

THE TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE FORUM @ MIT

2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

As I stood up to introduce my first Technology and Culture Forum event, our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Prof. Jonathan King called me over to say that one of our speakers couldn't make it. He asked me to introduce long-time activist, MIT lecturer and former State Representative Melvin King, who had agreed on the spot to say a few words.

I had no idea what to expect. For those of you who know him, however, it will be no surprise that within a few sentences Mel King had our audience's rapt attention. With eloquence and passion, he described the ways that, despite what was promised so long ago, many of our brothers and sisters still are not truly free. He said, "We know so much about the technology of the world. But what we need now is a new technology of the heart."

Our mission is to find that technology of the heart. Our forums spark lively intellectual conversations, but we always hope to go deeper than the exchange of ideas. We want to inspire people to look at the world in a new way and to consider the deeper ethical implications of their actions.

We look for the student in our ethics seminar, who came into the course saying we all have to look out for ourselves and ended the semester saying, "I have to do at least a little more than my fair share, because I want to leave the world a better place." We dream of moments like our forum on "Cities for Sale," when Urban Studies and Planning students were inspired to join Cambridge residents to help protect our city's most vulnerable members from the effects of new development. In all of our programs, we hope to kindle a dream of peace, a passion for justice, and a deep concern for our planet and all living beings.

It is a great privilege to be able to bring together people with brilliant ideas and compassionate hearts to imagine unexpected solutions to our world's many challenges. I am very grateful to our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Tom Shaw, for his support of me and of this great program, to Patricia Weinmann for her vision and tireless work, to Christina English for helping it all run smoothly, to our Steering Committee for their excellent guidance, and to all of you for making the Technology and Culture Forum possible.

Thea Keith-Lucas
The Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas



The Technology and Culture Forum is a program of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

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2012-2013 PROGRAM LISTING

MILITARY TECHNOLOGY AND FOREIGN POLICY



September 27, 2012

FILM SCREENING: COUNTDOWN TO ZERO

Followed by discussion with
Graham Allison, Director, Belfer
Center for Science and
International Affairs

Co-sponsor: MIT Global Zero



A WORLD WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

October 16, 2012

UNDERSTANDING THE ARAB UPRISINGS IN THEIR SECOND YEAR: FROM NATIONAL HUMILIATION TO LEGITIMACY

Rami Khouri, Director of the
Issam Fares Institute for Public
Policy and International Affairs,
American University of Beirut

Hosted by the Emile Bustani
Middle East Seminar, MIT

*Co-sponsor: The Center for
International Studies, MIT*



November 13, 2012

ATTACK OF THE DRONES: ETHICAL, LEGAL AND STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF UAV USE

Bryan Hehir, Professor of the
Practice of Religion and Public
Life, Kennedy School of
Government, Harvard
University

Rabia Mehmood, Journalist,
Pakistani Television Express;
International Herald Tribune

Barry Posen, Ford International
Professor of Political Science;
Director, Security Studies
Program, MIT

Moderator:

Kenneth A. Oye, Director,
Program on Emerging
Technologies; Professor of
Political Science and
Engineering Systems, MIT

*Co-sponsor: The Center for
International Studies, MIT*

February 26, 2013

DYING TO FORGET: THE FOUNDATION OF US POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Irene Gendzier, Professor of
Political Science, Boston
University

*Hosted by the Emile Bustani
Middle East Seminar, MIT*

March 5, 2013

SYRIA, TWO YEARS INTO THE REVOLUTION

Christina Markus Lassen,
Danish Ambassador to Syria
and Jordan; Fellow,
Weatherhead Center for
International Affairs, Harvard
University

*Hosted by the Emile Bustani
Middle East Seminar, MIT*

April 24, 2013

IN BETWEEN: A ONE MAN SHOW

Ibrahim Miari's semi-
autobiographical portrayal of
the complexities and
contradictions inherent in
Palestinian-Israeli identity
*Co-sponsors: Addir Fellows
Interfaith Dialogue, Muslim
Student Association, MIT Hillel,
the Office of the Chaplain to
the Institute*

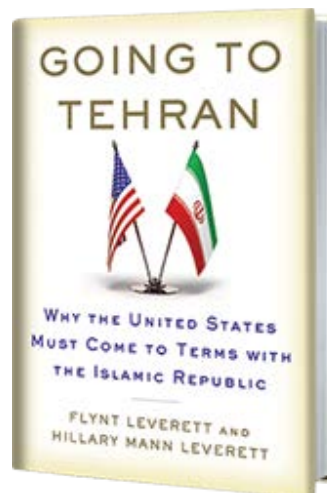


May 14, 2013

IRAN AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY: WHERE THE US WENT WRONG

Noam Chomsky, Institute
Professor and Professor of
Linguistics, Emeritus, MIT
Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann
Leverett, Authors of "Going to
Tehran: Why the United States
Must Come to Terms with the
Islamic Republic of Iran"
Moderator:

Ali Banuazizi, Professor of
Political Science; Director,
Program of Islamic Civilization
and Societies, Boston College



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

September 28, 2012

THE 11th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FAIR

*Co-sponsor: The International
Development Initiative, MIT*



April 13, 2013

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NIGHT AT MIT

In collaboration with the
Harvard International
Development Conference

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Development Initiative, MIT*



March 9, 2013

MONEY AND MEANING: A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Connecting global innovators
— investors, foundations,
institutions and social
entrepreneurs — to discuss
issues at the intersection of
money and meaning

*Co-sponsors: Episcopal City
Mission of Massachusetts, the
Office of the Chaplain to the
Institute, Village Capital Boston
and Social Capital Markets*



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013 | BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

