



International Association for Languages and Intercultural Communication

The 11th IALIC International Conference Call for Submissions

Theme: Intercultural Dialogue: Current Challenges/Future Directions

Nov 30th - Dec 2nd, 2012, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom

Dialoguing with “cultural others” is now an imperative in the face of movement of people for work, education, leisure, and for reasons of persecution, war, and conflict. Scholars of intercultural communication and language have begun to investigate the “cultural” and the “intercultural” in sites of contest, struggle, and domination (political, economic, historical, ethnic, religious, etc.), as well as in everyday contexts. Current and future generations need preparation for communication in a pluricultural/plurilingual world, and this presents challenges for interculturalists and/or educationalists at all levels. The processes that underpin these interactions are still little understood, especially in matters of ethics, responsibility, and faith. Further, the theoretical, methodological, and pedagogic resources available for developing, interpreting, translating, and assessing intercultural communication and intercultural competence need further exploration and development.

The conference offers scholars of all disciplines, whose research involves languages and intercultural communication, the opportunity to explore these themes in an international forum, and aims to provide critical dialogue across and beyond disciplinary boundaries and epistemologies. We therefore welcome innovative and interdisciplinary theoretical, methodological and pedagogical approaches to intercultural communication and language, and from other disciplines and fields, e.g., sociolinguistics, linguistics, applied linguistics, education, anthropology, sociology, psychology, literary and cultural studies, philosophy, religion, leisure studies, tourism, business, management and organisational studies, etc.

A particular feature of this conference will be the inclusion of a focus on theories and practices of intercultural communication and education seen from an Asian perspective. This will be represented by the presence of a keynote speaker from China and we welcome papers dealing with Asian perspectives, and synergies among Asian and non-Asian theories and practices.

The conference also includes a Pedagogical Forum where intercultural/language educators can display innovative research and practice that broadly address the domain of intercultural dialogue. We invite abstracts that address particular pedagogic approaches, practices, and procedures in intercultural communication/education, intercultural competence and dialogue, the cultural dimensions of language learning/teaching, etc.

Keynote Speakers:

Professor Emeritus Michael Byram, Durham University, UK

Dr Darla Deardorff, Duke University, North Carolina, USA

Professor Gao Yihong, Peking University, Beijing, China

Key themes of interest to the conference may include:

- intercultural communication into the 21st century
 - internationalisation and languages/intercultural communication/education
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- the cultural/intercultural dimensions of language learning and teaching
- emerging theories and methodologies for intercultural communication and language research
- researching multilingually
- intercultural (communication) and language pedagogies
- intercultural (communication) competence and its assessment
- interfaith/intercultural dialogue
- ethical communication; intercultural responsibility
- global/local citizenship and the intercultural
- conflict, mediation, and negotiation
- peace communication
- plurilingualism; bilingual and multilingual communication and education
- new technology/media and intercultural communication
- political/historical/religious/geographical influences on intercultural communication
- linguistics; sociolinguistics; applied linguistics
- environmental communication

Please submit a 300-400 word abstract by **15th June, 2012** with your name, title, institutional affiliation, and email address; include a brief bio of 250 words. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed by the conference committee and notification sent out by **30th June, 2012**.

Publication Opportunity: Presenters of strong papers addressing the conference theme will be invited to write a fully developed research article for submission to the special issue of the Association's journal *Language and Intercultural Communication*.

Email submission to: conference@ialic.net

Conference Website: http://ialic.net/?page_id=15

Conference Hosts: School of Education, Durham University, and IALIC (International Association of Language and Intercultural Communication)

Conference Venue: School of Education, Durham University

Conference Fee: £150.00 for IALIC members; £200 non-members, £80.00 students, one day attendance £80. The fee includes conference materials and refreshments for three days (tea/coffee breaks, and lunches on Saturday and Sunday). The conference dinner (£25.00) on Saturday evening (1st December) is not included in the cost. Access here to pay conference fee and optional conference dinner by **15th July, 2012** <http://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/details/?id=135>

Conference Hotels: Please see the conference website for accommodation. If intending to come, you are advised to book **NOW** as Durham has a Christmas market during the conference weekend and all accommodation is booked out very early.

IALIC Membership: Access the form here and join IALIC at http://ialic.net/?page_id=11

There will also be a membership booth operating throughout the conference. Membership includes four copies of the Association's journal.

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