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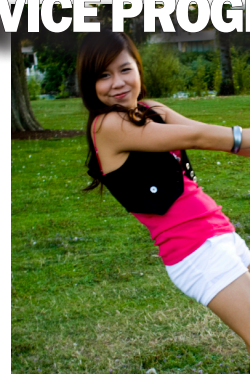


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THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL SERVICE PROGRAM

(ICSP) brings together a select group of University of Oregon international students to provide the Eugene-Springfield and surrounding communities with valuable cross-cultural exchange.

Students in this program each provide 80 hours per year of cultural and educational service to the community in return for scholarship assistance while studying at the university. ICSP students generally satisfy this service requirement by sharing their cultures with local school classes and community groups.

Since our beginning 25 years ago, we've found that involvement in the program has been mutually beneficial and rewarding for U.S. students, community members, and participating international students. Interaction with a person from another culture provides us with a unique learning experience as we discover new ideas, values, interests and problems different from and similar to our own.

The human aspect of culture, not usually found in textbooks or popular media, can be shared in a personal way.

ICSP students are multi-talented and enthusiastic, eager to share their cultures and themselves with U.S. audiences. All ICSP students are trained to make public presentations in local schools and community groups.

Are you ready to request an ICSP student for your school or organization? Inside are the names and countries of participating ICSP students and a brief overview of their talents and interests. We look forward to hearing from you!

To schedule a student, please contact the ICSP Coordinator at (541) 346-1333 or icsp@uoregon.edu

INVITING STUDENTS

GUIDELINES AND HELPFUL HINTS

Before the visit...

- 1. Contact the ICSP Coordinator.**
Learn more about our program by visiting icsp.uoregon.edu. Request a student by calling (541) 346-1333, e-mailing icsp@uoregon.edu or submitting an online request at <http://icsp.uoregon.edu>.
- 2. Plan ahead.** It usually takes at least two weeks from the time you make a request until an ICSP student visits your classroom or organization.
- 3. Arrange transportation.**
Requesters are responsible for arranging transportation for their visiting ICSP student. We suggest that you find a driver who will pick up and drop off the ICSP student. Please see page 4 for a map of our pick-up location.
- 4. Communicate.** Once the request has been made, the ICSP student will contact you. Communicate with the ICSP student in a timely manner to outline your expectations and avoid surprises during the visit. Confirm arrangements again as the visit gets closer.
- 5. Prepare your students or group members.** Encourage them to think and prepare questions for the ICSP student about their country and culture. You can download our students' factsheets on <http://icsp.uoregon.edu>, and distribute them as handouts to your group.

“These students bring a unique human element to world affairs. ICSP is a powerful resource for us to use in our teaching and it truly holds my students’ interest.”

*--- Teacher,
Springfield, Oregon*

INVITING STUDENTS

GUIDELINES AND HELPFUL HINTS

During the visit...

1. **Introduce the ICSP student** to your students, teachers, administrators and organizational leaders. Some requesters arrange lunch for the ICSP student, introducing him/her to others
2. **Provide an appropriate setting** for the presentation. Have the necessary equipment ready and in working order if the ICSP student is going to show slides or play music.
3. **While the ICSP student is speaking**, give your full attention and encourage your students or group members to do the same. In a school setting, teachers are expected to remain in their classrooms to maintain order and assist in facilitating any questions that might arise.

After the visit...

1. **Provide feedback.** The ICSP coordinator will send you a link to an online feedback form. We value your comments and they will help us improve for the future.
2. **Request an ICSP student again** and spread the word. Encourage others to invite an ICSP student.

We are here to help! We want the experience to be valuable and positive for all of our students and requesters. If at any time in the process you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the ICSP coordinator.

