

# The 21<sup>st</sup> Classroom



November 12th and 13th, 2011

*The 21st Century Classroom is sponsored by EARCOS and is being held at SSIS, in Suzhou, China.*

Using the backwards design process, learn how to embed authentic use of technology into a project-based learning experiences for your students. With a focus on pedagogy, explore the use of several web 2.0 tools like blogs, wikis, podcasts and collaborative multimedia in various classroom examples from around the world. Ease of use, accessibility, and authentic audience make these simple tools an engaging and motivating facet to any classroom. From project design to classroom management, enhance your students' learning through a redesigned look at the 21st century classroom.

With:



*Kim Cofino*

Originally from the US, Kim is an enthusiastic and innovative globally-minded educator. Kim has been teaching internationally for over 10 years, first in Munich, Germany, then in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, next at the International School Bangkok in Thailand, and currently at Yokohama International School in Japan.

An Apple Distinguished Educator, her work focuses on helping core subject teachers authentically embed current and emerging technologies in the classroom to create a global and collaborative learning environment. Her inquiry-based, constructivist approach to teaching utilizes project-based learning experiences developed using the Understanding by Design process combined with the MYP Technology Design Cycle.

Kim regularly consults with other international schools interested in implementing 21st century learning, has been profiled on a number of educational websites and journals, is a member of the K12 Horizon Report Advisory Board 2008 – present, and is a regular presenter and keynote speaker at conferences and professional development sessions throughout Europe, Asia, and the United States. Her professional blog, Always Learning (<http://kimcofino.com.blog>), is an invaluable resource for teachers seeking examples of authentic student engagement.

This workshop is being held at Suzhou Singapore International School, in Suzhou, China. For further information, and to register for this workshop, please refer to the following page of workshop details and then contact: Allison White at [allisonwhite@ssis-suzhou.net](mailto:allisonwhite@ssis-suzhou.net)



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An EARCOS Weekend Workshop hosted by Suzhou Singapore International School. SSIS is located in the SIP district of Suzhou, approximately 1.5 hours from downtown Shanghai.

To register for this workshop please email the following information to [allisonwhite@ssis-suzhou.net](mailto:allisonwhite@ssis-suzhou.net):

**Name:**

**Teaching grades:**

**School Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Teaching Subject:**

**School Phone number:**

**Your phone number:**

## Hotel Information:

Daily buses will be provided between the Shilla Hotel and the school.

JinJi Lake Shilla Hotel

<http://www.suzhoushilla.com/>

Rate: 780 RMB Single/Double occupancy  
1 Breakfast included

To make reservations please contact:  
Ms. Zeng: (86) 512-6296-8040 or  
cell: (86) 13912625605.

## Hotel Location:

Modern Plaza, Wang Dun Road,  
Suzhou Industrial Park, 215028.  
Jiangsu, China

Tel: (86) 512-6296 8888  
Fax: (86) 512-6296-9999

## School Location and Address:

**SUZHOU SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

(Suzhou xin jia po gong ye yuan qu guo ji xue xiao)

<http://www.ssis-suzhou.net/>

苏州新加坡工业园区国际学校

业园区钟南街208号

208 Zhong Nan Jie, Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou,  
Jiangsu Province, China, 215021 Phone: (86) 0512 6258-0388

The cost for this workshop is 350 RMB.

Due Saturday AM. Cash Only. Receipts (not Fapaio) will be provided.

**CHINESE VISA**

If you need a visa to enter China, please arrange this early.

## Saturday:

8:00 Registration  
8:30 1st Session begins  
12:00 Lunch  
5:00 2nd Session ends

## Sunday:

8:30 3rd Session begins  
12:00 Lunch  
3:00 4th Session ends,  
Departure time

\*Breaks both AM and PM as needed both days

## Getting there and Away - Airport Transfers:

The hotel and school in Suzhou are both about 1 hour by car from Shanghai HongQiao Airport, and, about 2 hours from Shanghai Pudong Airport. *If possible, please fly into and out of HongQiao!* To ease the hassle of this commute SSIS is offering to organize a bus for teachers flying in.

**This is an extra service SSIS is providing, it is not covered by the EARCOS fees. If you plan on taking advantage of this opportunity you must register with Allison White, as if there are no teachers registered for a bus, it will not run. Also, busses will only run if 2 or more teachers sign up for the same bus.**

SSIS will provide buses for teachers **if you request this additional service:**

- \* Friday at 8 PM and 10 PM from both HongQiao and Pudong Airports.
- \* Sunday at 4PM leaving from SSIS to both HongQiao and Pudong Airports (not stopping at the hotel!)
- \* Cost 150 RMB per person each way - payable Saturday AM with workshop fee

Please note: The driver will be given the list of teachers who inform me they will be on a bus. No registration = No seat.

If your flight arrangements make it impossible to take any of the buses provided, then phoning to arrange for a taxi/ driver will cost between 280 - 350 RMB each way. Contact Mr. Hu at:13806200774 (He speaks very little English).

There is also a new fast train service between Hong Chao airport and Suzhou SIP, taking only 22 minutes (38 RMB).

<http://www.q2hoo.com/2010/06/latest-shanghai-hongqiao-railway-station-to-suzhou-intercity-bullet-train-schedule.htm>