

The ELI Weekly

Out and About: Timor-Leste

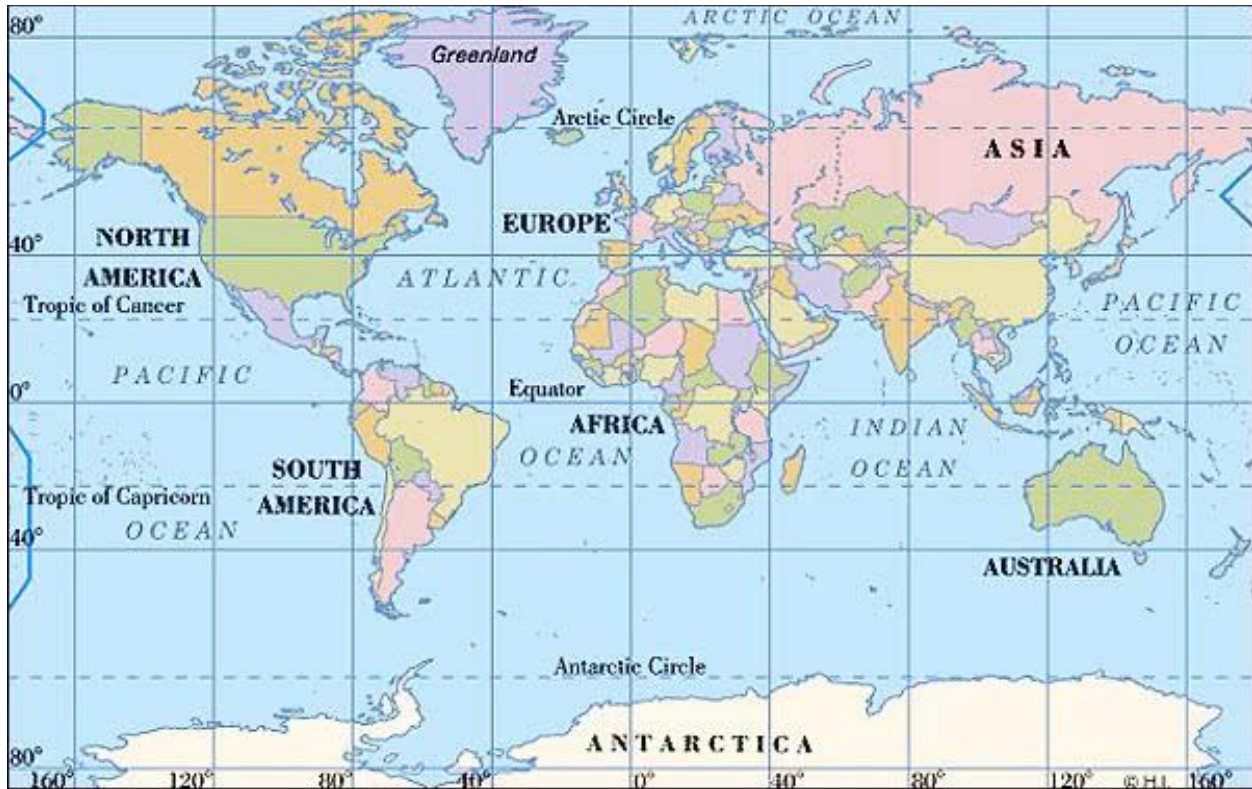
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Timor-Leste or East Timor is also known as known as ILHA LAFAEK, which means the crocodile island. There is a legend of Timor-Leste that says the island WAS MADE FROM A CROCODILE. Those myths were famous within the island, where some of the ancestors remain in a belief system that any crocs or gators are not to be harmed. Timor-Leste is a new country located in southeast Asia. It was the second newest country on the planet, we were in a Portuguese colony for 450 years. We declared our first independence on November 28th, 1975. Following 10 days of Independence, Indonesia invaded the island on December 10th, 1975, and led the country for 24 years. Then on August 30th, 1999, we decided our destiny through a referendum assisted by United Nations Missions in East Timor. It gave much hope and energy with the final result of 94,388 people (21.50%) saying “Accept” and 344,580 people (78.50%) saying “Reject”. On May 20th, 2002, we restored our independence as a second independence where officially participated by late UN secretary Mr. Kofi Annan. Our official languages were Tetum and Portuguese. Our currency is still used in US dollar notes except the coins. The two coolest things about Timor-Leste are the Blue whale migration (you can see from the shoreline) and coffee.

Where in the World?

This semester, the ELI has 142 students from 32 countries. Ask your classmates where they are from!



Angola	Congo (Kinshasa)	Japan	Peru
Argentina	Cuba	Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia
Bolivia	Ecuador	Korea (South)	Timor-Leste
Brazil	France	Kuwait	Turkey
Chad	Haiti	Mali	Uruguay
Chile	India	Mexico	USA
China	Indonesia	Panama	Venezuela
Colombia	Italy	Paraguay	Viet Nam

CIP Weekday Activities

Monday, January 29th – Coffee Talk — 6:30-9:00pm



Socialize with LAs and ELI friends at the **Starbucks** on Archer Road! Play games, speak English, and drink a coffee or get dinner at the restaurants nearby! Take bus 1, 12, or 34.

Address: 3524 SW Archer Rd #160, Gainesville, FL 32608

Tuesday, January 30th – Volleyball – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play volleyball and hang out at **Lexington Crossing Apartments Phase 2** Volleyball Courts! No experience necessary! Take bus 35.

