



## Upcoming Events

### [Somini Sengupta](#)

[Th 9.08.16](#)

[Open Forum](#)

### [Dorothy Parvaz](#)

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[Open Forum](#)

### [Diversity Breakfast](#)

[Featuring: Ray Suarez](#)

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### [Interfaith Forum](#)

[Featuring: Donisha](#)

[Prendergast](#)

[Tu 10.25.16](#)

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## What's on TV?

Watch the Global Perspectives show on WUCF TV, Sundays at 9:30 a.m., or click [here](#) to watch more videos online.

### [Ambassador Terry Miller - Economic Freedom](#)



### [Molly Melching - The Tostan Model](#)



## Welcome to Our Fall 2016 Students

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new student team. This semester's group of 17 interns, fellows and scholars includes UCF students across various undergraduate and graduate programs.



Their research interests range from bioterrorism to endangered languages to transatlantic security, while their travels have taken them across nearly every continent in the world. In addition to several members of the International Relations Club and the United Nations Association, we also have a professional Indian classical musician, a bilingual international PhD student and a member of UCF's Toastmasters club. Be sure to check out our [Executives and Staff](#) page to learn all about our new students.

[Stephen Wayne - Global Impact of U.S. Presidential Campaigns](#)



[Lisa Chedekel - International Reporting After 9/11](#)



## Event Spotlight

On Thursday, September 8, GP and The India Center at UCF will host Somini Sengupta, a foreign correspondent for *The New York Times*. This event will be free and open to the public, and will be held from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Cape Florida Ballroom, room 316 of the UCF Student Union. Sengupta will discuss her book, *The End of Karma: Hope and Fury among India's Young*.



Sengupta emigrated from Kolkata to California as a young child in 1975. She returned thirty years later as the first Indian-American bureau chief in New Delhi for *The New York Times*, and found the country vastly changed from the one she left. In her book, Sengupta explores 21st century India through the stories of the young, hungry and hopeful. Keen to write their own destinies, driven by aspiration and thwarted at every step by state and society, India's young are making new demands on India's democracy. We hope you join us for this [public event!](#)

## Global Connections for UCF & Central Florida

During the past year, GP Director John C. Bersia has worked to expand UCF partnerships in the area of international, professional exchanges. Regionally, the effort has led to greater engagement with the World Affairs Council of Central Florida, which Bersia chairs. The number of international professional visitors coming to the Orlando area and UCF has quadrupled in the last year. Nationally, the effort has focused on Global Ties

U.S., the signature organization that has facilitated professional exchanges across the world in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State for more than 50 years.



*A Malaysian delegation recently met with students to discuss trafficking*

“The emerging leaders who visit through the program and the communities that host them benefit,” Bersia said. Both sides gain a deeper knowledge of other countries and cultures, enhance understanding and create the potential for long-term relationships, all of which can be helpful in addressing global challenges. Bersia has been heavily involved with the Global Ties U.S. leadership in several capacities, notably the organization’s strategic communication committee, which is reexamining how it reaches out to the news media, partners and other audiences. “The aim is to position Global Ties for even higher effectiveness in its ongoing goal of defining and serving at the center of international exchange – a special space for UCF and the Orlando area to share,” Bersia said.

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