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Date: Monday 9th May

Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Venue: RMIT City Campus Building 37, Level 5, Meeting Room 4

Cost: Free. All Welcome

Contact: Leanne Reinke, leanne.reinke@rmit.edu.au or Web: www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=67fz2im2t5e3

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Date: Thursday 19th May 2005

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Storey Hall, RMIT University, Swanston St. Melbourne

Cost: Full: \$15 / Concession: \$8 from Readings Carlton or on the door (as available)

Contact: Tel: 03 96623744 or Web: www.rmit.edu.au/globalism/globaljustice

4. Public Seminar

Title: Global Justice Series: Aleida Guevara Australian Tour – Melbourne Seminar

Date: Thursday 26th May 2005

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Storey Hall, RMIT University, Swanston St. Melbourne

Cost: Full: \$12 / Concession \$10.

Contact: Pilar Aguilera, pilar@oceanbooks.com.au or Tel: 03 9326 4280

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Date: Wednesday 11th May 2005

Time: 6:30 pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square

Contact: VUevents@vu.edu.au

2. Public Workshop

Title: Human Rights and Development

Date: Tuesday 10th May 2005

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Venue: Deakin University, Burwood Campus, Building B - Level 2: Blue Room, B.2.20

Cost: Free. Afternoon Tea provided.

Contact: Please RSVP to Anne O'Keefe, aok@deakin.edu.au or Tel: 03 5227 2113

3. Public Lecture Series

Title: The Alfred Deakin Innovations Lectures

Date: Friday 29th April to Thursday 12th May 2005

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall (and other Victorian venues)

Cost: Free.

Contact: www.deakinlectures.com

4. International Conference

Title: Cross-Cultural Learning Styles

Date: 5th to 7th October 2005

Location: Singapore

Conveners: FH JOANNEUM (Austria), FH Gelsenkirchen (Germany), Singapore Management University (Singapore) and Kasetsart University (Thailand)

Contact: Christa Müller, christa.mueller@fh-joanneum.at . The Call for Papers and further information are available at: www.communicon.info

Deadline: Abstract of approximately 1000 words should be submitted by May 30th, 2005

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Date: Monday 9th May

Speaker & Topic:

Peter Hayes is Peter Hayes is director of Nautilus Institute <<http://www.nautilus.org/>> in San Francisco and Professor of International Relations at RMIT, Australia.

Professor Hayes will outline predictable and unpredictable driving forces underlying four trends that portend the next-use of nuclear weapons in the coming decade. He will address how North Korea's nuclear proliferation relates to this dynamic. He will describe the United States' role in relation to nuclear "next-use", as opposed to the traditionally perceived threat of nuclear "first-use" between states, and the North Korea conundrum. He will discuss the role of civil society in solving complex and interrelated global problems such as the spread of weapons of mass destruction. He will illustrate this role by referring to some collaborative strategies and practical initiatives that aim to solve global problems.

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Sponsors: Victorian Peace Network, the Globalism Institute, RMIT University & the National Tertiary Education Union, RMIT Branch

Tariq Ali

Writer, journalist and film-maker Tariq Ali was born in Lahore in 1943. He was educated at Oxford University, where he became involved in student politics, in particular with the movement against the war in Vietnam. On graduating he led the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign. He owned his own independent television production company, Bandung, which produced programmes for Channel 4 in the UK during the 1980s. He is a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio and contributes articles and journalism to magazines and newspapers including The Guardian and the London Review of Books. He is editorial director of London publishers Verso and is on the board of the New Left Review, for whom he is also an editor.

His fiction includes a series of historical novels about Islam: *Shadows of the Pomegranate Tree* (1992), *The Book of Saladin* (1998) and *The Stone Woman* (2000). His non-fiction includes *1968: Marching in the Streets* (1998), *The Clash of Fundamentalisms* (2002) and *Bush in Babylon: The Re-colonisation of Iraq* (2003).

***Global Matrix*, by Paul James and Tom Nairn, Pluto Press**

Globalization has brought with it many difficult and contradictory phenomena: violence, deep national insecurities, religious divisions and individual insecurities. This book takes a critical look at three key areas -- globalism, nationalism, and state-terror -- to confront common mythologies and identify the root causes of the problems we face.

Many commentators still argue that globalization is predominantly a neo-liberal economic phenomenon; that nation-states are on the way out, and that terror is something that primarily comes from below. *Global Matrix* exposes the limitations of this argument. The authors explore four main questions:

- What is the cultural-political nature of contemporary globalization?
- How adequate, particularly in the context of nation-states, is a politics of democratic nationalism?
- How are we to understand new and old nations in the context of changes across the late twentieth century and into the present?
- Where does national violence come from and what does it mean for a 'war on terror'?

Written by two leading scholars, both of the Globalism Institute, RMIT University, this is a lucid study of what place the nation-state has in a globalizing world. It will appeal to students across the political and social sciences. *Global Matrix* is published by Pluto Press.

