

Cross Cultural Dialogues 74 Brief Encounters With Cultural Difference

Travel abroad has become a standard feature of global citizenship and many seek help in making sure their travel experiences are fulfilling. University based tours and travel programs are among the most popular for the educated sojourner. This book is aimed at students, professors, and study abroad professionals, but anyone who wants help in preparing for informed and culturally sensitive travel will benefit from its extensive resources. Both a primer for a holistic experience abroad and a practical guide to issues that arise in any travel setting, *The Global Classroom* is an essential travel companion. It explores the philosophy behind overseas travel, the potential value of the experience, practical preparation for study abroad, selecting the right program, actively engaging in foreign educational settings, reorientation challenges, and exploring pathways for integrating the experience into careers as engaged global citizens. The guide concludes with an appendix containing valuable resources for easy use by all.

People in other cultures don't always think and act the way you do. If you try to do business your way in their culture, you will make mistakes. And mistakes have consequences. Some will be merely embarrassing, others will be deeply frustrating, and still others will cost you dearly. This book describes 50 common cultural mistakes made in business settings in the form of short (8-10 line) conversations and shows you, 1) that there's always a reason why people do the strange things they do, 2) the reason is almost never to upset you, and 3) there's always a way forward - *The Fix*. Craig Storti, a nationally known figure in the field of intercultural communications, and author of 7 books, presents and deconstructs conversations between Americans and citizens of 10 of the world's largest economies, the Arab Middle East, Brazil, China, England, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, and Russia. He also provides five easily applicable steps to cultural competence - a framework readers can apply to identify cultural differences and communicate and act more effectively and appropriately. If you are an American doing business in any of the ten locations featured, if you come from one of these countries and work with Americans, or if you do business with any of these folks, this book will save you a great deal of confusion and frustration.

In *Missionary Expatriate Effectiveness*, John Farquhar Plake examines how Pentecostal missionaries adjust to foreign cultural environments and become proficient at their work abroad. Through an interdisciplinary lens, Plake examines predictors of expatriate effectiveness in 949 missionaries working in 127 nations.

In this update of his classic book, Craig Storti takes readers through 74 brief dialogues between an American and a person from another culture. Short as these dialogues are, they have buried within them at least one cultural breach which the reader is challenged to figure out. In the course of these conversations, readers come face to face with the fact that many of their most cherished instincts don't travel very well, and what is expected and understood in one culture may be shocking and incomprehensible in another - leading inevitably to all manner of misunderstandings, and these misunderstandings, in turn, often result in a wide variety of unpleasant emotional and practical consequences, from hurt feelings and missed opportunities to failed negotiations and lost profits, to anger and hostility. But, if we could stop assuming that other people are like us-if we could begin to believe that we don't necessarily understand our cultural counterparts in social or business settings, we would be well on our way to avoiding cultural misunderstandings and the problems they give rise to. That, in a nutshell, is the purpose of this book: to alert readers to the misunderstandings lurking in the most common interactions we have with people from other cultures-and help us take the first and most important step down the road to cultural sensitivity.

With the number of international migrants globally reaching an estimated 272 million (United Nations report, September 2019), the need for intercultural training is stronger than ever. Since its first edition, this handbook has evaluated the methodologies and suggested the best practice to develop effective programs aimed at facilitating cross-cultural dialogue and boosting the economic developments of the countries mostly affected by migration. This handbook builds and expands on the previous editions by presenting the rational and scientific foundations of intercultural training and focuses on unique approaches, theories, and areas of the world. In doing so, it gives students, managers, and other professionals undertaking international assignments a theoretical foundation and practical suggestions for improving intercultural training programs.

The shifting influence of growing organizational cultures and individual standards has caused significant changes to modern organizations. By creating a better understanding of these influences, the quality of organizations can be improved. *Exploring the Influence of Personal Values and Cultures in the Workplace* is a pivotal reference source for the latest research on how culture and personal values shape and influence employees' actions, behaviors, and leadership styles. Featuring extensive coverage on relevant areas such as psychological health, career management, and job satisfaction, this publication is an ideal resource for practitioners, professionals, managers, and researchers seeking innovative perspectives on the impact of personal values and cultures in the workplace.