ENVIRONMENT



March 11, 2013

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND CAPITALISM

Fred Magdoff, Professor Emeritus of Plant and Soil Science, University of Vermont

Daniel Fireside, Capital Coordinator, Equal Exchange

Moderator:

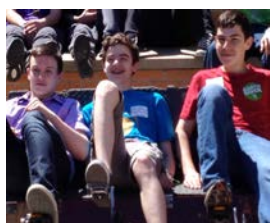
Lawrence Susskind, Professor of Urban Studies and Planning; Director, Science Impact Collaborative, MIT



May 4, 2013

7th ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

In collaboration with Boston Latin School's Youth Climate Action Network (YouthCAN), with support from the Office of Government and Community Relations and the Office of the Chaplain to the Institute



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October 4, 2012

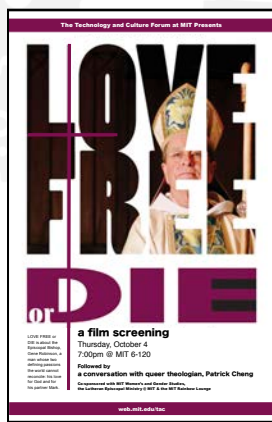
FILM SCREENING: LOVE FREE OR DIE

Discussion with

The Rev. Dr. Patrick S. Cheng, Associate Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology, Episcopal Divinity School

Shannon Fennema, Harvard Divinity School

Co-sponsors: MIT Program in Women's and Gender Studies and the MIT Rainbow Lounge

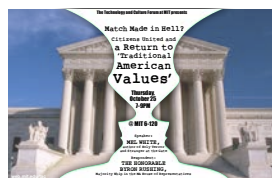


October 25, 2012

MATCH MADE IN HELL? CITIZENS UNITED AND A RETURN TO 'TRADITIONAL AMERICAN VALUES'

Mel White, Author of "Holy Terror" and "Stranger at the Gate"

The Honorable Byron Rushing, Majority Whip in the Massachusetts House of Representatives



Feb. 12, 2013

WHY LINCOLN AND DARWIN? CELEBRATING THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

John Stauffer, Professor of English and American Literature and African American Studies, Harvard University

Jonathan King, Professor of Biology, MIT

Melvin King, Adjunct Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT; Founder and Director, South End Technology Center

Helen Elaine Lee, Professor of Writing and Humanistic Studies, MIT

Music by the St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church Choir and the Americana String Band

Co-sponsors:

The Massachusetts Darwin Society, the Dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, MIT and the Dean of the School of Science, MIT

May 3, 2013

CITIES FOR SALE: THE RIGHT TO HOUSING VS. CORPORATE REAL ESTATE

Tom Angotti, Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning, Hunter College; Graduate Center, City University of New York

Respondent:

Fred Salvucci, Senior Lecturer, Departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering; and Urban Studies and Planning, MIT; Former Secretary of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Co-sponsors:

Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT and MIT CoLab

AMERICA AND IRAN

IN CONVERSATION



On Tuesday, May 14, former National Security Council diplomats, Professors Flynt Leverett and Hillary Mann Leverett gave first-hand accounts of the times that they believe the American government has missed opportunities for

productive engagement with the Islamic Republic of Iran. Fellow panelist, Professor Noam Chomsky, put the rising tensions with Iran into the larger context of American foreign policy. Over 350 people came out to hear this lively and thought-provoking conversation which was moderated by Professor Ali Banuazizi of Boston College, an affiliate of MIT's Center for International Studies. A video of the program is available on our website. One member of the audience wrote to us: "I just wanted to thank you and other organizers for such a good and informative program. As an Iranian student, I am so grateful for your effort to increase public awareness about the relationship between the USA and Iran."



MIT GLOBAL ZERO

BUILDING MOMENTUM

In Spring 2012, Sam Brinton, a graduate student in Nuclear Engineering and a member of the T&C Steering Committee, founded the MIT chapter of Global Zero, an international organization dedicated to the elimination of nuclear weapons. Since then, MIT Global Zero has been very active, hosting a film screening and monthly lunch discussions with invited guests from both MIT and beyond. Plans are underway for additional film screenings, continued lunch discussions and evening panel presentations. Please visit the MIT Global Zero web page at <http://web.mit.edu/mitglobalzero> for additional information.



BEING, THINKING, DOING (OR NOT!):

ETHICS AND YOUR LIFE



The class, now in its 4th year, is an interactive and lively lecture/discussion seminar. During the semester, students investigate and wrestle with ethical problems, share resources and experiences, and gain skills for clarifying and articulating their personal and vocational principles. A combination of guest speakers and class discussion brings a broad array of topics to the table. Very special thanks go to T&C Steering Committee member Professor Sally Haslanger for her insightful teaching and commitment to the seminar. Below are a few reflections and comments from this semester's class members:

"This class provided me with a foundation and vocabulary to be able to articulate my thoughts."

"I'm going to think about effective activism much more seriously now."

"I really value that I got to talk with other students--especially those who didn't think the same way I do. It was helpful to find common ground."

"When I would hear other students' thoughts, it would shake me up."

"This class gave me the opportunity to study ethics in an applied way using solid information--great combination of facts and ethics!"

"We need to find that belief that YOU can make a difference."

"I loved the different voices and opinions."

"Now I have to figure out how to sustain my awareness and commit to change."

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We would like to give our biggest thanks and most enthusiastic congratulations to Sravanthi Puranam on her graduation and Sam Allen on his retirement from MIT. Although they may be leaving campus, they will continue to be called upon for their creative ideas and sage advice.

We extend our sincere thanks to our former Episcopal Chaplain and Coordinator, the Rev. Janie Donahue, for her more than two years of service, and we wish her all the best in her next endeavors.



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