



MIT International Education Week

November 13-17, 2023

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Bachata Crash Course Part 2

Friday, November 10, 2023 at 7:00pm to 10:00pm

[Building W20: Stratton Student Center, 407](#)

84 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, Cambridge, MA 02139

Join the MIT Ballroom Dance Club for an evening of social dancing! We will start with a one-hour class of bachata, followed by social dancing. Refreshments will be provided! Admission is free for all. Event sponsored by the GSC Funding Board.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Aikido Practice

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:00am to 11:30am

[More dates through January 27, 2024](#)

Dupont Upper Matted Courts

[Aikido](#) is a Martial art that emphasizes blending with the attacker, rather than confronting the attacker with hard techniques such as punches and kicks.

Beginners are always welcome to come by and observe a practice or join us on the mat. No previous experience is required; all that we ask for is a sincere desire to learn since it does require the club's effort to train a person. Also feel free to take a look at our introductory information on etiquette, what Aikido is about, its history, and principles of training.

Practices happen every Saturday at 10:00AM and Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Du Pont upper matted courts.

For more information about the club, feel free to contact [Matthew Tom](#).

Diwali - Night of Lights

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Westgate Lounge 540 Memorial Dr, Cambridge, MA 02139

- Celebration of the Diwali festival.
- Fun activities for kids and families.
- Reservation required, limited to 45 people.
- Funded by GSC; open to all MIT grad students.
- Traditional attire encouraged.

Visions: The Musical Worlds of Melissa Aldana

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 8:00pm to 10:00pm

[Building W16: Kresge Auditorium](#)

48 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, Cambridge, MA 02139

MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble

Frederick Harris, Jr., Music Director

Special guests: Melissa Aldana

This special concert features Blue Note Recording artist and GRAMMY-nominated saxophonist-composer Melissa Aldana. The Brooklyn-based tenor player from Santiago, Chile has garnered international recognition for her visionary work as a band leader, as well as her deeply meditative interpretation of language and vocabulary. The program will include music by Aldana, Chick Corea, Miguel Zenón, Jon Cowherd, and others.

LIVE STREAM LINK: <https://mta.mit.edu/viewlisten/live-kresge-auditorium>

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Language Conversation Exchange Lunches: meet, eat, and speak

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Bush Room (10-105), 10-105

Let's meet, eat, and speak!

Practice a language with a group of native speakers and other language learners, meet other language lovers, and learn about the LCE.

Please register [here](#).

Anyone who is affiliated with MIT can participate in the LCE. Our members include students, staff, visiting scientists and scholars, faculty members, and their spouses and partners.

Argentine Tango Class

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:45pm to 9:00pm

[More dates through December 11, 2023](#)

36-112, Room 112 50 Vassar St - Building 36

Join us on Monday evenings for Argentine tango classes with outstanding instructors Fernanda Ghi, Guillermo Merlo, and Mia Dalglish. Whether you are completely new to tango, or already have some

experience, you will find a friendly environment to learn new things and improve your technique. You do not have to bring a partner, since the classes involve rotations with all participants.

For more info and to register, visit our website <https://sites.google.com/site/mittangoclub/products-services/fall-series?authuser=0>

Mediterranean Extravaganza

Monday, November 13, 2023 at 8:30pm to 11:00pm

[Building W20: Stratton Student Center, 401 & 407](#)

84 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, Cambridge, MA 02139

The Hellenic Student Association, in collaboration with the Spanish Student Association ([Spain@MIT](#)), is thrilled to present a joint cultural extravaganza, highlighting the diverse and captivating heritages of Mediterranean countries. Through a lively atmosphere featuring authentic food, music, and dances, the event will foster a sense of community and inclusion among MIT students of different cultural backgrounds. The event is not only open to Greek and Spanish students, but rather to the entire MIT community. The main objectives are to celebrate the unique and shared aspects of our cultures, strengthen our sense of community, and provide an uplifting and enjoyable atmosphere where students can relax, network, and learn about each other's heritage. In order to create an immersive and authentic cultural experience, the event will feature plenty of traditional Greek and Spanish food, soft drinks and, of course, a lot of dancing in the rhythms of authentic Mediterranean Music.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ICEO Community Dialogues: A Closer Look at Community Agreements & Guidelines

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Virtual Event

The ICEO Community Dialogues is a monthly series that supports inclusion and belonging at MIT. These facilitated conversations serve as a forum for community members to learn from each other and their shared experiences. Each Community Dialogue is an opportunity to explore assumptions and have candid conversations about critical issues in our community.

