



# **RUSSIA LAKE BAIKAL**

## LOCAL CULTURES AND REGIONAL ECOLOGY

WORKSHOP 2019  
**March 10 – March 23**

**Eurasian Perspectives on Sustainable Development** is a **NON-PROFIT** WORKSHOP series organized by CACSEE.

Following the cross-disciplinary approach, our workshops aim to empower the dialogue between universities, NGOs and local communities. Together, we foster programs for Global Citizenship Education and Education for Sustainable Development in Eurasia.

Participants will receive certificates at the end of the workshop. Students may also receive **ECTS-Credits**.

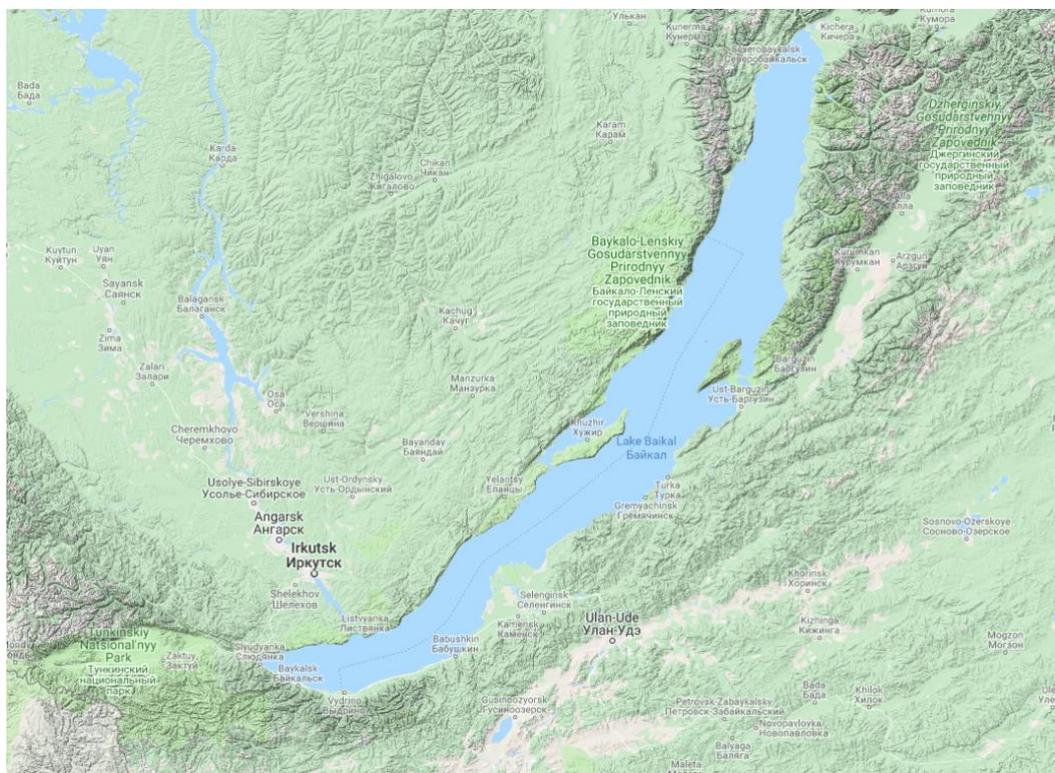




## Program

The program of our workshop Local Cultures and Regional Ecology of the LAKE BAIKAL is designed in close cooperation with the Buryat State University in Ulan Ude and the Baikal Institute of Nature Management of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

It will offer you a new and exciting insight into the geography, culture, history and environment of the Republic of BURYATIA, located in EASTERN SIBERIA to the West of LAKE BAIKAL.



