Macalester College Hosts International Roundtable on Globalization, Food, and Agriculture

St. Paul, Minn. - Macalester College’s annual International Roundtable will this year feature the topic “Feeding the World: Globalization, Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century.” It will be held Thursday, Oct. 11 and Friday, Oct. 12 in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall, Ruth Stricker Dayton Campus Center, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Presentations start at 11:15 a.m. on Oct. 11 and workshops at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 12. A full schedule can be found at macalester.edu/internationalroundtable (http://www.macalester.edu/igc/publicforums/roundtable/).

Featured speakers are Raj Patel, a visiting scholar at the University of California-Berkeley; Joshua Muldavin, an expert on sustainable development in China who teaches at Sarah Lawrence College; Ivette Perfecto, the George W. Pack Professor of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan; Steven Peterson, director of sourcing sustainability at General Mills; Jennifer Shaw, head of sustainability in North America for Syngenta; and Tatfoo Tan, an artist based in New York City.

In addition, public artist Tattfoo Tan will lead students in creating a mobile garden art project and students/faculty/community members will lead workshops on related food and agriculture topics. The conference will end with a student-driven call to action—“concrete steps we can take as individuals, a college, a neighbor, and a community,” as event co-chair and geography professor Bill Moseley puts it.

The Macalester College International Roundtable is sponsored by the Institute for Global Citizenship (IGC), which promotes learning, scholarship, and service focused on civic engagement and global leadership locally, nationally, and internationally. For more information on the International Roundtable or the IGC, go to macalester.edu/igc/ (http://www.macalester.edu/igc/).

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