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## **Alumni eNews – January 2007**

### **Greetings Alumni!**

In celebration of the New Year and our continued dedication to strengthening SIPA's alumni program, we are pleased to present the first edition of *SIPA Alumni eNews*. This online newsletter is designed to highlight upcoming events at the University and to update you on the many exciting developments at SIPA.

We hope you will **stay in touch** and we look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event soon.

Best wishes for 2007!

Margaret Reynolds  
SIPA Director of Alumni Relations

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### **Upcoming Events and Regional Activities - January**

**1/9:** Columbia University Reception & Program in **Mumbai**, India at the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower Hotel from 6:30-10:00pm. For more info, email: [ag80@columbia.edu](mailto:ag80@columbia.edu) or visit the CU Alumni Events [web site](#).

**1/11:** SIPA Alumni/Student Networking Reception in **Washington, D.C.** from at the Capital Hilton Hotel. [Click here](#) for more details.

**1/11:** "The Columbia Connection: Photographs by Jack Eisenberg and Edward Keating" at Leica Gallery in **New York City** from 6-8pm. [Click here](#) for more details.

**1/20:** Columbia University at the Sundance Film Festival at Main Street Restaurant in **Park City, Utah** from 4-6pm. To RSVP for this complimentary reception, please contact Ilene Markay-Hallack at 212-870-2641 or [im2@columbia.edu](mailto:im2@columbia.edu).

**1/27:** The Columbia University Alumni Association of Southern California hosts an Annual Dinner honoring the 2007 Southern California Columbia Alumnus of the Year, the Hon. Eric Garcetti, CC'92, SIPA'93. This event will be held at the Hollywood Highlands in **Los Angeles**. For more information, please visit the club's [web site](#).

**1/25:** SIPA Bimonthly Alumni Happy Hour in **New York City** from 6:30-8:30pm at Kush Lounge, located at 191 Chrystie St (between Rivington and Stanton).

**1/31:** Younis Qanooni, Afghan Parliament speaker, will address “The State of Affairs in Afghanistan” at SIPA in **New York City**. Space for this event is limited and available on a first-come-first-served basis only. If you would like to attend, please send an email to [sipaalum@columbia.edu](mailto:sipaalum@columbia.edu).

*Events to come in February and Beyond...*

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>: Gitelson Policy Forum Breakfast. Professor Alfred C. Stepan will speak on “Muslims and Democracy” from 7:45-9am at the Columbia Club of New York. [Click here](#) to RSVP using the word GITELSON.

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## Highlights from Recent Events



### **SIPA's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend Celebration**

Over 700 alumni returned to Morningside Heights for a weekend of intellectual dialogue, networking and fun! Check out the upcoming issue of *SIPA News* for a full recap of the weekend and the [60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary web site](#) for photos and to review the schedule of events held during the weekend.

### **“India: An Emerging Giant”**

Leading scholars and top policy makers and analysts from India and around the world convened at Columbia University on October 13th -15th, 2006, for a three-day conference, co-sponsored by SIPA and Columbia Business School, to discuss ongoing developments in the Indian economy.

Speakers included the Honorable Kamal Nath, Commerce and Industry Minister of India; Arun Shourie, former Privatization and Information Technology Minister and distinguished author and journalist; Ambassador Ronen Sen, Ambassador of India; Ambassador Frank Wisner, former Ambassador of the United States to India; Jagdish Bhagwati, University Professor, Columbia University.

Visit the following web site to view video from the conference online:

[http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news\\_events/multimedia.html](http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/news_events/multimedia.html)



### **Director-General, World Trade Organization, Pascal Lamy Visits SIPA**

Pascal Lamy, Director-General, World Trade Organization visited SIPA on October 31<sup>st</sup> as the honored speaker for the 2006 Gabriel Silver Memorial Lecture series. He addressed the following topic “Multilateral and Bilaterals-- Friends or Foes?” View the [text](#) or [video](#) of Lamy's speech online.

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## Alumni News

### **Thank You NYC Alumni Happy Hour Committee Members!**

SIPA extends our deep appreciation to alumni **Peggy Kauh (MPA '01)**, **Bill Rigler (MIA '04)** and **Megan Watkins (MIA '00)** for their leadership in pioneering the bi-monthly SIPA alumni happy hours in New York City. After over two years of service, they are prepared to pass the torch to another dedicated set of alumni. If you are interested in joining the SIPA Happy Hour Organizing Committee, please email Margaret Reynolds at [mr2478@columbia.edu](mailto:mr2478@columbia.edu).

### **SIPA News is coming to your mailbox soon**

The next edition of *SIPA News* is focused on Trafficking and Illicit Trade and will feature articles on topics ranging from diamond smuggling to the trafficking of camel jockeys, all written by SIPA faculty, alumni, and students. In addition, there will be coverage of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion weekend and updates on your fellow SIPA alumni.

### **Update your Address**

Please check your online profile on the [Columbia University-Wide Online Directory](#) to ensure that we have your correct contact information. We want to keep you informed, so please update your information!

### **EMPA Forum Plans Annual Homecoming Celebration**

The EMPA Forum, comprised of students and alumni in the Executive Master of Public Policy and Administration program, will hold their annual homecoming celebration in February in honor of the class of 2001. Check out the EMPA Forum [web site](#) for more information on this great organization!

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## **What's New at the SIPA?**

### **Mamadou Diouf, West African Scholar, Selected to Lead Columbia's Institute of African Studies**

Diouf, a renowned West African scholar and historian, has been hired to lead Columbia's Institute of African Studies. Diouf will also join the faculty of Columbia's Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures. [Click here](#) for more details.

### **William Eimicke appointed to Andrew Cuomo's Transition Team**

[William Eimicke](#), Director of the Picker Center for Executive Education at SIPA, was appointed to the New York State Attorney General's Transition Team. He is serving on the Public Integrity subcommittee with the initial task of helping Attorney-General Andrew Cuomo fill senior positions. This appointment continues Eimicke's long record of public service, including service as the director of fiscal studies for the New York State Senate, assistant budget director of the City of New York, and deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

### **New Faculty Hires and Appointments at SIPA**

SIPA has had another successful year of faculty recruitment and is pleased to welcome the following faculty member to one of the world's leading bodies of public policy scholars:

[Albert Bressand](#), Director of the Center for Energy, Marine Transportation and Public Policy at Columbia University. In addition to holding key positions within the French Ministry of Affairs, World Bank and French Institute for International Relations, Dr. Bressand headed the Global Business Environment department in Royal Dutch Shell's global headquarters in London.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the many additional faculty hires and recent news at SIPA.

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## **SIPA Annual Fund**

A gift to SIPA's Annual Fund provides immediate, unrestricted support for SIPA's most important priorities, such as student fellowships and faculty research. It also builds a foundation for giving that inspires others to contribute in kind.

Gifts to SIPA's annual fund increased by over 50% in fiscal year 2006, demonstrating SIPA's growing constituency of advocates among alumni, faculty, and friends. Your participation as alumni is a key ingredient to the annual fund's success, because every gift, no matter the size, conveys your appreciation of SIPA's efforts to provide the best education in public policy.

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