

CFIS/AIA: 2010 Winter-Spring Season

January 22 (Fri) – BRAZIL: THE LATIN AMERICAN GIANT. *Dr. Kathryn Hochstetler*, GIGI Chair of Governance in the Americas at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo, Canada will introduce the “BRICs” (Brazil, Russia, India, China), the new power brokers and economic growth engines of the 21st century. This lecture will pay special attention to Brazil, the so called “good BRIC”. It will cover Brazil’s 25 years of steady democracy, its economic boom, and its ambitious role in the international arena. She will illuminate the interests that drive Brazil’s unpredictable participation in global economic relations and examine the degree to which Brazil’s interests align with those of the US. **ABQ Museum of Art & History, auditorium, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, \$15**

January 31 (Sun) – Book Club: James Kyngé. China Shakes the World, 7 PM

February 4th (Thu) – luncheon: "A Special Relationship: The United States and China" by **Dr. John Dobson** The presentation will examine American relations with China beginning with the first commercial contact in 1782. By the close of the nineteenth century, the United States believed it had developed a special relationship with China. Subsequent events such as the Open Door Policy, U.S. recognition of the revolutionary government after 1911, and diplomatic initiatives through the 1930s reinforced that belief. The Communist revolution in 1949 shattered that illusion, but more recent developments have built on the historical ties between the two countries. **ABC Chinese Restaurant, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, \$17**

February 19 (Fri) – CHINA: MONSTER MENACE or FRAGILE SUPERPOWER? **Charles Bergman**, faculty, Albuquerque Academy, will address the question of how we should view China. Is China a gentle giant in the midst of a “peaceful rising”? Or is China a growing threat to the US and its global interests? As the balance of power shifts to accommodate China’s rise, how will the US and China react to each other? And what can we do as thoughtful citizens to ensure that the US-China relationship evolves toward cooperation instead of conflict? **ABQ Museum of Art & History, Special Events area, 3 PM, \$15**

March 4th – Book Club. Stanley Wolpert. India. 4th edition, 2009. AIA Members

March 21 (Sun) – INDIA: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW. *Dr. Stanley Wolpert*, UCLA will analyze India’s remarkable economic development, the opportunities created by the youthful majority of its population, and the challenges posed by the lagging rural sector. Dr. Wolpert will discuss India’s strategic partnership with the United State and the terrorist threats the country faces. He will pay special attention to India-Pakistan relations and their long-standing conflict over Kashmir. Wolpert will consider both the nightmare scenario of nuclear conflict between these two countries as well as suicide bombings, and the prospects for peace and progress. The speaker will also analyze the implications that India’s emergence as a world nuclear and economic power have for the United States and New Mexico. **ABQ Museum of Art & History, Special Events area, 3 PM. \$15. An optional dinner with the speaker after the lecture for an additional fee.**

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April 4th – Book Club: Wojciech Jagielski, The Battle of Wills in Chechnya, 2009. AIA Members.

April 17th (Sat) – International Cuisine Club: Cooking Russia. AIA members

April 18 (Sun) – RUSSIA: RISING AMBITIONS, GROWING CHALLENGES by Dr. Allen C. Lynch, Director of the Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Virginia. The lecture will reflect on the growing gap between Russia's rising ambitions and assertiveness in the international arena, the country's economic growth, and oil and gas wealth, on the one side, and shrinking human and natural resources, on the other. Dr. Lynch will answer the broader question whether Russia has the social and economic foundation she needs to maintain her status as a great power in the international arena. **ABQ Museum of Art & History, Special Events area, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, \$15. Followed by Russian Cuisine reception.**

May 14 (Fri), 3 PM – NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION by Ambassador Avis Bohlen, American Academy of Diplomacy. The prospect of Iran becoming a nuclear weapons state; the possibility that a terrorist group will gain access to nuclear weapons or to other weapons of mass destruction; or the prospect of an increasingly destabilized Pakistan--a nuclear armed country--all make avoiding nuclear proliferation one of America's highest priorities. How can diplomacy prevent the spread of nuclear weapons? Specifically what progress has president Obama and the administration made in negotiating a successor to START I treaty with Russia? What impact, if any, will an evolving US-Russia relationship have on an Iranian nuclear program? What are the lessons to be learned from the experience of negotiating a successor to START I treaty, and is there a disconnect between the administration's "Global Zero" nonproliferation agenda and global realities? **Venue TBA, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, \$15**

June – Final event of the Season: Luncheon or International Cuisine Special Event

Cost/lecture: \$15. Special offer for AIA members: \$60 for 5 lectures (expires January 22, 2010). Students with a proper ID – free of charge. Please address the check to AIA and mail it to AIA, PO Box 92995, Albuquerque, NM 87199

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