We will explore exciting and relevant places in Buryatia and all they have to offer, such as Ulan-Ude, the Buddhist temple, the Buryat ethno-cultural center (Atsagat), the Baikal Biosphere Reserve and the small village Tankhoy at the eastern bank of Lake Baikal, as well as the important historical trade town of Kyakhta on the Russian-Mongolian border. This is a unique opportunity to get to know the region in the heart of Siberia as the Russian winter slowly comes to an end.



| Day | Program  |
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| 1   | Arrival in <b>Ulan Ude</b> . Getting settled in at the BSU university dorm. Acquaintance with the city.                                      |
| 2   | Excursion through the Buryat State University and Baikal Institute of Nature Management. <i>Introductory Lectures</i> .                      |
| 3   | Full-day excursion to the <b>Ethnographic Museum of the peoples of Transbaikalia</b> . <i>History and Culture</i> .                          |
| 4   | Drive to <b>Baikal Biosphere Reserve</b> (Tankhoy).  |
| 5   | Exploration of <b>Baikal Biosphere Reserve</b> .<br><i>Lectures on Nature Protection and Resource Management</i> .                           |
| 6   | Visit to <b>Baikal Biosphere Reserve Museum</b> .<br>Drive back to Ulan Ude.   |
| 7   | <b>FREE DAY</b><br>Possibility to visit <b>Buryat temple 'Ivolginsky Datsan'</b> .   |
| 8   | A full-day excursion to the historically important trade town of <b>Kyakhta</b> on the Russian-Mongolian border. <i>Economic Geography</i> . |
| 9   | Lectures and Workshops at BSU.   |
| 10  | Excursion to the <b>Buryat ethno-cultural center (Atsagat village)</b> .<br><i>Lectures on Traditional Land Use</i> .                        |
| 11  | Lecture / Workshop day: Evaluation of Regional Prospects for Sustainable Development.  |
| 12  | Group work of Russian-German students, presentation of results on selected topics, final discussion.   |
| 13  | <b>FREE DAY</b>  |
| 14  | Departure / Transfer to the airport  |

The draft of the program overview is variable and may still change slightly due to the number of participants and / or availability of certain activities.

There is also the possibility to target other places not included in the program according to the interest profile of the group. In this case, it may be possible to add a trip to Irkutsk to our schedule depending on demand.



## **Organization & Logistics**

### **Accommodation**

We will stay in the student dormitory of the Buryat State University (BSU) in Ulan-Ude. The rooms in the dormitory are shared with either 2 or 3 other people. During our excursion to Tankhoy in the Baikal Ecological Reserve, we will stay in a hotel.

### **Transport**

As we have several different excursions planned, we will have our own bus which will pick us up and drop us off at the university / dorm before and after our trips. We will also use public transport within the city.

### **Board**

In order to keep the participation costs low, we haven't included any meals in the participation costs of the workshop. We will have the possibility to cook in the communal kitchens of the dormitory. The university's canteen is also a great place to try traditional Russian dishes.

### **Activities**

Our Ulan-Ude workshop is designed to be an educational and cultural adventure. You will get to know the Siberian region of Buryatia and its capital city Ulan-Ude. We will visit Lake Baikal and witness its frozen waters beginning to melt as spring approaches. We will experience an academic and scientific exchange with the Buryat State University (BSU), local experts and Russian students. We will visit important places of cultural, historical, ecological, economic and political value and discuss the importance of finding sustainable solutions for such a culturally and ecologically rich and diverse region as Buryatia.

### **Lectures/Workshops**

At the core of our workshop lie our many lectures, workshops and discussion rounds with local scientists/academics and Russian students. You will prepare a short presentation about a topic concerning Buryatia, which will be held and discussed toward the end of our stay in Ulan-Ude. This will also qualify you to receive ECTS-Credits which may be accredited at your home university.



## Conditions of Participation

**Application DEADLINE**

**February 15, 2019**

Participation costs apply for the specified duration and for a minimum participation of 10 and maximum 15 persons.

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| Standard price         | € <b>780</b>             |
| PhD Students, Teachers | € <b>680</b>             |
| Students               | € <b>580<sup>1</sup></b> |

*Participation fee **covers** the following expenses:*

1. Accommodation (Buryat State University student dorm).
2. Welcome and farewell dinner at the University.
3. Transport costs and excursions.
4. Academic program, lecturers and interpreters.

*Participation fee does **not cover**:*

1. Flight tickets.
2. Visa costs.
3. Foreign health insurance.
4. Meals (except welcome and farewell dinner).

**For further information and to apply, contact:**

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<sup>1</sup> Students may also receive a partial reimbursement of flight costs (up to € 250) through the funds made available by EastWest e.V. We will inform you about the details in the course of the application process.