

# DEVELOPMENT NET

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## IDPSA Friday Forum

*Last Development Net of the Semester!  
Good Luck with finals and have a great summer!*

Watch the ListServ for more information  
[www.idpsa.org](http://www.idpsa.org)



## Website of Interest

[www.intdev.org](http://www.intdev.org)

The ID Program would like to welcome its newest faculty member, Daniel Esser. He will be teaching ID and Urban Development in the Fall. Take a look at his work on his website.

**First Planning Meeting for an AU Development Group** *Tuesday, April 21 - 8:15 - 9:45 PM*  
*American University, Roper 101*

Through interdisciplinary cooperation, we wish to investigate strategies for pursuing development goals on the global, national, community, and individual levels. Unlike other development-based campus groups, this one hopes to directly support and cultivate students' interest in academic research and encourage collaboration on development research between different fields of study. Contact: [InvestigatingDevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:InvestigatingDevelopment@gmail.com)

**North Korean Human Rights Awareness Week - Speaker Mike Kim** *Wednesday, 22 April 6 PM*  
*American University, Anderson Conference Room*

Mike Kim is the author of "Escaping North Korea" and founder of Crossing Borders, an NGO which leads North Korean refugees to asylum, through a 6000-mile long modern day underground railroad.

**Building Palestinian Civil Society within Challenging Realities with Mossawa, the Advocacy Center for Arab Citizens in Israel** *Thursday, 23 April 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.*  
*The Palestine Center 2425 Virginia Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20037 US*

*Mossawa*, which means equality in Arabic, has promoted equal rights for the 1.4 million Palestinian citizens of Israel since 1997. A non-partisan, non-profit organization, *Mossawa* aims to improve the economic, social, cultural and political status of the Palestinian minority in Israel. While Israel's Arab citizens have struggled for equality since the creation of the Jewish state, the battle may have become harder with the election of a right and ultra-right government in Israel. The three-member *Mossawa* delegation will address the state of Israel's Arab citizens.

**Mr. Jafar Farrah** is *Mossawa's* director and a founding member of the center.

**Dr. Mary Totry** is chair of the Civic Studies Department at Oranim College, Northern Israel.

**Dr. Khaled Furani** is a professor at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Tel Aviv University.

This briefing is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served to registered guests at 12:30 p.m. The briefing and question/answer period will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Registration is required. Unregistered guests will not be admitted. **To register**, click [here](#) or call (202) 338-1958 ext.11 by noon Wednesday, 22 April 2009.

**African Council Meeting with African Scholars** *Friday, April 24 - 10am*  
*American University, SIS 205*

The Africa Council is hosting a number of prominent scholars from Africa. Dr. Carl Levan (head of the Africa Council) has invited students to stop by and participate in the informal discussion. This is a great opportunity for graduate students to discuss their research interests and career ambitions with several African academics. For any further questions please contact Africa Council coordinator Margot Bokanga ( [mb7725a@student.american.edu](mailto:mb7725a@student.american.edu)). The scholars include: **John Ayoade**, University of Pennsylvania; **Adigun Agbaje**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria; **Karuti Kanyinga**, University of Nairobi, Kenya; and **Franklin Oduro**, Center for Democratic Development, Ghana.

# Job/Internship Opportunities

*More event information is available on the IDPSA List Serve*

**All ID Master's Students should subscribe to the IDPSA and ID Program listserv. Please email [idsis@american.edu](mailto:idsis@american.edu) with your full name and email address to subscribe.**

## Peacebuilding & Development Institute, American University Summer Training Courses

### **Inclusive Security: Expanding Participation of Women in Peace Processes**

*Week-long training course with Miki Jacevic & Evelyn Thornton of Institute for Inclusive Security*

**June 8th - 12th, 2009 - 9am-5pm**

**SIS-619-N03 / 2 Credits - Registration fees for non-AU individuals: \$735**

This course will introduce participants to "inclusive security," a framework for creating sustainable peace and security. Given changes in the nature of modern conflicts, conflict resolution and transformation efforts require increased participation of all stakeholders, particularly women. Through interactive role plays, small group work, case study analysis and use of visual media, participants will explore the critical role and specific contributions of women in peace processes. Specifically, the course will provide participants with concrete skills to engage women in several key components of peacebuilding, including negotiations, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) structures, and transitional justice mechanisms.

Visit the Institute for Inclusive Security website at [http://www.huntalternatives.org/pages/7\\_the\\_initiative\\_for\\_inclusive\\_security.cfm](http://www.huntalternatives.org/pages/7_the_initiative_for_inclusive_security.cfm)

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### **Enhancing Staff Security & Protection of Local Populations**

*Evening training course with John Schafer (InterAction) and Steve Hansch (AU)*

**June 8th - 12th, 2009 - 5:30-10pm**

**SIS-619-N13 / 1 Credit - Registration fees for non-AU individuals: \$400**

This course will address the related problems of staff safety and security and the protection of the populations affected in complex emergencies. What is the humanitarian community doing to address both protection concerns and staff security? As these two issues are often treated separately, participants in this training course will learn how to perform their role safely and effectively in the field while contributing to the overall relief effort. The course will also present the conflict-sensitive aspects of relief and development as well as the relief and rehabilitation phases of crises. Participants will be able to discover the biggest gaps in protecting vulnerable populations in emergencies and how to assess these gaps through different approaches.

**Register for both classes online today! Go to [www.american.edu/sis/peacebuilding](http://www.american.edu/sis/peacebuilding)**

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**Space is limited, apply today!**

[Other Trainings at the 2009 Summer Professional Training Program](#)

Program Design: Planning Projects for Measurable Peacebuilding & Development Impact

Monitoring and Evaluation as Learning Disciplines for Peacebuilding

Youth Participation in Peacebuilding

Linking Conflict, Aid, and Development

Religion and Culture in Conflict Resolution

Addressing Protracted Ethnopolitical Conflict: Concepts and Methods

Inclusive Security: Expanding Participation of Women in Peace Processes

Enhancing Staff Security and Protection of Local Populations