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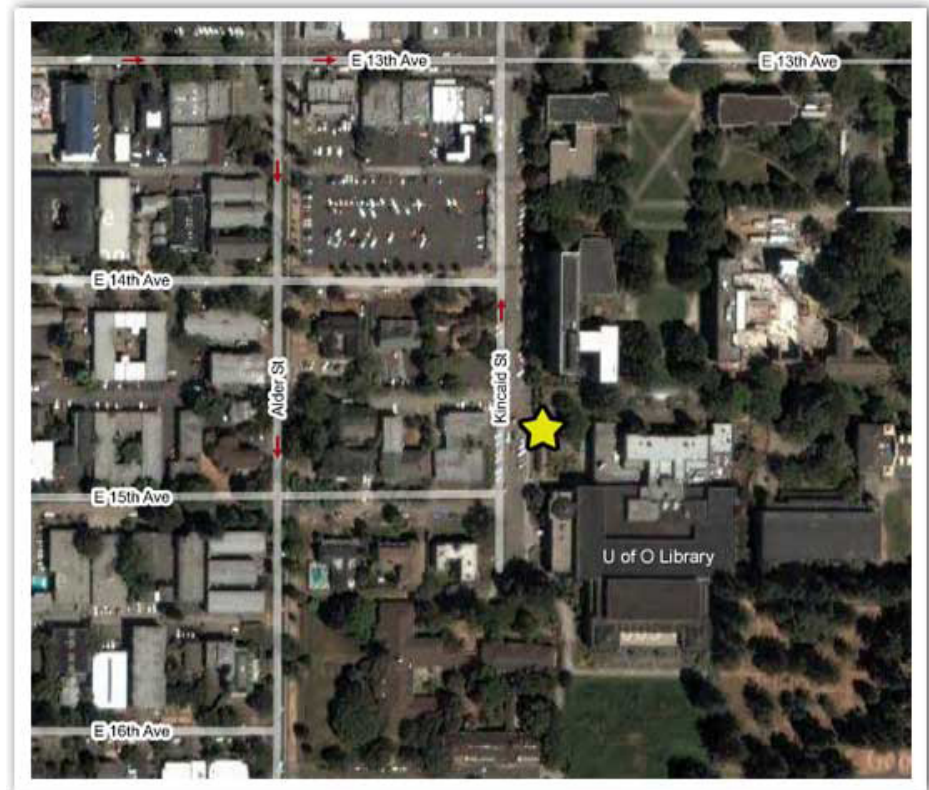
Note about dates...

ICSP students are not available to give presentations on the following dates:

- **Thanksgiving vacation, November 26-27**
- **Final exams and winter vacation, December 7 - January 3**
- **Final exams and spring break, March 15-28**
- **Final Exams, June 8-12**
- **Summer vacation, June 12-September 29**

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Classroom teachers and requesters are responsible for arranging transportation for their visiting ICSP international students. We suggest that you find a volunteer driver who will pick up and return the student. To avoid confusion, please pick-up and drop-off students at 15th and Kincaid (by the brick archway of the University Knight Library.)



STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES BY REGION

AFRICA



FUN FACTS

1. The **Nile** is the longest river in the world, flowing through **Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan** and **Egypt**.
2. **Lake Malawi** in southern Africa is home to around 500 different types of fish. That's more than anywhere else in the world!
3. Only three countries in the world are bigger than the **Sahara Desert** -- **Russia, Canada** and **China**. The **Kalahari Desert** in southern Africa covers an area larger than **France**.
4. **Nigeria** is the most populated country in Africa with an estimated population of 125-145 million people.
5. There are over **2000 languages** spoken throughout the continent of Africa.

Mahama "Samir" Bandaogo



Owagadougou,
BURKINA FASO

Major: Economics/
Mathematics,
Undergraduate

Languages: French,
Moore, Dioula, Bissa,
English

Areas of interest: Dancing, drums,
cooking, sports, education and health
issues in Burkina Faso

Kenneth "Kofi" Saxton Ebakyea



Takoradi,
GHANA &
COTE D'IVOIRE

Major: Accounting,
Undergraduate
Languages: Nzima,
Twi, Fante, Aowin,
English, French

Areas of interest: Storytelling, singing,
drums, history of Ghana and Cote
d'Ivoire, traditional family systems,
festivals, the Ashanti kingdom

Benson Lekishon Ntiwas



Kilgoris,
KENYA

Major: Economics/
Business,
Undergraduate

Languages:
English, Swahili

Areas of interest: Artwork, crafts,
business and politics, Maasai
Culture, sports and education in
Kenya, important cultural differences
between Kenyans and Americans

Mireille Makambo



Kinshasa,
Democratic
Republic of the
CONGO

Major: Public Policy,
Graduate

Languages: French,
Lingala, English

Areas of interest: Artwork, singing,
educational system, politics, and family
traditions of the Congo

