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Monterey Institute Welcomes Local High School Students, Community for International Education Week Nov. 14-18

Nov. 18 Student Visit Culminates Weeklong Series of Free Public Events

Monterey, CA—The [Monterey Institute of International Studies](#) (MIIS) will celebrate [International Education Week](#) November 14 through 18 with a series of free public events for the local community, culminating in a campus visit by students from four area high schools.

A series of public film screenings and discussion panels (see schedule below) will lead up to a Friday, November 18 campus visit by students from Carmel High School, Monterey High School, North Salinas High School and Seaside High School, who will attend four different sessions with MIIS students and faculty highlighting international education opportunities.

Visiting students will experience 30-minute language lessons in Arabic, Chinese and French, among other languages. A group of English as a second language students at MIIS will deliver presentations on the customs, traditions and cultures of their home countries. Professor Katherine Puntney will lead a session describing what it is like to attend secondary school abroad. And in the day's final session, visiting students will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with current MIIS students about their experiences, whether serving in the Peace Corps, or the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET), or studying in the United States as an international student.

International Education Week (IEW) is a joint initiative by the U.S. Departments of State and Education that promotes mutual understanding and respect through global educational exchange. The Monterey Institute provides graduate education for international professionals, offering eleven degree programs in areas of critical importance including international policy and management, translation and interpretation, language teaching, sustainable development, and non-proliferation. This is the fourth year the Monterey Institute has invited local high schools to participate in International Education Week.

In honor of International Education Week, the Institute is also hosting several events open to members of the public who are interested in learning more about important issues that affect the global community. All of the events listed below are free and open to the public, and take place on the Institute's downtown Monterey campus.

Event Schedule

Peace Corps Club presents

***T-Shirt Travels* film and post-film discussion**

Monday, November 14 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Irvine Auditorium

McCone Building

499 Pierce Street

T-Shirt Travels is a PBS [i]NDEPENDENTLENS documentary by filmmaker Shantha Bloeman that examines the impact of the second hand clothing trade in Africa. What started for Bloeman as an amusing observation while traveling in Zambia turned into a serious examination of the economic, political and cultural consequences of donated clothing in this country.

“Exploring the Chinese Education System” panel discussion

Tuesday, November 15 6:00pm-7:30pm

Irvine Auditorium

McCone Building

499 Pierce Street

Professor Katherine Puntney will moderate a panel of MIIS students who will share their experiences with the Chinese education system. Topics will include Chinese classroom culture, student and teacher roles, the structure of the education system, extra-curricular activities, national testing, and the university admission process in China. Students will also share the surprises and challenges they faced in adapting to education in the U.S. All interested campus and community members are invited to attend.

Japan Forum presents

***TBD* film screening and post-film discussion**

Wednesday, November 16 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Irvine Auditorium

McCone Building

499 Pierce Street

The student club Japan Forum will host a film (to be determined) on Wednesday evening that will address some of the current issues and challenges that Japan is facing in 2011.

Our Green Thumb presents

***Garbage Warrior* film screening and post-film discussion**

Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

McGowan Building, Room 100

411 Pacific Street

The student club Our Green Thumb manages the MIIS community garden and will be hosting a screening of *Garbage Warrior*, a film by Oliver Hodge that showcases the work of eco-architect Michael Reynolds. For more than 30 years Reynolds and his band of green architects have devoted themselves to creating sustainable, self-sufficient communities built out of recycled materials.

For more information about International Education Week events at MIIS, please visit [the MIIS IEW blog](#), or contact Megan Joyce at mcjoyce@miis.edu or 831.647.4128. Information about all Monterey Institute campus events is available via our online events calendar at <http://www.miis.edu/community/events>.

- What:** International Education Week at the Monterey Institute
- When:** Week of November 14, various times listed above
- Where:** Various locations listed above

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