

Global Salon Series gives students global perspective on issues



Dr. Marco Lara Gracia presenting: "Impact of the Expansion of the Panama Canal in Global Supply Chains"

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Three lectures by University of Southern Indiana professors will take place October 7, October 28 and November 5 as part of the University's Global Salon Series.

The Global Salon Series is comprised of lectures from USI faculty and community figures that focus on current global issues. The series provides students with a richer understanding of international relations, while giving USI faculty the opportunity to share their current research with the public.

The series began in fall 2011, and consists of about three to four lectures each semester. The series gets its name from the 17th century definition of a salon: a gathering where people come together to discuss and share knowledge of the social, cultural, political and philosophical ideas of the time. The series is organized by Ellen Topper, instructor in humanities and international studies and Dr. Daniel Bauer, assistant professor of anthropology.

Dr. Marco Lara Gracia, assistant professor of engineering, will kick off the series at noon October 7, with his presentation on the Panama Canal in University Center East Room 2207.

Dr. Matt Hanka, assistant professor of political science, will give a lecture on the 70th anniversary of the United Nations at noon October 28 in University Center East Room 2028. His lecture will focus on how the United Nations has addressed such international issues as global health, poverty and gender inequality.

Michael Aakhus, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of art, will give a presentation at 1:30 p.m. November 5 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

"This Global Salon Series opens up a window to the world for the USI community," Hanka said. "Every effort we can make to expose students to major international issues, problems, trends and ideas helps prepare students to be productive global citizens."

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