Explaining Conversations offers a different way of interpreting people's social exchanges than has been available in the past. The book is replete with examples of people's verbal interactions in the form of chats, arguments, debates, and negotiations, both within a culture and across cultures. The volume's subtitle, *A Developmental Social-Exchange Theory*, identifies a theme featured in Chapters 2 and 5 the typical pattern by which social-exchange skills evolve over the first two decades of life. Throughout the book, the underlying meanings of conversations are interpreted in terms of (a) the needs people seek to fulfill through their conversations, (b) the influence of a person's culture on what is said, (c) individuals' patterns of thought (metacognition) during a conversation, (d) how people's expectations about a conversation affect what they will say, and (e) strategies individuals adopt to achieve their goals. The book includes a chapter designed to guide parents and teachers in promoting young children's and adolescents' social-exchange skills."

The two volumes set LNCS 10913-10914 of SCSM 2018 constitutes the proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Social Computing and Social Media, SCSM 2018, held as part of the International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, HCII 2018, held in Las Vegas, NV, USA, in July 2018. The total of 1171 papers and 160 posters presented at the 14 colocated HCII 2018 conferences. The papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 4346 submissions. These papers which are organized in the following topical sections: social media user experience, individual and social behavior in Social Media, privacy and ethical issues in Social Media, motivation and gamification in Social Media, social network analysis, and agents, models and algorithms in Social Media.

In this fully updated Fourth Edition of *Intercultural Communication*, author James W. Neuliep provides a clear contextual model (visually depicted by a series of concentric circles) for examining communication within cultural, microcultural, environmental, sociorelational, and perceptual contexts. Beginning with the broadest context-the cultural component of the model-the book

progresses chapter by chapter through the model, to the most specific traits of communication, verbal and nonverbal messages. Each chapter focuses on one context and explores the combination of factors within that context, including setting, situation, and circumstances. Highlighting values, ethnicity, physical geography, and attitudes, the book examines means of interaction, including body language, eye contact, and the exchange of words, as well as the stages of relationships, cross-cultural management, intercultural conflict, and culture shock. Features a new chapter on Cross-Cultural Conflict (Chapter 10) that includes discussions of face-negotiation theory, facework and facework strategies, conflict communication styles, and cultural preferences for conflict styles. Includes new sections on White/European American culture, an expanded discussion of Arab Americans, new material on Indian culture, and an expanded discussion on Chinese groups and communication, especially as it pertains to the business world. Includes new discussion questions at the end of each chapter that ask students to critically think about the chapter material. Offers realistic, cross-cultural dialogues throughout the book to demonstrate how key theoretical concepts manifest themselves in human interaction. Includes self-assessment instruments that measure concepts such as intercultural communication apprehension, ethnocentrism, individualism, and collectivism to help students understand themselves and evaluate their skill development.

In 1980, SAGE published Geert Hofstede's *Culture's Consequences*. It opens with a quote from Blaise Pascal: "There are truths on this side of the Pyrenees that are falsehoods on the other." The book became a classic—one of the most cited sources in the *Social Science Citation Index*—and subsequently appeared in a second edition in 2001. This new SAGE *Encyclopedia of Intercultural Competence* picks up on themes explored in that book. Cultural competence refers to the set of attitudes, practices, and policies that enables a person or agency to work well with people from differing cultural groups. Other related terms include cultural sensitivity, transcultural skills, diversity competence, and multicultural expertise. What defines a culture? What barriers might block successful communication between individuals or agencies of differing cultures? How can those barriers be understood and navigated to enhance intercultural communication and understanding? These questions and more are explained within the pages of this new reference work. Key Features: 300 to 350 entries organized in A-to-Z fashion in two volumes. Signed entries that conclude with Cross-References and Suggestions for Further Readings. Thematic "Reader's Guide" in the front matter grouping related entries by broad topic areas. Chronology that provides a historical perspective of the development of cultural competence as a discrete field of study. Resources appendix and a comprehensive Index. The SAGE *Encyclopedia of Intercultural Competence* is an authoritative and rigorous source on intercultural competence and related issues, making it a must-have reference for all academic libraries.

