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CIS LAUNCHES NEW SEMINAR SERIES

We are pleased to announce the launch of the CIS International Relations Workshop series! Click HERE for fall seminar schedule. The IR Workshop Series will be a centerpiece of CIS efforts to promote faculty research and graduate training and foster an intellectual community where participation is the norm. Please note: this is a closed workshop series, open only to USC faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and POIR graduate students. RSVP is required to Xirnu Ma at xinruma@usc.edu -- papers will be disseminated to all RSVPs one week before seminar.

INTRODUCING BEN PASQUALE, CIS ALKER FELLOW 2014-15

Benjamin Pasquale (PhD, New York University) is the incoming CIS Alker Fellow. His dissertation is entitled "How and Why Do Local Political and Economic Development Reforms Shape
Civil War? Experimental, Survey and Qualitative Evidence from Jharkhand, India" and analyzes how large Indian government programs shape Maoist-related violence in Jharkhand, India. For a brief description of the dissertation, see here. A sample of his research, available here, is forthcoming in the American Journal of Political Science (co-authored with Michael Gilligan and Cyrus Samii).

MAURICIO RIVERA (2013-14 CIS ALKER FELLOW) ACCEPTS POSITION AT CIDE IN MEXICO
CIS is pleased to announce that Mauricio Rivera Celestino, the Hayward R. Alker Postdoctoral Fellow from this past academic year, has accepted an assistant professor position with the Political Science Department at the Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas (CIDE) in Mexico. His research focuses on issues related to political regimes and regime change, protest and collective action, repression and human rights violations, and the rule of law. His work has appeared in the Journal of Peace Research, Política & Gobierno. Other articles are under review in other peer-reviewed journals. Mauricio received his PhD from the University of Essex, UK in 2013.

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS 2014
Here are three recent publications by CIS faculty members and past fellows that were supported by CIS resources:

- **Scholars, Policymakers, and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause** by Abraham F. Lowenthal and Mariano E. Bertucci, eds. (Johns Hopkins University Press)