4. Public Seminar

Title: Aleida Guevara Australian Tour – Melbourne Seminar

Date: 26th May 2005

Sponsors: Ocean Books & the Globalism Institute, RMIT University

Aleida Guevara, the daughter of Ernesto Che Guevara, will speak in Melbourne and Sydney. A paediatrician in a Havana children's hospital, Guevara has emerged as a prominent figure in the anti-globalization and anti-war movements. She was a principal speaker at the European Social Forum in 2004 and at the World Social Forums in 2003 and 2005.

In addition to the public seminar, she will also launch her new book at several bookshops in Melbourne. Published by Ocean Press, 'Chavez: Venezuela and the New Latin America', is based on several extensive conversations between Guevara and Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela. This is the first in a series of books that she will write on the tumultuous changes engulfing Latin America.

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'*Central Currents in Globalization*' is intended as a landmark collection that sets out the contours of a burgeoning field that now crosses the boundaries of all the older disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. Overall, the collection is intended to be *the* systematic mapping of the field of globalization studies as represented by English-language essays and translations. It is intended to cover the works of the most prominent writers in globalization today, as well as drawing attention to lesser-known works that have nevertheless made a major contribution to the field. The first volume on globalizing empire will be edited with Professor Tom Nairn, also of the Globalism Institute. Another book by Nairn and James, *Global Matrix* was just published by Pluto Press, London in April, and James's sole-authored monograph *Globalism, Nationalism, Tribalism: Bringing Theory back In* will be published by Sage Publications later in the year.

Other Events

1. Public Lecture

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Date: Wednesday 11th May 2005

Sponsor: Victoria University Institute for Community Engagement and Policy Alternatives (ICEPA)

Chico Whitaker (Francisco Whitaker Ferreira, Brazil) is a leading international social activist, one of the founding figures of the World Social Forum (WSF) He has also been active in the Workers Party (Partido dos Trabalhadores or PT) in Brazil and has held elected office as Councillor. Currently, he is Executive Secretary of the Brazilian Committee of Justice and Peace, a human rights organisation.

For Whitaker, as one of the architects of the WSF's "open space" philosophy, the need for a political outcome from each meeting of the forum is secondary to the need to make it as inclusive as possible. There is no need for a single agreed political line to emerge, he argues, since the WSF is a celebration of hundreds of diverse struggles in every part of the world, an occasion for bonding, mutual reinforcement and renewal.

2. Public Workshop

Title: Human Rights and Development

Date: Tuesday 10th May 2005

Sponsors: The Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights, Deakin University, the Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University and Masters in International Community Development, Deakin University

Speakers include:

- Professor Sue Kenny: 'Community development, human rights: issues and challenges'
- Dr Damien Kingsbury: 'Conflict resolution and development: Aceh'
- Phil Connors: 'The three generations of human rights in the role of community development'
- Dr Max Kelly: 'Rights based development: Participatory development and gender'
- Dr Lynne Alice: 'Military humanitarianism: Upholding human rights in situations of post-conflict reconstruction'

3. Public Lecture Series

Title: The Alfred Deakin Innovations Lectures

Date: Friday 29th April to Thursday 12th May 2005

Leading local and international speakers from a variety of disciplines and areas of expertise will gather to provide a unique opportunity for all to be challenged, provoked and inspired.

Speakers include:

- An internationally renowned composer & pianist discussing spontaneous creativity with a renowned neuroscientist.
- Australia's leading cabaret chanteuse investigating the concept of imagination with Ireland's leading theatre entrepreneur.
- An expose of the complexities of international security and cyber-crime with the head of one of the world's leading police agencies.
- Explore the ethical dimensions of medical research with Europe's leading human rights QC and a prominent Australian surgeon.
- Peer into the futuristic minds of a cyberneticist and an AI pioneer.
- Debate the role of health policy as part of international relations and trade with leading health experts from Europe, China and Australia.
- Gain insights into the role of innovation in the media with a leading media magnate.
- Celebrate the human spirit in an extraordinary discussion about sport and the paralympic movement with Australia's leading paralympian and neurosurgeons.

4. International Conference - Singapore

Title: Cross-Cultural Learning Styles

Date: 5th to 7th October 2005

Conveners: FH JOANNEUM (Austria), FH Gelsenkirchen (Germany), Singapore Management University (Singapore) and Kasetsart University (Thailand)

With the ambition of gaining a better understanding of cross-cultural differences in learning preferences and learning styles the sponsors of this event have initiated a research program "Cross-Cultural Learning Styles". Funded by the EU, the first major part of this ongoing research project will conclude with the Cross-Cultural Learning Styles conference.

Abstracts of papers from one of the following areas are particularly invited:

- Learning styles in different cultures
- Implications of cross-cultural learning styles for management education, business or government
- Cross-cultural management and communication, especially cross-cultural marketing, performance assessment in different cultures, negotiation and conflict resolution

- Stereotypes, prejudices, ethnocentrism, racism, trust, language, or non-verbal communication
- Institutional aspects of cross-cultural differences