Chiedza Chikawa



Harare,
ZIMBABWE

Major: Accounting,
Undergraduate

Language: Shona,
English

Areas of interest: Food traditions,
family events, traditional music,
dancing, games of Zimbabwe

Lucas Nkola Zotegouon



Yaunde,
CAMEROON

Major: Business
Administration,
Undergraduate

Languages:
English, French,
Bansoa

Areas of interest: Health care, wedding
customs, life in villages, dancing, singing,
cooking, circulation of money in Cameroon

Cleopatra Mapfumo



Harare,
ZIMBABWE

Major: Business
Administration,
Undergraduate

Languages: Shona,
English

Areas of interest: Cooking, singing, games,
marriage traditions, dancing, history and
politics of Zimbabwe

Blessing Abbah



Ofante,
NIGERIA

Major: Education,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Hausa, Yandang,
English

Areas of interest: Traditional marriage
ceremonies and way of cooking

Alula Alemu



Addis Ababa,
ETHIOPIA

Major:
International
Studies, Graduate

Languages:
Amharic, English

Areas of interest: History of Ethiopia and
Eritrea, festivals and holidays, Adwa victory,
politics and archaeology in Ethiopia

Lenana Faraj



Nairobi,
KENYA

Major: Political
Science,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Swahili, English

Areas of interest: Lifestyles of rural/
urban youth, early girl-child marriage,
poverty, diseases, politics, tourism, wildlife,
singing, media, religion, Maasai tribe



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FUN FACTS

1. Asia's western most point is **Cape Baba** in **Northwestern Turkey**.
2. Asia's eastern most point is **Cape Chelyuskin** in **Siberia**.
3. Asia is home to the highest (**Mount Everest, 8,848m**) and lowest (**Dead Sea, -395m**) points on Earth.
4. The **Gobi Desert** of **Mongolia**, the world's **second largest desert**, is the place where **fossilized dinosaur** remains were found in **1920s**, along with the first dinosaur eggs.
5. Indonesia spreads over "**Ring of Fire**," situated in Western Pacific. It has over **400 active volcanoes** and has over **3 earthquakes** per day.

Feruz Ashirova



**Tashkent,
UZBEKISTAN**

Major: Business
Administration,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Uzbek, Russian,
English

Areas of interest: Culture, holidays,
cooking, children's stories and games,
dancing, lifestyle of Uzbekistan

Stephanie Boedhi Tjahjono



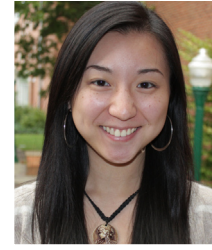
**Jakarta,
INDONESIA**

Major: Accounting,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Indonesian, English

Areas of interest: Cooking, dancing,
Chinese-Indonesian history and
people's experiences, politics, economy,
instruments, "hot topics" in Indonesia

Chuen-Hsien (Sunshine) Chao



TAIWAN

Major: Business
& International
Studies,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Mandarin, English

Areas of interest: Superstitions, artwork,
festivals, natural disasters, Chinese
language, street photos of Taiwan

Tashi Choden



Thimpu, BHUTAN

Major: Public
Administration,
Graduate

Languages:
Dzongkha, English,
Hindi and Nepali

Areas of interest: Bhutanese politics,
Gross National Happiness, culture and
tradition

Titu Datta



**Sylhet,
BANGLADESH**

Major:
Accounting,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Bangla, Hindi,
English

Areas of interest: Respect towards
parents and teachers, marriage, singing,
instruments, sports, storytelling

Fangdian Du



**Changsha,
CHINA**

Major: Economics /
International Studies,
Undergraduate

Languages: Chinese,
English, German

Areas of interest: Chinese history,
literature, and economics, food, music,
movies, and games, playing the piano, "hot
topics" in China

Bolormaa Enkhbat



**Ulaanbaatar,
MONGOLIA**

Major:
Environmental
Studies,
Undergraduate
Languages:
Mongolian, English

Areas of interest: Dancing, storytelling
and poetry reading, traditional clothing,
nomadic lifestyle, Mongolian history

