

## Announcements

### Fall Application Deadlines

The deadline for AUS students to apply to study abroad in Fall 2016 is **December 5, 2015**. This is the **last chance** for students to apply for Fall 2016. After this point applications will only be open for Spring 2017.

### Happy 44th National Day!



We extend our best wishes to all nationals, residents and visitors to the United Arab Emirates on the occasion of UAE National Day.

Celebrated on December 2, UAE National Day marks the establishment of the United Arab Emirates in 1971, by the founding president Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan (may Allah bless his soul).

UAE National Day is celebrated across the country with elaborate parades, rallies and building decorations.

### AUS signs Agreement with University of California, Davis

On October 14, American University of Sharjah signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of California, Davis. The memorandum provides and supports a framework of collaboration in mutual areas of interest with regards to faculty and student research, faculty and student exchanges, institutional teaching and research and development programs.



Dr. Linda P.B. Katehi, Chancellor of the University of California, Davis, and Dr. Björn Kjerfve, Chancellor of AUS, signed the agreement.

### IXO Calendar

#### November 21

CIC-TEP Tuition Exchange Application  
Deadline

#### November 26

Thanksgiving Dinner

#### December 1

Martyrs' Day Celebrated

#### December 2

National Day

#### December 5

Fall 2016 Study Abroad Application  
Deadline

## Faculty Profile

### International Faculty Development Seminars



Over the summer, Dr. Pia Anderson (International Studies) attended the International Faculty Development Seminar in Germany and Poland.

Both Dr. Anderson and the seminar were sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). For more information on CIEE programs, please visit: [www.ciee.org/international-faculty-development-seminars/](http://www.ciee.org/international-faculty-development-seminars/).

The seminar focused on the role of historical memory in the identities in post-World War II and post-communist Poland and the former East Germany, as well as consciousness and relations of a new generation of Poles and Germans. Dr. Anderson enjoyed a variety of lectures, site visits, direct encounters and dialogues with the local people.

In Warsaw, the focus was placed on central institutions of memory and identity, including the Institute of National Remembrance. In Berlin, site visits included the Berlin Wall Memorial (a central place of remembrance of German division) and the Topography of Terror, which is the former headquarters of the SS and Gestapo.

The seminars resulted in Dr. Anderson connecting official and non-official memories of Germany and Poland to reflect how Germans and Poles perceive themselves as part of their national identities.

## Visiting Guests and Delegations

### Alianza Universidades

IXO recently hosted a high-level delegation from the organization "Alliance of 4 Spanish Universities (4 Alianza Universidades)."



Delegates with the Chancellor Kjerfve (middle right)

This alliance reflects a strategic partnership reinforcing the "Axis Madrid-Barcelona," which is one of the most intensive research and development groups in Europe. The delegates visited AUS to explore the possibility of collaboration and strategic partnerships between the Alliance and AUS.

## Events

### Language Exchange



AUS community members participating in a "Language Exchange" session

IXO has been hosting weekly "Language Exchange" sessions in the IXO lounge. These sessions are for study abroad students as well as AUS students and faculty to engage with one another in a variety of languages.

## Events

### How to Market your Study Abroad Experience

Studying abroad is an amazing experience, but how do we package all of the learning from a semester abroad and convey the benefit in a compelling way to potential employers? Linda McLaughlin (School of Business Administration Placement Director) spoke with IXO students about how to market their study abroad experience during a presentation on October 19. The students came away with ideas about how to best represent their experience to potential employers.



Linda McLaughlin presenting to IXO students

### Internship Opportunities

Studying abroad is not limited to only classroom learning at your host institution. While studying abroad you can also undertake an internship abroad. To outline the process and opportunities for interning abroad, Tanya Gibbs (School of Business Administration Internship Coordinator) gave a presentation on October 20 to our Fall 2015 incoming study abroad students. The presentation featured information on:

- opportunities available in the UAE
- process for application and placement
- interviewing techniques
- practicalities with interning in the UAE

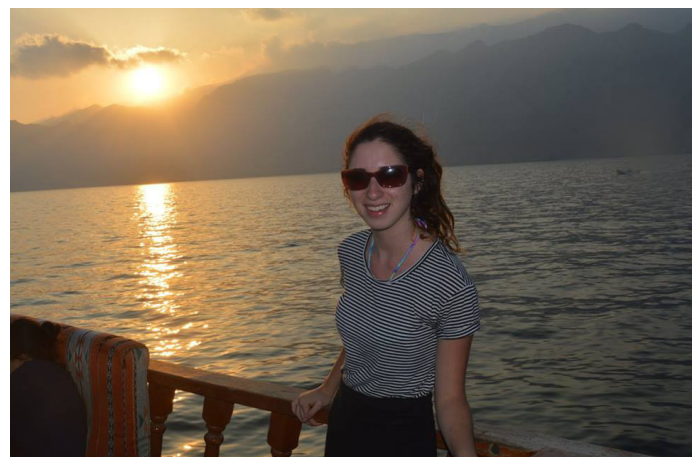
### IXO in Musandam

IXO recently hosted an excursion to the Musandam Peninsula in Oman. The students enjoyed a dhow cruise throughout the day.



Mohamed and Cyprian on the dhow, both visiting from the USA (left to right)

The cruise included lunch aboard the boat, banana boating, snorkelling and a tour throughout the various caves lining the coast in addition to cruising the coastline of the Northern Arabian Peninsula.



Sage (also visiting from the USA) aboard the dhow during sunset



## Events

### IXO Study Abroad Fair

IXO hosted a study abroad fair in the College of Arts and Sciences Chemistry Building to inform students that studying abroad is more feasible than they might have imagined.



Peer Advisors and AUS students

### Girls Rising



IXO hosted, in collaboration with CIEE, a screening of the *Girls Rising* movie, featuring stories of girls around the world, the challenges they face, and how education can transform their lives.

### Karaoke Night

IXO recently held a Karaoke Night for the Fall 2015 exchange students. With all the midterms and coursework piling up it was good to have a break!

