Fall 2019. Africa.

Course Content: Overview of the continent. Learning about the land through geography, natural environment; People through their ethnicities, languages, religions & material cultures. History, government, political systems, economies, demographics, health & social systems, political tensions, alliances, & conflicts.

As always, there are important & interesting events past & present, personalities and issues which will be developed in more depth as relevant to the country/region & class interests.

Power Point presentations are created by the instructor for each country/region. Handouts include maps, news articles, background topics. Discussions & contributions among participants.

Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr’s DVD: Africa’s Great Civilizations, will be a supplemental audiovisual. AND, as always, music of local artists will start the morning.
Tentative Schedule

Week 1: Sept 17 - Introduction & Overview of African Continent.

Week 2: Sept 24 - Overview of the African Continent - Geography

Week 3: Oct 1 - Overview of the African Continent - Geography

Week 4: Oct 8 - Introduction to the People of Africa - DVD


Week 6: Oct 22 - African peoples - ethnicities, languages, culture,

Week 7: Oct 29 - African peoples - religion. DVD

Week 8: Nov 5 - Overview of History. Empires - DVD

Week 9: Nov 12 - History, continued

Week 10: Nov 19 - Conclusion of Session I on Africa.


Countries covered in the previous 5 years:

South Asia: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran.
Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, & Tajikistan.
Caucasus: Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, North Caucasus Region.
Central & Eastern Europe: Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, East Germany, Belarus, Moldova & Ukraine.
Russia: Russia.
Nordic & Baltic: Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania. (Iceland)
The Balkans: Greece, Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovakia.
South America: Perú, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil.
East Asia: Eastern Russia, Mongolia, China, Japan, Korea S & N, Taiwan.