine Room, Lower Commons

China Panel
Recognition and Human Rights
Dr. Chris Naticchia, Dept. of Philosophy

One view of the criteria that states and international institutions should use in determining which political entities ought to be recognized as states and included as members of international institutions is that they should observe basic human rights (among other criteria). This raises the question of whether human rights, as a basic, minimal criterion for internationally recognizing states, can be justified -- as a matter of normative political philosophy -- in a manner that does not presuppose normative commitments specific to western liberal democracies. Some philosophers have thought that principles for global institutions should be independent in this way if they are to earn acceptance internationally and not merely be imposed.

About the Speaker: Chris Naticchia is professor of philosophy and teaches moral, political, and legal philosophy. His current research focuses on the criteria that states and international institutions should use in determining which political entities ought to be recognized as states and included as members of international institutions.

Privatization of State- Owned Enterprises in China
Dr. Frank Lin, Dept. of Information and Decision Sciences

Privatization of state-owned enterprises has been an interest of practitioners and researchers not only in China but also in many other countries such as England and Russia among others. The topic of privatization of state-owned enterprises has become one of the major focuses for Chinese government since China started her economic reform about 30 years ago. This presentation covers a brief introduction to the definition, rationale, the process and impact of privatization of state-owned enterprises in China.

About the Speaker: Frank Lin is a Professor of Information and Decision Sciences and Associate Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at California State University, San Bernardino. His current research interests are in decision making, organizational modeling, enterprise architecture, information security, innovation and technological implementation, business process reengineering, performance management, entrepreneurship, leadership, and internationalization.
China: Current and Future
Dr. Dong Man Kim, Dept. of Accounting and Finance
Dr. Kim will discuss (1) China's stimulus programs after the subprime mortgage crisis in 2007-2008, (2) China’s near future, (3) China’s problems that should be solved, and (4) China’s long-term future.

About the Speaker: Dr. Dong Man Kim is a Professor of Finance at California State University San Bernardino. Dr. Kim received his Ph.D. in Finance from Arizona State University. His teaching and research interests are corporate finance and investment.

Capturing Moments with China's People and Culture
Dr. Mary Fong, Dept. of Communication Studies
Come capture moments with China's people and culture with me as we embark on a brief visit to the largest book publishing company and visiting some relatives for the first time, and experiencing historical sites of Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Great Wall, Terra Cotta Warriors, Peking University, and the countryside of Guilin.

About the speaker: Mary Fong is a professor of Communication Studies who teaches and research in cultural and intercultural communication. She has also published articles on instructional communication and spiritual communication.

Ship Anything...But Don't Ship Air!
Dr. John Wu, Leonard Transportation Center
Many products travel long distances to reach us. If we can find ways to change product characteristics, packaging, loading, and ways of transportation, we can save transportation capacity, cut waste, save money, and reduce our carbon footprint. In other words, let’s stop shipping air and save the planet!

About the speaker: Dr. John Wu is Professor and Director of Leonard Transportation Center. He was a Wang Family Research Scholar and China Resident Director for the CSU International Programs. His interests include international transportation and supply chain and environmentally friendly logistics practices.

Day 3  Wednesday, 3/3, 2010
Session III: 2 to 4PM
Pine Room, Lower Commons
Globalization and China: The Mixed Blessings of Neoliberalism
Dr. Anna Ni, Dept. of Public Administration

Neoliberalism, the dominant economic philosophy around the world in the past three decades, has largely driven the process of globalization. The case of China offers a unique opportunity to examine the mixed blessings of neoliberalism. This lecture will trace China's economic reform policies and their impacts in the past thirty years and challenge the audience to rethink the economic policies and practices in the United States at this historical turning point.

About the Speaker: Anna Ni is an assistant professor of the Department of Public Administration at California State University San Bernardino. Anna had worked in both private and public sectors with managerial roles before she started her graduate study.
**Day 3  Wednesday, 3/3, 2010**

Session IV: 4 to 6PM  
Pine Room, Lower Commons  
Surrealism and Cinema: Some Thoughts on Contemporary Expressions in Japanese Film and Film Screening, “Big Bang Love, Juvenile A” (46 okunen no koi) by director Takeshi Miike  
Dr. Rod Metts, Dept. of Communication Studies  

Jun, an employee in a gay bar, kills a customer who assaults him. While being transported to jail, he meets Shiro, another young prisoner who displays his brute force from the beginning. The timid Jun is attracted to his intensity—until one of them dies, and the mystery surrounding them deepens. Inside the prison, the dance continues, and outside the walls, a rocket ship waits in the shadow of the ancient pyramid.

**About the speaker:** Rod Metts teaches in the Department of Communication Studies. His areas are, Video Production, Media Aesthetics, Media Criticism, and Film Theory. His undergraduate degree (with honors), and his M. A. degree are in Radio and Television from San Francisco State University. He earned his Ph.D. in the Communication Studies Department at The Ohio State University with an emphasis in Cultural Studies. He is a freelance director and videographer.

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**Day 4  Thursday, 3/4, 2010**

Session V: 12 to 2PM  
Pine Room, Lower Commons  
Chado: The Way of Tea (Demonstration and Explanation of Japanese Tea Ceremony)  
Soko Osumi and Kazutaka Osumi  

About the speakers: Mrs. Soko Osumi and Mr. Kazutaka Osumi are chado teachers, performers and promoters of “Nagauta”. They have been presenting the chado demonstrations at various public schools such as Garvey School classroom workshops, California University of Polytechnics at Pomona. They participate at various cultural events such as Nisei Week Festival in Little Tokyo.

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Session V: 2 to 4PM  
Pine Room, Lower Commons  
The Hmong in the United States  
Dr. Pa Der Vang, Dept. of Social Work  

Pa Der Vang will speak about the history and culture of the Hmong in the United States. Dr Vang will give a brief description of the Hmong's immigration to the United States and issues related to their transition to life in the United States and cultural changes encountered by the Hmong as they recreate their lives in a new homeland.

**About the Speaker:** Pa Der Vang obtained her Masters and Ph.D in Social Work from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Dr. Vang's professional experiences include several years as a clinical social worker, community organizer, and county planning specialist. Her research includes mental health in Southeast Asian populations and