EXPLORATION SEMINAR 2012, Aug. 23-Sept. 15

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

Stretched along the Black Sea at the foot of Caucasus and enjoying sub-tropical climate, Sochi has been a national health & recreation center since early Soviet times. Great demographic and ethnic diversity (104 ethnic groups) makes Sochi an ideal place for studying cross-cultural differences and similarities in verbal and non-verbal communication & social interaction.

The Sochi Exploration interdisciplinary seminar offers rich international educational and research experience for students from a variety of disciplines: political science, business, ecology, sociolinguistics, history, anthropology, psychology, social work, nursing, medicine, public health, and communication.

For students of Russian: Learn Russian while using it for research!

WE WILL STUDY DISCOURSE THEORY AND COLLECT DATA recording Russians talking to each other (doctor—patient, teacher—student). We will EXPLORE and analyze Russian communicative practices and their place in Russian culture and society. Students with no or limited Russian speaking ability will be assisted by interns from a local university.

Program Fee: $3,100; 5 credits
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When: 1/26 at 3:00-4:00; 2/7 at 4:00-5:00