



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION & HARVARD: A WALKING TOUR

Harvard has an array of departments, institutes, and centers dedicated to the study and development of international issues. You will find a variety of internship, networking, and study spaces to develop your interest in international affairs and the ways it is tied to innovation, education, and social change

The Tour

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- (13) Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies**
- (14) Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations**



You can directly connect with the contact person listed at each organization. If you have general professional development questions, please contact the CSO at cso@gse.harvard.edu or 617-495-3427



1. Middle East Initiative

http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/project/64/middle_east_initiative.html?page_id=283

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“In October 1998, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) established the Middle East Initiative (MEI) in order to deepen and strengthen the Kennedy School's relationship with the peoples and institutions of the Middle East. Since that time MEI has launched a series of programs designed for political, civil service and business leaders from the region with the aim of strengthening good governance and seeking solutions to regional public policy problems. MEI also actively engages in community outreach to create a space for dynamic interaction around issues relating to the Middle East. In response to the pivotal and dynamic role of the region in our modern world, HKS is committed to expanding the programs of MEI and deepening its connection with the region.”

2. Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

<http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/about/>

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“The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs is the hub of Harvard Kennedy School's research, teaching, and training in international security and diplomacy, environmental and resource issues, and science and technology policy. The Center has a dual mission: (1) to provide leadership in advancing policy-relevant knowledge about the most important challenges of international security and other critical issues where science, technology, environmental policy, and international affairs intersect; and (2) to prepare future generations of leaders for these arenas.”

3. Center for International Development

<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/cid>

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“The Center for International Development (CID) at Harvard University is a university-wide center that works to advance the understanding of development challenges and offer viable solutions to problems of global poverty. The CID is Harvard's leading research hub focusing on resolving the dilemmas of public policy associated with generating stable, shared, and sustainable prosperity in developing countries. Our ongoing mission is to apply knowledge to and revolutionize the world of development practice.”



4. Harvard International Office

<http://www.hio.harvard.edu/>

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Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center, 1350 Massachusetts Ave

“The HIO is part of the University’s Central Administration and offers services to international students and scholars at Harvard College, the graduate and professional schools, as well as the numerous research centers and affiliated teaching hospitals, to minimize the difficulties they may experience both upon arrival and later during their stay at Harvard. HIO provides information on a wide range of topics, including immigration issues ([work permits](#), [travel](#)), financial questions, social and cultural differences, and [resources at Harvard](#) and in the community. International students are given the opportunity to participate in [Harvard's International Student Host Program](#), which connects them with Americans living in the Cambridge and Boston areas.”

5. Department of African and African American Studies

<http://aaas.fas.harvard.edu/>

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The Barker Center, 12 Quincy Ave, 2nd floor

“More than four decades ago Harvard University launched what is now the Department of African and African American Studies. We are dedicated to the passionate pursuit of one of the great and inspiring missions of human letters: bringing forward in full measure, the depth, richness, and complexity of the African and African American experience. In service of this ambition we offer courses and conduct research that explores the contributions, challenges, strivings, and achievements of those of African ancestry. This includes a vigorous and expansive engagement with all domains of life on the African continent as well as equal dedication to casting as much light as possible on the farthest reaches of the African diaspora and the movements, lives, and legacies of peoples of African ancestry around the globe.”

6. Harvard University Asia Center

<http://asiacenter.harvard.edu/>

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CGIS South, 1730 Cambridge Street, 1st floor

“Established July 1, 1997, the Harvard University Asia Center is a university-wide inter-faculty initiative with an underlying mission to project Harvard in Asia and Asia at Harvard. With this dynamic in mind, the Asia Center engages in a variety of scholarly and practical activities both at Harvard and in Asia to help strengthen the significance and understanding of East, Southeast, and South Asia. These activities include research and teaching, public seminars and conferences, focused workshops, publication of journals and monographs, internships, travel fellowships, film series, art exhibits, and more.”



7. Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies

<http://fairbank.fas.harvard.edu/>

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“The Fairbank Center exists to advance scholarship in all fields of Chinese studies at Harvard. We do this in many ways, sponsoring seminars and conferences, supporting faculty and student research, maintaining Harvard’s research library for contemporary China, hosting postdoctoral fellows, visiting scholars, and associates in research, and publishing new research. In addition, the Center works closely with the other international centers and institutes, and with the Harvard Center Shanghai, in particular to promote the study of global issues on campus and to expand Harvard’s global reach in mainland China, Taiwan, and the greater Sinophone world.”

8. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

<http://drclas.harvard.edu/>

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“The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University works to increase knowledge of the cultures, economies, histories, environment and contemporary affairs of Latin America; to foster cooperation and understanding among the peoples of the Americas; and to contribute to democracy, social progress and sustainable development throughout the hemisphere.”

9. Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies

<http://rijs.fas.harvard.edu/>

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“The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University supports research on Japan and provides a forum for related academic activities and the exchange of ideas. It seeks to stimulate scholarly and public interest in Japan and Japanese studies at Harvard and around the world.”

10. Center for African Studies

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

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“Center for African Studies (CAS) is the umbrella organization for all things Africa-related at Harvard University. In 2010, CAS became a National Resource Center for African Studies through the United States Department of Education. The Center serves as an intellectual hub, connecting students, faculty, and members of the wider Africanist community with shared interests through seminars, workshops and conferences throughout the academic year. CAS also funds research and travel in Africa through our grants and internships programs. For more information about the Committee’s activities, please visit our [events calendar](#).”



11. Harvard University South Asia Institute

<http://southasiainstitute.harvard.edu/>

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“The Harvard University South Asia Institute (SAI) engages faculty and students through interdisciplinary programs to advance and deepen the teaching and research on global issues relevant to South Asia. Founded in 2003 to further Harvard University’s engagement with South Asia, SAI is a university-wide research institute at Harvard that engages faculty members, students, and in region institutions through interdisciplinary programs to disseminate knowledge, build capacity, inform policy, and engage in advocacy on issues that are shaping South Asia today.”



12. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

<http://wcfia.harvard.edu/>

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“The Center for International Affairs was founded in 1958 and was renamed the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs in 1998 in gratitude for the magnificent endowment established by Albert and Celia Weatherhead and the Weatherhead Foundation. The Center was created as a means of confronting the world's condition, a condition diagnosed by Robert Bowie and Henry Kissinger in their gripping *The Program of the Center for International Affairs* (1958).”

The Weatherhead Center also has a Fellows Program. “The Fellows Program is the principal forum for the interaction of practitioners with the faculty, students, and visiting scholars of the Weatherhead Center. The program was inaugurated in 1958, simultaneously with the establishment of the Center itself, in the belief that the Center's research activities would benefit from the contributions of nonacademic professionals with broad practical experience in international affairs, and that the Center could broaden the practitioners' horizons and deepen their understanding of the contemporary issues in which they are professionally involved.”

- Opportunities for graduate studies: <http://wcfia.harvard.edu/funding/student/graduate>.
- There is a weekly calendar at the bottom right hand corner of the Center's home page.

13. Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies

<http://cmes.hmdc.harvard.edu/>

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“The Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES), founded in 1954, seeks to foster knowledge of Middle Eastern and Islamic societies and cultures worldwide, not only for its scholarly value but also for its potential in addressing the region's long-standing economic, political, and other challenges. In doing so, the Center supports faculty and student research that is of historical as well as contemporary significance, through support of outstanding instruction of undergraduate and graduate students in courses and workshops, and through the wider dissemination of this knowledge through outreach to K-16 educators and the public, and critical discussion of current issues with the international media.”

14. Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations

<http://ealc.fas.harvard.edu/>

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The department of East Asian languages and civilizations focuses on undergraduate and graduate work that is focused around the East Asian perspective. Students may be interested in the [First Fridays Lunch Talk Series](#).