EVENTS AT COLUMBIA DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 23, 2003

TALKS

JANUARY

23RD, THURS., 12:00 P.M. The Microanalysis of the Russian Transition Series: “Where Has All the Foreign Investment Gone in Russia?” Harry Broadman, World Bank. IAB 1219.

ARTS

JANUARY

8TH, WED., 12:00 P.M. Complete Concert, Alexander Wu and Frank Ponzio, Duo-pianists. Music for piano-four hands with works of Beethoven, Gershwin, Duke Ellington, others. 870-2231. Interchurch Chtr.

9TH, THUR., 4:00 P.M. “Enzymatic Macrocyclization in Natural Product Biosynthesis.” Stephen Bruner, Harvard Medical School. Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics. 305.3885. 311 HSSC

13TH, MON., 12:00 P.M. “Cell Biology and Pathology of the Polyglutamine Neurodegenerative Protein Ataxin-3.” Randall N. Pittman, U of Pennsylvania. Pharmacology. 305-7444. BB 724

21ST, TUE., 12:00 P.M. “Economic Imprinting: A Search for Unifying Themes.” Anne Fergusson-Smith, U of Cincinnati. Institute for Cancer Genetics. 851-5280. 311 HSSC

EXHIBITS

THRU DEC. 21ST

Wed. - Sat., 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. “Roger Ferri: Architectural Visionary.” Retrospective exhibition of architectural drawings, renderings, and photographs by architect Roger Ferri. 854-2877. Wallach Art Gallery, 805 Amsterdam. 

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Mon. - Fri., 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. “Cell Biology and Pathology of the Polyglutamine Neurodegenerative Protein Ataxin-3.” Randall N. Pittman, U of Pennsylvania. Pharmacology. 305-7444. BB 724

THRU DEC. 31ST


THRU FEB. 28TH


SEARCH COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR NEW DEAN OF ARCHITECTURE

President Lee C. Bollinger has appointed a search committee to assist him in finding a successor to Bernard Tschumi, Dean of the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Provost Jonathan Cole will chair the committee. The other members include: Barry Bergdoll, professor, Art History; Pierre de Looz, professor, Architecture, Planning and Preservation; Steven Holl, professor, Architecture, Planning and Preservation; David Freedberg, professor, Art History & Director of the Italian Academy; Thomas Adams, former associate professor, Architecture, Planning and Preservation; Elliott Sclar, professor, Architecture, Planning and Preservation; and, Gwendolyn Wright, professor, Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

The committee invites applications and nominations for the new dean. These can be submitted by e-mail to archsearch@columbia.edu or mailed to the committee, care of the Office of the Vice Provost, Columbia University, 531 West 116th Street, Low Memorial Library, Mail Code 4526, New York, NY 10027.

Grants Announced By Council for European Studies

The Council for European Studies announces two grants for pre-dissertation fellowships for the study of France and Portugal.

The funds, totaling $12,500, are awarded through a national competition to graduate students who need to conduct preliminary research for proposed dissertation projects. Individual grants of $4,000 support the activities of up to eight weeks abroad to test the research design of dissertation, determine the availability of archival materials, and contact scholars in the relevant fields. Each year, six awards will be made for the study of France and two for the study of Portugal.

"It is essential for students to have strong on-the-ground experience before undertaking multi-year research projects," remarked Victor Hao Gracia, professor of contemporary European history.

The grants are especially valuable, according to the Council’s Executive Director, John K. Glenn, as "recent events have made it clear that American students must have in-depth understanding of international issues." The Council’s fellowship program is also supported by the Genoa Marshall Fund of the United States, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Society for the Anthropology of Europe.

The Florence Gould Foundation and Luso-American Development Foundation provided additional support so as to renew its commitment to new projects.

Legislative Update

Budget Strains to Impact Funding

By Ellen S. Smith

At both the State and Federal levels, budget stresses are likely to impact next year’s funding. For the State, the fiscal year ends on March 31, and for the Federal Government, the year ends on September 30, 2003.

Governor Pataki projects a $2 billion deficit (with some estimates higher) and has asked agencies to cut current spending by 5%. Increases in taxes on alcohol and tobacco as well as increased gambling revenues are proposed as means of closing future gaps.

At the Federal level, the majority of agencies are operating on a stop-gap continuing resolution. It is expected that the funding bills for fiscal year 2003 (10/01/02-9/30/03) will be complete before the State of the Union at the end of Janurary.

Although preliminary bills had been passed in subcommittees in the Democratically-controlled Senate, these bills funding student aid, research, and the humanities will be decreased by as much as $13 billion.

The House is expected to combine the remaining 11 annual funding bills into one large omnibus bill. Previous reports showed funding numbers for NIH and NSF may not be as high as the final bill.

On November 25, 2002, President Bush signed the Homeland Security bill. The activities of 22 agencies will be transferred to the new agency to be headed by former Governor of Pennsylvania Tom Ridge. Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security will be Gordon England and the Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security and the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service will be Ara Hutchinson. An Under Secretary for Science and Technology will be appointed at a later date.

The S & T undersecretary will fund research and establish advisory committees for scientific advice, university-based centers for homeland security, a Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency to award competitive, merit-reviewed grants, an Acceleration Fund for Research and Development of Homeland Security Technologies, and an Office for National Laboratories.


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