Exhibitions

“Through the Eyes of Durdy Bayramov: Turkmen Village Life, 1960-80s”
Roch Library Exhibit, Rotch Library, Building 7-238
August 25, 2017-November 26, 2017
Durdy Bayramov grew up in an orphanage in Turkmenistan and overcame the significant challenges of his youth to become an acclaimed Eurasian artist and photographer. Through a prolific career as a painter that spanned more than 55 years, Bayramov was best known for his compelling portraits. His tender approach evokes the special character and qualities within each of his subjects, with whom he shared a deep rapport.

“China Comes to Tech: 1877-1931”
Exhibit, Maihaugen Gallery, Building 14N-130
November 13th-17th, 10am-4pm
Organized for the Maihaugen Gallery by Emma J. Teng, T.T. and Wei Fong Chao Professor of Asian Civilizations at MIT, China Comes to Tech: 1877-1931 commemorates 140 years of Chinese students at the Institute. The exhibit chronicles the history of this MIT community through the Institute Archives.

“Heimo Zobernig: Chess Painting”
Tuesday, November 14 through December 31, 2017
12:00-6:00pm
This exhibit features the work of Vienna-based artist Heimo Zobernig (b 1958, Mauthen, Austria) whose art practice includes sculpture, painting, installation, performance, and video. Chess Painting is an extension of a project initiated at the Malmö Konsthall, Sweden, in 2016

“György Kepes Photographs”
Through March 5, 2018
MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
György Kepes (1906-2001) was one of the most influential art practitioners, educators and writers of the twentieth century, and his work as a painter and art teacher has been celebrated in both exhibitions and scholarship. György Kepes Photographs takes a closer look at a body of work by the artist that has received less attention and study—photography. Featuring rare and never-before-seen photographs that span more than four decades of his creative practice.
Events and Activities

Monday, November 13, 2017

“Industrial Policy and Economic Development”
12:30 to 2:00pm
Building 9-255
Sponsored by SPURS/Humphrey program. To what extent, and under what conditions, can planning ideas generated from practice in the U.S. travel to cities in the developing world and be implemented effectively?

“The Longevity Economy: Unlocking the World’s Fastest-Growing, Most Misunderstood Market”
3:30 to 6:30pm
Building E52: Samberg Conference Center
Hosted by MIT CTL AgeLab

“Thinking from the global south: the Kochi Biennale as event”
World History Seminar Series
4:30-6:00pm
Building E51-275

“Mapping the Heavens”
Slice of MIT-Podcast
In her new book, MIT alumna Priyamvada Natarajan tells the stories of Albert Einstein’s troubles with gravity, an expanding universe, and dark matter.
https://slice.mit.edu/2016/05/20/podcast-mapping-the-heavens/

Tuesday, November 14th 2017

“Mechanisms of Entamoeba histolytica Adaptation to Environmental Stresses”
Seminar in Global Infectious Diseases
4:00pm to 5:00pm
Building 50-614
Presented by Professor Serge Ankri, Ruth and Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

“Mary Roberts: The Poetics of the Orientalist Interior “
MIT Department of Architecture / Fall 2017 Lecture Series
6:00pm to 8:00pm
Building 7-429
Sponsored by: MIT Department of Architecture, Program in History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art
“Sagan Day: Seeking Life Beyond Our Pale Blue Dot”
7:00pm to 9:00pm
Building 35-225
Free event with refreshments!
Celebrate Carl Sagan Day to honor and remember the popular astronomer and science communicator Carl Sagan, with a talk by Julien de Wit, an exoplanet researcher in the MIT Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences.

Grad Hillel Shabbat Dinner
7:30 to 10:00pm
Sidney-Pacific, Multipurpose Room
Share a Shabbat dinner with the Jewish graduate student community. For more information, contact grad-hillel-admin@mit.edu

Contra Dance with Live Folk Music
8:00pm to 10:30pm
W20: Stratton Student Center, 4th floor
Contra dancing is an American folk dance with live music. The steps are easy, you can improve with your partner, and you’ll get to dance with everyone in the room. Free for MIT/Wellesley students. Optional suggested donation $8, $5 other students.

