Top Story
Uruguayan President Reflects on Past, Discusses Future at AU

Uruguay’s President Mujica engaged the AU community in a wide-ranging conversation reflecting on his 14 years as a prisoner in solitary confinement to his political rise and implementation of his progressive political agenda as covered by the Huffington Post. Mujica also answered questions on war, democracy, and international relations during the university-wide sponsored event moderated by SIS dean James Goldgeier and welcome from university chaplain Joe Eldridge. Associated Press, Agence France Presse, Deutsche Presse-Agentur, EFE, El Pais, and several other Latin American media outlets covered the visit to AU. (5/13, 5/14, 5/15, 5/16)

Additional Features
Nigeria Weighs Negotiations with Boko Haram

International service professor Carl LeVan appeared on MSNBC’s The Reid Report to discuss the ongoing Nigerian crisis where 200 girls are being held captive by Boko Haram. LeVan discussed the Nigerian government’s expanded military presence in many areas, and its willingness to begin negotiations with Boko Haram to return the girls. LeVan also appeared on CTV Canada to discuss the topic. (5/13)

The List: Ms. MBA is MIA


Green Roofs Could be the Answer to Clean D.C.’s Rivers

WTOP Radio featured environmental science professor Stephen MacAvoy’s research revealing that garden rooftops, or green roofs, in D.C., including those at AU, keep common pollutants out of the Anacostia and Potomac rivers. The new research reveals that green roofs clean rainwater by absorbing nitrogen before it gets into the waterways. (5/14)

The Most American-Made Cars of 2014

In a Q&A for Bankrate on the 2014 Kogod Made in America Auto Index, business professor Frank Dubois described the criteria for what it means to be “Made in America” which lists the most American made vehicles and describes the economic impact. YahooNews and Fox Business reprinted the article. (5/12)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Missing: Obama Administration Rationale for ‘Kill Memos’

In an op-ed for Newsday on the scope and limits of executive power, government professor Chris Edelson discussed why the Obama administration’s continued reliance on secret law – instead of explaining its justifications to the public for targeted killings of Americans abroad – is blocking the judicial nomination of David Barron, co-writer of some of the legal memos in question. (5/15)
How Ukraine Wins

With U.S. News & World Report, international service professor Ben Jensen wrote an op-ed outlining four strategic shifts Ukraine should make signaling its capacity to conduct an irregular defense against conventionally superior Russian forces. (5/14)

Expertise

White House, Democrats Team Up to Develop Benghazi Probe Strategy

For Reuters, international service professor Jordan Tama explained the pitfalls the Obama administration would face if it were to provide the new Benghazi congressional panel more information than it had provided in earlier investigations. Tama said it would raise questions on why the administration had failed to produce the material earlier. (5/12)

Justices’ Jabs Reveal Ideological, Partisan Splits

With USA Today, law professor Stephen Vladeck discussed how the polarized environment within the Supreme Court is reflected in 5-4 rulings in four of the last 11 cases. (5/12)

Ukraine Heads for Rogue Referendum

Anton Fedyashin, director of the Initiative for Russian Culture, appeared on CNN to talk about voters in Eastern Ukraine casting ballots in the referendum for autonomy from Kiev, despite the acting President’s warning about the negative consequences. Fedyashin also appeared on CNN International to discuss this topic. (5/14, 5/15)

Bombs Away: Inside the Details of Iran’s Nuke Deal

International service professor Hillary Mann Leverett talked to NBCNews.com about the diplomatic opening in multilateral negotiations led by the Obama administration with Iran over its nuclear program. Leverett explained how the action reverses the “Bush Doctrine” which had forbidden Iran from any nuclear research. (5/9)

How the White House Used "#BringBackOurGirls"

Communication professor Scott Talan talked to CBSNews.com about First Lady Michelle Obama’s use of social media to create national awareness for the campaign to find and return the nearly 300 schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram, through use of #BringBackOurGirls on her official Twitter and Instagram accounts. (5/16)

Congressional Sisterhood a Powerful Voice for the Voiceless

Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women and Politics Institute, spoke to CNN.com about the letter all female members of the House and Senate sent just before Mother’s Day to President Obama urging him to push the U.N. Security Council to add Boko Haram to the al Qaeda Sanctions List. (5/14)

Consumers and Higher Minimum Wage

Management professor Mark Clark spoke to Sinclair Television about the middle ground solution in terms of raising the minimum wage regionally rather than federally in order to take into account individual state needs and nuances. (5/9)