Outcomes:

- Opportunities for all MIT community members to “come as they are” and gather, listen, share, and reflect
- Conversations where curiosity, openness, respect, and belonging are modeled
- Connections across a diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, identities, and experiences

Please join us on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 12-1pm ET for “A Closer Look at Community Agreements & Guidelines” on Zoom.

This virtual event is open to all MIT community members.

We are committed to making this event fully accessible to everyone who wants to attend. Please let us know if there is anything you need to participate fully in this event by e-mailing vulfp@mit.edu.

Find Your Interfaith Community and Thrive at MIT

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00pm to 7:00pm

[Building W11, Main Dining Room](#)

40 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, Cambridge, MA 02139

Want to have fulfilling discussions at MIT through interfaith dinners starting Tuesday 10/3? Addir, the interfaith dialogue group on campus, has a special event series just for first year grads and undergrads!

Addir is the ancient Sumerian word for bridge, and in Addir, we believe in building bridges across differences in order to build understanding, compassion, and collaboration. Dialogue across lines of difference is a fundamental skill for making friends at MIT and navigating both personal and professional matters, and is one those skills can only be developed through practice.

What better way to practice than over yummy free food and through interesting prompts? The dinners are a 3-part series to learn about ourselves, community, and the broader world on 10.3, 10.24, and 11.14 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the main dining room of W11. The dinners will be a warm and friendly space to explore big and small questions with other first years, along with some experienced Addir fellows as well. You are welcome, whether religious, spiritual, questioning, agnostic, or atheist.

[All are welcome.](#) YOU are welcome. Please [RSVP here.](#)



Secular Weekly Hangouts - Fall 2023

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00pm to 6:00pm

[More dates through December 12, 2023](#)

[Building 4, 146](#)

182 MEMORIAL DR (REAR), Cambridge, MA 02139

Weekly hangouts are SSOMIT's regular meetups for nontheist and nontheism-curious members of the MIT community, to get to know and keep in touch with one another, and to engage in discussion of issues, doubts, journeys, challenges, and hopes.

Free snacks for attendees.

We follow a secular safe zone policy for these meetups (recording and photography are prohibited). Open to MIT community members and invited guests.

WHEN: Tuesdays, 5pm~6pm

WHERE: 4-146 (1st Floor, 182 Memorial Dr, <https://whereis.mit.edu/?go=4>)

MIT Calendar Event: https://calendar.mit.edu/event/secular_weekly_hangouts_-_fall_2023

Sign up for email event alerts at <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/ssomit-announce>

Website: ssomit.mit.edu

Contact: ssomit@mit.edu

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MIT Reads Community Discussion - "Disability Visibility"

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 12:00pm to 1:00pm

[Building 14, The Nexus \(14S-130\)](#)

160 MEMORIAL DR, Cambridge, MA 02139

One in five people in the United States lives with a disability. Some disabilities are visible, others less apparent—but all are underrepresented in media and popular culture. [Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century](#) provides a glimpse into the rich complexity of the disabled experience and highlighting the passions, talents, and everyday lives of this community. It celebrates and documents disability culture in the now, and looks to the future and the past with hope and love.

This event is open to current members of the MIT community; [registration is required](#). **Lunch will be served to registered attendees.**

Accessibility: Your participation makes this program better. Please email ce-lib@mit.edu by November 5 if you require an accommodation in order to join us.

Disability Visibility was selected in partnership with [Women and Gender Services](#).

Taste of the Continents

November 15 from 6 PM – 8 PM

Walker Memorial (Building 50)

Join the Graduate Students Council (GSC) and International Students Office (ISO) to celebrate the 2023 International Education Week through dumplings! We will showcase several versions of dumplings from different continents around the world.

There is no need to RSVP!

Co-sponsored by the MIT International Students Office (ISO)

Selections from the Woods Hole Film Festival: The Space Race

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm

[MIT Museum, The Exchange](#)

314 Main Street, Gambrill Center, Cambridge MA 02142

As America raced to beat the Soviet Union to the moon, a Black astronaut candidate came closer to launching into space than anyone we ever knew. In THE SPACE RACE, directors Lisa Cortés and Diego Hurtado de Mendoza profile the pioneering Black pilots, scientists, and engineers who joined NASA to serve their country in space, even as their country failed to achieve equality for them back on Earth. From 1963, when the assassination of JFK thwarted Captain Ed Dwight's quest to reach the moon, to 2020, when the echoes of the civil unrest sparked by the killing of George Floyd reached the International Space Station, the story of African Americans at NASA is a tale of world events colliding

with the aspirations of uncommon men. The bright dreams of Afrofuturism become reality in THE SPACE RACE, turning science fiction into science fact, and forever redefining what “the right stuff” looks like, giving us new heroes to celebrate and a fresh history to explore.