“Adjusting to Life at MIT”
Welcome Reception and Presentation for new International Scholars at MIT
Building E19-202
3:00-5:00pm
Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the International Scholars Office

“How the Iran-Saudi Rivalry is Coloring MENA Conflicts”
12:00-1:30pm
Building E40-496, Pye Room
Joost Hiltermann is Program Director, Middle East & North Africa, at the International Crisis Group.
Part of the Wednesday Seminars Series sponsored by the Security Studies Program
https://ssp.mit.edu/events/2017/how-the-iran-saudi-rivalry-is-coloring-mena-conflicts

Thanksgiving Dinner Tasting
Sponsored by MIT Spouses and Partners Connect
5:30-7:30pm
Eastgate Penthouse, E55PH
Join us for a tasting of the full festive meal, so you can learn about all the traditional dishes for this holiday before the actual meal, if you have never participated in one.
Wednesday, November 15th 2017

“Women of Color Feminisms in Authoritarian Times”
GCWS Feminisms Unbound roundtable
Building E51-095
5:30-7:30pm

“Travel to Costa Rica with your ears”
Slice of MIT-Podcast
Costa Rica is home to ten percent of the world’s known species of butterflies, more than 800 species of birds, and 200 volcanoes. The MIT Alumni Travel Program witnessed sloths, howled with howler monkeys, and met with an American Quaker who left prison to start a Costa Rican town.
https://slice.mit.edu/2016/01/29/costarica/

Thursday, November, 16th 2017

Wright Brothers Wind Tunnel Open House
Visit MIT’s iconic Wright Brothers Wind Tunnel. Guests can go inside the tunnel, which will be in operation.
12:00-1:30pm
Building 17

“Televizia- Watching and Discussing Israeli TV”
Thursday, November 16th and 30th and December 14th
1:00-2:00pm
W-11 Small Dining Room

7:00-9:00pm
Building 4-270
Book talk with Peter Krause PhD ’11, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Boston College and a Research Affiliate with the MIT Security Studies Program. Co-sponsors: MIT Center for International Studies, MIT Security Studies Program (SSP)

“Religion without Religion? Innovation and Disruption in America’s Spiritual Spaces”
7:15pm
Building W11, Main Dining Room
Join Angie Thurston, Ministry Innovation Fellow at Harvard Divinity School and co-author of howwegather.org, as she charts the rapidly changing culture of religious identity and practice among rising generations in America
Thursday, November, 16th 2017

“Somewhere there is still a sun”
Slice of MIT Podcast
Michael Gruenbaum, MIT alum (1953) witnessed firsthand the Nazi occupation of Prague before his family was sent to a concentration camp. Seventy years later, he penned a his memoir.
https://soundcloud.com/mitalumni

“Conflict in Ukraine”
Slice of MIT-Podcast
Eugene Rumer PhD, MIT alum (1988), a director at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, discusses the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.

Friday, November, 17th

Star Gazing with EAPS!
5:30-7:30pm
Building 37 Roof (70 Vassar Street)
Join faculty from Earth Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences in observing the night sky: Saturn, deep sky targets, and earth-orbiting satellites.

MIT Symphony Orchestra
8:00pm
Kresge Auditorium
Sibelius: Symphony No. 6 in D minor, Opus 104. Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Opus 68
General Admission $5, Free in advance for students.

MIT Reads Community Discussion: Americanah
12:00-1:00pm
Stratton Student Center, Building W20-407
The MIT Libraries invites you to join the discussion about Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s Americanah. Americanah is a story of love, race, and identity centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria. As their stories unfold, tracing journeys from Lagos to London to Princeton, New Jersey, they face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.

“Hack Your Mind: How Does Mindfulness Meditation Change the Mind and Brain?”
12:00-1:00pm
Building 3-270
Sponsored by Community Wellness at MIT Medical. Join us for the first of our Hack Your Mind series with Dr. Susan Gabrieli. Gabrieli is a neuroscientist and Senior Research Scientist for the McGovern Institute for Brain Research.
“Faint Promise of Rain”
Slice of MIT-Podcast

Recurring

**English Conversation Group**
Mondays, November 13 to December 11\textsuperscript{th}
10:00-11:30am
Building 56-167
Sponsored by MIT Spouses and Partners
Please RSVP to Sun vanillasunny83@gmail.com

**Tuesday Free English Conversation**
Tuesdays through February 2018
12:30-1:30pm
Building W11-190

**Aikido modern Japanese martial art.**
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays November 13 through 29\textsuperscript{th}
7:00pm to 8:30pm
Building W32, Multi-Court 2 and Wrestling Room

**Fundamentals of Tango**
Mondays from 7:00 to 8:15pm, November 13\textsuperscript{th} through December 4\textsuperscript{th} from 7:00pm to 8:15pm
Building 36-150
Please email simonida@tangoaffair.com to register. More information at www.tangoaffair.com

**International Folk Dancing**
Sunday November 10 & 20\textsuperscript{th}, December 3, 10, and 1th from 8:00 to 10:30pm
Building W20: Stratton Student Center, Sala or Lobdell
Our repertoire includes circle dances, and a few partner dances, from Eastern Europe and around the world (Israel, France, England, Scotland, China, South Africa, and the U.S.)!
Teaching from 8 to 9 pm, followed by open dancing. http://calendar.mit.edu/event/international_folk_dancing_1057#.WfssUrepW70