

ICA Summer School in Kashgar, China
GIS and Sustainable Development of Central Asia
(August 11-23, 2009)

First announcement

The International Cartographic Association (ICA) and [the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography](#) (XIEG) of [Chinese Academy of Sciences](#) (CAS) organize an International Summer School (SS) in Kashgar China (August 12-13) titled “**GIS and Sustainable Development of Central Asia**” with a post -excursion to Tibet Plateau from Kashgar to Lhasa by Jeep for 11 days from August 13 to August 23. Some lectures will be given in the BUS on the way and in the field interactively. Some lectures will be done in Bishkek after excursion (25.08. or 26.08. 2009) before Third Central Asia GIS Conference GISCA’09 (www.ica-giscience.org/gisca09).

Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region is the biggest province, spanning over 1.6 million sq. km (larger than the combined area of all the European states from Germany to Spain), which takes up about one sixth of China’s terrestrial territory with two famous deserts [Taklimakan](#) and [Gurbantungut](#) while the [Tibetan Plateau](#) is the highest plateau in the world, averaging over 4,000 meters above sea level and covering an area of 200,000 square kilometers. You will feel traditional Uyghur culture and history in Kashgar while feeling Tibet culture during the trip. Unique natural landscapes, rich culture and renowned humanities attracted visitors around the world. *More details can be find Wikipedia.org and www.chinatravelguide.com.*

Language: English.

Classes:

In Kashgar: ([registration fee see Registration and Deadline](#))

August 11 to August 13

1. The Models of Sustainable Development (V. Tikunov)
2. Trans border Co-operations and Economic Corridors (V. Kolosov)
3. Spatial Data Infrastructure for Central Asia (A. Simonov)
4. GI and Map Production and Management (P. De Maeyer)
5. Multilingual Situation and Multilingual GI for Central Asia (A. Kurban)
6. Process Modeling of Earth Surface (Q. Zhou)
7. UNIGIS-Austria participants (J. Strobl)
8. Brief Introduction of Geography of Xinjiang and Tibet (X. Chen)(in the BUS and FIELD)

In Bishkek: (registration fee will be given in soon)

ICA-UNIGIS-Russia Summer School (continuation of SS in Kashgar)

August 25 to 26.08 before lunch

Program: (*available soon*)

Classes:

1. Development of National Spatial Data Infrastructures (A.Koshkarev)
2. Development of National Atlases (V.Tikunov, Philippe de Mayer)
3. Development of Professional GIS Education (E.Kapralov, A.Simonov)

Lectures:

1. Prof. Vladimir Tikunov	Moscow State University, Russia
2. Prof. A. Koshkarev	Institute of Geography of Russian Academy of Science
3. Prof. Vladimir Kolosov	The Centre of Geopolitical Studies of Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences
4. Prof. Alexander Simonov	State Research Institute on Information Education Technologies of Ministry on Education and Science of Russian Federation
5. Prof. Philippe de Maeyer	Department of Geography, Ghent University, Belgium
6. Prof. Dr. Josef Strobl	Salzburg University, Austria
7. Prof. Zhilin Li	Hongkong Polytechnic University
8. Prof. Dr. Qiming Zhou	Hongkong Baptist University
9. Prof. Chen Xi	Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, CAS, China
10. Prof. Alishir Kurban	Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, CAS, China

Schedule: (details available in the second announcement in April)

August 10-11 (Monday and Tuesday)	To Kashgar from Bishkek by bus. Sightseeing on the way
August 12 -13 (Wednesday and Thursday)	First part of summer school. Closing the summer school at noon on August 13.
August 13-23 (11days)	After lunch on August 13. Excursion to Tibet up to Lhasa. (See details in the post excursion program).
August 23(Sunday, 1 day)	Lhasa – Chengdu-Urumqi
August 24 (Monday, 1day)	Urumqi-Bishkek (flight in the morning).
August 25-26(Tuesday and Wednesday)	Second part of summer school in Bishkek

Venue and Hotel:

In Kashgar (*will be fixed in April*).

In Bishkek (*will be fixed later*).

Registration and Deadline

- **For SS in Kashgar:**

Registration for SS will open on **February 23 to July 17 in 2009**.

But registration for post excursion to Lhasa can not accept later than **Jun 12 in 2009** seems time is limited to get permission for traveling to Tibet.

