Study abroad as a path to equity and justice

“Simple exchanges can break down walls between us, for when people come together and speak to one another and share a common experience, then their common humanity is revealed.

We are reminded that we're joined together by our pursuit of a life that's productive and purposeful, and when that happens mistrust begins to fade and our smaller differences no longer overshadow the things that we share. And that's where progress begins.” Barack Obama
Introductions

Why do you want to study abroad?

What concerns do you have about studying abroad?
Language, Culture & Child Development in

EDS 115 Cognitive Development & Education
EDS 117 Language, Culture & Education (DEI)

Global Seminar Summer Session I 2017

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Culture, Language & Child Development in Ecuador

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EDS 117 Language, Culture, & Education

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Summer Session I
Components of the program

• Seminar style course: Group discussions, student led discussions, collaborative projects

• Ethnographic & Participant Research:
  o Naturalistic Observations
  o Investigative Interviews
  o Linking Readings to lived experiences
  o Investigating a local topic related to education, social justice, & development

• Connecting with local education policy & practice

• Minga: A collaborative work system that dates back to the Incase. It refers to the commitment, contract, or work agreement between two or more people. Community work when help is needed. Mingas also usually include a feast to celebrate the collaboration and hard work.
In Ecuador, We will study in:

- Quito
- OtAvalo Highlands
- Amazon Rainforest
Quito: Home Base

- Home Stays with local families
- Study Center with Classrooms, WiFi, Program Staff
- Active Urban City
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Many first world modern comforts
- Old World History, Culture & Charm
- Eternal Spring weather
- Beautiful landscape, surrounded by volcanoes
- Easy home base for personal travel
Andean Highlands: Imbabura Province

- Homestay in an Indigenous community
- Visit Quechua/Spanish school
- “Minga” with local community
- Textile and artisanal market place
- Natural medicine
- Participation in Cultural Dance & Music
- Presentation
- Connecting with local students
Tena & Muyuna: Amazon Region

- Minga with local indigenous school community: Teachers, Students, Families, Community leaders
- Stay in an Eco-lodge
- Link course content to local context
- Learn Quechua
- Make a difference for a school community
- Visit the world's largest rainforest
La Minga: Escuela Emelio Cceco
Yupaychani!
Muchas Gracias!
Thank you!