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University of St. Thomas presents Dr. Rami Shafiee on "The Second Marshall Plan for the World's Poor"

WHAT: The Center for International Studies and the Social Justice Committee present Dr. Rami Shafiee, who will present the lecture "The Second Marshall Plan for the World's Poor."

WHEN: 2-3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2007

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Crooker Center, Ahern Room
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at West Alabama

BACKGROUND: UST Cameron School of Business Adjunct Professor Rami Shafiee proposes innovative non-bureaucratic solutions for eliminating world poverty. The idea that more than two billion human beings live in abject poverty ($2 per person per day or less) is unacceptable. Great Britain's Exchequer, Gordon Brown, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez of Honduras and former German foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher are among an increasing number of public figures calling for a second Marshall Plan for the world's poor. Two European-based groups, ww.globalmarshallplan.org and www.clubofbudapest.org advocate such a plan.

Shafiee has taught economics for more than 20 years. He also served as a consultant to a variety of projects, including population projections; economic and community development; and numerous international executive development programs with a concentration in China's economic restructuring. Shafiee is the Chair-Elect for the Mayor's International Affairs and Development – Middle East and North Africa. For his outstanding contributions to education, he earned the Award for Internationalization of Curriculum for the United States Department of Education.

This event is co-sponsored by the Global Marshall Plan Initiative in Hamburg and the Network of Spiritual Progressives. The Network is spearheaded by Rabbi Michael Lerner who is sponsoring April 15 as Generosity Sunday in support of a Global Marshall Plan. The scheduled rallies will challenge the prevailing view that poverty is an inevitable part of the human condition.

COST: Free and open to the public.
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