Charmaine Gaa



**Romblon,
PHILIPPINES**

Major: Early
Intervention,
Graduate
Languages:
Cebuano(Bisaya),
Tagalog, English

Areas of interest: Children's games,
diversity, family ties and cohesiveness,
colonization, beautiful natural resources,
singing

Fan Jiang



**Shenzhen,
CHINA**

Major:
Psychology,
Undergraduate
Languages:
English, Mandarin,
Cantonese

Areas of interest: Chinese characters,
cooking, school life, Feng Shui, Tibet's past
and present (from travel experience)

Rupa Malakar



**Lalitpur,
NEPAL**

Major:
Accounting,
Undergraduate
Languages:
Nepali, English

Areas of interest: Dances, food, games,
storytelling, culture and diversity

Phuong Hong Vo



**Can Tho,
VIETNAM**

Major: Business
Marketing,
Undergraduate
Languages:
Vietnamese,
English

Areas of interest: Heritage sites in
Vietnam, food, Ao Dai (traditional dress of
Vietnam)

Nguyet Nguyen



**Hanoi,
VIETNAM**

Major: Journalism,
Graduate
Languages:
Vietnamese,
English

Areas of interest: Singing, geography,
customs and traditional costumes, the
environment and gender equality

Shivangi Ramachandran



New Delhi,
INDIA

Major: Mass
Communication,
Undergraduate

Languages:
English, Hindi,
Malayalam

Areas of interest: Indian classical
music, guitar, bongo and drum playing,
family traditions and history of India,
'Globalization and India'



Ratana Suon



CAMBODIA

Major: Landscape
Architecture,
Graduate

Languages:
Cambodian,
English

Areas of interest: Ritual and lifestyle,
music and singing, dancing, cooking

Rochelle Bargo



THE
PHILIPPINES/
HONG KONG

Major: Electronic
Media Journalism,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Tagalog, English

Areas of interest: Filipino traditional
dances, tourist attractions in Hong Kong,
children's stories

Isabelle Techawatanasuk



SINGAPORE

Major: Pre-
Business,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Mandarin, English,
basic French

Areas of interest: History, society,
multiculturalism, Malay, Indian and
Chinese traditional songs, dances and
costumes, education system and media

Aigerim Tulepbergenova



**Almaty,
KAZAKHSTAN**
Major: Business
Administration,
Undergraduate
Languages:
Russian, Kazakh,
English, basic
French and Spanish

Areas of interest: Economy, history,
current development, culture and
traditions, dancing

Yoon Soo Nam



**Seoul,
SOUTH KOREA**
Major: Business,
Undergraduate
Languages:
Korean, English,
Japanese

Areas of interest: 'Old Customs in
Modern Korea,' 'US-Korea Comparison,'
violin and saxophone playing, taekwondo

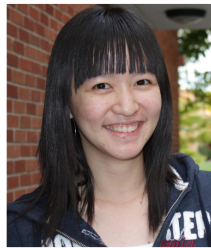
Shanyou Wang



**Chongqing,
CHINA**
Major:
Accounting,
Undergraduate
Languages:
English, Mandarin

Areas of interest: Traditional Chinese
foods, clothing and music, playing a
traditional Chinese flute called Hulusi

Pattarin Wattanakasaem



**Bangkok,
THAILAND**
Major: Public
Administration,
Graduate
Languages: Thai,
English

Areas of interest: Thai culture and
language, traditional food, festivals,
traveling, Thai traditional dance, poetry

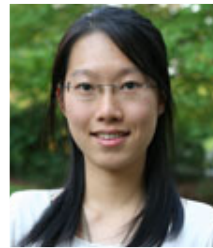
Hua Jun Yin



**Guangzhou,
CHINA**
Major:
Biochemistry,
Undergraduate
Languages:
Mandarin,
Cantonese, Hubei
dialects, English

Areas of interest: Dancing, singing,
cooking, storytelling, poems, martial arts
(Qi Gong), and Chinese medicine

Xuanyao Zhu



**Zhuhai,
CHINA**
Major: Sociology,
Undergraduate
Languages:
Mandarin,
Cantonese,
Spanish, English

Areas of interest: Traditional piano music,
Chinese calligraphy, watercolor painting,
Origami, Chinese nursery rhymes and
myths, dancing

STUDENT BIOGRAPHIES BY REGION

OCEANIA



Fun Facts

1. **Oceania** is the **smallest continent** by size and the second smallest in terms of population.
2. Much of Oceania's land mass is **desert**, but there are also very lush areas.
3. Oceania has very **unique animal life** for such a small continent. Some examples are the **Koala Bear** (a marsupial), the **platypus**, and the **Kangaroo**.

