COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS

AN OVERVIEW

Global Health Initiative Seminar
May 13, 2013
Columbia Going Global

- Engage in a dialogue with the world
- Expand our knowledge
- Globalize research agenda
- Develop comparative global perspectives
-Broaden Columbia University’s impact
- Address global challenges with global solutions
- Provide our students with a distinct global education
- Deepen outreach to alumni and prospective students
Columbia University: International and Global

International

SIPA, Earth Institute, MSPH, regional institutes, etc., have operated all over the world for a long time.

Faculty research spans across the world.

Diverse international make-up of faculty and student body.

Global

Promotes the study and understanding of regions in a global context.

Recognizes the connections among different regions and across disciplines.

Addresses global issues and challenges in an interdisciplinary manner.

The network of Columbia Global Centers as an integral part of Global Columbia.
Columbia’s Approach

University-wide hubs

Across five continents

About research, education, and outreach

Engaging in a global dialogue

Part of an overall effort to globalize the University
The Columbia Global Centers provide regional platforms for the University to promote and facilitate the engagement of faculty, students, and alumni with the world, address global challenges, and advance knowledge and its exchange.
CGC Network

- Columbia University in the City of New York
- Paris
- Istanbul
- Beijing
- Mumbai
- Amman
- Nairobi
- Rio de Janeiro
- Santiago
Leadership

CGC | Europe (Paris)  
Director: Paul LeClerc

CGC | Turkey (Istanbul)  
Director: Ipek Cem Taha

CGC | Latin America (Santiago)  
Director: Karen Poniachik

CGC | Latin America (Rio de Janeiro)  
Director: Thomas Trebat

CGC | Middle East (Amman)  
Director: Safwan Masri

CGC | East Asia (Beijing)  
Director: Joan Kaufman

CGC | South Asia (Mumbai)  
Director: Nirupam Bajpai

CGC | Africa (Nairobi)  
Director: Belay Begashaw
Director: Safwan Masri  
Launch: March 2009  
Location: Amman, Jordan  
Facility: 45,000 square feet  
Staff: 28 employees  
Director: Nirupam Bajpai
Launch: March 2010
Location: Mumbai, India
Facility: 2,500 square feet
Staff: 10 employees
Director: Ipek Cem Taha
Launch: November 2011
Location: Istanbul, Turkey
Facility: 3,000 square feet
Staff: 5 employees
Director: Paul LeClerc
Launch: March 2010
Location: Paris, France
Facility: 23,000 square feet
Staff: 14 employees
Director: Belay Begashaw
Launch: January 2013
Location: Nairobi, Kenya
Office Size: 14,000 square feet
Staff: 35 employees
Director: Joan Kaufman
Launch: March 2009
Location: Beijing, China
Facility: 9,000 square feet
Staff: 8 employees
Current Foci: Public Health, Architecture, Undergraduates, Urbanization, Arts and Culture, Economics, International Affairs
Director: Karen Poniachik
Launch: March 2012
Location: Santiago, Chile
Facility: 400 square feet
Staff: 3 employees
Current Foci: International Affairs, Arts and Culture, Public Health, Sustainable Development, Education, Sciences, Undergraduates
Director: Thomas Trebat
Launch: March 2013
Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Facility: 2,500 square feet
Staff: 3 employees
Current Foci: Architecture, Urbanization, Education, Sciences, Law, International Affairs
VP for Global Centers: Safwan Masri
Executive Director for Finance and Administration: Xin Peng
Location: New York, USA
Facility: 1,700 square feet
Staff: 7 employees
### Faculty Funding Opportunities

| **The President’s Global Innovation Fund** | • Designed to provide support for individual or groups of faculty, who would like to use the facilities or resources of one or more of the global centers for teaching or research activities. *Application deadline: May 30th, 2013* |
| **INCITE** *(Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics)* | • Grants aim to provide global center and Columbia-based investigators with funding to develop innovative research proposals |
| **Global Liberal Arts Initiative** *(Mellon Foundation)* | • Grant commits Columbia to offer at least 15 courses abroad in humanities and humanistic social sciences over the next three years in partnership with Columbia Global Centers and/or institutions abroad |
CGC Pillars

Columbia Global Centers

- Research
- Programs
- Outreach
- Education
A research project, in partnership with the School of Social Work, to develop programs that promote the healthy growth and development of children who are victims of maltreatment, and youth who are in conflict with the law in Jordan.