This book explores the concept of intercultural competence, focusing specifically on education. Intercultural competence can vary depending on the field of research or the context of application and has therefore developed over recent decades. As the world becomes increasingly global, intercultural competence has become even more important but it is still not practiced satisfactorily. This book highlights views which are at odds with official and orthodox positions on intercultural competence to encourage fresh approaches to intercultural competence. It will be invaluable for researchers, practitioners and students interested in the global possibilities of education.

Representing the fruit of a lifetime of reflection and practice, this comprehensive resource helps teachers understand the way people in different cultures learn so they can adapt their teaching for maximum effectiveness. Senior missiologist and educator Craig Ott draws on extensive research and cross-cultural experience from around the world. This book introduces students to current theories and best practices for teaching and learning across cultures. Case studies, illustrations, diagrams, and sidebars help the theories of the book come to life.

Winner of a 2013 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title Award. The third edition of a groundbreaking reference, *The Human-Computer Interaction Handbook: Fundamentals, Evolving Technologies, and Emerging Applications* raises the bar for handbooks in this field. It is the largest, most complete compilation of HCI theories, principles, advances, case studies.

This is an examination of the interactions between people of different cultures as portrayed in relatively modern, commonly available American and European films. The cinema is a desirable medium through which to show cultural differences because it vividly portrays settings, actions and emotions, all of which greatly influence viewers' perceptions. Films showing relations of the United States, north and south; Japan, China, India, Asia, and Africa meeting the West; the clash between American Indians and white settlers; various other intercultural contrasts, multicultural voices in film, and the connection between popular film and intercultural studies—all are examined in this work. Each chapter concludes with a filmography.

The field of communication was founded, in part, because of a need to make people better communicators. That meant teaching them how to communicate more effectively, whether it be in public settings or in private. Most of that teaching has happened within the classroom and many professionals have spent their lives instructing others on various aspects of communication. Inside this second edition, the editors have assembled a fully comprehensive and contemporary discussion of topics and issues concerning the teaching of communication. The chapters contained herein—contributed by key voices throughout the communication discipline—address conceptual as well as practical issues related to communication instruction. The contents of this new edition reflect the dramatic changes that have occurred in communication education since the publication of the first edition in 1990. This book focuses initially on the goals of communication education, then delves into the preparation of specific communication courses. It includes assistance for instructors in organizing instructional content and discusses the use of instructional strategies and tools, as well as offering ideas on evaluating the processes and products of instruction. The volume also covers unique teaching assignments that may be encountered, from the basic course to continuing education, and addresses 2-year college teaching, directing forensic programs, distance education, and consulting. It concludes with important professional issues faced by both new and experienced communication instructors, including ethics and political issues within classrooms and departments. This volume is a necessity for anyone starting out a career as a communication instructor. Veteran educators—who know that learning to teach is a continual growth experience—will find useful and invaluable information within the book's pages. Whatever background and level of experience, all communication educators will find this new edition to be an essential resource for their work.

This book explores communication, culture, and intercultural communication. The emphasis is on promoting understanding of and appreciation for the rich and varied perspectives encountered in intercultural communication opportunities. Interdisciplinary in nature, the book focuses on the need to develop self-understanding as a first step to intercultural understanding, and highlights the need for the intercultural state of mind to match our multicultural world, the difficulties inherent in the quest of such an objective,

the excitement of challenges on the way and the rewards of the success that are sputtering with new energy and yet waiting to be discovered. Furthermore, the book represents an initial step in the process of building competencies which may facilitate effective communication in all types of cross-cultural settings. It gives a unique outlook of how people from differing cultural backgrounds communicate, in similar and different ways among themselves, and how they endeavor to communicate across cultures. The book grows out of the philosophy that developing better interpersonal, intercultural communication skills will profoundly benefit the seven billion people who share this planet and who increasingly interact with each other by producing some guidelines with which people can successfully cope with the realities of cultural diversity, the challenges of living in a multicultural world, the need to transcend the unpredictability of intercultural interactions, the accompanying fears that such interactions often encompass, and the feeling of joy and comfort in the discovery of cultural diversity.