Jacob West



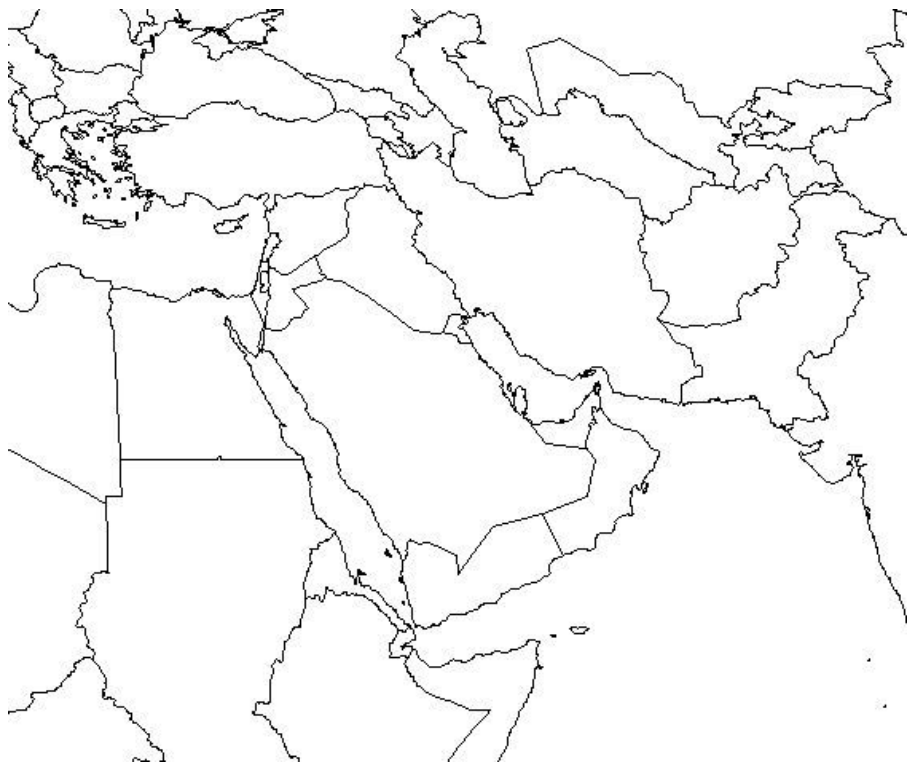
**Lower Hutt,
NEW ZEALAND**

Major: Journalism,
Undergraduate

Languages:
English

Areas of interest: Sports, Maori Culture,
'A Day in the Life of a Kiwi', current events
and pop culture in New Zealand

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Fun Facts

1. Israel is the only **liberal democracy** in the Middle East.
2. **Arabs** are part of an ethnic group, not a religion. Arabs were around long before Islam, and there have been **Arab Christians** and **Arab Jews**.
3. People from Iran are also known as **Persians**, and they are not Arabs.
4. **Lebanon** is the only country in the Middle East that does not have a **desert**.
5. The part of **Turkey** in Europe is called '**Thrace**', while the part in Asia is called '**Anatolia**'.
6. There are approximately **9,000** species of **flowers** in Turkey, of which **3,000** are native.

Awab Al-Rawe



Baghdad, IRAQ
Major: International Studies, Undergraduate
Languages: Arabic, English, Spanish

Areas of interest: Ancient and contemporary history, effects of 2003 war (before and after), issues living as a refugee, the Iraq student project, life in Iraq and Syria, traditions

Ariel Lissman



Holon, ISRAEL
Major: Public Administration, Graduate
Languages: Hebrew, English

Areas of interest: Multiculturalism, social and civic solidarity, leadership, politics, folk cultures, youth development, community services, military service, volunteering

Shaista Rashid



Bahawalpur, PAKISTAN
Major: Linguistics, Graduate
Languages: Punjabi, Urdu, Pakistani, English

Areas of interest: Joint family system, women's roles in society and at home, cooking, sports, crafts