A project in partnership with the Earth Institute, the United Nations Development Program and Millennium Promise to end extreme poverty and to meet the Millennium Development Goals in Sub-Saharan Africa.
A research project aiming to establish a think-tank to help China meet the challenges of urbanization

A cross-network collaborative research project addressing global inequality across four broad categories: access, location, social factors, and income
Amman - *Queen Rania Teacher Academy*

- Has reached more than 8,000 public school teachers in Jordan
- Has developed customized teacher training programs that promote values of tolerance and inclusion, in collaboration with Teachers College

Istanbul

- Working with Teachers College to develop a teacher academy in Turkey
- Partnership with Darussafaka modeled after QRTA partnership in Amman

Santiago

- Providing instructional leadership training and developing a technical assistance center at Diego Portales University

Rio de Janeiro

- Partnership with the Lemann Foundation - fellowships and training

*Provides teachers access to training, professional support, and the latest research on educational methods and policies*
**Capacity Building:** Trained over 380 development practitioners in Jordan

**Policy Support:** Developed a national poverty reduction strategy in Jordan

**Training Workshops:** “Tools and Strategies for Managing Public Health Programs in the Middle East” and “Nutrition in Emergencies”

**Research:** Impact of implementing the Family Health Teams (FHT) approach in refugee camp clinics in Amman, Ramallah, and Beirut

**Technical expertise:** MSPH faculty participate in local and regional conferences
Education

**Summer Ecosystems Experience for Undergraduates (SEE-U)**
- Amman
- Annual five-week program
- 15-20 students

**Summer Arabic Language Program**
- Amman
- Annual eight-week program
- 15-20 students

**Nairobi Undergraduate Program**
- Mpala and Sauri, Kenya
- 16-credit course on environment, ecology and ecosystems
- Students from Columbia, Princeton, and University of Nairobi
New York - Paris Program: The Shape of Two Cities

- New York and Paris
- Post-baccalaureate program in architecture
- Curriculum focuses on design issues and the urban history and theory of these two cities

Environmental Sustainability in the Middle East

- Tel Aviv and Amman
- Two-week field excursion exploring the intersection of environmental issues, conflict resolution, and peacemaking
- Earth Institute and the Porter School of Environmental Studies, Tel Aviv University
Education

Global Scholars Program Europe

- **Paris**
- Focus on inequality
- Blinken Institute

Global Scholars Program 2012

- **Beijing, Shanghai, and Mumbai**
- Focus on environment and urbanization
- Weatherhead Institute and South Asia Institute

Global Scholars Program 2013

- **Beijing and Santiago**
- Focus on “Pathways to Development”
- Institute of Latin American Studies and Weatherhead Institute
Outreach

Public speakers series

Roundtables and discussions

Alumni and admissions events

Conferences and symposia
Global Themes

- Freedom of Expression
- Universal Education
- Social Inequality
- Arts and Culture
- Financial Systems
- Sustainable Cities
Cross-Center Collaborations

- Global Freedom of Expression
- Women Creating Change
- Writers’ Festival
- Public Space Workshop
- Urban Futures 2030
Definition of Success

We witness a global intellectual transformation on campus

Our research truly has a global reach and a measured and recognized impact

Our graduating students are distinguished for their global perspective

Our alumni have a stronger connection with their alma mater

We have deeper access into international pools of prospective students

The global centers feature prominently in a prospective student’s decision to apply or enroll

Our ability to recruit the best faculty is enhanced by the presence of the global centers