Address: 3700 SW 27th St, Gainesville, FL 32608

Wednesday, January 31st – Skate Station Funworks – 6:30-9:30pm



Roller-skate with the ELI! Listen to good music and roller-skate together, or just watch if you don't want to! There are arcade games, go-karts, and more. Bring 5 dollars to skate, and a little bit more if you want to do other activities or get snacks. Meet us inside at Skate Station. Take bus 23 and walk a few minutes or use a rideshare/carpooling. Skate Station requires everyone under the age of 18 to leave at 8pm.

Address: 1311 NW 76th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606

Thursday, February 1st – Soccer – 6:30-9:00pm



Come play soccer on campus at **Flavet Field** on campus! No experience necessary!

Address: Woodlawn Dr, Gainesville, FL 32603

Friday, February 2nd – Game Night– 6:30-9:00pm



Come and hang out in the **Reitz Game Room** with ELI friends! Go bowling, play pool, board games and more for a small fee for UF students! Bring your Gator1 ID for cheaper rates and to rent boardgames for free.

Address: 655 Reitz Union Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

Volunteer Weekend

Help the Gainesville community by volunteering to serve others! Choose from ONE of our four volunteering events. You must sign up to attend and only for **one**:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA9A823A02-47447050-volunteer>



Saturday February 3rd – 8:45am to 11:00am

**Keep Alachua County Beautiful—
Meet at Porters Community Garden**

Help us garden a local community garden so that others have access to free, home-grown vegetables! Practice planting and gardening! Take bus 5 or 46 and walk 10 minutes.

Address: 518 SW 3rd St, Gainesville, FL 32601

Saturday February 3rd– 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Guardian Angels Medical Service
Dogs—Meet at Norman Parking Garage**

Go to a facility for medical service dogs in training and play with puppies and help to maintain the facility! These dogs help people with medical issues in amazing ways, and your help to maintain the facility helps them gift these dogs to people in need for free!

Saturday February 3rd – 12:30pm to 1:45pm

**Project Downtown Gainesville—
Meet in front of City Hall**

Help serve food to the local people without homes! Take bus 5 or 1.

Address: 200 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Other CIP Reminders

Gator basketball tickets are on sale

We are selling basketball tickets for the game happening on February 10th at 3:00pm! Tickets can be bought by Tate in the CIP Office (Matherly 211) for **20 dollars exact cash and your Gator1 ID card between 9:00am and 12:30pm**. Tickets are limited. For the first week of sales, you can purchase a ticket for you and your immediate family, like a spouse or child. On the second week of sales, *if there are tickets left*, you can buy for any friends wish!



Conversation Partners



Want to meet with a fluent English speaker and make a new friend? Sign up for a CP! If you choose to sign up, you must meet with your partner for one hour a week. It can take up to two weeks to get a partner from when you sign up. Please sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/Vs8dgX3R8qGvT1Ed7>

Please email Will at conversationpartners@eli.ufl.edu for any issues, questions or concerns or visit him in the CIP Office during office hours.

CIP Passports

Don't forget to get your CIP Passport hole punched from the activity leaders AT the event (not after). **We don't hole punch passports after the event.** Redeem your completed passport for a small gift a photo for the ELI Instagram, and your name published in the ELI weekly!

Need a new CIP Passport? Stop by the CIP Office!

Remember the CIP Pineapple is hidden in a new place every Monday in the CIP office. Stop by and find it for hole punches!

Notes from the Office

Class Attendance: Your attendance is important. Your teachers are taking note of both your absences and your tardies in every class every day. Please remember that this also includes time spent in the hallway instead of the classroom.

Lost and Found: Have you lost your car keys, student ID card, driver's license, wallet, or some other important item? Many times, when people find an item, they bring it to the office for safe keeping. When you lose something, please come by the ELI Main Office (MAT223) and see if it is in the lost and found.

Hallways: Many UF faculty and staff have offices in classroom buildings, just like Matherly Hall and Norman. Please remember to speak softly in the buildings. Please do not block the hallways or staircases by sitting in them.

Photo of the Week



ELI students at coffee talk!

Birthdays!

Students:

- None this week

Staff:

- Will Fletcher, 1/31
- Maya Shastri, 2/3



Manners & Culture

Q: Americans ask ‘How are you’ whenever (like in the hallway), but they just walk on without waiting for an answer. Why?

A: “How are you” means the same as “hello” when people, even strangers, are passing each other in the hallway or on the sidewalk and they make eye contact. In this situation, “how are you” is just a general greeting and not a chance to chat. The person is not really expecting a long answer, so you can reply with “fine” or “hi” and walk on!

Grammar

Q: If “plan” doubles the “n” in past tense (planned), why doesn’t “open” (opened)?

A: Actually, you’ve found one crazy spelling point in English that does have a pattern. In verbs of more than one syllable, we only double that last consonant when the stress falls on the last syllable. In “open” the stress falls on the “o” so we do not double the “n”.

Joke of the Week

Q: What do you call a factory that makes okay products?

A: A satisfactory!

Notes from the Editor



The *ELI Weekly* needs you! You can participate in several ways:

- Email grammar questions for me to put in the *Weekly*.
- Email manners and culture questions for me to put in the *Weekly*.
- Write a paragraph about your experiences this semester. You could write about an ELI activity, a Gainesville event, a fabulous local restaurant, or tell us about a place or event in your country that we should visit!

Send your questions and paragraphs to Maya (mshastri@ufl.edu) Use the subject heading: the ELI Weekly.



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