Chers Collègues, chers Etudiants,

Je profite de cette première édition du Troubadour Fall 2017, pour vous souhaiter tous une bonne rentrée 2017, avec beaucoup de succès pour ce semestre prometteur. IAU fête cette année ses 60 ans ainsi qu’une longue tradition d’excellence et d’engagement à l’échelle internationale. Félicitations à vous tous pour vos succès. Many of us at IAU, indeed many of the mentors you may know throughout your life, would find it challenging to pinpoint what choices they made along the way that resulted in their current circumstances. As Buber states, we are largely unaware of our destination. Though we can’t guarantee what will be the end result of the time you will have spent in Aix, we can certainly play a part in helping you get the most of your semester, year or years spent here. Though as we mentioned on Monday the ultimate responsibility will be yours, all of us at IAU, faculty and staff, are committed to ensuring an academically and personally rewarding experience for students. All of it will go by quickly, and though you will have the chance to travel to other cities throughout Europe, I have met no alumni over the years that told stories about their experiences on weekend trips. Their most meaningful experiences, the ones that changed their lives, took place together with their classmates, host families, courses, the people they met in Aix. We wish you the best of luck with plenty of these meaningful exchanges.

Bien à vous,
Leigh Smith
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Day-Trip to the Luberon Region
Saturday, 16 September

Itinerary
8:45am - Meet at Hotel du Roi René
Stop at scenic village of Gordes
Visit village and outdoor market at Apt
Picnic and hiking in the Colorado Provençal (http://www.colorado-provencal.com)
Visit village of Lourmarin (www.lourmarin.com)
Return Aix at 6pm

What to bring
Picnic food or money to buy picnic food
Good walking shoes

Forum for Clubs and Associations
Tuesday, 19 September, 7pm, CEF - Main Hall
If you are interested in joining local sports teams, clubs and/or associations, come Tuesday evening. You will have direct contact with church groups, local student clubs, travel groups and other opportunities for activities in Aix.

Lecture:
"Divided We Stand: The Battle over Women’s Rights and Family Values"
Wednesday, 20 September - 6:30pm, CEF - Main Hall
Dr. Marjorie J. Spruill, University of South Carolina

Add-Drop Period Ends
Thursday, September 21, 5:00pm
Wellness Center Schedule

**Monday, September 18:**
1-7 pm
« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about cultural experiences 3:30-5 pm (sign up in advance)

**Tuesday, September 19:**
8-12 am 5-7 pm

**Monday, September 25:**
2-6 pm
« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about cultural experiences 3:30-5 pm (sign up in advance)

**Tuesday, September 26:**
9-12 am 5-7 pm

**Thursday, September 28:**
2-5 pm

Meetings are available by appointment and by drop-in:
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Weekend Travel Form
If leaving the area, be sure to complete the travel form at students.iaufrance.org.