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AZERBAIJAN AMBASSADOR TO SPEAK OCTOBER 9

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Elin Suleymanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, will speak October 9 in Dunseth Auditorium at Harmon Hall. The event begins at 7 p.m. Suleymanov will be speaking about "Changing Dynamics of Eurasia and Azerbaijan." The appearance is part of Lindenwood University's Center for International and Global Studies Speakers Series.

Suleymanov was appointed Azerbaijan's Ambassador to the United States in 2011 by Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev. Before taking that post, Suleymanov was Azerbaijan's first Consul General to Los Angeles and the western states for five years.

"Ambassador Suleymanov is a career diplomat who will be sharing his experiences in the international arena and discussing the current state of geopolitics in the Republic of Azerbaijan and Eurasia," said Ryan Guffey, PhD, Vice President for Student Development and Global Affairs, at Lindenwood. "Given that Eurasia buttresses Russia and Europe, his presentation will provide timely insight into the dynamics between those two powers."

Suleymanov was born in Baku, Azerbaijan, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in geography from Azerbaijan State University. He then received a bachelor's degree in political geography from Moscow State University, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Toledo in Ohio. He has a graduate degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy with an emphasis on international security studies and public international law.

Azerbaijan's population is approximately 9.5 million. The country borders the Caspian Sea between Iran and Russia. Azerbaijan was under control of the Soviet Union for decades before declaring its independence in 1991. Suleymanov was assigned to the U.S. as part of the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program which is designed to provide graduate study for emerging leaders in professional fields from Eurasia.

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