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New Fellowships for Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute

CGCS is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for Internews Media Policy Fellowships for the Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute. Ten fully-funded fellowships, which cover tuition, housing, travel and per diem to attend the Summer Institute, are available to individuals interested in media advocacy, media reform and media implementation in post-conflict societies (with some preference given to individuals from such societies).

The annual Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute, held July 4-15 in Oxford, brings together young scholars and regulators from around the world to discuss important recent trends in technology, international politics and development and its influence on media policy. The application deadline has been extended to April 10. For more information and to apply please visit the CGCS website.
**Milton Wolf Seminar Update**

As part of the 2011 Milton Wolf Seminar, co-organized by CGCS, the Austrian American Foundation, and the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, diplomats, academics, policymakers and students from more than ten countries met in Vienna, Austria from March 23-25 to discuss critical issues surrounding international attempts to reform media and communications systems in closed and fragile states. Participants heralded from countries around the world, including the United States, Iran, Canada, Bosnia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Amelia Arsenault, Ph.D., George Gerbner Postdoctoral Fellow, who developed the agenda, described the event as, "an amazing success. The diverse mix of participants made for an incredibly lively and productive two days of discussions, and helped to lay the groundwork for future research ideas and collaborations."

**CGCS Launches Website for Iran Media Program**

The new website for CGCS’s Iran Media Program, available in English and Farsi, was launched last month. The website provides regular summaries and commentary on the role of media and the flow of information in Iran. A weekly newsletter also provides in depth analysis of current media-related news in Iran, including attacks by the Iranian Cyber Army,
updates on censorship and circumvention, and trends in traditional and online media, among other topics. The goal of the Iran Media Program is to build a collaborative network of scholars and practitioners to enhance the understanding of Iran’s media ecology. Sign up to receive the weekly newsletter and join the blog and forum.

**CGCS Cooperates with Internews and Afghan Partners in Afghanistan Media Development and Empowerment Project**

CGCS is helping to shape and execute a large scale United States Agency for International Development (USAID) effort known as the Afghanistan Media Development and Empowerment Project (AMDEP). CGCS is working with practitioners, students and professors to build legal capacity and support a more robust media sector in Afghanistan. Towards this end, CGCS is supporting the development and delivery of curricula and trainings in media law, media management and telecom law, and is organizing a media law moot court competition in Kabul in September.

AMDEP was featured in an interview with CGCS Director Monroe Price and AMDEP Director Adam Levin in the Daily Pennsylvanian.

**Results of Fourth Annual Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition**

The team from the University of Belgrade, Serbia, won the Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition, which took place at Oxford University, March 30 – April 2, 2011. The team from Cardozo School of Law took second place and the University of Pennsylvania Law School reached the semi-final round.

**CGCS Director at Bellagio Residency Program**

Professor Price will be spending the month of April at the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Center in Italy as part of their scholarly residency program. While there, Professor Price will work on his new book on strategic narratives.

**About CGCS**

The director of CGCS is Professor Monroe E. Price, a leading authority on issues relating to media and civil society, media law and policy advocacy, and the intersection between communication, development, and globalization. CGCS staff includes Libby Morgan, Associate Director; Laurel Eisenach, Project Coordinator; Briar Smith, Research Project Manager; and Drew Cahan, Grants Coordinator. More information on CGCS Staff.

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