

International Programs

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Cultural Nights Fall 08

Thursdays, 7:00 pm
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- OCT. 23 - GERMANY
- OCT. 30 - IRAN
- NOV. 6 – SAUDI ARABIA
- NOV. 20 - JAPAN
- DEC. 4 - CAMEROON

Country in Focus: IRAN



Islamic Republic of Iran

Known as Persia until 1935, Iran became an Islamic republic in 1979 after the ruling shah was forced into exile. Conservative clerical forces subsequently crushed westernizing liberal elements. Militant Iranian students seized the US Embassy in Tehran on 4 November 1979 and held it until 20 January 1981. During 1980-88, Iran fought a bloody, indecisive war with Iraq over disputed territory. The key current issue is how rapidly the country should open up to the modernizing influences of the outside world.

Area: total: 1.648 million sq km (636,313 sq miles); slightly larger than Alaska

Population: 68.5 million (UN estimate 2006).

Population Density: 40.3 per sq km.

Capital: Tehran; Population: 7 million (UN estimate, including suburbs, 2001).

Government: Islamic Republic since 1979.

Building Bridges



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International Education Week November 17 – 21, 2008

International Education Week, November 17-21, is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State to celebrate the benefits of International Education and Exchange. The Office of International Programs encourages the UND community to get involved in International Education Week in any way that you are able. If you have an internationally oriented event planned already during that week or if you would like to plan something, please let the OIP know so that we can include your event on the IEW calendar. More information about IEW at the national and international levels is available at <http://www.iew.state.gov>. The IEW calendar will be available in early November.



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UND Hosting International Fulbright Scholar

The University of North Dakota was selected to host Fulbright Visiting Scholar Orazklych Orazklychev from Turkmenistan for the 2008-2009 academic year. Orazklychev is one of approximately 850 outstanding foreign faculty and professionals who will teach and do research in the United States through the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program. Dr. Orazklychev, a Lecturer in the Department of Family Medicine at Turkmen State Medical Institute in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, will be researching the family physicians training system in the United States.

Research Fellowships in Eastern Europe & Asia

The International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) is accepting applications for the Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program for 2009-2010. The IARO Program, funded by the US Department of State, provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for long-term overseas research on contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments relevant to US foreign policy. You can apply to conduct research in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Masters students, pre-doctoral students, postdoctoral students, and professionals with advanced degrees are eligible for IARO Fellowships. The IARO Fellowships cover the cost of travel and a living/housing stipend. If you have questions, contact the IARO Program Staff at iaro@irex.org or by telephone at (202) 628-8188. The IARO application and supporting materials are available on the IREX website at: www.irex.org/programs/iaro/index.asp. **The deadline is November 17, 2008.**

Faculty-Directed Education Abroad Workshop

To explore the process to develop and teach UND course abroad, please join take in this workshop. Details are:

Friday, 31 October 2008

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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See attached flyer for more information and how to register by 27 October 2008.

Faculty Sought to Teach at the American College of Norway

Each year the Office of International Programs coordinates the selection of faculty to teach at the American College of Norway (ACN) in Moss, Norway. The selection committee is currently soliciting interest for Fall 2009.

We encourage faculty to consider spending a semester abroad teaching at the American College of Norway in Moss Norway. ACN provides an American higher education experience for students, mostly from Norway but from around the world. Through ACN they determine what it would be like to study in the US and many transfer to US institutions including UND. Instruction is in English and students speak English well. Housing is provided, faculty salaries (100%) covered, and assistance with airfare costs is provided. Faculty who can teach courses that have broad appeal and satisfy Essential Studies requirements are preferred. If interested, please contact Ray Lagasse at: raymondlagasse@mail.und.edu or 777-2938.



Language: Persian (*Farsi*) is the most widely spoken language. Arabic is spoken in Khuzestan in the southwest, and Turkish in the northwest around Tabriz. English, French and (to a lesser extent) German are spoken by many businesspeople and officials.

Religion: Predominantly Islamic; mostly Shi'ite, with a minority of Sunnis. The 1976 census recorded 300,000 Christians, 80,000 Jews and 30,000 Zoroastrians.

Geography: Iran is located in the Middle East, bordered to the north by Turkmenistan and the Caspian Sea, the east by Afghanistan and Pakistan, the south by the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, and the west by Iraq and Turkey. The center and east of the country are largely barren undulating desert, punctured by *qanats* (irrigation canals) and green oases, but there are mountainous regions in the west along the Turkish and Iraqi borders and in the north where the Elburz Mountains rise steeply from a fertile belt around the Caspian Sea.

