These events enable us to share different cultures, new perspectives and provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas with others from around the globe. Whether it is viewing a film in another language, attending a lecture to learn about research in another country, listening to a foreign artist talk about his or her art, exploring the importance of less commonly taught languages, or even talking with one another about choices in study abroad programs, Ohio State continues to provide ways in which we all can become more engaged internationally.

We expect at least 1,000 students to attend this year’s Study Abroad Fair on October 10 at the RPAC. With more than 1,800 undergraduates studying abroad some time during their academic experience – and undoubtedly more in the future – the Study Abroad Fair offers a chance for students to explore their options and talk one-on-one with the experts.

The Area Studies Centers have planned a full array of brown bag lunch lectures, film series, visiting scholars, journalists, dance troupes and film directors to serve as the conduits to educate others about current events, ways of life and the happenings in different regions of the world.

The lecture series offered by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies has lined up an impressive list of speakers highlighted this month by Peter Mansoor, the new Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History. His research interests include modern U.S. military history, World War II, and counterinsurgency operations. Mansoor’s lecture and discussion will focus on "Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq."

International students and scholars also will have an opportunity to learn more about Andy Warhol: Other Voices, Other Rooms, as we partner with the Wexner Center for an insightful tour of this exclusive U.S. exhibition.

The listing of international events goes far beyond the walls of the Office of International Affairs, but transcends many areas of the university. Now is the time for us not only to think globally but become actively engaged.