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Alliance Program Newsletter

September 2008

Since 2002, the Alliance Program has developed into an exceptional international academic program benefiting to more than 40 professors and 150 students every year, in all disciplines. 2007 has been a turning point with the launching of the endowment and 2008 will build upon these achievements. Our activities for the fall semester 2008 will include:

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

> CALL FOR FACULTY JOINT PROJECTS — \$15,000

The Alliance Program's Calls for Joint Projects are intended to promote and finance transatlantic projects of the highest quality, in all disciplines, between faculty members from the partner institutions. Alliance is interested in research and educative joint initiatives that could lead to long term integrated research and education.

[Application form](#)

Deadline: November 3, 2008

> CALL FOR DOCTORAL MOBILITY — \$4,000

The Calls for Doctoral Mobility are intended to finance doctoral students from one partner institution who are supported by a professor in the host institution. From all disciplines, doctoral students from the Alliance network are encouraged to pursue their research in a partner institution.

[Application form](#)

Deadline: November 3, 2008

> JEROME LOHEZ SCHOLARSHIP — \$1,000/\$2,000

Scholarships will be awarded to one student from Columbia University pursuing a year of study in one of the three French institutions, and to one student from the three French Institutions pursuing a year of study at Columbia University.

[Apply now](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2008

VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

Columbia University and SciencesPo have expanded their long-term academic collaboration with the launch of a yearly transatlantic exchange of faculty in the areas of international affairs and public policy. In 2008, the two visiting professors were Ghassan Salamé (Professor of International Relations, SciencesPo) and Arvind Panagariya (Professor of Indian Political Economy, Columbia).

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ENDOWMENT

The Alliance Program is now endowed at Columbia University for what it is the first joint endowment with international partners at Columbia. It is also the first time that French institutions of higher education take part in a joint endowment with an American University.

DUAL DEGREES AND JOINT PROGRAMS

14 joint programs and almost 150 students every year!

Students in our dual-degree programs get full degrees from both institutions while other joint programs pave the way for further ventures in all disciplines

NEWLY LAUNCHED IN THE FALL 2008

> LAW

Certificate in "European International and Comparative Economic Law and Governance": Columbia, SciencesPo, Paris I

> JOURNALISM

Dual Degree in Journalism Studies: Columbia, SciencesPo

PROJECTS FOR 2009-2010

> POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dual PhD Program in Political Science: Columbia, SciencesPo.

> COMMUNICATION

"Mapping Controversies in the Media Today", around Bruno Latour (SciencesPo) and Todd Gitlin (Columbia): New joint graduate course including joint Transatlantic website, and a joint graduate conference in February 2009.

> ART HISTORY

Dual Master Degree in Museum Studies: Columbia, Paris I

> ENGINEERING

BA.MA. in Engineering: Columbia, Ecole Polytechnique

> AFRICAN STUDIES

Joint Certificate in African Studies: Columbia, SciencesPo (undergraduate level), Paris I (graduate level)

PLATFORM OF DEABATE: THE FALL 2008 ALLIANCE CONFERENCE SERIES

> THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

In the framework of the French Presidency of the European Union, the Alliance Program presents a series of events at Columbia University:



September 24 - Conference by Anne Lauvergeon, CEO of Areva, on **“Powering –and empowering– the world, The Nuclear Industry and the Climate Change Challenge,”** co-sponsored by Columbia University’s World Leaders Forum

October 14 - Conference by Hervé de Charette (former French Minister for Foreign Affairs) on **“Les grandes orientations de la politique étrangère française dans le contexte de la Présidence Française de l’Union Européenne,”** co-sponsored by the Maison Française

October 30 - Conference by Ambassador Fernando Valenzuela, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations, on **“The European Union and the Climate Change Challenge,”** co-sponsored by the European Institute and the Earth Institute

November 10 - Conference by Claire-Françoise Durand, Director-General of the European Commission Legal Service, on **“The Lisbon Treaty”**

> CERI-SERIES WITH SIPA

Researchers from the Center for International Research and Studies (CERI), based at SciencesPo, will give seminars at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University

AFRICAN STUDIES, co-sponsored by the Institute of African Studies

October 9 - **“Colonial Memory in a Comparative Perspective: Africa and Southeast Asia”** by Romain Bertrand, co-sponsored by the Weatherhead Institute and the APEC Study Center

December 4 - **“Sudan, Darfur, and Chad”** by Roland Marchal

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES, co-sponsored by the Middle East Institute

November 6 - **“Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State: A Reappraisal,”** by Alain Dieckhoff

November 20 - **Transnational Shia Politics: Political and Religious Networks in the Gulf,** by Laurence Louër

> OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8 - Colloquium on **“From Einstein Institutions to Quantum Bits: A New Quantum Age,”** by Alain Aspect (Ecole Polytechnique, Institut d’Optique), co-sponsored by the Physics Department

September 9 - Seminar on **Direct Observation of Anderson Localization of Matter-Waves in a Controlled Disorder** by Alain Aspect (Ecole Polytechnique, Institut d’Optique), co-sponsored by the Physics department

September 25 - **Moralizing International Relations, Called to Account,** book presentation by Ariel Conomos (SciencesPo–CERI), co-sponsored by the Political Science Department and the War and Peace Studies Institute

October 2 - Seminar on **“Doomsday Movements in Contemporary Islam,”** by Jean-Pierre Filiu (SciencesPo), co-sponsored by the Middle East Institute

October 10 - Seminar on **Imperial Encounters in Java** by Romain Bertrand (SciencesPo-CERI), co-sponsored by the Weatherhead Institute

October 15 - **Equality and Transparency: A Strategic Perspective on Affirmative Action in American Law,** book presentation by Daniel Sabbagh (SciencesPo–CERI), co-sponsored by the Maison Française at Columbia University and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States

October 28 - **The Shape of the World to Come: Charting the Geopolitics of a New Century,** book presentation by Laurent Cohen-Tanugi (SciencesPo)

November 13 - Seminar on **Model Studies of Climate Systems** by Hervé Le Treut (Ecole Polytechnique), co-sponsored by the Columbia Climate Center

DONATE TO THE ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Please contact us regarding sponsorship opportunities and donations. By giving to the Alliance, you will support a unique partnership of excellence between four global leading universities which contribute to a better dialogue on the pressing issues of our time.

All contributions will come in support to academic programs and research projects between Columbia University, Ecole Polytechnique, SciencesPo and the Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne.

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