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UNA Sacramento May Program:

Refugees in Peril: a Legal Crisis Across Continents

As the number of refugees around the world continues to rise, join us to hear from two distinguished speakers on the challenges for refugees in two regions, Europe and Central America.

The very visible stories of the profound human suffering of thousands of refugees throughout Europe and the United States have reopened the debate around the nature and scope of a receiving nation's legal obligations toward refugees. So far, however, the proposed solutions largely seek to deter the tide of new refugees with laws and measures that weaken the humanitarian obligations of the international community. But will these measures work and at what costs to the refugees and to the rule of law?

Join us to hear from two distinguished speakers, **Professor Iris Goldner Lang**, who will be speaking on "Unraveling Europe's Refugee Crisis," and **Professor Raquel Aldana** who will be speaking on "Neither Walls Nor Bridges: Permanent Solutions to Central America's Refugee Crisis."



When: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 5:00-6:30pm

**Where: University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law
3200 Fifth Ave, Classroom C, Sacramento, CA 95817**

Co-Sponsored with the World Affairs Council, Sacramento Chapter

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World Humanitarian Summit May 23-24, 2016

The world is witnessing the highest level of human suffering since the Second World War. This is why, for the first time in the 70-year history of the United Nations, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has convened the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul. The Summit has three main goals:

- 1 To re-inspire and reinvigorate a commitment to humanity and to the universality of humanitarian principles.
- 2 To initiate a set of concrete actions and commitments aimed at enabling countries and communities to better prepare for and respond to crises, and be resilient to shocks.
- 3 To share best practices which can help save lives around the world, put affected people at the center of humanitarian action, and alleviate suffering.

In 2015, the world agreed, through the Sustainable Development Goals, to 'leave no-one behind.' The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit will be an opportunity for global leaders to announce commitments for millions of people who are vulnerable to conflicts and disasters.

At the Summit, Heads of State and Government, community leaders, businesses, and humanitarian organizations will announce major commitments to action, launch new partnerships aimed at saving lives, and highlight innovations which help reduce suffering and uphold humanity in times of crisis.

How can the public get involved?

The events of the Summit will be livestreamed through the WHS website:

<http://www.worldhumanitariansummit.org>

Individuals can also engage via social media and promoting our global campaign:

Twitter = [whsummit](#)

Facebook = <https://www.facebook.com/WHSummit>

Hashtag = [#ShareHumanity](#)

Global campaign: <https://impossiblechoices.org>

In the refugee camp of Beqaa Valley, the Secretary-General met a Syrian family that has been living there for five years. The number of refugees in the world is the highest it has been since 1945. LEBANON, Beqaa Valley, 25 March 2016 Credit: Giles Clarke/Getty Images Reportage



Take a Walk on the Wildside with Citizens' Climate Lobby! Saturday, May 14, 2016 10am to 4pm
Beach Lake Park, Freeport, CA

CCL will be skipping the regular meeting to enjoy a day outdoors as they staff a table at the Walk on the Wildside Environmental Fair in Freeport. They will have an extra tent with tables and chairs for visiting with Sac CCL Chapter members. CCL will be writing letters to our Members of Congress and talking with the public about building the political will for national climate action. Enjoy live music, wetland tours, conservation exhibitors, live animal presentations, children's activities.

For more information: www.wowsacramento.com



UNA Sacramento Board Members to attend UNA-USA Leadership Summit in Washington D.C.

UNA Sacramento president Kate Van Buren and board member Megan Nguyen will attend the UNA-USA Annual Conference in Washington D.C. June 12-14, 2016. The theme this year is “A Time For Humanitarian Action.” Besides topics on best practices for local chapters, there will be panels on Peace and Security, climate change, refugees, and a keynote address from Ambassador Susan Rice, President Obama’s National Security Advisor. The conference will wrap up with meetings on Capitol Hill with legislators to advocate on behalf of the United Nations.



Kate Van Buren - UNA Sacramento
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The Better World Campaign (BWC) works to foster a strong, effective relationship between the United States and the United Nations to promote core American interests and build a more secure, prosperous, and healthy world. BWC engages policymakers, the media, and the American public alike to increase awareness of the critical role played by the UN in world affairs and the importance of constructive U.S.- UN relations.

For more information: www.betterworldcampaign.org



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GRAND BENEFIT GALA

All proceeds go to the UN Refugee Agency for our Syrian brothers and sisters

Join us for a night of music, dancing, food, photos, a raffle, and more!

Friday, June 3 | 10 College Park Dr. | 7pm-10pm, doors open at 6:30pm

Find the event on the Aggies for Humanity FB page!

Tickets: \$8 Early Bird | \$10 at the door | \$5/each when bought in packs of 4+
Fee waivers are available

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An evening to celebrate cultural diversity #oneworld #onelove

International Film Series (*STARTING OUR 20TH YEAR!*)

Shown at International House, 10 College Park, on first and third Friday nights, Sept. - May

Sponsored by the UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF DAVIS and I-HOUSE

There is no charge, but donations are welcomed and gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of DVD rental or purchase, facilities use, cups, plates etc. and the refreshments that are served at 7:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 8.

