

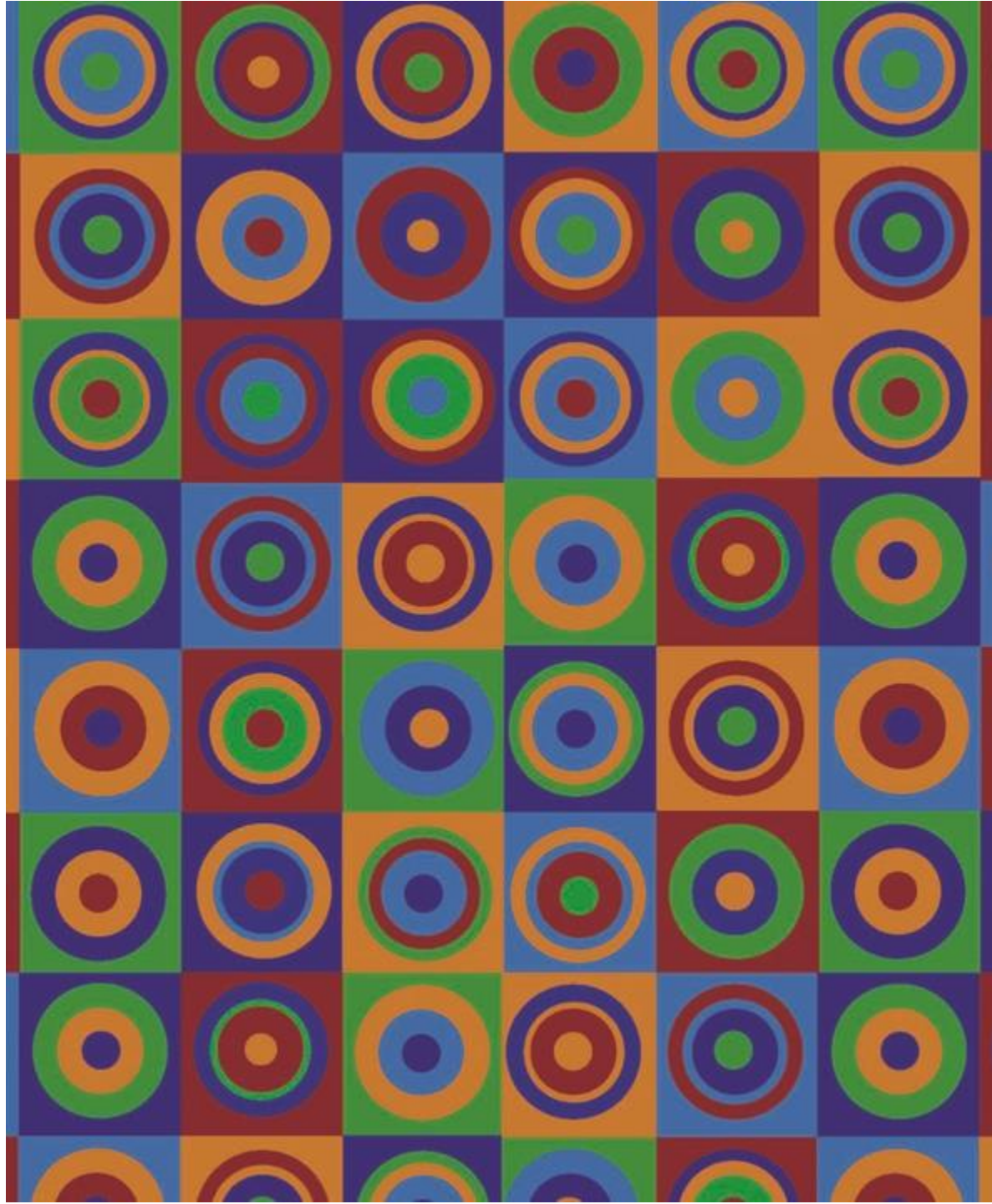


Wisconsin International Resource Consortium



Virtual Open House

November 19, 2025





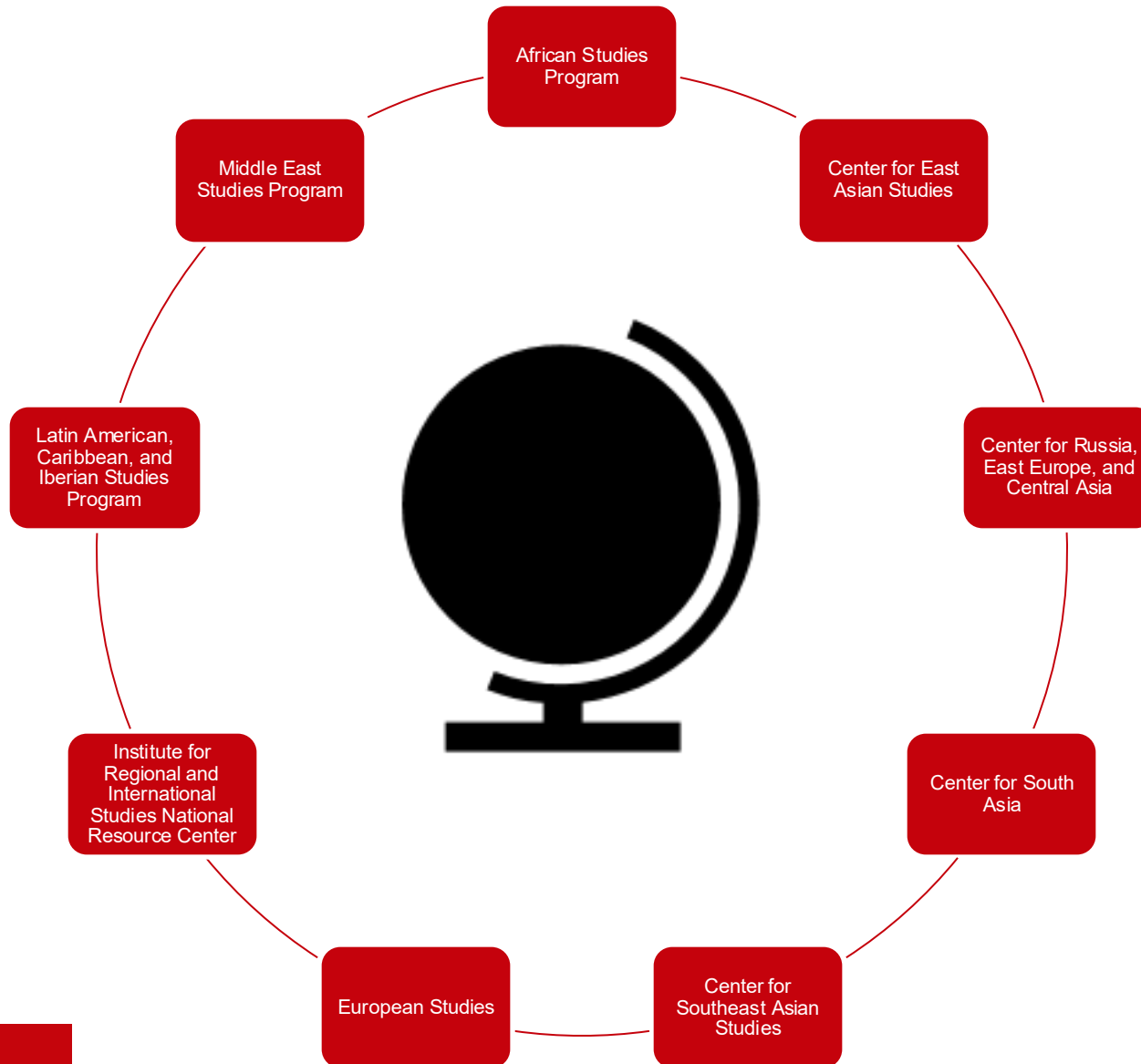
WIRC Mission

The Wisconsin International Resource Consortium (WIRC) is a collaboration among the nine UW-Madison Area Studies Centers with the mission to provide internationally themed outreach programming, resources, and support to K-14 teachers and students, Minority Serving Institutions (MSI), and community colleges.





Institute of Regional and International Studies





African Studies Program

- [Children's African Story Hour](#) which features award winning books from [CABA](#)
- [Discovery Boxes](#), curated thematic boxes that provides hands-on explorations about Africa in the classroom.
- [Outreach Scholars](#) help to enrich K-12 classrooms with their expertise on diverse topics related to Africa
- [Read Africa](#) donates latest African literature to public libraries across Wisconsin to help them expand their library collections.
- [Africa Talks](#), a monthly educational talk series in the community for the community

Check us out for more information:

<https://africa.wisc.edu/>

Contact us for your African related outreach request:

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Center for East Asian Studies

The Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS), founded in 1962, is a focal point for connecting with East Asia through the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dedicated to all aspects of research, education, and outreach related to China, Japan, and Korea, the center has over 70 faculty members with expertise across disciplines.

