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FALL 2020

A faint, light blue world map is centered in the background of the slide, showing the continents and major landmasses.

# ISO WELCOME GATHERING

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

11:00AM

# Where are you/What time is it?

Rename yourself or write in the chat:

- Where you are currently located?
- What time is it where you are located?

First name, City/Country, Local time where you are.

Example: David, Cambridge, MA 11:00am

\*Rename yourself by clicking on the top right of your personal video screen.



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# ISO staff

- ISO Staff are here to support you, and continue to facilitate connections, even during these times of social distancing.
- Your ISO Advisor: Aurora Brule
- Link to ISO Team page: <https://iso.mit.edu/about-iso/team/>



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# Role of ISO

- The ISO does not work for the U.S. Government. We are an advocate for you and assist you in complying with all regulations and reporting requirements in SEVIS. Both students and MIT have regulatory requirements of which we must comply.
- ISO utilizes weekly e-newsletters and our website to keep you informed of upcoming ISO and MIT events, programs, and news that will support your stay.
- Check our website regularly and use our *Knowledge Base* for frequently asked questions



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# ISO Website – Use as a resource

MIT International Students Office – <http://iso.mit.edu>

- Who is my ISO Advisor?  
<http://iso.mit.edu/about/student-advisor.shtml>
- ISO Updates – Spring/Summer 2020  
<http://iso.mit.edu/news/iso-updates-spring-2020/>
- Major Immigration Alerts & Updates  
<http://iso.mit.edu/news-and-announcements/major-immigration-updates/>
- Visas and Travel  
<http://iso.mit.edu/visas-and-travel/>
- Employment  
<http://iso.mit.edu/employment/>

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# Questions?

- ❑ [ISO Knowledge Base](#) should be used for answers to general and commonly asked questions.
- ❑ Contact your ISO advisor by email or phone for specific and personal questions:  
<http://iso.mit.edu/about/student-advisor.shtml>



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# ISO “Life at MIT” webpage

Life at MIT – <https://iso.mit.edu/life-at-mit/>

- [Transitioning to MIT](#) (tips for connecting with cultural groups, weather/climate, food, and other practical matters)
- [Connecting with Cultural Student Groups](#)
- [Cultural Adjustment](#) (includes common Americanisms & Idioms)
- [Programs & Events](#)
- [Explore Cambridge & Boston](#)

...and more



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# ISO Programs and Events

- Upcoming Events: <https://iso.mit.edu/news-and-announcements/events/>
- ISO Events: <https://iso.mit.edu/life-at-mit/programs-and-events/>
  - ▣ Zoom Noon Break – every other Thursday
  - ▣ Language Conversation Exchange (LCE)
  - ▣ Navigating MIT Series



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# Staying informed

- Please read any emails sent via iso-broadcast. These are very important immigration updates & reminders.
- ISO Newsletters
  - ▣ Weekly e-notices about immigration reminders & events
  - ▣ International students automatically subscribed
- Social Media
  - ▣ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ISOatMIT/>
    - Weekly “Culture Thursday” posts with American idioms or slang
  - ▣ Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mit.iso/>



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# Online Check-in

- Online Check-in on iMIT ([imit.mit.edu](http://imit.mit.edu)) is REQUIRED for each student at beginning of fall semester
- Megumi Wang: Demonstration of online check-in
- Fill out sections 1 and 2 and submit; once you arrive to the US next spring semester, you will be required to fill out section 3.



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