Stimulate lively discussions with activities for a variety of situations In *52 Activities for Exploring Values Differences*, Donna Stringer and Patricia Cassidy have written and adapted sound, ready-to-use activities for settings where the exploration of values differences is beneficial: the workplace, the classroom, corporate diversity training, international team development workshops, conflict management and others. The activities cover a broad spectrum for the varied needs of trainers and teachers: those who like hands-on, practical but low-risk activities; those who prefer experimental activities; and those who learn best if they can reflect on ideas. The authors' "Classification of Activities" at the front of the book helps users choose activities that are appropriate for their needs according to risk level, time required, context (work, personal or general) and group (individual, team, organization, domestic diversity or multinational). The directions for the activities are easy to follow, and the worksheets and handouts can be photocopied for use.

Crossing cultures can be a stimulating and rewarding adventure. It can also be a stressful and bewildering experience. This thoroughly revised and updated edition of Furnham and Bochner's classic *Culture Shock* (1986) examines the psychological and social processes involved in intercultural contact, including learning new culture specific skills, managing stress and coping with an unfamiliar environment, changing cultural identities and enhancing intergroup relations. The book describes the ABCs of intercultural encounters, highlighting Effective, Behavioural and Cognitive components of cross-cultural experience. It incorporates both theoretical and applied perspectives on culture shock and a comprehensive review of empirical research on a variety of cross-cultural travellers, such as tourists, students, business travellers, immigrants and refugees. Minimising the adverse effects of culture shock, facilitating positive psychological outcomes and discussion of selection and training techniques for living and working abroad represent some of the practical issues covered. *The Psychology of Culture Shock* will provide an essential reference and textbook for courses within psychology, sociology and business training. It will also be a valuable resource for professionals working with culturally diverse populations and acculturating groups such as international students immigrants or refugees.

This edited volume brings together the voices of different academics to illuminate the role of culture in determining the character and quality of the social and professional lives of mobile academics. The book examines specific issues on cultural diversity and the management of the heterogeneous classroom and diverse teaching/learning contexts. Teaching, learning, and research are processes carried out in situated contexts and within constructed, inherited, and negotiated cultural milieu, contexts that invariably affect the performance of the immigrant academics in their new homes and host academic institutions. The chapters in this volume provide analyses, reflections, and synthesis of intercultural and cross-cultural experiences. They include how migrant and expatriate scholars or students negotiate their cultural identities in new environments, how they engage with issues of differences in language accents, and how they navigate issues of minority versus majority status. They look at how immigrant scholars modulate their natal cultures in their new homes, how they work and rework their pedagogical beliefs and practices to suit the new and diverse classroom situations, and how native academics and the larger members of the receiving societies encompass the new challenges and opportunities of their now diverse society in a framework that they can understand. As the educational landscape goes increasingly global by the minute, studies such as these that deliver much insight on how migrant, immigrant, and expatriate academics, in their interaction with their hosts and with other immigrants, negotiate and resolve various psychosocial and socioeconomic challenges and dissonances, provide valuable and much-needed perspectives. This unique book provides an important discourse on the mobility across the boundaries of cultures and their primary subject of examination--to which the concepts of culture, change, and mobility are applied--is the mobile or sojourning academic (as students, teachers, and researchers). This is an important book for those in cross-cultural studies and education.

This report presents the conceptual foundations of the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), now in its seventh cycle of comprehensive and rigorous international surveys of student knowledge, skills and well-being. Like previous cycles, the 2018 assessment covered reading, mathematics and science, with the major focus this cycle on reading literacy, plus an evaluation of students' global competence – their ability to understand and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others. Financial literacy was also offered as an optional assessment.