May 6 – May 20, 2016 Schedule

WE ARE NOW IN THE 20TH YEAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES.

May 6, 2016 *Ida* (2013, Poland, directed by Pawel Pawlikowski, 82 min.)

Filmed in black and white and set in early 1960s Poland, this film is centered on two women and their (as well as their country's) history in the years of the Nazi occupation and the Communist regime that followed. Anna (Agata Trzebobowska, who had no prior acting experience) is an 18-year-old orphan who grew up in a convent and is about to take her vows. The Mother Superior insists that she first go to meet her only known relative, an Aunt Wanda (Agata Kulesza) in Lodz of whose existence Anna knew nothing. Wanda, a former prosecutor with high Communist rank, tells Anna that her real name is Ida Lebenstein, that she is Jewish and that her parents were killed during World War II, without details. They resolve to discover how their family members died and where they were buried, resulting in a road trip during which Ida learns bits and pieces about her family and we observe many contrasts between these two women who are both searching for their identity. Much of the content of the story is insinuated but not depicted. The cinematography creates a strong and moving atmosphere and tells much without dialog. *Ida* won an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 2015. Also with Dawid Ogrodnik as a saxophone player who takes an interest in Ida, Joanna Kulig as a vocalist, Adam Szyszkowski and Jerzy Trela as Christian farmers who had given shelter to the Lebensteins during the early years of the war. (#398)

May 20, 2016 *Terraferma* (2011, Italy, directed by Emanuele Crialese, 88 min.)

Set on and around a summer tourist island off the coast of Sicily, *Terraferma* (the misspelling of the title is thought to be a deliberate reference to a world with increasingly closed borders) graphically illustrates the complications and moral dilemmas presented by the arrival of boatloads of African immigrants fleeing war and abuse. Patriarch Ernesto (Mimmo Cuticchio) struggles to continue his family's livelihood by fishing with the help of his young grandson Filippo (Filippo Pucillo). His son Nino (Giuseppe Fiorello) organizes activities for the tourists while his widowed daughter Giulietta (Donatella Finocchiaro), who feels trapped on the island and dreams of leaving, decides to rent out rooms to Italian weekend guests. Following the law of the sea that compels fishermen to save anyone in peril in the ocean puts Ernesto and his family in conflict with the law of the land that forbids the rescue of immigrants and punishes breaking that law with impounding the family's fishing boat. The plight of the rescued Africans, among them a pregnant Ethiopian woman, Sara (Timnit T.) who gives birth in hiding, could not be more timely. Submitted to 2011 Academy awards, but not nominated. (#399)

*WE WILL TAKE OUR CUSTOMARY SUMMER BREAK DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.
SEE YOU BACK ON SEPTEMBER 2.*



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The numbers surrounding child labor and exploitation are revealing and disturbing in equal measure. According to the International Labor Organization 168 million child laborers exist worldwide. Of those, 85 million are engaged in hazardous work, 5.5 million are enslaved and 1.2 million are trafficked every year. Societies need to care for their most vulnerable first. Organizations like UNICEF do great work, but it is up to us to refrain from patronizing companies that import products using child labor. Saving a few dollars on a new TV is not worth the suffering and exploitation of children.

Regards,
KVB

Don't have time to be a board member but would still like to volunteer? Well we need you! Event leaders for UNA sponsored programs will take on one event of their choice during the year. We are starting exploratory committees for:

International Day of Peace September 2016

Annual Dinner/UN Day October 2016

IGMUN at UC Berkeley October 2016

UNA Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Model UN Clubs

Young Professionals Group

We welcome your thoughtful and civilized comments! Please email your Letters to the Editor to:
kate.unausa@gmail.com

May 14: Citizens' Climate Lobby's Walk on the Wildside. 10am to 4pm. Beach Lake Park, Freeport, CA
May 15: International Day of Families
May 17: UNA Program - Refugees in Peril. 5-6:30pm McGeorge School of Law
May 21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
May 29: International Day of UN Peacekeepers
May 31: World No-Tobacco Day
June 3: Aggies for Humanity Grand Benefit Gala 7-10pm. International House, Davis
June 5: UNA Board of Directors meeting. 9-10am. UUSS 2425 Sierra Blvd. Sacramento
June 5: World Environment Day
June 8: World Oceans Day

United Nations International Year Observances for 2016:
International Year of Pulses

Dues and donations: Please remember to pay your yearly membership dues. We are an all-volunteer organization and depend on our members' support in order to bring quality programs to you and our community.

UNA board meetings are the first Sunday of every month. If you have an idea for a program or would like the UNA board to address an issue, email Sharon Alexander (alexanders@csus.edu) to be considered for an upcoming agenda item.

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