

# **The 26th International Conference of the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies (IAICS)**

## **Call for Papers**

**Conference Time:** May 28-31, 2020

**Conference Venue:** Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, Karnataka, India

**Conference Hosts:** MAHE, India, and University of Louisville, USA

**Conference Theme:** Diversity and Multiculturalism in Contemporary Times

As we move further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, issues of diversity and multiculturalism are becoming increasingly complex. The constant flows of persons, cultures, and ideas between and among nations not only intensify contact and connection among global citizens but also bring to the surface both emergent and perennial issues of difference, identity, territory, and environmental concerns. With expansive networks moving at breakthrough speeds and intensities, the very concepts of diversity and multiculturalism are changing, especially as they encounter forces of environmental change, nationalism, populism, and hegemony. What does it mean to live in a multicultural society? How do we create community, resolve conflicts, in complicated religious, linguistic, educational, and cultural contexts? What happens to minorities and indigenous peoples within larger majority cultures? The theme of this conference seeks to address these issues in the context of nations and the larger world.

## **Conference Goals:**

- To provide scholars, educators and practitioners from different cultural communities with opportunities to interact, network and benefit from each other's research and expertise related to intercultural communication issues
- To synthesize research perspectives and foster interdisciplinary scholarly dialogues for developing integrated approaches to complex problems of communication across cultures
- To advance the methodology for intercultural communication research and disseminate practical findings to facilitate understanding across cultures
- To foster global intercultural sensitivity and involve educators, business professionals, students and other stakeholders worldwide in discourses about diversity and transcultural communication issues.

## **Topic areas are broadly defined as, but not limited to, the following:**

- Culture and community building
- Cosmopolitanism in culture
- Environmental communication
- Indigenous studies
- Language and culture
- Discourse analysis and global implications
- Nonverbal communication in intercultural contexts
- Cultural identity
- International conflict

- Comparative literature and poetics
- Cultural hybridity
- Language teaching in intercultural communication
- Media and film studies across cultures
- Journalism and globalization
- Global communication and technology
- Public relations and advertising in global contexts
- Intercultural communication and public policy
- Critical/Cultural studies
- Rhetorical studies
- Translation studies
- Time and space in culture/literature
- Mediated intercultural communication
- Literature and performance
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**Guidelines for Submissions:**

- Abstract, 100-150 words in English, including positions, affiliations, email addresses and mailing addresses for all authors. Times New Roman 12 point font size, single spaced.
- Panel proposals reflecting the conference theme or topic areas may be submitted. Panel proposals shall include a 100-150 word abstract of each panelist's paper (as above) and panelists must each individually complete the registration process. Panel proposals must include positions, affiliations, email addresses and mailing addresses for all authors. Times New Roman 12 point font size, single spaced.

**Contact:** Please send abstracts, panel proposals, to the following email address:  
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**Deadline:** Please submit abstracts and panel proposals by December 15, 2019.

**Conference Working Language:** English

**Overview:**

The International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies consists of scholars from a range of the cultural sciences who are dedicated to doing research on communication across cultures. Its membership is made up of participants from over 32 countries. These participants meet annually at different locations around the world to discuss common research interests. The results of their investigations are published in the journal of the organization, Intercultural Communication Studies (ICS).