Registration fee of Summer School and post excursion will be varying from your participations as:

Participation	Price	Fee cover
a) Only participate in the ICA SS in Kashgar	2,500 RMB (App. 286 euro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food: from August 11 after entered China to August 14 breakfast.• Hotel: August 11- August 13 (3 nights).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveling from border to Kashgar City +sightseeing in Kashgar City +tickets of tourist sites + mineral water during trip.
b) SS + Tibet Trip	22,000 RMB (App. 2,521 euro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and Accommodation: after entered China on August 11 to end of the trip. Traveling from border to Kashgar City +sightseeing in Kashgar City +tickets of tourist sites + mineral water during trip.
c) Only participate in the Tibet Trip	20,000 RMB (App. 2,292 euro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the post excursion important notes for field trip.

Payment:

[People's Bank of China](http://www.boc.cn) (<http://www.boc.cn>) authorized by China Foreign Exchange Trade Center announced **February 17, 2009** dollar interbank foreign exchange market currency transactions, such as the price of the RMB exchange rate: 1 U.S. dollar against 6.8352 Yuan, 1 euro against 8.7241 Yuan, 100 yen for 7.4433 Yuan RMB, one Hong Kong dollar against 0.88149 Yuan, £ 1 for 9.7432 Yuan.

- Registration fee for Summer School can be paid on your arrival.
- If you participate in the post excursion to Tibet, you should pay to the given bank account no later than **Jun 12, 2009**. After **Jun 12** you have to pay by [Western Union](#) (receiver address will be given after this day) or other possible way no later than at 15:00 (Beijing time, Time zone east 8) **Jun 19**, or **someone who** can guarantee for your participating and will for paying the formalities fee **if you absent**. Later than this day your registration for Tibet trip will be cancelled automatically in case of we can't confirm your payment. No registration recovering available after this day, seems time is limited to get individual permission for traveling to Tibet.

Bank Name	Bank of China Xinjiang BR. Urumqi Jiefang Road Sub-Br.
Bank Code (SWIFT)	BKCHCNBJ760
Account name	Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, Chinese Academy of Science
Account	366000081308094014

VISA:

The organizing committee will support formal invitation for Business VISA applying in Chinese Embassy in your country. For formal invitation we need a scanned copy of your passport's main page no later than Jun 12 for post excursion and July 17, 2009 for SS.

Post Excursion of ICA Summer School 2009

Kashgar-Lhasa-Urumqi

August 13-23, 2008 (11 days)

DAY	DATE	PLACE	TRANSPORTATION (km)	ACTIVITY	MEALS	ACC
D1	13/08 Thursday	KASHGAR/ YECHENG	BUS 250	After lunch bus trip to Kargilik (Yecheng), prepare facilities for the highland tour.	D	YECHENG HOTEL
D2	14/08 Friday	YECHENG/ HONGLIUTAN	JEEP 455	After breakfast cross Kunlun mountain. First drive in the desert area and several oases, grasslands, enter the highland area. Cross KUDI pass (3150m), MAZAR pass (5100m), on the way one can glimpse K2 in Chinese side. HEIQIA pass (5300m), then again cross KANGXIWA pass (4800m) arrive HONGLIUTAN.	B L D	GUEST HOUSE (3600m)
D3	15/08 Saturday	HONGLIUTAN/ DUOMA	JEEP 375	After breakfast rocky mountains, cross QITAI pass (5300m) , after drive 200km, arrive DEATH VALLEY (6500m)-cross highest pass enter Tibet territory, grassland appears then arrive Duoma. Accommodation in Duoma- a remote small Tibetan village with not many inhabitants.	B L D	GUEST HOUSE (3900m)
D4	16/08 Sunday	DUOMA/ ALI(GAR in Ngari)	JEEP 345	After breakfast trip to Ali (3600m), better road comparing to last two days, on the way pass by grassland and visit Holy lake and rock of art.	B L D	ALI HOTEL (3600m)
D5	17/08	ALI/	JEEP	After breakfast cross high mountains, rivers, highland	B	GUEST HOUSE

