2011 : In the News

December 17-20, 2011

December 6, 2011
The Guardian (U.K.) quoted Pamela Starr of international relations about a conference of Latin American countries being organized by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

November 27, 2011
The Chronicle of Higher Education quoted Laurie Brand, Robert Grandford Wright Professor and professor of international relations, about a report by the Bahrain government on the country’s human rights violations.

November 15, 2011
CNN quoted Pamela Star of international relations about the death and reputation of Mexican Interior Minister Jose Francisco Blake Mora.

November 2, 2011
Pasadena Star-News reported that Mary Elise Sarotte of international relations will speak at the conference “Ronald Reagan, Intelligence, and the End of the Cold War,” and quoted her about the release of more than 200 declassified CIA documents from the Reagan era.

October 10, 2011
Financial Times (U.K.) quoted Daniel Lynch of international relations about the appointment of the president of a major China steel company as chairman of the World Steel Association.

September 25, 2011
Pasadena Star-News quoted Laurie Brand, Robert Grandford Wright Professor and professor of international relations, about the Obama administration’s Middle East policy.

August 29, 2011
Newsweek ran an op-ed by John Eatwell of international relations about the European Monetary Union.

August 18, 2011
St. Petersburg Times cited Carol Wise of international relations in a story about President Obama’s promise to promote economic development in Mexico as a means of stemming illegal immigration.

August 17, 2011
The Washington Post noted that Mary Sarotte of international relations serves on the jury for the Council on Foreign Relations’ Arthur Ross Book Award.
August 9, 2011
Asia Times (China) reported that Daniel Lynch of international relations was one of the signers of open letters to Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou regarding justice and democracy issues.

July 13, 2011
The Korea Times (South Korea) featured an ongoing research project by Professor David Kang, which challenges the conventional notion that there would be a mass exodus of refugees if North Korea collapsed. Working with a Columbia University colleague, Kang interviewed existing North Korean refugees.

July 12, 2011
JoongAng Daily (South Korea) reported that Professor David Kang participated in the 2011 Korea Foundation Assembly in Seoul, and cited him regarding interest in Korean studies.

July 11, 2011
Hong Kong Economic Journal (China) profiled USC, stating that the top-quality educational and research institution is one of the world’s best universities, with a 26:1 student-faculty ratio. The story stated that the university features the world renowned USC School of Cinematic Arts; the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, which houses 52,000 testimonies by genocide survivors; USC Dornsife’s highly ranked School of International Relations; a large Dead Sea Scroll collection; the Joint Educational Project, a large service learning program; Troy Camp, a charitable outreach program for children; and a strong Trojan Family alumni base, including networks within China and a dedicated alumni office for the region.

July 10, 2011
The Diplomat (Japan) ran an op-ed by Professor Daniel Lynch on lessons China can learn from Thailand. State-society tensions are rising in China, and China’s government has become more repressive in response, Lynch wrote. This approach could cause China to go through the same cycles of demonstrations and violence that Thailand has experienced, he added. Lynch concluded that the Chinese government needs to prepare China for democratization, not intensify repression.

June 28, 2011
The Korea Times (South Korea) quoted Professor David Kang about recent actions by the Chinese government.

June 18, 2011
San Gabriel Valley Tribune quoted Professor Laurie Brand about the current economic situation in Egypt.

June 1, 2011
The Korea Herald (South Korea) featured David Kang, professor of international relations and business and director of the USC Korean Studies Institute. The story reported that the institute, the only Korean studies center on the mainland with its own building, is launching a minor’s program in Korean studies.

May 29, 2011
Assistant Prof. (Teaching) Doug Becker was interviewed by POIR doctoral candidate Maria Armoudian on her show, The Insighters on KPFK radio. You can listen to the interview here.
April 29, 2011  
*The Christian Science Monitor* quoted David Kang about former President Jimmy Carter's visit to North Korea.

March 25, 2011  
*The New York Times* quoted Pamela Starr of international relations about the resignation of the American ambassador to Mexico after the release of his private cables criticizing Mexico’s efforts to fight organized crime.

March 19, 2011  
*Hindustan Times* (India) quoted Jacques Hymans of international relations about the social psychology surrounding nuclear energy.

March 10 & 12, 2011  
*Bangkok Post* (Thailand) and *The Christian Science Monitor* ran an interview between Abraham Lowenthal of international relations and Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa.

March 2, 2011  
*The Washington Post*, in an Associate Press story, quoted Pamela Starr of international relations about Mexican President Felipe Calderon’s agenda for his visit to the United States.

March 1, 2011  
*Korea Daily* quoted David Kang of international relations about North Korea. Arirang (South Korea) also interviewed Kang on the subject.  
*The Korea Times* (South Korea) covered U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens’ participation in a USC event sponsored by the USC Korean Studies Institute, which is directed by David Kang of international relations.  
*The Hankyoreh* (South Korea) mentioned the USC Korean Studies Institute in a story on Korean studies expansion in the United States, and cited David Kang of international relations as a rising scholar.

February 17, 2011  
*Foreign Policy* ran an op-ed written by Laurie Brand of international relations, Rym Kaki of the USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development, and a Kent State University colleague, about the role of first lady.

February 16, 2011  
*Public Radio International’s “The Tavis Smiley Show”* interviewed Laurie Brand of international relations about the political situation in Egypt.

February 15, 2011  
*PBS News Los Angeles* affiliate KCET-TV’s “SoCal Connected” ran two stories interviewing Laurie Brand of international relations about the political situation in Egypt. Brand was also interviewed by Fox News Los Angeles affiliate KTTV-TV, KFWB-AM, KNX-AM and L.A. Watts Times.