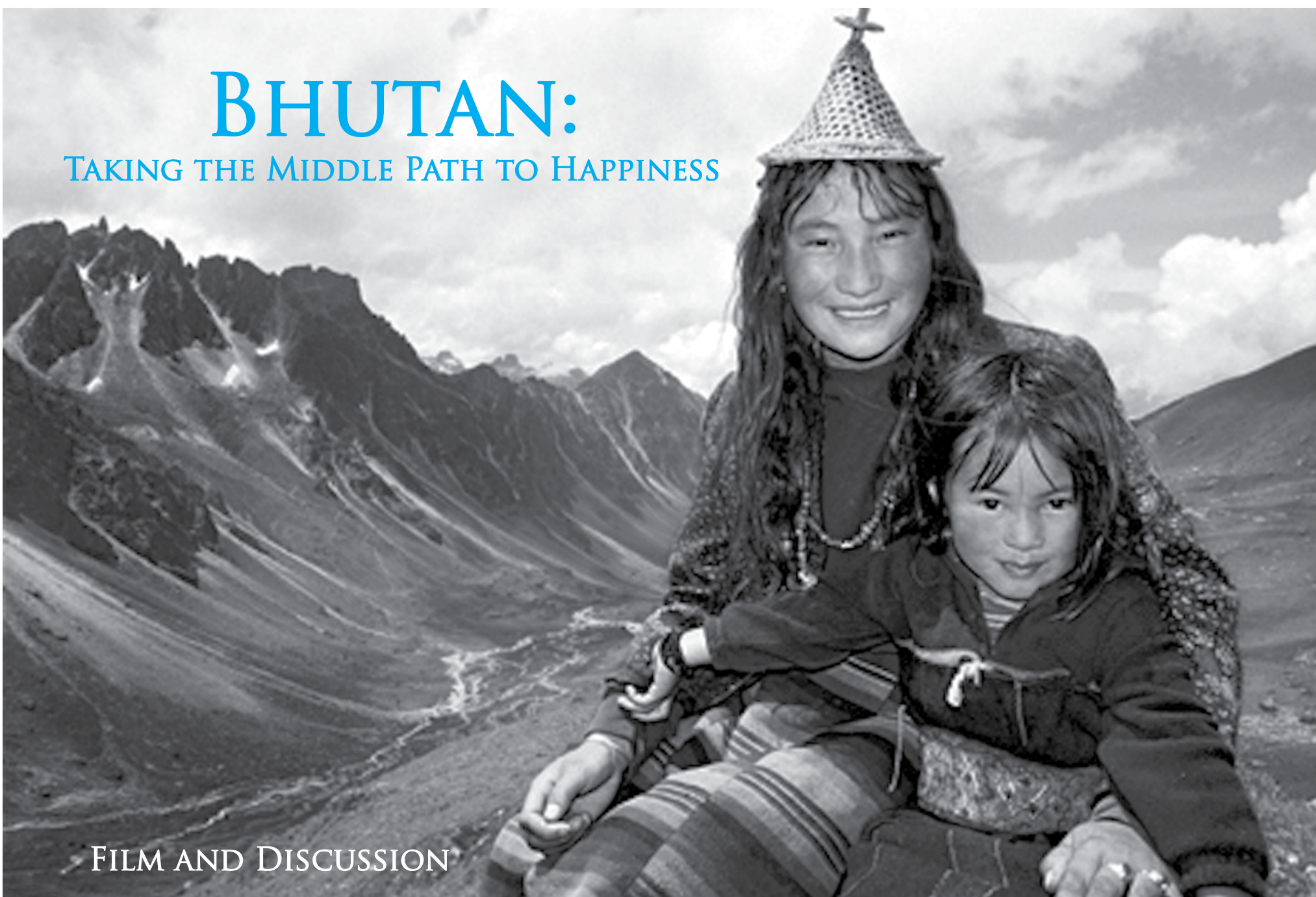


BHUTAN:

TAKING THE MIDDLE PATH TO HAPPINESS



FILM AND DISCUSSION

Tuesday, October 11 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Lewis Auditorium

Imagine a place where the happiness of the people is the guiding principle of government. *Imagine a people* who see all life as sacred, a land with abundant renewable energy, and a nation committed to preserving nature and its culture. *Imagine a country* where the government's goal is "Gross National Happiness." *Where is this Shangri-La?* Bhutan. But can this small, geographically isolated country tucked away in the Himalayan Mountains truly protect its environment and culture as they open their doors to the West?



Bhutan – Taking the Middle Path to Happiness is an Emmy Award-winning documentary on the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan and its development policy of "Gross National Happiness."

A discussion led by **Alexander L. Mayer** (Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures and Religious Studies, University of Illinois) will immediately follow the film.

AsiaLENS is a series of free public film screenings and lecture / discussion programs on issues reflecting contemporary life in Asia. The series is organized by the Asian Educational Media Service, a program of the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies and the Spurlock Museum, both at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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