

International Programs

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Cultural Nights Spring 09

Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Loading Dock
Memorial Union

- MARCH 12 – SRI LANKA
- MARCH 26 – AFRICAN DIASPORA
- APRIL 16 – CZECH REPUBLIC
- APRIL 23 – NIGERIA
- APRIL 30 – ROMANIA

Country in Focus: Sri Lanka



Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

The first Sinhalese arrived in Sri Lanka late in the 6th century B.C. probably from northern India.

Buddhism was introduced in about the mid-third century B.C. In the 14th century, a south Indian dynasty established a Tamil kingdom in northern Sri Lanka.

The coastal areas of the island were controlled by the Portuguese in the 16th century and by the Dutch in the 17th century. The island was ceded to the British in 1796, became a crown colony in 1802, and was united under British rule by 1815.

Tensions between the Sinhalese majority and Tamil separatists erupted into war in 1983. Tens of thousands have died in the ethnic conflict that continues to fester. After two decades of fighting, the government and Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) formalized a cease-fire in February 2002 with Norway brokering peace

Building Bridges

Between Cultures and Countries



U2 Workshop **Basic International Student** **Requirements for Faculty and Staff**

DateMarch 11, 2009

Time10:00am - 12:00 pm

InstructorsAnne Ekkaia, Shannon Jolly

Location International Centre

Government regulations for international students create unique challenges for students to be able to pursue their degrees in the U.S. faculty and staff who advise international students must be aware of the extra expectations that are placed on these students and what that may mean for arrival on campus, selecting courses, program duration, financial support and post-graduation planning. This workshop provides an overview of the basic requirements governing most international students' ability to pursue their studies in the U.S. from admission to graduation. Topics addressed include:

- visa application
- enrollment requirements
- international student employment and social security
- program completion requirements

U2 Workshop **Beyond Regulations: International** **Students**

Date April 22, 2009

Time10:00am - 12:00pm

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From differences in university administrative structure and classroom environment to different expectations for social interactions, UND's students from outside the United States face a wealth of new experiences and challenges during their studies. These differences can also provide challenges for faculty and staff interacting with international students. Learn some of the common challenges that international students may face. Discuss the resources and recommendations that we give to students during international student orientation

and related programs. You will also be provided with tools for empowering international students who may be struggling with the new environment.

International Women's Day **2009**

The International Women's Day celebration will be held on March 9 marking the economic, social and political achievements of women. It was started in 1909 in the United States, and it is at its 100th anniversary this year.

International Women's Day Events:

- **Play entitled "Wise Lasses," Monday, March 9, 12:00 – 1:00 pm at the Loading Dock in the Memorial Union**
Written by local author Adonica Schultz Aune out of the research project "Women Communicating Wisdom" conducted by members of the UND student chapter of the Association for Women in Communication.
- **International Women's Day Panel, Monday, March 9 – 6:00pm to 8:00pm on at the UND International Centre**
The International Women's Day celebration will continue with a panel of women refugees talking about what it means to be a woman in their country of origin, and what are the opportunities and challenges for them of being women refugees in the United States. Dinner including soup, bread, and a dessert will be served.
- **Flowers: March 5, 6, and 9**
Flowers will be handed to women in the Memorial Union on March 5, 6 and 9, as well as at the International Centre on March 9. Please join us for this event and help us make the International Women's Day celebration a success!

This event is sponsored by the Office of International Programs, Women's Center, ESL Language Centers, and the UND student chapter of the Association for Women in Communication.



negotiations. Violence between the LTTE and government forces intensified in 2006 and the government regained control of the Eastern Province in 2007.

In January 2008, the government officially withdrew from the ceasefire, and by late January 2009, the LTTE remained in control of a small and shrinking area of Mullaitivu district in the North.

As Ceylon, it became independent in 1948; its name was changed to Sri Lanka in 1972.

Location: Southern Asia, island in the Indian Ocean, south of India

Area: total: 65,610 sq km slightly larger than West Virginia

Climate: tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October)

Natural resources: limestone, graphite, mineral sands, gems, phosphates, clay, hydropower

Environment - current issues: deforestation; soil erosion; wildlife populations threatened by poaching and urbanization; coastal degradation from mining activities and increased pollution; freshwater resources being polluted by industrial wastes and sewage runoff; waste disposal; air pollution in Colombo

Population: 21,128,772

Life expectancy at birth:
total population: 74.97 years
male: 72.95 years
female: 77.08 years (2008 est.)

Independence: 4 February 1948 (from UK)

Government type: Republic

Capital: Colombo

Pre-Departure Orientations

Pre-Departure Orientations for students studying abroad:

- Summer & Fall programs (not faculty directed) will be on April 16th from 4-7pm at the International Centre.

Faculty-Directed Study Abroad Workshop – 24 April 2007

Now is the time to start planning for next year's faculty-directed study abroad possibilities. If you may be considering this, please attend this workshop on:

Friday, April 24, 2009

11:00am – 1:00pm

International Centre

This workshop is designed for those considering offering a course in an international context and would like to know how to get started. We cover all the "how to's" including logistics, finances, marketing, UND requirements, etc. To register, contact Tatjana at 777.6438 or tatjanarichards@mail.und.edu

International Students and Scholars Taxes

All international students and scholars present in the United States for at least one day in 2008 are responsible for filing some tax paperwork regardless of whether or not they worked during that time. Forms and links for assistance are available at the International Centre. Tax forms for people who worked are due April 15th. Form 8843 for individuals who did not work must be submitted by June 15th.

International Student News

International Student News is the new newsletter for international students. It is published weekly or bi-weekly on Fridays and is available by email or on the OIP website. <http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/ISNews.htm>

Fulbright Scholar Program

Seeking an opportunity to teach or conduct research abroad? The Traditional Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional areas. The Traditional Fulbright Scholar Program opens up competition for 2010-11 on 1 March 2009. You can find information concerning Fulbright Scholar Program opportunities at

www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/.

The deadline for applications is 1 August 2009. Your Campus Representative is Dr. William Young at 777-3935.

Fulbright Program for U.S. Students

Interested in studying abroad on a Fulbright scholarship? The U.S. Student Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, is the largest international exchange program offering opportunities for U.S. students to study, do research, or assist-teach overseas for one academic year. The program is designed for recent bachelor degree graduates, graduate students, and others in all fields of study. The 2010-11 competition will open on 1 May 2009. Be sure to check the website at <http://us.fulbrightonline.org> at that time. Your Campus Advisor for the U.S. Student Fulbright Program is Dr. William Young at 777-3935.



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