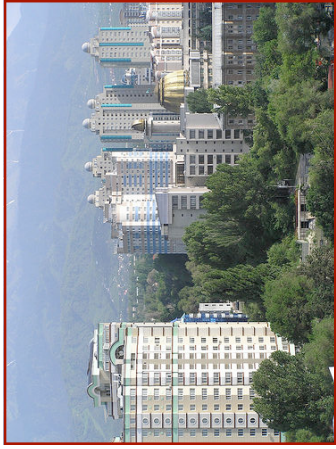
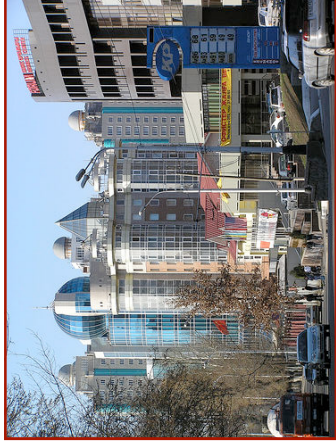


A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF KIMEP

The Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP) was founded in 1992 by a resolution sponsored by Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbaev.



Today, KIMEP's student body of 4,700 students is engaged in pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in an extensive range of business and social science degree programs. Instruction is in English, with graduates heading to careers with the world's leading business and managerial multinational enterprises, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.



The CSULB participants will have the opportunity to meet and learn with the leaders of tomorrow's Central Asian republics in one of the world's most dynamically growing regions. For more information about KIMEP, please consult www.kimep.kz or visit <http://www2.kimep.kz/international/almaty.shtml>.

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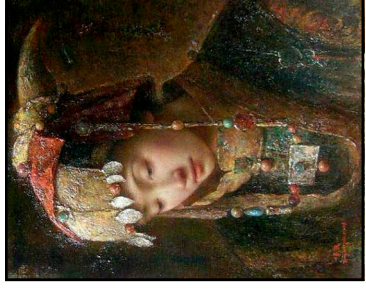
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CSULB STUDY ABROAD COURSE: Politics & Cultures Along the Silk Road

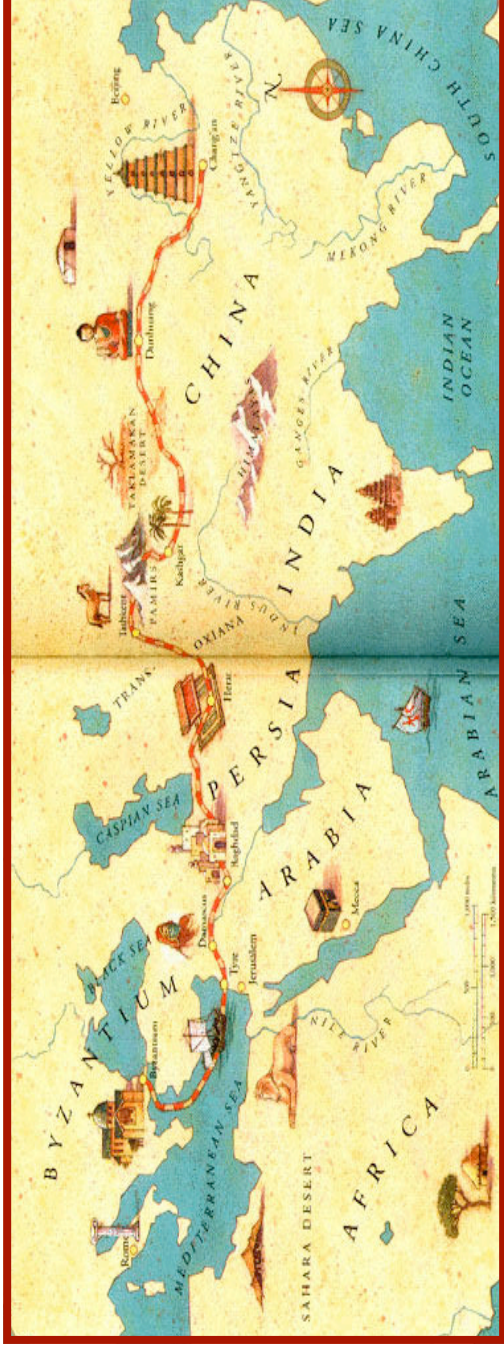


CSULB Political Science 395i: Politics Through Culture

KIMEP Political Science 3535: Political Culture

JUNE 1 - 19, 2009

Both courses will incorporate a Model United Nations simulation of UNESCO with meetings focusing on cultural issues of Central Asia.



Approximately 15 CSU Long Beach students will travel to KIMEP in June 2009 as students enrolled in a Study Abroad course to be taught by Dr. Larry Martinez, POSC 395i, "Politics Through Culture." This course will focus on the politics and cultures in the Central Asian countries, often referred to as the Silk Road countries.

The CSULB course will be jointly conducted with PS 3535, "Political Culture" taught by Ms. Dina Sharipova. KIMEP and CSULB students will each receive academic credit from their respective institutions while attending the same lectures, participating in joint academic activities, and fulfilling the same academic assignments.

WHAT ARE WE PLANNING?

The partnered KIMEP-CSULB courses will promote student-student interactions through group preparations for the simulated Model UN meeting of UNESCO's Central Asian Working Group, which is directly integrated into the courses' curricula. Students will research and discuss agenda items dealing with cultural issues stemming from implementation of the *Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions*, adopted by the 33rd General Conference of UNESCO in October 2005, and which entered into force on 18 March 2007. The Convention seeks to strengthen the five inseparable links of the same chain: creation, production, distribution/ dissemination, access and enjoyment of cultural expressions, as conveyed by cultural activities, goods and services.

Course assignments will focus on preparing the joint KIMEP-CSULB country delegations for effective representation of their assigned country's views with regard to deliberations on resolutions being proposed at the simulated UNESCO Central Asian Working Group meeting.

Dates: June 1-19, 2009: The class will meet four hours a day, four days a week (Monday-Thursday). Fridays are travel days for trips planned to Samarkand-Bukhara, Uzbekistan, and to Kashgar, China. Other excursions within the Almaty region are also planned.