

Russian Talk: Communication, Culture, & Health in Sochi, Russia

Aug. 24 –Sept. 12

EXPLORATION SEMINAR 2009

Sochi has been a national health and recreation center since early Soviet times. The city managed to keep some of its famous health institutions after the fall of the Soviet Union, when many sanatoriums fell into neglect or were restructured to join in the rapid development of tourism.



Located in the part of Russia between Georgia and Ukraine, Sochi displays rich demographic and ethnic diversity (over 100 ethnic groups), which makes it an ideal place for studying cross-cultural communication and social interaction.

As a rapidly developing site for the Olympics 2014, supported by then President Putin through substantial government and private funds, Sochi has set for top standards in world health resorts, model sports facilities and ecologically sensitive transport infrastructure.



COLLECT DATA **video-recording Russians talking to each other** (doctor—patient, teacher—student); **EXPLORE** Russian communicative practices that **DIFFER** from familiar patterns; learn about Russian culture and society. Students with no or limited Russian speaking ability will be assisted by interns from a local university.



The project offers a rich international educational and research experience for students from a variety of disciplines: **political science, business, ecology, socioinguistics, history, anthropology, psychology, social work, nursing, medicine, public health, and communication**). For students of Russian: Learn Russian while using it for research!

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FRIDAY, Feb. 28 at 4:00 in Thompson 101