\$15 General Public
\$5 for MIT ID holders

Seating is limited. Pre-registration strongly suggested.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Navigating MIT Series for International Students: Financial Goal Setting 101

Thursday, November 16
5pm to 6pm in E19-202
[Registration](#) required

Topics throughout the fall semester to support international students with adjustment to MIT and the U.S.

Join Student Financial Services for an interactive workshop geared towards helping you develop short and long term financial goals. Participants will leave with the tools and knowledge to set their own goals and tips on budgeting and saving!

Presented by Erica Aguiar, Student Financial Services

Open to all international students: undergrad, grad, and non-degree students

Starr Forum | A permanent partnership? How Xi and Putin are shaping a turbulent world

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 1:00pm to 2:15pm
Virtual Event
Zoom webinar | Registration Required: bit.ly/XiPutinPartnership

Join us for a discussion with experts on the Xi-Putin partnership.

SPEAKERS:

[Natasha Kuhrt](#) is a senior lecturer of international peace and security in the Department of War Studies at King's College London. Her research interests include Russian and Eurasian security/foreign policy especially in Asia.

[Elizabeth Wishnick](#) is a senior research scientist in China and Indo-Pacific Security Affairs at CNA, on leave from her position as professor of political science at Montclair State University. Her research interests include Chinese foreign policy, Sino-Russian relations, and Arctic geopolitics.

CHAIR:

[Carol Saivetz](#) is a senior fellow in the MIT Security Studies Program. She is the author and contributing co-editor of books and articles on Soviet and now Russian foreign policy issues.

Co-sponsors: [MIT Center for International Studies \(CIS\)](#), [MIT Security Studies Program \(SSP\)](#), [MISTI MIT-Eurasia Program](#)

MIT Free English Class

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 1:00pm to 2:30pm

[More dates through May 23, 2024](#)

W11-190 Corner of Mass Ave and Amherst Street

MIT Free English Class is for international students, scholars, spouses. Twenty five years ago we created a community to welcome the nations to MIT and assist with language and friendship. Join our first class of the semester inside W11-190.

MIT Reads presents "Disability Visibility": Can You See Us Now?

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:30pm to 7:30pm

[Building 3, 3-270 or online](#)

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Part 1 of this event will be a panel discussion with:

[Alice Wong](#) - disabled activist, media maker, research consultant, and the editor of ***Disability Visibility***. She is the founder and director of the Disability Visibility Project, an online community dedicated to creating, sharing, and amplifying disability media and culture. Wong was appointed to the National Council on Disability by President Barack Obama.

[Elsa Sjunneson](#) - award winning Deafblind author and editor, media studies professor, and three-time Hugo award winner. When she isn't writing, Sjunneson works to dismantle structural ableism and rebuild community support for disabled people everywhere. Her **"How to Make a Paper Crane from Rage"** appears in the book.

[Britney Wilson](#) - Associate Professor of Law and the Founding Director of the Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic at New York Law School, Wilson has litigated federal civil rights cases on a range of issues including discriminatory policing and disability rights. Born with Cerebral Palsy, she has written and spoken extensively about disability, and the intersection of race and disability. Wilson contributed **"On NYC'S Paratransit, Fighting for Safety, Respect, and Human Dignity"** to the collection.

Part 2 of the program will bring these issues home to MIT, featuring staff and student perspectives on navigating the Institute with a disability.

Both the in-person and online versions are free and open to all, but **you must [pre-register](#)** in either case. The URL will be emailed to remote attendees approximately one week before the event.

Discussion event: MIT community members are invited to join us for a small group discussion of Disability Visibility on Wednesday, November 15, 12-1pm, in The Nexus at Hayden Library. [Registration](#) is required and lunch will be provided; you will have an opportunity to request accommodations and indicate dietary requirements when you register. (MIT community only)

Disability Visibility was chosen by MIT Reads in collaboration with [Women and Gender Services](#). Our partners in planning this program include the [Disabilities Employee Resource Group](#), [Disability and Access Services](#), and student members of [disabled@mit](#). Special thanks to our co-sponsors: The [Institute Community and Equity Office](#), [Human Resources](#), the [School of Engineering](#), the [School of Humanities and Social Sciences](#), the Sloan School's [Student Life Office](#) and [Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#), and [Disability and Access Services](#).

