

Programming Notes @ SIT Study Abroad

New & updated semester programs for fall 2023

- [IHP Cultural Heritage: Legacy, Identity, & Curating the Future](#)
- [India: Public Health, Gender, & Sexuality](#) (previously known as India Public Health, Gender, & Community Action)
- [Global Food Security & Sustainability](#)
- [Serbia, Austria, & Hungary: Comparative European Perspectives on Conflict & Democracy](#) (previously known as Serbia, Bosnia, & Kosovo: Peace and Conflict Studies in the Balkans)
- [Spain & Ireland: Geopolitics & the Future of the European Union](#) (previously known as Spain: Policy, Law, and Regional Autonomy in Europe)

New summer 2023 programs

- [South Africa: Internship in Diplomacy, Politics, & International Relations](#)
- [Ghana: Hip-Hop, Resilience & Black Struggle](#)
- [Vietnam: Traditional Medicine & Community Health](#)

Programs on Hiatus

- India: Sustainable Development & Social Change
- Mongolia: Nomadism, Geopolitics, & the Environment
- Senegal: Global Security & Religious Pluralism
- Senegal: Hip-Hop, African Diaspora & Decolonial Futures
- Uganda: Global Development Studies
- All semester Virtual Language and Virtual Internship programs

We are in the process of updating the directories. All directory content should be updated by January 20.

Asia: New Academic Directors

[India: Public Health, Gender, & Sexuality](#)

[Abid Siraj](#): Abid has been a long-time staff member of this program and two IHP programs. For two decades, Abid has been engaged in teaching, research, and program management in public health in India, where he is actively involved in health advocacy work.

[Indonesia: Biodiversity and Conservation in Bali and Borneo](#)

[I Gede Nyoman Bayu Wirayudha](#): Bayu specializes in cultural exchange, wildlife conservation, habitat regeneration and community sustainability. Building on his degree in veterinary science and extensive experience running conservation and regeneration projects throughout Indonesia, he founded Friends of the National Parks Foundation in 1997. He has also worked in Kalimantan in Indonesian Borneo and in Bali and Nusa Penida Islands.

[Nepal: Geoscience in the Himalaya](#)

[Durga Khatiwada](#): Durga was a student of the SIT program Geoscience in the Himalaya in 2013, which was a formative experience for her. She has since completed her Master of Science degree in Geology (Engineering Geology) from Tribhuvan University, with a thesis entitled “Evaluation of Rockfall Hazard in the Imja Glacier Lake.” Since 2021, she has been assistant professor at Tribhuvan University, Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara. Her family lives in Kathmandu.

Europe: Program Updates

Switzerland

Starting summer 2023, the [Switzerland: International Studies & Multilateral Diplomacy](#) program will be offering 6 total credits, instead of 9 credits.

Iceland

Starting summer 2023, the [Iceland: Renewable Energy, Technology, & Resource Economics \(Both summer 1 & 2 tracks\)](#) program will be offering 6 total credits, instead of 9 credits.

Latin America: New Academic Directors

[Argentina: Public Health in Urban Environments](#)

[Mariano San Martin](#): Mariano is an economist from La Plata National University in Argentina. He earned a master’s degree in social protection and health systems at Isalud-Argentina, and is a PhD candidate in public health with a focus on epidemiology at UCES-Argentina. He has been working on issues related to public health for more than 25 years. Prior to joining SIT, Mariano was director of health statistics for the Health Minister of Buenos Aires Provinces and associate in the Social Area of the United Nations Development Program. He has worked as a researcher and consultant in public health for national and international organizations such Panamerican Health Office, UNICEF, Interamerican Development Bank, World Bank, and others.

[Chile: Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development](#)

[Dr. Douglas Smith](#): Douglas holds a PhD (doctorado) in Latin American Studies from the Universidad de Chile, an MA in Hispanic Studies from Concordia University in Montreal, and spent time as a visiting scholar at the School of Translation and Interpretation of the University of Ottawa. His interests include postcolonial studies, Latin American cultural studies—particularly Latin American intellectual production, its historical connection to Chilean politics and its relevance to current intellectual debates and discussions such as the concept of coloniality.

International Honors Programs (IHP): New Program Directors

[IHP Human Rights: Movements, Power, & Resistance](#)

[Dr. Azim Khan](#): Azim has been our long-time academic director of our India: Public Health, Gender, & Community Action program and is co-chair of SIT's MA in Global Health. He received the prestigious Ford Foundation International Fellowship for Human Rights for academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to the community in 2003. In 2007, he was awarded a Scholar of Peace fellowship by the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. In a career spanning more than 23 years, Dr. Khan has worked with universities in India and the U.S., teaching law, human rights, public health, and sustainable development. The primary focus of his work has been to create global citizenry through international education.

[IHP Climate Change: The Politics of Land, Water & Energy Justice](#)

[Dr. Sonya Ahamed](#): Sonya has served as academic director for SIT's Renewable Energy, Technology and Resource Economics summer program in Iceland and as visiting faculty for IHP's Food Systems: Agriculture, Sustainability, and Justice. She is a transdisciplinary scholar with two decades of experience in human-environment interactions, geospatial data analysis, and systems science. She holds a doctorate in natural resources from the University of Vermont, where she was a PhD Fellow in the National Science Foundation (NSF) multidisciplinary program "Smart Grid – Technology, Human Behavior, and Policy," a graduate fellow at UVM's Gund Institute for Environment, and a visiting professional at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado.

