



Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan is a country at the nexus point of the Middle East, Asia, and Europe. Historically, the country has always been a middleman for the East and West-- in ancient and medieval times it was a central point along the Silk Road and today its strategic placement keeps it a focal point for commercial and energy policies and regional and global geopolitics. The World Affairs Councils of America conducted a Leadership Mission to Azerbaijan in spring 2011.

- State Department

- Read the State Department's Background Notes on the Republic of Azerbaijan:
<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2909.htm>

- Washington Post

- Read Azerbaijan wavers between East and West:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/azerbaijan-wavers-between-east-andwest/2011/06/03/AGmdvgRH_story.html

- Youtube-Discovery Channel's Build it Bigger: ○ Watch until 4:25

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gl0q_Didvo

- Smithsonian Institute

- Under the left-hand side bar, read Azerbaijan under Site Overviews, Azerbaijan under Cultural History (including each period linked), and each subcategory under Shared Heritage

- <http://agt.si.edu/>

- Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions 2011 (if you don't have a copy on hand, please contact the Council to obtain a copy): ○ Read The Caucasus pages 87-100

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