

Monday, November 12

### Diwali "Festival of Lights"

TED Convocation Center | 6:00PM-8:00PM

India's largest and most important national holiday of the year has been celebrated throughout the centuries by most Indians around the world regardless of faith: Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs. The festival receives its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (or deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects people from spiritual darkness.

**Experience Diwali:** Traditional Dress and Dance, Fashion Show, Henna Tattoo, and Indian Cuisine

Tuesday, November 13

### Islam Fair

North Mall | 12:00PM-2:00PM

Find answers to questions about Islam. A wide variety of books will be available to learn about Islam which include a biography of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Free copies available. This is an opportunity to set aside misconceptions about the religion.

Sponsors: Muslim Student Association

### Emerging Issues in International Student and Scholar Exchange: Student Mobility, Cultural

Diplomacy, and Cross-Border Educational Exchange.

Education Building, Room 150 | 12:15PM-1:50PM

A panel discussion on emerging issues related to international student and scholar exchange in American higher education. Comprehensive internationalization often involves initiatives to increase international student enrollment; form cross-border research partnerships; and increase scholarly exchange. These trends, however, raise serious issues for institutions and policymakers including how best to support international students; the need to protect proprietary research information and outcomes; and the strategic use of scholarly exchange for U.S. international diplomatic purposes. **Light Refreshments will be provided.** Presenters: Dr. Chris R. Glass, Christina Westmont, Andy Casiello, and Stephanie Buus

Sponsors: Higher Education Graduate Program and OIR

### Global Café: Austria

Intercultural Center | 12:30PM-2:00PM

A place where all international and American students, faculty, and staff are welcome! Come learn about Austria and its rich cultures, and enjoy a conversation with Austrians and students from around the world. Refreshments will be served.

### Soirée Poésie - An Evening of Poetry!

Intercultural Center | 5:00PM-7:00PM

Come enjoy an evening of French Poetry. Listen, learn and discuss the poems and interpret their meanings with the French Club in this relaxed event. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sponsors: French Club and OIR

Wednesday, November 14

### International Education Country Fair

North Mall | 11:30AM-1:00PM

The country fair is an event that showcases ODU's diverse international community and gives students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to "travel" the world in the North Mall of Webb Center.

Thursday, November 15

### Fair Trade and the Impact on Women in the Global Community

River Rooms | 2:30PM-4:00PM

Graduate student, Maribel Lora examines the advantages and disadvantages of the fair trade justice movement. This program explores the effects on the international poor, particularly women. Ms. Lora will discuss her research on ethical business models and economic justice. Anna Richerby of Beloved Beadwork will co-present via Skype from South Africa. Ms. Lora will share her experience working with Beloved Beadwork through her Women's Studies short-term study abroad course in Cape Town, South Africa.

### Muhammad: Legacy of A Prophet Documentary and Panel

President's Dining Room | 5:30PM-8:30PM

A documentary showcasing the details of the Prophet's (peace be upon him) life; followed by a question-answer session. **Dinner will be served.**

Sponsors: Muslim Student Association and OIR

Saturday, November 17

### International Children's Day

Virginia Beach, Chesapeake Rooms | 4:00PM-7:00PM

A day universally recognized to celebrate children and the signing of both the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This event will feature cultural performances showcasing Ya Gamila Belly Dance and guest speaker Asadah Kirkland, author of *Beating Black Kids*.

Sponsors: ACA, In Support of Children, OIR, Ya Gamila Belly Dance



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