Connect with us via our website:

www.east.asia.wisc.edu

And check out our YouTube Channel, Facebook and Instagram pages: @uwceas





Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia



- Since 1994, CREECA has served as resource on Russia, Eastern and Central Europe, and Central Asia for [educators](#) and the [broader community](#)
- [Engaging Eurasia Teacher Fellowship](#)
- [The Arts of Eastern Europe and Eurasia: A Webinar Series for Educators](#)
- [Teaching on Russia's War in Ukraine](#)
- [Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute](#): Now open to rising high school juniors and seniors!
- 30+ affiliated faculty and graduate students available to speak to classes, participate in events
- [CREECA Lecture Series](#) and [Podcast](#)
- [Lending Library](#)



Center for South Asia



- [South Asia Book Award](#), sponsored by the South Asia National Outreach Consortium
- [Informational resources and lesson plans](#) on a variety of South Asia-related topics
- [Teacher Training Workshops](#) with archived resources, materials, and more
- [Discovery Boxes](#) focused on award-winning titles from the South Asia Book Awards
- [Film library](#) for lending or purchase (educator discount available!)
- [Teaching Forward Fellowships](#) for Wisconsin middle school educators





Center for Southeast Asian Studies



- The Center for Southeast Asian Studies, established in 1973, seeks to connect WI K-16 students and educators to the countries and cultures of Southeast Asia through:
 - Professional development workshops
 - Presentations and performances by our Outreach Ambassadors at your school or event
 - Presentations throughout the year featuring scholars, journalists, artists, and general experts on SEAsia
 - [Library collections](#) and [reading/video lists](#) on the region's [history](#), [culture](#), [people](#), and languages
 - Vast and rich [resources](#) on Hmong and Hmong-American culture, language & history
 - Aid in meeting Act 30 and Act 266 mandates
 - Opportunities to study a Southeast Asian language at [SEASSI](#), our summer language institute!



European Studies



Online resources "Bringing Europe into your Classroom" including:

- EU Simulations-*including the Chocolate Simulation*
- Featured articles and books every semester
- Quick access to European Union resources
- Links to popular shows and informative European podcasts and news
- Featured Library Exhibits

europe.wisc.edu



Institute for Regional and International Studies National Resource Center

LOCAL TO GLOBAL LEARNING WITH THE GLOBAL MADISON SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR



INSIDE SYRIA: Visual Storytelling and the Human Side of Conflict

with artist/reporter
George Butler

December 10 | 4-5 pm
Online



Sponsored by IRIS NRC and
the Middle East Studies Program



- Film & book clubs for K-12 educators (open to the public)
- Past events:
 - Teaching Migration Through Comics: Exploring Hakim's Odyssey
 - Supporting Refugee and Immigrant Youth in K-12 Classrooms
 - The Hmong Experience in Wisconsin, with author Pao Lor
 - Found in Translation: How language shapes our lives & transforms the world
- Curriculum and lesson plans
- Global Scholars Media Community
- Youtube Channel

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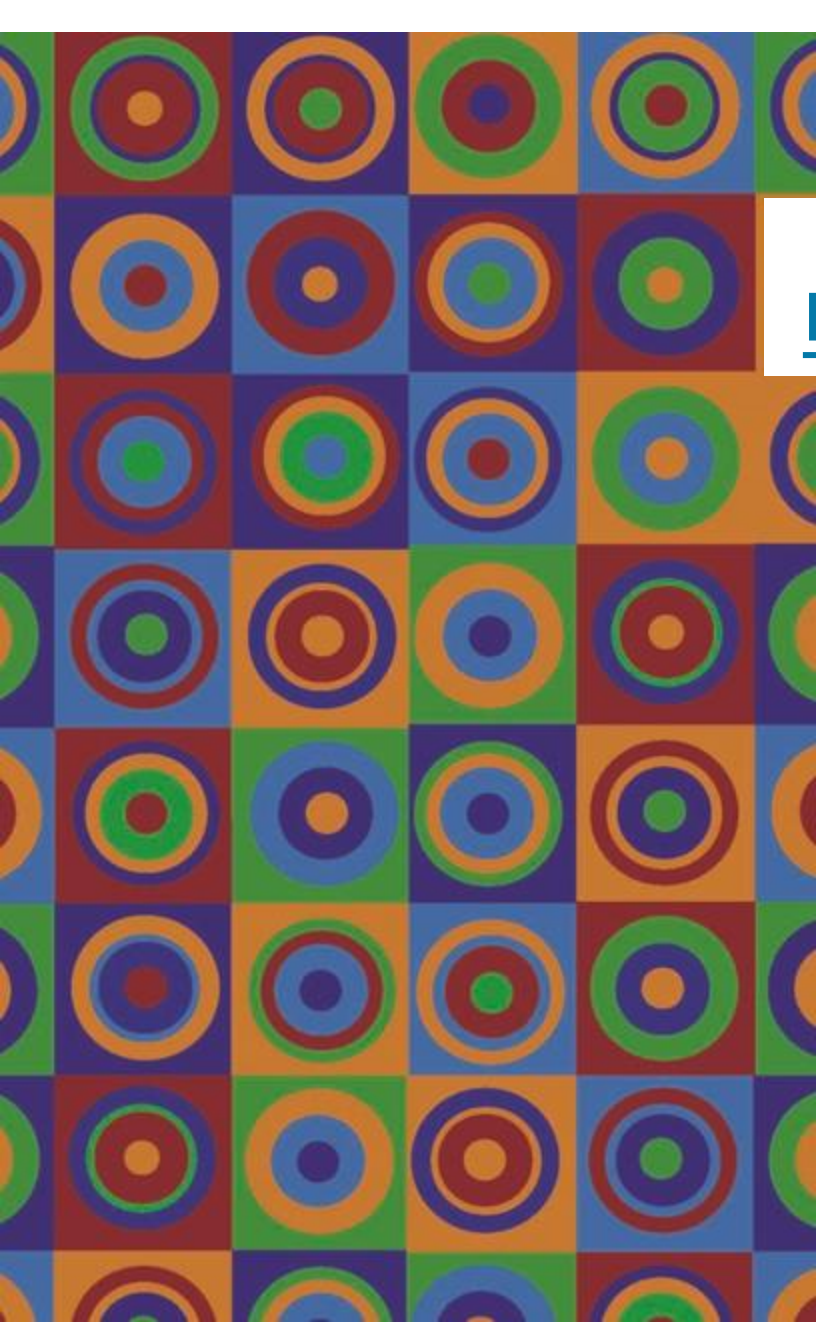


Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program (LACIS)



As a long-standing Title VI Resource Center, one of our primary missions is to provide outreach, support, and information to K-12 educators, librarians, government agencies, community partners, and business constituencies. *We offer:*

- A [weekly lecture series](#) which is live streamed and recorded.
- A [YouTube channel](#) containing over 420 recordings from 2010 to the present
- [Educator Travel Grants](#) through our partnership with GEEQ, Inc.
- Access to the [Ibero-American Studies Collection](#) at UW-Madison's Memorial Library including specialized tours
- Curated content and [online resources](#) including lesson plans, video recommendations, etc.
- An [annual, summer educator workshop](#) through our partnership with the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at UW-Milwaukee
- An [annual film festival](#) through our partnership with the Cinematheque @ UW-Madison which is free and open to the public
- [Classroom presentations](#) featuring authors, musicians, and content specialists, as well as our career talk: "High School...to College...to Career: Your Future in Latin American Studies."
- [LACIS-regionally themed storyhours](#) with local libraries



Middle East Studies Program



- We organize public library events with Children's International Story Hour
- We present Middle Eastern films throughout the year
- We organize a lecture series and an annual conference, free and open to the public
- Through our website we provide educational resources about the region's history, culture, and language
- For more information about our upcoming events and resources go to: **mideast.wisc.edu**



How WIRC Can Help



Are there parts of your curriculum would you like to expand?

Do you need books, book sets, a lesson plan, articles in a target language, a guest speaker?

How WIRC can help:

- Guest Speakers (in person, virtual, pre-recorded)
- Curriculum Development
- Professional Development Workshops
- WIRC Website Resources
- WIRC Member Website Resources



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Upcoming Events

- **WIRC Events**

- [Children's International Story Hour](#) (CISH) at Pinney Library
 - November 24 (Ukraine): *Threads: Zlata's Ukrainian Shirt*
 - December 8 (Egypt): *Zamzam*
 - December 15 (Malaysia): Malaysian Children's Favorite Stories
- Wisconsin Association of School Boards Convention: January 21-22, Milwaukee
- Wisconsin Conference for the Social Studies Conference: March 13-14, Madison
- [World Cinema Day](#): April 10 at The Barrymore Theatre in Madison *in collaboration with the Wisconsin Film Festival*
- Genocide Awareness Month: April tba
- Community College Workshop tba
- Global Learning Summit tba

- **Upcoming WIRC Member Events**

- November 19: [The Arts of Eastern Europe and Eurasia: A Webinar Series for Educators \(Russian Ballet\)](#)
- November 20: [Center for South Asia Fall Lecture Series 2025](#): Rikhil Bhavnani, "Musical Chairs: How Frequent Judge Transfers Shape Judicial Decision-Making in India"
- December 4: [Palestine on Screen: Stories of Survival and Resistance](#)
- December 4: [South Asia Book Award Meet the Author feat. Saadia Faruqi](#)
- December 4: [The Arts of Eastern Europe and Eurasia: A Webinar Series for Educators \(Musical Traditions\)](#)
- December 10: [Inside Syria: Visual Storytelling and the Human Side of Conflict](#)
- December tba: LACIS Bilingual, Holiday StoryHour at Sauk City Library: "Nochebuena" featuring a virtual visit by author [Karla Arenas Valenti](#)

[Other International Education Week Events](#)



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Thank you!