Whether you run a giant corporation or work in a small business, it's more than likely that you regularly deal with people of different cultures—from customers and suppliers to salespeople and colleagues. It simply can't be overstated: You will have trouble succeeding in business today if you don't appreciate and know how to actively manage global cultural diversity. *Managing Across Cultures* examines why people around the world behave as they do and provides actionable tactics for succeeding in today's global business environment. Experts in the field of cross-cultural training, Michael Schell and Charlene Solomon describe seven readily recognizable behaviors and explain what they mean, how to interpret them, and most importantly, how to respond to them. *Managing Across Cultures* is filled with case studies illustrating the importance of understanding and dealing with cultural differences in all aspects of business. You'll learn how: Intel's powerful global corporate culture is a critical element of its historic success Colgate-Palmolive integrates cultural understanding into its global marketing programs GE adapts its effective management style to local business cultures You'll also find out how underestimating cultural influence caused serious problems for organizations like DaimlerChrysler and Wal-Mart. *Managing Across Cultures* takes you far beyond other books that simply catalog the customs, gestures, and language vagaries of other cultures. This in-depth, strategic guide will help in every facet of business—from hiring and motivating employees to developing winning sales pitches and marketing campaigns.

The complete understanding of organizational culture and personal values is fundamental for running and improving modern organizations. By identifying the underlying building blocks for behavior, strategy, and actions of organizations and their members, companies and researchers may discover innovative techniques to encourage productive and satisfying working environments.

Recent Advances in the Roles of Cultural and Personal Values in Organizational Behavior is a collection of innovative research on how culture and personal values shape and influence leadership styles, decision-making processes, innovativeness, and other management practices. While highlighting topics including employee motivation, leadership style, and organizational culture, this book is ideally designed for managers, executives, human resources professionals, recruiters, researchers, academics, educators, and students seeking current research on cultural backgrounds and personal values for organizations.

Club Expat: A Teenager's Guide to Moving Overseas is a comprehensive guidebook for any young adult or family moving overseas. Written by two former expatriate teenagers, this book is the culmination of experiences of students all around the world and of broad consultations with dozens of experts in the field of international relocation. Covering topics ranging from culture shock to the intricacies of overseas life, this guidebook will serve as the knowledgeable "companion" for young adults embarking on a new journey overseas. Aniket and Akash Shah are brothers who lived with their family in Europe and Asia for several years as expatriates. They were born in Allentown, Pennsylvania and lived in different parts of the United States before moving abroad. Aniket and Akash are members of the Class of 2009 and the Class of 2006, respectively, at Yale University.

Drinking from the Same Well is designed for those who seek a praxis-oriented theological grounding in the exploration of cross-cultural perspectives in the field of pastoral care and counseling. It traverses the broad terrain of cultural analysis and also explores in depth a number of discrete cross-cultural issues in pastoral counseling, related to communication, conflict, empathy, family dynamics, suffering, and healing. Cultural analysis and theological reflection are situated alongside numerous case studies of persons and situations that enliven the concepts being discussed, and readers are invited to engage personally with the material through a variety of focus questions and reflective exercises. This book can serve as a helpful textbook for seminarians and a useful guide for pastors and priests, church study groups, multicultural parishes, and anyone engaged in helping ministries with persons from other cultures. The goal is to develop culturally competent pastoral caregivers by providing a comprehensive and practical overview of the generative themes and challenges in cross-cultural pastoral care.

Intercultural Communication: A Contextual Approach introduces students to the fundamental topics, theories, concepts, and themes of intercultural communication. Best-selling author James W. Neuliep presents a clear model for examining communication within a variety of contexts, including cultural, microcultural, environmental, sociorelational, and perceptual. Each chapter focuses on one context and explores the combination of factors within that context, including setting, situation, and circumstances. The updated Eighth Edition reflects the most recent research in the field and further incorporates the role of modern technology and its impact on intercultural communication.

The development of cultural competence is becoming ever more important in our rapidly changing—and digitally expanding—world, not only in the intercultural field, but also in a variety of areas including business and higher education.

Building Cultural Competence brings together a collection of ready-to-use tools and activities to help build cultural competence—from the basics of understanding core concepts of culture to the complex work of negotiating identity and resolving cultural differences. Featuring fresh activities and tools from experienced coaches, trainers, and facilitators around the globe, this collection of over 50 easy-to-use activities and models has been used effectively in countries world wide in settings that range from Fortune 500 corporations to the World Bank, non-profits, and universities.

