



## **NYU Abu Dhabi Institute Launches Third Year of Successful Public Event Series**

**Abu Dhabi, 15 September 2010** – New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) Institute will hold its third year of public programs in the presence of NYUAD’s inaugural class of undergraduate students who begin classes on September 13, 2010. The Institute, which serves as NYUAD’s public forum and research arm, has been hosting academic conferences, workshops, lectures, film series, performances, and other public programs in the arts, humanities, sciences, and engineering since its inception in 2008.

Events during September and October will examine a range of topics that have both regional and global importance, including: the effect of financial crises, information security and privacy, public policy in developing countries, and the role of ethics in science.

Philip Kennedy, Faculty Director at NYUAD Institute said: “Establishing an outlet for intellectual discourse and knowledge exchange within the Abu Dhabi community has been an important priority for NYUAD. We are excited that this season the Institute events will provide an opportunity for our first class of gifted students to interact with the broader community by becoming a part of this active discussion on a range of academic, technical, and current subjects.”

“The success of past years has shown us that members from all sectors of Abu Dhabi’s multicultural community are keen to participate in scholarly dialogue and share their diverse perspectives. This season should be particularly engaging as we tackle very current subjects that will strongly impact on society in the years to come,” he said.

The first event of the season will be a distinguished lecture held on September 16: “Global Finance After the Crisis,” led by Ingo Walter, Vice Dean of Stern School of Business and Finance and NYU. Public events will be held at Al Mamoura Auditorium in Abu Dhabi, while invitation-based workshops will be held on NYUAD’s downtown campus.

Additional information on events can be found on the NYUAD website: <http://nyuad.nyu.edu/news.events>.

### **September**

#### **September 16, 2010 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Al Mamoura Auditorium, Abu Dhabi** **Global Finance after the Crisis**

Distinguished Lectures

With the dynamics of the global financial crisis of 2007-09 now fairly well understood and regulatory reforms having been undertaken, focus has shifted to the impact on markets, businesses, and ordinary



households. The global legacy of reforms—effects on financial activity, innovation, and growth, as well as possible unintended consequences—will be considered.

**Ingo Walter**, Vice Dean of the Faculty; Seymour Milstein Professor of Finance, Corporate Governance and Ethics, Stern School of Business, NYU

**September 26, 2010 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Al Mamoura Auditorium, Abu Dhabi**

**From Metaphor to Model: What Victorians Understood about Markets that Modern Economists Often Miss**

Distinguished Lectures

The financial crisis of 2008 has highlighted a contradiction inherent in neo-liberal accounts of financial markets: some depict the market as a self-organizing, efficient system; others emphasize individuals whose actions epitomize the autonomy everyone presumably enjoys in a free-market economy. Mary Poovey will argue that the tension between these two accounts also appeared in nineteenth-century liberalism, but whereas nineteenth-century liberals were aware that all accounts of the market are metaphorical, neo-liberals have tended to turn the metaphors that underwrite their descriptions into “accurate” models.

**Mary Poovey**, Samuel Rudin University Professor in the Humanities, NYU

**October**

**October 3-4, 2010**

**Interdisciplinary Studies in Information Security and Privacy**

Workshop, Open to the Public

Creating trustworthy information systems is one of the major challenges of our networked society. Across legal, policy, business, and technical environments, solutions must be globally robust, but responsive to the particular needs and constraints of different cultures. The workshop will foster collaboration regarding non-technical issues in various nations and cultures, and seek to develop local approaches to enhancing security and privacy.

Convened by:

**Nasir Memon**, Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, NYU-Poly

**William Hery**, Research Professor, Computer Science and Engineering; Technology Management Department, NYU-Poly

**October 4, 2010 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Al Mamoura Auditorium, Abu Dhabi**

**Understanding *Privacy in Context***

Conversations with Authors

Characterizing appropriate sharing is at the heart of *Privacy in Context* (Stanford UP, 2009): the conditions under which information is shared, by what means, and under what terms. Helen Nissenbaum will also examine how new information flows serve different interests, including society's key structures and institutions.

**Helen Nissenbaum**, Author; Professor of Media, Culture, and Communication & Computer Science; Senior Faculty Fellow, Information Law Institute, NYU

**Eugene H. Spafford**, Professor, Department of Computer Sciences; Executive Director, Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security, Purdue University



**October 10, 2010 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Al Mamoura Auditorium, Abu Dhabi**

**The Future is Now: Making Art / Thinking Ecology**

Distinguished Lectures

Marina Zurkow's animated, psychological narratives address humans and their relationships to animals, plants and the weather. She will present *Crossing the Waters*, a body of animated works that focus on climate change and mediated representations of both The Deluge and The Future. She will also present works in progress that investigate our fraught, highly selective relationships with both native and invasive species.

**Marina Zurkow**, Artist; Professor, Interactive Telecommunications Program, Tisch School of the Arts, NYU

**October 20, 2010 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Al Mamoura Auditorium, Abu Dhabi**

**The Ethical Brain**

Distinguished Lectures

Continuing advances in quantitative techniques will allow us to solve mysteries of how the brain responds in social contexts. New knowledge about making judgments, moral responses, social comparisons, and a host of other mental states will form the basis for thinking about our species' ethical posture towards ourselves and others. Of particular interest is how these advances will be viewed in light of traditional judicial and legal practices.

**Michael Gazzaniga**, Professor, Psychology; Director, SAGE Center for the Study of Mind, University of California, Santa Barbara

**The Use of Economics on Environmental Policy**

**October 27, 2010 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Al Mamoura Auditorium, Abu Dhabi**

Conversations with Authors

This distinguished panel will discuss the use of cost-benefit analysis as an aid to environmental decision-making in countries throughout Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

**Richard L. Revesz**, Dean and Lawrence King Professor of Law, NYU School of Law

**Luis Cifuentes**, Director, Center for the Environment, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

**Euston Quah**, Head of the Division of Economics, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore

**Anthony Leiman**, Professor, School of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa

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**About The NYU Abu Dhabi Institute**

The NYU Abu Dhabi Institute hosts academic conferences, workshops, lectures, film series, performances, and other public programs directed both to local audiences and to the worldwide academic and research community. It is a center of the scholarly community for Abu Dhabi, the United



Arab Emirates, and the Gulf, bringing together faculty and students from institutions of higher learning throughout the region.

NYU Abu Dhabi, through the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, will be a world-class center of cutting-edge research, scholarship and cultural activity. The Institute will create singular opportunities for leading faculty members from across the arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, and the professions to carry out creative scholarship and conduct research on issues of major disciplinary, multidisciplinary, and global significance.

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