Economy: Iran's economy is a mixture of central planning, state ownership of oil and other large enterprises, village agriculture, and small-scale private trading and service ventures. President KHATAMI has continued to follow the market reform plans of former President RAFSANJANI and has indicated that he will pursue diversification of Iran's oil-reliant economy although he has made little progress toward that goal. The strong oil market in 1996 helped ease financial pressures on Iran and allowed for Tehran's timely debt service payments.



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Time to Apply for Boren Awards for International Study

The Institute of International Education recently announced the opening of the competition for NSEP David L. Boren Awards for the 2009-10 Academic Year. There are Boren Scholarships for undergraduate students and Boren Fellowships for graduate students. Boren Awards provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. students to add important international and language components to their education. Applications are available at www.borenawards.org. The campus deadline for applications is January 20, 2009. Your campus representative is Dr. William Young, 777-3935.

Grant Opportunity for Regional Policy Symposium on Youth in Eurasia and Eastern Europe

The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' Kennan Institute (WWC), will be holding a research symposium in the spring of 2009 that will examine issues concerning youth in Eurasia and Eastern Europe from multi-disciplinary perspectives.

The research symposium, supported by the US Department of State, will bring American junior and senior scholars and members of the policy community together to study and discuss timely topics as they relate to youth in these regions. Possible topics may include: economic trends; political parties; education reform; public health; reproductive trends; trafficking and other cross-border criminal activity; and other related topics. To receive more information on the 2009 Regional Policy Symposium, please send e-mail inquiries to Symposium@irex.org.

Junior scholars will be chosen based on a national competition to present their current research on the topic of the symposium. Grants will be awarded to 10 junior scholars.

The symposium is scheduled to take place in early April 2009 in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area and will involve two full days of reviews of current research projects, roundtable discussions, and the development of policy recommendations.

Grant applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are currently residing in the United States. Applicants must either be currently enrolled in

an MA, MS, MBA, JD, or PhD program or have held a graduate degree for 10 years or less. Applicants who hold an academic post must be pre-tenure. The grant will include transportation, meals, and accommodations for the duration of the symposium. You must apply no later than December 1, 2008. For application materials, see <http://www.irex.org/programs/symp/index.asp>

Employment Guidelines for International Students

We would like to remind all campus departments and offices that employ international students that students are strictly limited to a maximum of 20 total hours of on campus employment each week. Students who are found to be working over the 20 hour maximum may be subject to the termination of their status and loss of eligibility to remain in the United States. Please help students with this by ensuring that they are not being assigned more than 20 hours of work each week. Further information is available from the Office of International Programs

4 myths of study abroad

#1 Studying Abroad is too expensive

It's affordable!! Financial aid goes with UND students who study abroad. Also there are also 12 "Exchange" programs, which means that UND tuition is paid here.

#2 I won't graduate on time

Working with advisors ensures a smooth transfer & application of credit. Credits taken abroad will be applied to the students major, minor, electives, or Essential Studies.

#3 Study Abroad will not fit into my academic schedule

There are programs that are a year-long, semester-long, summer terms or even spring break options. There are also internships and volunteer programs as well as student teaching options. This allows for study abroad to work with all majors.

#4 You have to know another language

We have numerous programs where you can study in the country of choice whether you know the language or not. We do encourage students to take at least one beginner language course so they manage on the streets and learn more about the culture. We also have language intensive programs where you can go to learn another language no matter the level of expertise.

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If you:

- ♦ Have considered offering a course in an international context.
- ♦ Have a topic in mind that you think students will enjoy.
- ♦ Know just the location in which it could be best taught.
- ♦ Don't know what to do next.
- ♦ Want to know what procedures and regulations to follow.
- ♦ Want to find out who can help you make it happen.

Topics to be discussed:

- ♦ Logistics: when, where, who, what, and how
- ♦ Advertising and recruiting
- ♦ University regulations (insurance, registration, credit)
- ♦ Financing
- ♦ The role/support of the Office of International Programs



Workshop Presenter(s):

- ♦ Neva Hendrickson, Education Abroad Advisor
- ♦ Jane Sykes Wilson, Education Abroad Advisor
- ♦ Ray Lagasse, Director of International Programs

If interested, please respond by Monday, 27 October 2008.

Lunch will be provided.



Faculty-Directed Study Abroad Workshop – 31 October 2008

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or email this information to: tatjyanarichards@mail.und.edu