[IHP Health and Community: Globalization, Culture & Care](#)

[Dionisios Kavadias](#): Dr. Kavadias (ΔΚ) is a medical anthropologist who specializes in ontologies of the body by studying different cultural practices of healing and food. He has a master's degree in social science from the University of Chicago and a PhD in cultural anthropology from the University of Virginia for research on the medical, economic, and religious uses of family-made olive oil among farmers in southwestern Greece. Material culture studies plays a large part in his research, given a former career in historical archaeology. Drawing from more than two decades of experience in anthropological research and international education, his teaching emphasizes the relationship between global systems and personal experiences.

[IHP Cities in the 21st Century: People, Planning, and Politics](#)

[Nicolas Stahelin](#): Nicolas previously served as the Program Director of IHP Climate Change: The Politics of Land, Water, and Energy Justice and is a faculty member of SIT Graduate Institute's MA Program in Climate Change and Global Sustainability. Nicolas is also an alum (fall 2000) and former program assistant (spring 2001, 2003–2004) of an SIT Study Abroad program in Brazil. As a political ecologist, educator and researcher, Nicolas has worked in experiential learning, international and cross-cultural exchange, school-community partnerships, and higher education for 20 years. He has a BA in environmental studies from Oberlin College, an MA in international educational development from Columbia University, and an EdD in international and comparative education focusing on sustainability, also from Columbia. His teaching and research engage with climate change and sustainability in global and comparative perspectives at the intersection of political ecology, environmental justice, critical policy studies, and education.

Scholarships & Fellowships

The [Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship](#) awards funds to SIT Study Abroad or IHP alumni to pursue development projects which benefit human rights in a country they studied in as part of their program. This Fellowship is a great opportunity for alumni to apply their skills, vision, and knowledge to benefit the communities they studied in and became a part of during their time abroad. Please share information about the Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship with SIT alums from your campus and encourage them to apply! We hold two application cycles per year, with March 1 and October 1 deadlines. To read about our amazing current and previous Alice Rowan Swanson Fellows, [click here](#).

There is an update (maximum cap) to the [SIT Pell Grant Match Award](#). SIT provides matching grants *up to \$2500* for all SIT immersive semester programs to students who use their Pell Grant to help pay the cost of their SIT program. For more information on SIT scholarships, [click here](#).

Update to SIT Withdrawal & Refund Policy

SIT's Program Protection Plan, implemented during COVID, will end in spring 2023. As of summer 2023, we will return to our normal [voluntary withdrawal refund policy](#).

Ordering SIT Materials

If you would like to order SIT materials, please click [here](#).

SIT Graduate Institute

[SIT Graduate Institute](#) offers 12 MA degrees, in two modalities, that help prepare students for careers in social impact fields. Our full-time, [global master's programs](#) include a practicum semester (in a country of the student's choosing), allowing students to work directly with an organization responding to the challenges they have studied for two or three preceding semesters (each in a different country). Our [part-time, hybrid master's degree programs](#) are designed for working professionals who want to earn an MA while staying in their jobs and communities. These experiential, cohort-based programs include at least one brief residency on SIT's Vermont campus. Some degrees also include residencies abroad during the second program year. We also offer an [EdD in Global Education](#), which is a three-year, part-time hybrid degree program with two short summer residencies in VT. The next EdD cohort will begin in Summer 2025 – application deadline will be Nov. 1, 2024.

To learn more about our graduate programs, please visit the [SIT Graduate Institute](#).

SIT Custom Programs

About SIT Custom Programs

The SIT Custom Programs office partners with you to design custom and faculty-led programs that fit with your institution's curriculum, desired learning outcomes, and specific academic goals. We have partnered on customized programming for undergraduate, graduate, and gap year students, in addition to professional development programs for study abroad professionals and faculty. Learn more about custom programs locations, timeline, inquiry process, and support we can offer in our [Custom Programs brochure](#). Please contact us with any questions at custom@sit.edu.

SIT Professional Engagement Programs

In addition to our full portfolio of custom and faculty-led program models and locations, the SIT Custom Programs team is excited to offer [SIT-led professional development opportunities](#) in Summer 2023, including:

Skills-Based Field Seminar in Ghana, *Grounding Faculty-led Programs in Experiential Education Pedagogy & Decolonial Perspectives*

- **Dates:** June 11–17, 2023
- **Location:** Accra, Ghana
- **Application Deadline:** March 1, 2023
- **Topics of Inquiry:** Through this on-site immersive skills-based seminar, participants will explore strategies for grounding global program design and delivery in the principles of experiential learning pedagogy and decolonial perspectives. Using Ghana as a case study, you'll gain a new perspective on Africa's cosmopolitanism, one that complicates and defies Eurocentric representations.

Thematic Seminar in Serbia, *Critical Approaches to Activism, Advocacy, & Policy in Southeast Europe*

- **Dates:** June 4 –11, 2023
- **Location:** Belgrade, Serbia
- **Application Deadline:** March 1, 2023
- **Topics of Inquiry:** As the largest urban space in Southeast Europe, Belgrade is home to numerous social justice movements, local NGOs, dynamic civic activism, and advocacy work. In this seminar, participants will examine civic action on a variety of issues – from corruption scandals to demanding more democratic participation and socially just policies – on local, regional, and transnational trajectories.