Now Accepting Applications for 2011 Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute

CGCS and the Programme for Comparative Media Law and Policy at the University of Oxford (PCMLP) are pleased to announce the 13th annual Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute, to be held from July 4 - 15, 2011 at the University of Oxford. Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2011.

The annual Summer Institute 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. This year the Summer Institute will also focus on media governance and strategic communication in conflict and post-conflict environments including Sudan, Somalia and Bosnia. For more information and the application please visit the CGCS website.
2011 CMCS/CEU Summer University Course

The Center for Media and Communication Studies (CMCS) at Central European University (CEU) is pleased to announce its 2011 course at the CEU Summer University, co-organized with Internews Network and CGCS. The course, "Communication Policy Advocacy, Technology, and Online Freedom of Expression: a Toolkit for Media Development," will take place June 20 - July 1, 2011, in Budapest.

The application deadline is March 20, 2011. Applications from all over the world are encouraged. Additional information and the application are available from the CEU website.

CGCS Wins Provost Grant for Summer School in China

CGCS has won a joint grant with the Graduate School of Education (GSE) from the Provost’s Office for a second annual health communication summer seminar in China. This year’s seminar will focus on media, social change and the well-being of youth. It is being run by Annenberg Public Policy Center’s Amy Jordan and Professor Xinyin Chen from GSE. The seminar, co-hosted with Renmin University, will take place in Beijing, China, July 6-12, 2011. Chinese and international scholars will discuss their research and potential collaborations, as well as give lectures at Renmin’s concurrent summer school.

Milton Wolf Essay Contest Winners Announced

Seven graduate students have won funding to attend the 2011 Milton Wolf Seminar in Vienna, Austria, March 23-25, 2011. The Milton Wolf Seminar will bring together distinguished print and television journalists, media development practitioners, diplomats, and academics. Students submitted essays on the question “Under what conditions and with what methods should a country or multilateral organization intervene in the media and communications space of another?” The seven winners come from Columbia University; Georgetown University; Georgia State University; University of Graz, Austria; University of Minnesota; University of Oxford; and University of Wisconsin-Madison. The winning essays are available online.

CGCS Director to Speak at Iraq Media Law Conference

On March 4, Professor Monroe Price will be participating (via recorded video and live Skype conference) in a conference on Media Law in Iraq and the Region: Rapid Changes/New Challenges, held in Erbil, Iraq. The event is organized by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) and the Institute for War & Peace Reporting (IWPR). Price will join the panel on Media Structures and Building Democracy: What Iraq Can Teach the World. His talk will address the lessons that Iraq’s media restructuring offers other countries, in particular Egypt.
Upcoming Events

Visiting Scholar Discussion: Paolo Cavaliere
Monday, March 14, 12-1pm
Annenberg School, Room 300
Please RSVP by Friday, March 11 at noon. Lunch will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

CASI New Media Series: Lawrence Liang
Post Piracy: Creativity and Cinephilia Beyond Access in India and China
Thursday, March 17, 12-1:30pm
Annenberg School, Room 300
Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 15 at noon

Alumni Update: Igino Gagliardone

After collaborating with CGCS on numerous projects, from collecting public opinions in Darfur to studying the influence of China on the media in Africa, I am taking up a new position at the Centre for Governance and Human Rights, at the University of Cambridge. I will conduct research on “New communication technologies and citizen-led governance in Africa,” in collaboration with Frontline SMS.

The project combines the interactive dimensions of mobile SMS with the reach of radio, creating hybrid media that are aimed at expanding interactions between citizens and the state. I will investigate how, and to what extent, new media change the ways in which citizens participate in public and political life in Africa, shape flows of information and access public goods. I will also work closely with media professionals and software developers to ensure that research findings can inform the shaping and application of new technical tools.

This project represents an excellent opportunity to apply some of the research tools developed in collaboration with CGCS. These include mapping the uses of the media emerging at the grassroots level, rather than applying template approaches, and building bridges across different disciplines, mixing for example ethnographic approaches and techniques used in public opinion research.

Gagliardone’s latest report, “China in Africa: A new approach to media development?”, is available on our website.

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; and Drew Cahan, Grants Coordinator. More information on CGCS Staff.
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