	Monday	KAILAS	340	grassland and villages, Tibetan yurts, glimpse Kailas MT. (6656m) arrive Kailas.	L D	(3900m)
D6	18/08 Tuesday	KAILAS/ PARYANG	JEEP 316	After breakfast pass Manasaroval Lake, cross big grassland and rivers, arrive Paryang.	B L D	GUEST HOUSE (3800m)
D7	19/08 Wednesday	PARYANG/ SAGA	JEEP 375	After breakfast trip to Saga. Pass by several villages and towns. Visit Saga monastery.	B L D	GUEST HOUSE (3500m)
D8	20/08 Thursday	SAGA/ SHIGATSE	JEEP 437	After breakfast trip to Shigatse city. Better road, beautiful scenery more green. Arrive a big town, Shigatse, where can buy some necessities.	B L D	HOTEL (3600m)
D9	21/08 Friday	SHIGATSE/ LHASA	JEEP 273	Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the biggest functioning monastery in Tibet, the residence of Panchen Lama. A 30 meter gold-plated and decorated by diamonds copper statue of Maitreia-Buddha is kept here, Drive to Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet, pass by Yarlozangbu River, towns and fields.	B L D	HOTEL (3600m)
D10	22/08 Saturday	LHASA	JEEP	Lhasa, the capital of the mystical concept of Buddhism ,visit Potala Palace and Jokhong temple, excursion of Baghkorkora- souvenir shopping area.	B L D	HOTEL (3600m)
D11	23/08 Sunday	LHASA/ CHENGDU CA4404(11:10/13:00) CHENGDU/ WULUMUQI CA4153(16:45/20:10)	Plane	After breakfast take flight.	B	

B: breakfast; L: lunch; D dinner.

Important notes for field trip:

1. The cost of this trip is **20,000** Yuan RMB/CNY for **standard** trip line from Kashgar-Lhasa-Urumqi. (Lhasa to Urumqi by plane, see details in the trip plan). If someone who have decided to participate only Chinese part or leave China after SS from Beijing. There are some alternatives listed below with additional fee for your choice:
 - a) Urumqi-Kashgar-Lhasa-Chengdu-Urumqi; Air ticket from Urumqi to Kashgar is included:
20,000+1050= 21,050 Yuan RMB
 - b) Kashgar-Lhasa-Chengdu-Urumqi-Bishkek; Air ticket from Urumqi to Bishkek is included.
20,000+2030=22,030 Yuan RMB
 - c) Urumqi-Kashgar-Lhasa-Chengdu-Urumqi-Bishkek; Air ticket from Urumqi to Kashgar and Urumqi to Bishkek are included.
20,000+2030+1050=23,080 Yuan RMB
 - d) Kashgar-Lhasa-Beijing; Air ticket from Lhasa to Beijing instead of Lhasa-Chengdu Urumqi. Only for some who want to go or back to Beijing form Lhasa.
20,000-200=19,800 Yuan RMB
2. The cost for the field trip covers accommodation, food, transportation, air-ticket from Lhasa to Urumqi via Chengdu, insurance, tickets for all planned sites, equipment of oxygen in emergency use during trip and official formalities fee for foreigners for travelling to Tibet. It is acceptable if someone who want to back to Urumqi by Jeep, but no discount available. Back trip from Lhasa to Urumqi will be Lhasa-Golmond-Dunhuang-Hami-Urumqi.
3. The trip cost is not for a single room. Sharing a room with someone else is recommended for your health and security in the high mountain area. If someone prefers a single room in a hotel during the field trip, please inform the secretariat at least when you are paying for trip, an extra fee need to be payed for a single room.
4. Most hotels and guesthouses in mountain area are not in good facilities as within the big cities along the way. Several beds are in one room and only a simple toilet has to be sharing to all of us. We can't promise anything in these cases.
5. Air-conditioned tour bus/Jeep (mostly Toyota Land Cruiser) arranged for whole journey.
6. The elevations of important sites are indicated in the detailed timetable.
7. The duration of the trip is estimated as 11 days based on recent road conditions by inquiring local office for road maintaining. But because of abnormal weather conditions can affect the trip, so the actual date-time and program will be differ slightly from the announced program. We are sorry if happened like this situation and the price discount is impossible in this case.
8. ***Important note*** for your health: you should take care of your health condition in the high mountain area. If you have any problem with your health we will arrange to take you to the nearest city or town and back to Urumqi. No money return guarantee in this case also.
9. Some place name in the detailed program may different from Google Earth or Google Map. However we prepared Google Earth KML file for download.

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Some useful links of the site during the trip:

http://www.chinatravelguide.com/ctgwiki/Kashgar#By_Bus

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xinjiang>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urumqi>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashgar>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karghilik>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ngari_prefecture

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kailas>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paryang>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saga_County

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shigatse>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lhasa>