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New Kogod Study Ranks American-Made Vehicles of 2016

Kogod School of Business Professor of international business Frank DuBois was featured in Fox Business for the Kogod Made in America Auto Index. The article highlights the Auto Index findings of the most and least American-made cars, trucks and SUVs. The Index is described as “more comprehensive than others of its kind” and ranks models based on seven weighted data points, including: country of origin, profit margin, and labor. DuBois and the Kogod Made in America Auto Index were also featured in The Business Insider, Boston.com, Detroit Business Journal, Automotive World, Dallas Morning News, Edmunds, Motor Trends, Automotive News and Auto Week. (6/20, 6/21, 6/20, 6/21, 6/22, 6/21, 6/20, 6/21)

Additional Features

AU Program Offers Marines New Perspective on Modern Warfare

For Federal News Radio, Dean of the School of International Service, James Goldgeier spoke about the new partnership between the Marine Corps and American University. Goldgeier said that Marine Corps graduates of the USMC Command and Staff College are eligible for this distance-learning opportunity and will have access to concentrations in international affairs, national security, and international development among others. This program will be housed under executive education. (6/22)

Beyond Propaganda: AU Museum Holds the First Exhibit of Socialist Realism Paintings from North Korea

American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center was featured in DCist for its exhibit of North Korean art. Curated by Georgetown University artist-professor BG Muhn, the exhibit is the result of five years of collecting artworks, researching, visiting North Korea, and planning. Museum Curator and Director Jack Rasmussen said: “With North Korea, mostly it is the State whose interests are promoted, but the art is no less beautiful for it. We may not agree with the ideology, but we must agree to take every opportunity to appreciate the beauty that we share beyond our differences.” (6/22)

Faculty Authors

Bradford Comes of Age

Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies for the School of International Service, Akbar Ahmed authored an article in The Friday Times. Ahmed wrote of Bradford that “the commentators on Islam and those from government monitoring the Muslim community need to understand that while the ‘noisy and angry’ side of Bradford is still apparent, there is another face emerging from this very community that is ‘glamorous and inclusive’.” (6/17)

Is Trump Accusing Obama of Treason?

Chris Edelson, Director, Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program, authored an article for The Hill. Edelson wrote of candidate Donald Trump: “Now we have a presidential candidate who is willing to play a dangerous game of conspiracy theorizing and
sinister, unsupported innuendo. Are there Republicans this year who are willing to rein in the hysteria?” (6/17)

**Dumping Peanuts in Haiti**

For *The Globalist*, School of International Service professors Adam Diamond, Garrett Graddy-Lovelace and Scott Freeman co-authored an article about Haiti and the decision by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to “donate” peanuts to that country. They wrote that “Haiti’s own peanut market stands to lose when surplus peanuts from the United States are flown in as food aid.” (6/18)

**If Led Zeppelin Goes Down, We All Burn**

Communication professor Aram Sinnreich authored an article in *The Daily Beast* about Led Zeppelin’s recent legal battles on their hit song “Stairway to Heaven.” Sinnreich wrote: If Led Zeppelin loses, and the once bright line between idea and expression continues to blur, this new legal standard would be one more weapon in the arsenal protecting the three major record labels and three major music publishers from outside competition. (6/18)

**Expertise**

**Report Assails NYC Jail’s Sex Abuse Response**

Law professor Brenda Smith spoke to *The Associated Press* about a report on sex abuse in jails. Smith said of the damning report: “There really has to be some enforcement, some consequences. Something needs to happen to somebody.” Smith also spoke to *The Christian Science Monitor* about the changing definition of rape in California. (6/21, 6/17)

**How Brexit Could Transform America's 'Special Relationship' with Britain**

Dean of the School of International Service, James Goldgeier spoke to *The Christian Science Monitor* about Brexit, as the referendum on the United Kingdom’s membership in the European Union is known. Goldgeier said that an exit from the E.U. could make Britain more peripheral to U.S. foreign policy. (6/22)

**Trouble Uniting Support for Presumptive Nominees**

Leonard Steinhorn, public communication professor, spoke to KSBW TV about the presidential contest. Steinhorn said that for Senator Bernie Sanders it is now about a cause rather than a candidacy, as he is staying in the race to create more leverage on his platform. (6/17)

**Predicting the Presidential Election**

History Professor Allan Lichtman spoke with *CBS News* about his 13 keys for predicting the presidential election. Lichtman said that presidential campaigns don't work the way that we think that they do and are referenda on the performance of the party holding the White House. The 13 keys are indicators to determine whether the party in power has met the necessary threshold to stay in power. (6/22)

**Trump Claim That Muslims Don't Assimilate Is 'False,' PolitiFact Finds**

Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies for the School of International Service, Akbar Ahmed, spoke with *NBC* and *Politifacts*. Ahmed said that “Muslims again and again told us that America is the best place in the world to be a Muslim. There are countless examples of Muslims who are assimilated and are completely American in every sense. So it is dangerous, irresponsible and incorrect for Trump to make statements like this and demonize the entire community.”
Does the D.C. Region Have a Unique Accent?

With WAMU-88.5 FM, Chip Gerfen, chair of Department of World Languages and Cultures, discussed whether or not the people of Washington, D.C. have an accent that is unique to D.C. Gerfen said, “Maybe what distinguishes D.C. is there isn’t a D.C. English. Maybe that’s what is interesting about it. There isn’t something easily identifiable as saying ‘that’s D.C.’” (6/22)

Women Would Be Required to Register for Draft

Nora Bensahel, distinguished scholar in residence at the School of International Service, spoke to Wisconsin Public Radio. Bensahel said that the discussion on women in selective service has re-emerged as an issue of interest since women can now serve in every combat role.

Defining Terrorism

Angie Chuang professor of journalism spoke to WEAA, along with Chris Edelson, Director, Politics, Policy, and Law Scholars Program. Chuang distinguished between international and “homegrown terrorism”, while Edelson discussed the presidential candidates’ responses to the tragedy in Orlando. (6/20)

Financial Gap Between Renters and Homeowners

Director of the Metropolitan Policy Center, Derek Hyra spoke with KYOU Fox News. Hyra said that in the last decade we have seen a run up in home values in the Washington, D.C. area in which property values doubled. (6/20)

Politics and Guns

Director of the Women and Politics Institute, Jennifer Lawless spoke to WFXL Fox News about the political fall-out of the tragedy in Orlando. Lawless said that in an election year all things are inevitably political. Lawless also spoke to Government Executive Online about feminism and foreign policy. (6/17, 6/18)

Ousting Nicolas Maduro

Michael McCarthy research fellow at the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies spoke with Aljazeera English about the economic crisis in Venezuela. McCarthy said that Venezuela is a critically weak state in danger of becoming a failed state. McCarthy also spoke to The Associated Press. (6/21, 6/22)