



**THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTERS: A  
RESOURCE FOR AMERICAN SCHOLARS**



## WHO IS CAORC?

- ✦ (CAORC) is a private not-for-profit federation of independent overseas research centers that:
  - + Facilitates advanced research in the humanities and social sciences, in host countries, for American and International Scholars
  - + Fosters research, fellowships and international outreach opportunities for higher educational professionals across national boundaries
  - + 24 participating American Overseas Research Centers (ORCS) and 28 countries operating in Europe, Latin America, the Near and Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and West Africa
  - + Centers provide fellowship programs, foreign language study opportunities, research resources and libraries, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and accommodations for scholars
  - + CAORC ensures programmatic and administrative coherence among member Centers

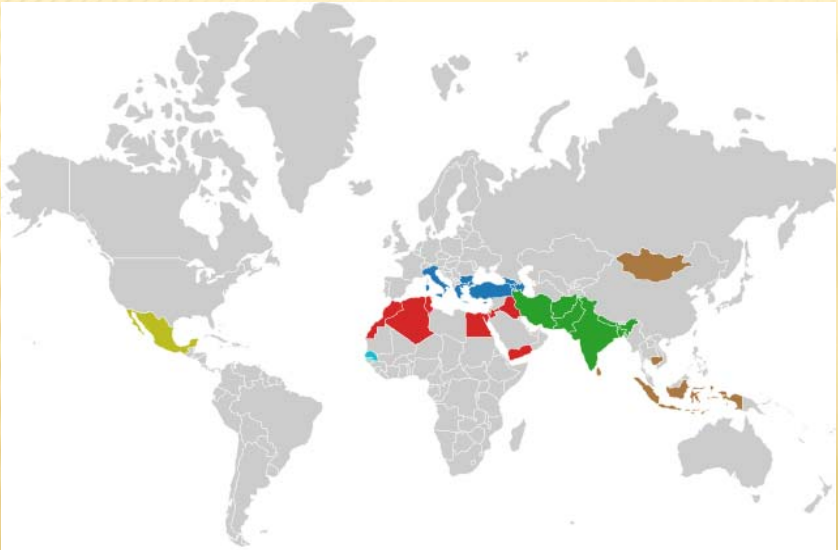


## AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTERS



- ✘ American Academy in Rome (AAR)
- ✘ American Center for Mongolian Studies (ACMS)
- ✘ American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR)
- ✘ American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS)
- ✘ American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS)
- ✘ American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)
- ✘ American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS)
- ✘ American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies (AISLS)
- ✘ American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)
- ✘ American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS)
- ✘ American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIrS)
- ✘ American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS)
- ✘ Americas Research Network (ARENET)
- ✘ Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS)
- ✘ American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE)
- ✘ American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT)
- ✘ American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC)
- ✘ American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA)
- ✘ Center for Khmer Studies (CKS)
- ✘ Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI)
- ✘ Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)
- ✘ The Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TARII)
- ✘ W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (AIAR)
- ✘ West African Research Association (WARA)

# WHERE WE ARE LOCATED



- South Asia
- Middle East
- North America
- Europe
- Asia
- West Africa



## AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTERS

Overseas Research Centers (ORCs) offer:

- ✦ Fellowships for U.S. and Host-country citizens
- ✦ Visa, permit and research services
- ✦ Hostel services
- ✦ Libraries
- ✦ Collaboration with host country Governments and Institutions



## CENTER SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS...

- ✘ 50,000 researchers, journalists, NGO and Embassy Staff, and members of the public utilize the American Overseas Research Centers each year
- ✘ 1,500 fellowships and grants are provided by the American Overseas Research Centers each year to conduct research
- ✘ 1,200 memberships are maintained by US institutions in the 24 American Overseas Research Centers
- ✘ 1,000 U.S. scholars receive research support from the American Overseas Research Centers annually

## ORC FUNDING AUTHORIZED BY LAW

- ✘ First included in Title VI in 1992
- ✘ Legal Definition of an ORC
  - + Must be tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization
  - + Must have permanent presence in host country
  - + Must receive more than 50% of funding from public or private U.S. sources
- ✘ Other Requirements
  - + Each center must be a consortium of at least 6 U.S. universities, colleges or museums

## SUPPORT FOR TITLE VI PROGRAMS

- ✦ The ORCs support the research of Fulbright-Hays Fellows, Group Projects and Seminars Abroad participants
- ✦ Several ORCs provide language training
- ✦ The ORCs partner with U.S. universities and colleges to conduct language programs, faculty enrichment programs, and facilitate outreach activities



## ORC'S SUPPORT FOR OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- ✘ The Fulbright Program (ECA)
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- ✘ CLEA – Critical Language Enhancement Awards (ECA)
- ✘ Boren Awards for International Study (ECA)
- ✘ Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships (ECA)
- ✘ Mandela Washington Fellowships for Young African Leaders (ECA)
- ✘ YALI - Young African Leaders Initiatives (ECA)
- ✘ YSEALI – Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (ECA)
- ✘ IVLP – International Visitor Leadership Program (ECA)
- ✘ CLS – Critical Languages Scholarships (ECA)
- ✘ Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships (ECA)
- ✘ Scholars at Risk Program (ECA)
- ✘ National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellows (NEH)
- ✘ Smithsonian Fellows and Researchers
- ✘ Project GO (DOD)
- ✘ Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)
- ✘ MEPI – The U.S.-Middle East Partnership Initiative (DOS)
- ✘ USAID – United States Agency for International Development
- ✘ CODELS and Diplomatic Visits
- ✘ Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)
- ✘ (SAFLI) – South Asian Flagship Languages Initiative (DOD)



## CENTER FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

- ✦ Workshops, collaborations, research support
- ✦ Lectures, visits to cultural sites, host-country interaction
- ✦ 1-2 weeks immersion in an ORC host country
- ✦ Curriculum development
- ✦ Pilot program for community college faculty





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