Gokhan Yildirim



Alanya, TURKEY
Major: Computer and Information Science, Undergraduate
Languages: Turkish, English

Areas of interest: Turks' background, Eastern and Western cultural traditions, history, music, arts, lifestyle, soccer, modern Turkey



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Fun Facts

1. **Romario Souza** is best known as the man who scored the **winning goal** for **Brazil** in the **FIFA World Championship in 1994**.
2. **Venezuela** adopted its **own time zone** in 2007. The time the country adheres to is 4.5 hours behind GMT.
3. **Costa Rica** has no military. It was abolished in **1949**.
4. It was not legal to obtain a divorce in **Chile** until **2004**.
5. A new constitution approved by **Ecuador** grants rights to nature, saying it *“has the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles, structure, functions and its processes in evolution.”*
6. Presidents in **Mexico** are limited to one **six-year term**. There is no vice president.
7. **Merengue** music comes from the **Dominican Republic**.

Alexander Diaz



COLOMBIA

Major: Business Administration, Undergraduate

Languages: Spanish, English, conversational Japanese

Areas of interest: Dances, indigenous cultures, history, social/economic issues, geography and resource distribution, traditional sports, myths and games

Rossmarquez Marquez



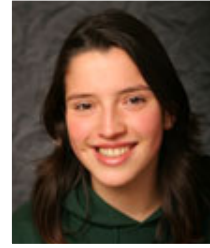
Valencia, VENEZUELA

Major: Biology, Undergraduate

Languages: Spanish, English, French

Areas of interest: Education, government, religion, politics, traditional games, cultural differences, food

Lucia Seminario



Lima, PERU

Major: Pre-Education, Undergraduate

Languages: Spanish, English

Areas of interest: Sports, music, travel, traditions, history, children's games

Kelly Tavares



Rio de Janeiro, BRAZIL

Major: Visual Arts: Community Arts Management, Graduate

Languages: Portuguese, English

Areas of interest: Brazilian art, music, folklore, dancing, cooking, socio-economic issues



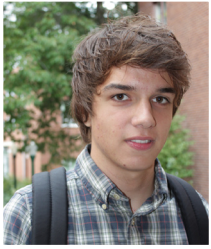
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Fun Facts

1. The **Vatican City** is the smallest state in Europe despite being in the center of Rome, Italy. The population is under **1000**.
2. Europe has many large cities including **London**, but **Paris** is the largest with over **10 million in population**.
3. The **climate** of Europe is very different depending on location. Many of the **Scandinavian countries** experience freezing winters with temperatures well below zero, while other countries such as **Malta** and **southern Spain** enjoy very mild winters.
4. Many countries have adopted the Euro currency; however, the United Kingdom still uses the British pound.
5. The famous children's story, **Pinocchio**, was written by an **Italian**.
6. A quarter of the **Netherlands** is below sea level.

Jelle Barkema



**Tilburg,
THE
NETHERLANDS**

Major: Political
Science,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Dutch, English

Areas of interest: Politics (Dutch
tolerance), habits, languages, history, sports

Weronika Budak



**Jaworzno,
POLAND**

Major:
Journalism and
Communication,
Undergraduate

Languages: Polish,
German, English

Areas of interest: Storytelling, sports,
games, traditions and customs of Poland,
'Poland: Old and New'

Anne Leverdier



Paris, FRANCE

Major: Public
Relations,
Undergraduate

Languages:
French, English,
Spanish

Areas of interest: Education system,
politics, traditions, sports, health care
system, World War II, diversity in France

Joseph Osei Aborah



**Amsterdam,
THE
NETHERLANDS**

Major: Pre-Business
Administration,
Undergraduate

Languages: Dutch,
English, Twi

Areas of interest: People who live in the
Netherlands, multiculturalism, day-to-day
life, sports

Slavko Pesic



**Herceg Novi,
MONTENEGRO**

Major: Computer
Information
Science,
Undergraduate

Languages:
Serbo-Croatian/
Bosnian, English

Areas of interest: Sports, architecture,
politics, economy and education of
Montenegro

Susanne Scheiblhofner



**Linz & Vienna,
AUSTRIA**

Major: Music
History, Graduate

Languages:
English, German

Areas of interest: Music, dance, cooking,
history, culture, and current affairs in
Austria

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