

Language, Culture & Child Development in



EDS 115 Cognitive Development & Education
EDS 111 Child, Family, Community

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Ama La Vida: A Celebration of Diversity



- Cultural diversity
- Linguistic diversity (10 native languages)
- Living history
- Bio-diversity
- Geographic diversity
- Gastrodiversity
- Adventure travel
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Components of the program

- Courses:
 - EDS 115 Cognitive Development in Education (ECE Focus in EDS minor)
 - EDS 111 Child Family Community (ECE Focus in EDS minor)
 - Seminar style courses: Group discussions, student led discussions, collaborative projects, focus on culture nature of development within diverse contexts
- Ethnographic & Participant Research:
 - Naturalistic Observations
 - Investigative Interviews
 - Linking Readings to lived experiences
 - Investigating a local topic related to education, social justice, & development
- Connecting with local education policy & practice
 - Visits to local schools
 - Guest lecture from local experts in practice and policy
 - Applied projects to inform local practice
- Community Engaged: **La Minga**
 - Satisfies Community Service Practicum for 6th college
 - A collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas.
 - Community members volunteer their time, effort, and sometimes funds to achieve a shared goal for the betterment of the community (for example, building a home, harvesting food or repairing roads).
 - Mingas also usually include a feast to celebrate the collaboration and hard work.●

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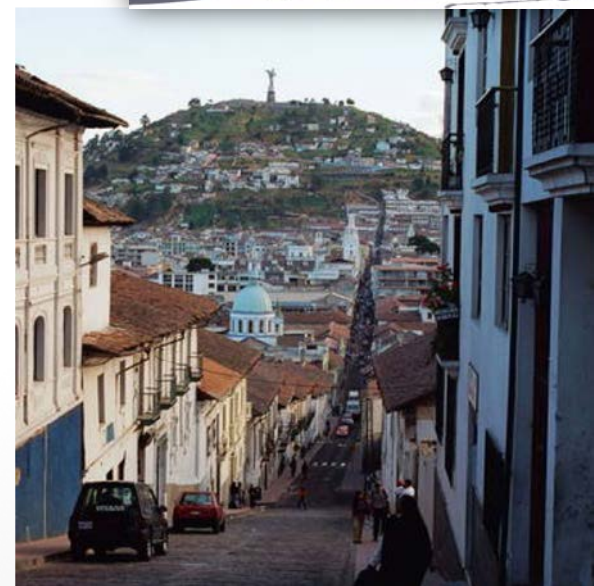
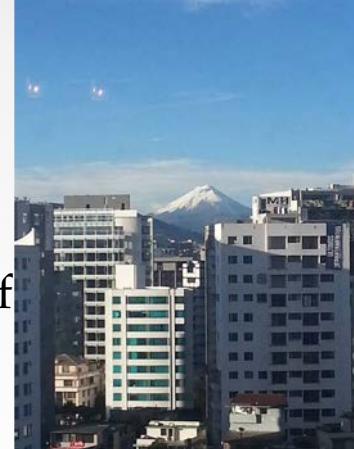
QUITO

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HIGHLANDS



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



La Minga: Comunidad de San Clemente



Amazon Region: Napó Province



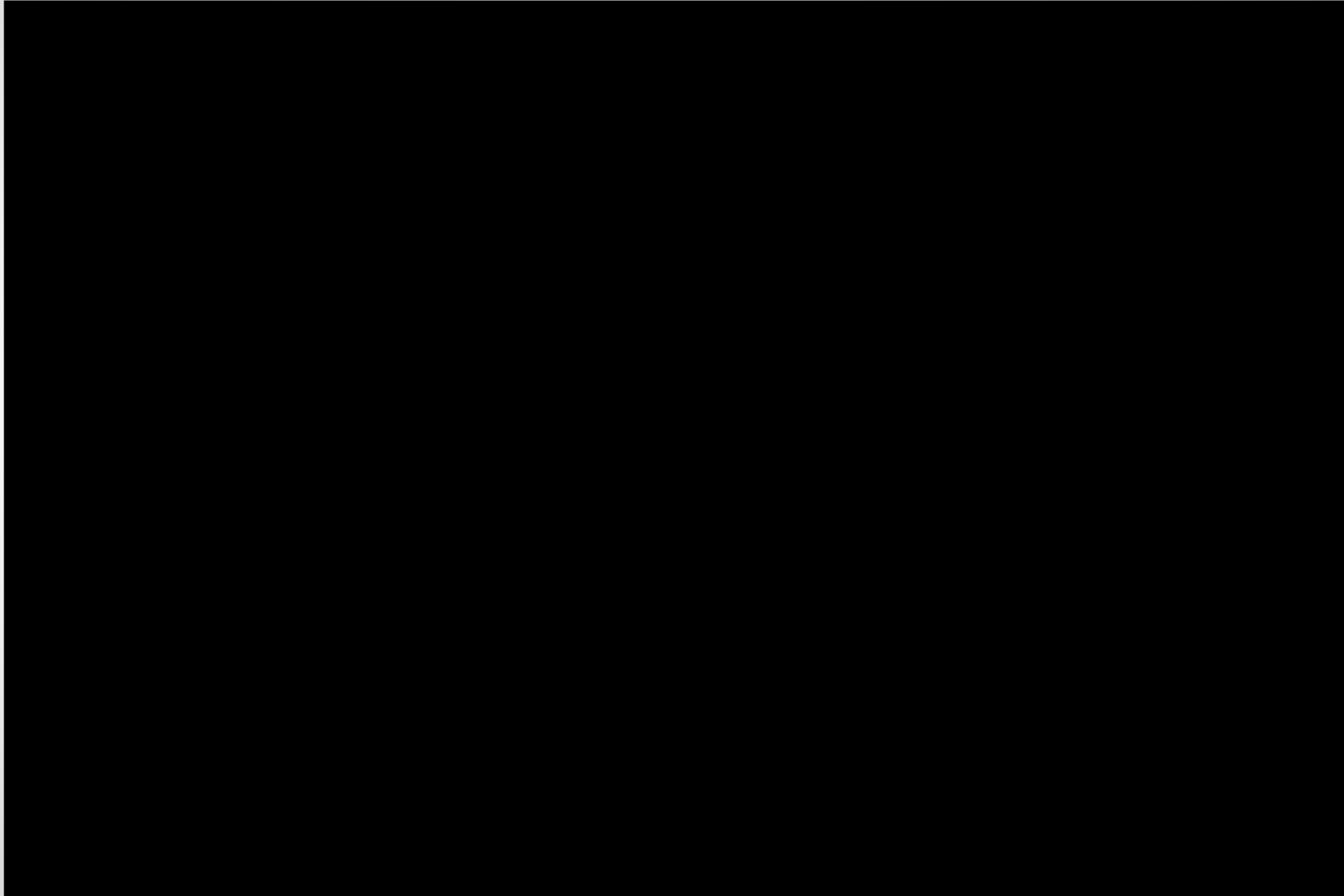
- Minga with local indigenous school community: Teachers, Students, Families, Community leaders
- Stay in an Eco-lodge
- Link course content to local context
- Learn Quechua
- Make a difference for a school community
- Visit the world's largest rainforest



La Minga: Escuela Emelio Cceco



Cuentos de Ecuador



Yupaychani!
Muchas Gracias!
Thank you!



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