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**JERUSALEM**

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## **Electronic Media:**

<http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>

<http://arabic.jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>

<http://gaza.usvpp.gov>

<http://arabic.gaza.usvpp.gov>

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## **Social Media:**



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[www.twitter.com/USCGJerusalem](http://www.twitter.com/USCGJerusalem)



[www.youtube.com/UsConGenJerusalem](http://www.youtube.com/UsConGenJerusalem)



<http://alumni.state.gov/>

## Video Contest

### U.S. Department of State Launches Second Annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest to Amplify U.S. Public Diplomacy: "Change Your Climate, Change Our World"



## Change Your Climate, Change Our World.

**What do you do to make your community a better place?**

Office of the Spokesman  
Washington, DC  
November 17, 2009

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton today launched the Department of State's second annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest, "Change Your Climate, Change Our World," with a video message on the ExchangesConnect social network at <http://connect.state.gov>.

The contest is a call to action for global citizens around the world to engage in cross-cultural community building and mutual understanding. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State launched ExchangesConnect social network in October 2008 and it has attracted over 14,000 members.

People all over the world, ages 14 and older, are invited to submit their 2-minute videos to ExchangesConnect at <http://connect.state.gov>. Two international and two American winners (one in each of the two age categories: 14-17 and 18 and older) will receive one of four Grand Prizes: an all-expense-paid two-week international exchange program. Last year's contest drew over 8,400 new ExchangesConnect members from 170 countries and the winners were featured at <http://exchanges.state.gov/news/ovc.html>.

Video submissions will be accepted November 17, 2009 through January 12, 2010. The ExchangesConnect community will vote on video entries and an expert panel of judges, all ECA exchange program alumni, will rank the "top 40" videos based on originality, creativity, effectiveness and production quality.

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## Statement by White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs on Jerusalem

The White House  
Office of the Press Secretary  
November 17, 2009

We are dismayed at the Jerusalem Planning Committee's decision to move forward on the approval process for the expansion of Gilo in Jerusalem. At a time when we are working to re-launch negotiations, these actions make it more difficult for our efforts to succeed. Neither party should engage in efforts or take actions that could unilaterally pre-empt, or appear to pre-empt, negotiations. The U.S. also objects to other Israeli practices in Jerusalem related to housing, including the continuing pattern of evictions and demolitions of Palestinian homes. Our position is clear: the status of Jerusalem is a permanent status issue that must be resolved through negotiations between the parties.

بيان من السكرتير الصحفي للبيت الأبيض روبرت غيبز بشأن القدس

17 تشرين الثاني، 2009

البيت الأبيض

لقد هالنا قرار لجنة تخطيط القدس بالمضي قدما في عملية المصادقة على توسيع مستوطنة غيلو في منطقة القدس. وفي الوقت الذي نعمل فيه على إعادة إطلاق عملية المفاوضات فإن هذه الإجراءات تجعل من الأصعب لمساعدتنا بأن نكفل بالنجاح. وينبغي على كل من الطرفين ألا ينخرط في أعمال أو جهود يمكن أن تجهض، او يبدو أنها تجهض، المفاوضات بصورة أحادية. كما تعترض الولايات المتحدة على أية ممارسات إسرائيلية أخرى متصلة بالإسكان بما في ذلك مواصلة نمط هدم المساكن الفلسطينية وطرد ساكنيها. وموقفنا جلي: إن وضع القدس هو قضية من قضايا الوضع النهائي يتعين تسويتها عن طريق المفاوضات بين الطرفين.

## Programs & Events



### **International Education Week 2009**

The number of Palestinian students studying in the US increased from 249 in the 2007/2008 academic year to 305 in the 2008/2009 year, an increase of 22%. The US Consulate General in Jerusalem is working to increase this number every year.

### **Palestinian Youth Empowerment: The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Hosts Roundtable Discussion with Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg and Palestinian NGO Leaders**





Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg met with several leaders of prominent Palestinian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) during a visit to Jerusalem on Monday, November 16, 2009, to discuss youth empowerment and leadership. At the opening of the roundtable discussion, the Deputy Secretary underscored the U.S. government's commitment to pursuing a peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to help improve the lives of the Palestinian people. He praised the role of NGOs in Palestinian society, noting that they have a unique ability to address the needs of people in direct and effective ways, at a level of engagement that it is sometimes difficult for governments to reach.



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## Current Vacancies

### Deadlines:











-  Treasury Specialist | **Closing on November 27, 2009**
-  PD Grants/Management Assistant | **Closing on November 26, 2009**
-  USSC Translator | **Closing on November 24, 2009**
-  Security Guard | **Until Filled**

## Educational Exchanges

### Deadlines:

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institutes  
Summer Programs | **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

## Selected E-Docs

-  **FESTIVAL OF THINKERS: LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE.**  
Knowledge@Wharton. November 2009  
*Also in Arabic*
-  **WATER AND AGRICULTURE: IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH.** Center for Strategic & International Studies. John Briscoe et al. November 10, 2009.
-  **FAIRNESS 2.0: MEDIA CONTENT REGULATION IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY.** Cato Institute. Robert Corn-Revere. November 10, 2009.
-  **AWAITING CLIMATE ACCORD, GOVERNMENTS TOY WITH DUBIOUS MEASURES.** YaleGlobal. Doaa Abdel Motaal. November 6, 2009
-  **CAN GLOBAL DE-CARBONIZATION INHIBIT DEVELOPING COUNTRY INDUSTRIALIZATION?** Center for Global Development. Aaditya Mattoo et al. November 10, 2009
-  **ENERGY NEEDS AND EFFICIENCY, NOT EMISSIONS: RE-FRAMING THE CLIMATE CHANGE NARRATIVE.** Center for Global Development. Nancy Birdsall and Arvind Subramanian. November 9, 2009
-  **HOW TO EASE WOMEN'S FEAR OF TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTS: CASE STUDIES AND BEST PRACTICES.** Transportation Research Board. Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris et al. November 2009
-  **ASSESSMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT: TRACKING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OVER TIME.** National Survey of Student Engagement. November 10, 2009
-  **MATHEMATICS LEARNING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: PATHS TOWARD EXCELLENCE IN EQUITY.** National Research Council. Christopher T. Cross et al. November 17, 2009
-  **Campus Connections.** A globalized economy makes business and employment spill across national boundaries, so an education abroad is likely to make a young person better prepared for the