

Please join us for the

**2015 Interdisciplinary Summer Institute on Contemporary China for K-12 Educators  
Organized by the Confucius Institute of Rutgers University (CIRU)**

Thursday, August 27, 2015, 9:00am-6:00pm

Venue: Hardenbergh Hall A2

615 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

**Globalization and Local Essences:  
The Traditional Chinese Garden and the Built Environment in  
Contemporary China**

In this year's Summer Institute we will explore traditional Chinese garden design and its relevance for the development of the built environment in contemporary China. Traditional garden design emphasizes the holistic and complementary nature of the physical and human environment, integrating polar opposites such as the small vs. large, real vs. illusory, bent vs. straight, static vs. dynamic, living vs. inert, etc. The Chinese garden is thus conceived as form of an idealized space giving expression to the needs, desires, and aspirations of a people in search of harmony, balance, and self-actualization. Traditional Chinese gardens are more important than ever as they embody and preserve a deep cultural memory that can be drawn on in the contemporary period in anchoring the large-scale transformation of modern Chinese society in local practices and knowledge. The speaker will first explain the aesthetics of the traditional Chinese garden and its rich cultural heritage and then introduce a number of projects in China that he was personally involved in to discuss the ways in which globalization and local essences can be brought into a fruitful dialogue.



**Presenter Bio:** Frank F. Sabouri (AIA, LEED, AP, NCARB) is an international architect, urban designer and researcher with over 28 years of professional experience across the United States, Iran, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and most recently in China, where he serves as ecological urbanist and sustainable architect consultant with a Sino/French firm in Shanghai. His projects in China focus on sustainable architecture, ecological urban redevelopment and regeneration, waterfront planning and design, campus planning, educational, museums, hospitality industry, hospitals and geriatric health care, landform urbanism and sustainability planning.

Mr. Sabouri was a student and apprentice of Louis Kahn at the University of Pennsylvania, receiving Masters Degrees in Architecture, City Planning and Urban Design. His professional experiences include, LI Kahn's Office in Philadelphia, Sasaki Office in Watertown/Mass, GSGSB in New York, Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC (PS&S), and BMP Construction Consulting Co Ltd in Shanghai, among others.

**Registration:** To register for the workshop, please go to "Course Search" on the Rutgers Continuing Studies website <https://ce-catalog.rutgers.edu/search.cfm> and choose "Confucius Institute at Rutgers" under the search option "Department". Registration fee is \$30 and covers course material, light breakfast, lunch, and refreshments.

**CE Credit Certificate:** Participants will be issued a certificate for 1 continuing education (CE) credit at the end of the workshop.

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, August 21, 2015 (Please register early!)

**Location and Directions:** see <http://rumaps.rutgers.edu/location/hardenbergh-hall>

For more information on the summer institute, please contact us by phone at (848) 932-2490, email us at [ciru@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:ciru@rci.rutgers.edu), or visit the CIRU website (<http://www.ciru.rutgers.edu/>).