LIGHTS THE LIGHTS

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:30pm

[Building W97, 110](#)

345 Vassar Street, Cambridge MA 02139

After Gertrude Stein's Doctor Faustus Lights the Lights.

A comic-scary-strobing tragedy about a Scientist who made a Deal with the Devil.

Renowned poet, novelist and playwright, Gertrude Stein wrote “Dr. Faustus Lights the Lights,” in 1938 in Paris — just as the world around her accelerated headlong into radical chaos, division, and loss. Combining music from Mozart’s last opera “The Magic Flute,” and set in the super-charged re-imagined laboratory of MIT inventor Harold (Doc) Edgerton,

“Dr. Faustus Lights the Lights” will have performances on 16, 17, and 18 November 2023 in the main theater of W97.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

English Conversation Group

Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:00am

[More dates through December 15, 2023](#)

E23-385 Community Wellness

Meet other MS&PC members from all over the world, get resources and information about life at MIT/Cambridge/Boston, exchange ideas, and engage in cultural conversations in a friendly and casual environment, while working on English fluency.

Please email ecgatmit@gmail.com for more information.

MIT Concert Choir: Longing for Unity

Friday, November 17, 2023 at 8:00pm

[Building W16: Kresge Auditorium](#)

48 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, Cambridge, MA 02139

Join us for the first MIT Concert Chorus fall concert!

Longing for Unity

Mendelssohn's *Psalms* 42 is a musical manifestation of humanity's impulse to search for love and belonging. Contemporary composer Reena Esmail's *This Love Between Us: Prayers for Unity* yearns for common ground by joining sitar and tabla with a modern western orchestra, juxtaposing words from seven major religious traditions of India to explore how they each approach the topics of unity, harmony, and of being kind to one another.

NIGHTMARKET

Friday 11/17 8-10pm, Lobby 13

Co-sponsored by MIT International Students Office (ISO)

Nightmarket is an annual event that celebrates the diverse array of cultures and traditions within pan-Asian communities on MIT's campus. The event is a nod to the abundance of street markets in Asia, featuring food, cultural booths with crafts and games, and non-stop cultural performances. Open to the entire MIT community & friends, Nightmarket is one of the biggest cultural events on campus with hundreds of attendees. Our goal is to bring as many people together as possible to share and celebrate the many Asian communities within MIT.

The event is organized in collaboration between the Asian American Association, the Association of Taiwanese Students, and the Chinese Students Club; and also features a wide range of other groups on campus. This event is also co-sponsored by the MIT International Students Office (ISO).

You can get presale tickets for \$6 from...

- Lobby 10 on November 13th-16th (10 am - 5 pm) & November 17th (10 am - 2 pm)
- [Online Here](#)

Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event for \$8.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Bus Stop by Gao Xingjian - Wuming Theater Club Production

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 2:00pm to 3:30pm

4:30pm to 6:00pm

7:00pm to 8:30pm

[Building W16: Kresge Auditorium, Little Kresge Theater](#)

48 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, Cambridge, MA 02139

[More dates through November 19, 2023](#)

MIT Wuming Theater Club is proud to present our fall 2023 production of *The Bus Stop*, a Chinese absurdist comedy about life and waiting. The groundbreaking play by Nobel Prize winner Gao

Xingjian premiered in Beijing in 1983.

Our show is directed by Potter Zhang, and produced by Jay Lu and Nina Li. English translations are provided by Shiao-Ling Yu.

(Performed in Chinese with English subtitles.)

Turkish Karaoke Night

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 7:00pm to 10:00pm

[Building 1, 1-132](#)

33 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, Cambridge, MA 02139

We will host a karaoke night featuring mainly Turkish songs. This is a great opportunity to learn about Turkish musical and pop culture. Snacks will be served. This event is sponsored by the GSC.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Sangam Diwali Celebration

Sunday, November 19, 2023

6:00pm to 10:00pm

Sala de Puerto Rico and Kresge Auditorium Sala de Puerto Rico and Kresge Auditorium

Diwali is the Indian festival of lights. Come celebrate Diwali with Sangam! Delicious Indian dinner at Sala de Puerto Rico (W20-202) Student center followed by a cultural show at Kresge Auditorium with performances by leading music and dance teams from MIT and around Boston.

[Tickets](#)