



a surprising sense of humor. When she speaks about the lessons she learned from her experience, will Ambassador.

The photo taken of a little girl running from her burning Village may be a symbol of

Thursday August 4

feature film:

The Wall: A World Divided

The rise and fall of the Berlin Wall.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.

Free snacks will be provided!

Please contact OIA at 806-743-2900 or cima@ttuhsc.edu if you have any questions.

See page 3 for the Fall 2011 OIA Film S/TT.f

Available from the OIA Library

The following re-
sources are avail-
able for check-out:

Book

The Life You Can Save
by Peter Singer

For the first time in his-
tory, eradicating world
poverty is within our
reach. Yet around the
world, a billion people
struggle to live each day
on less than many of us
pay for bottled water. In
The Life You Can Save,
Peter Singer uses ethical
arguments, illuminating

The Responsible, Green Traveler

When visiting a resource-poor country, you may find yourself overwhelmed by the poverty conditions in which the people of the country live. Here are just a few tips for being responsibly generous:

- Create a budget – this will help you structure your spending.
- Splurge on gifts – buying gifts made by indigenous people supports their economy and gives you something to take home to help you relive your experience or share it with friends who weren't able to join you.
- Bargain respectfully – when negotiating, leave the vendor with a real wage (you'll both be winners); instead of bargaining to lower the price, bargain for additional items for the asking price.
- Appreciate the indigenous people and their culture – take an interest in how they live, work, and relate to one another; ask permission before snapping their picture and pay if they request compensation.
- Graciously receive assistance – if someone offers to help carry your luggage, thank them and tip them generously; this may be the only way they are able to feed their families.
- Don't reward panhandling – offering compensation for a service is a much better alternative than giving to a beggar; handouts encourage begging and discourage work (and acquiring an education).
- Purchase items from street vendors – buying items from street vendors supports small businesses; it costs little to purchase small items, and if you think you'll never use the item, give it away.

It is important that you respect the environment of any country to which you are a visitor. To motivate you to travel **green**, calculate your carbon footprint left by your trip to and from the country you are visiting at carbonfootprint.com.

The tips below will help you be a **green** traveler:

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Mark Your Calendar:

**OIA Film Series
Fall 2011**

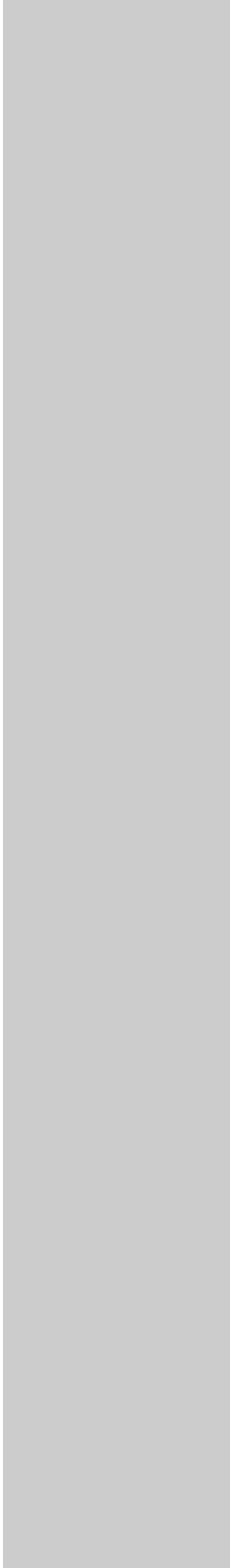
[Adapted from an article in the New York Times, retrieved March 16, 2010](#)

Change to Visa Validity for Iranian Student Ap- plicants in F, J, and M Visa Categories

The Way We Choose: Challenging Perceptions of Choice

Sheena Inyegar is challenging America's assumptions regarding choice. I first read about Inyegar's research in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in March 2010. I thought it was fascinating that a few jars of jam and a market near Stanford University could reshape the way we typically perceive choice. After all, we live in a society where a fast food restaurant tells us we can and should "have it your way" (Burger King) and the corner coffee shop reminds us that "happiness is choice" (Starbucks.) The freedom to choose and our insatiable appetite for as many choices as possible has become the driving narrative of the American Dream.

Since her initial jam-tasting research in the mid-1990s, Inyegar has expanded her research to more thoroughly observe people's beliefs about choice. The results suggest that choice is more cross-

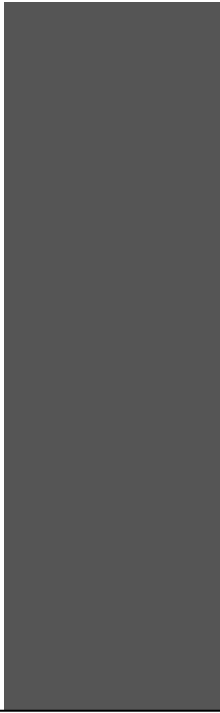


Views of the World: in the news & on the web

- [All Hands on Deck to Turn Historic Ship into Floating Clinic](#)
An ambitious project to turn Malawi's oldest ship into a floating clinic could save thousands of lives around Lake Malawi by bringing medical care to small fishing villages.
- [Arab Revolutions Inspire Afghan Youth](#)
After watching the protests that led to the downfall of regimes in Egypt and Tunisia, Afghan youth are expressing revolutionary sentiments.
- [High End Art in Hong Kong](#)
With a growing international art fair, globally-recognized galleries and a contemporary art museum on the horizon, the city's reputation as a capital of kitsch is fading.
- [Pakistan Transgenders Pin Hopes on New Rights](#)
The BBC's Aleem Maqbool finds out what difficulties transsexuals face in Pakistan.
- [Changes in Cuba, and in U.S. Policy, Open Opportunities for New Academic Ties](#)
As it wrestles with major economic and social reforms, Cuba presents an almost unprecedented opportunity for American scholars and students to ex

When in... Turkey cont.

- On public transportation, women should not sit next to male strangers. Women also are not allowed in traditional tea or coffee houses.
- Don't blow your nose in public, especially in restaurants.
- Carry identification with you at all times—it is required by law.
- Remove your shoes if you are invited into a Turkish home, and don't show the soles of your feet to anyone. (Sit with your feet flat on the floor.)
- Shaking your head means "I don't understand"; it doesn't mean no. To say no, raise your eyebrows and make a "tsk" sound, or tilt your head backward slightly.
- Nod your head to say yes.
- Attract attention by waving your hand up and down, rather than side to side.
- Don't cross your arms while facing someone; it is considered rude.
- Foreign visitors are allowed to visit any mosque, but you should cover up and avoid prayer times.
- A service charge is not included in the bill, and it is normal to leave a 5 to 10 percent tip. Give money with your right hand. (The left is reserved for unclean uses, such as going to the bathroom.)



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