

INSTITUTE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

OVERVIEW

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Institute for Regional and International Studies National Resource Center (IRIS NRC) at UW-Madison is a leading center for international studies education. The center supports and enhances global awareness by providing resources and expertise to K-12 and post-secondary educators, students, and the community at large. Working in collaboration with campus, national, and international partners, IRIS NRC strives to put the Wisconsin Idea into action.

TEACHING & CURRICULUM

Summer language institutes *IRIS NRC partners with the Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Language Institute (MEDLI) offering intensive Arabic, Persian, Turkish, and Hebrew programs.*

Visiting practitioners *The visiting practitioner program brings international experts to campus to enrich classroom experiences and cultivate a deeper understanding of global issues.*

Course development *IRIS NRC supports faculty and instructional staff to develop new courses in area and international studies, such as "International Studies 603: History, Memory, and Representation."*

Curriculum resources *IRIS NRC offers resources, lesson plans, and SDG curriculum to support educators in integrating global issues into their teaching.*

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

IRIS NRC fosters student engagement and global awareness through student opportunities:

-  **Scholarships and fellowships:** Offering funding for undergraduate research and study abroad through programs like the Pulitzer Center Reporting Fellowship.
-  **Journal of Undergraduate International Studies (JUIS):** IRIS NRC is the home of JUIS, a student-run national journal publishing undergraduate research on international topics.
-  **Career development:** Providing career guidance through their Career Bootcamp Series and supporting student participation in international internships and research opportunities.

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OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

IRIS NRC's reach extends to the wider community, offering a variety of outreach programs. These initiatives engage audiences both locally and internationally, enriching learning experiences and promoting intercultural connections.



Local: *IRIS NRC partners with organizations like the Pulitzer Center Campus Consortium to bring renowned journalists and experts to campus for the Global Speaker Series, sparking thought-provoking discussions on pressing global issues. Additionally, they facilitate global film and book clubs for educators, fostering a collaborative learning environment and enhancing their ability to integrate global perspectives into their curriculum.*



Statewide: *IRIS NRC's impact extends beyond the UW campus, reaching educators and students across Wisconsin. Through the Global Libraries Grant, they provide diverse book bundles on international topics to school libraries, inspiring curiosity and global awareness among young learners. They also partner with the Department of Public Instruction on policy advocacy initiatives such as internationalizing Wisconsin's Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards.*



International: *IRIS NRC offers free, virtual book and film clubs every other month for K-12 educators and the general public. Attracting attendees from all over the world, these clubs focus on international content and feature an expert-led discussion on a selected book or film.*

SIGNATURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ▶ *Global Dialogues Speaker Series*
- ▶ *Virtual film club*
- ▶ *K-12 workshops*
- ▶ *Virtual book club*



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