Learn updates on classic models like the DIE (Description, Interpretation, Evaluation) framework and the U-Curve model of adjustment. Engage in new exercises to help build intercultural competence and see practical, step-by-step instructions on how to effectively facilitate these activities. Stay relevant and have positive impact with clients, organisations, and students with these well organised, easy-to-implement, and high impact collection of frameworks, models and activities. For those who need to build cultural competence in others, this is a must-have book.

Readings in Multicultural Practice features a wellspring of seminal research studies critical to understanding the complex issues surrounding mental health care and diversity. Providing a wealth of in-depth research into delivering culturally competent care, this rich anthology examines general issues in multicultural counseling competence training; ethnic minority intervention and treatment research; and sociocultural diversities.

Figuring Foreigners Out will aid in creating an effective system for preparing and dealing with cultural differences. Based on more than one hundred oral history interviews, [this title] follows the the experiences of Kentuckians who chose to live and work in other countries around the world, fostering close, lasting relationships with the people they served. -- jacket.

A collection of 74 brief conversations between an American and people from other cultures.

Crossing Cultures provides a bold and refreshing new resource for teachers and trainers with proven methods for developing coping strategies and problem-solving skills in the cross-cultural arena. A comprehensive study structured to provide a framework for teaching; each chapter contains a teaching module, highlighting the potential difficulties, dialogues and variations in cross-cultural teaching. Ideal for those teaching Business across borders, this is a uniquely practical guide that features contributions from the leading lights of the field.

This handbook deals with the question of how people can best live and work with others who come from very different cultural backgrounds. Handbook of Intercultural Training provides an overview of current trends and issues in the field of intercultural training. Contributors represent a wide range of disciplines including psychology, interpersonal communication, human resource management, international management, anthropology, social work, and education. Twenty-four chapters, all new to this edition, cover an array of topics including training for specific contexts, instrumentation and methods, and training design.

This book presents a structured yet flexible methodology for developing intercultural competence in a variety of contexts, both formal and informal. Piloted around the world by UNESCO, this methodology has proven to be effective in a range of different contexts and focused on a variety of different issues. It, therefore can be considered an important resource for anyone concerned with effectively managing the growing cultural diversity within our societies to ensure inclusive and sustainable development. Intercultural competence refers to the skills, attitudes, and behaviours needed to improve interactions across difference, whether within a society (differences due to age, gender, religion, socio-economic status, political affiliation, ethnicity, and so on) or across borders. The book serves as a tool to develop those competences, presenting an innovative adaptation of what could be considered an ancient tradition of storytelling found in many cultures. Through engaging in the methodology, participants develop key elements of intercultural competence, including greater self-awareness, openness, respect, reflexivity, empathy, increased awareness of others, and in the end, greater cultural humility. This book will be of great interest to intercultural trainers, policy makers, development practitioners, educators, community organizers, civil society leaders, university lecturers and students – all who are interested in developing intercultural competence as a means to understand and appreciate difference, develop relationships with those across difference, engage in intercultural dialogue, and bridge societal divides.

While there are numerous resources for practitioners on the subject, the ambiguity remains of what actually constitutes effective multicultural counseling and psychotherapy and how it should be incorporated into their sessions. This book addresses the question of how to apply current theories and research with a unique “start-to-finish” approach, examining the role culture plays in each stage of the therapeutic process, from before the clinical intake to termination. Each chapter is devoted to one of these stages and provides practical strategies, techniques, examples, and case studies. The reader will find new ways to consider the influence of culture and expand their own knowledge and skills as a practitioner.

When you travel, you have a choice: You can be a tourist and have a nice time, or you can be a traveler and change your life. Why Travel Matters is for those who want to change their lives. Why Travel Matters explores the profound life lessons that await anyone who wishes to learn what travel has to teach. With engaging prose, delightful wit and a distinctive style, Craig Storti infuses his own experiences traveling the world for 30-plus years with quotations, insights, reflections and commentary from famous travelers, great travel writers, historians and literary masters. Storti's vast knowledge of the literature makes him an expert curator of astute gems from the likes of St. Augustine, Mark Twain, Somerset Maugham, D. H. Lawrence, Bruce Chatwin, Aldous Huxley and more.

Incorporates over a decade of new research and material on coping with the causes and consequences that instigate culture shock, this can occur when a person is transported from a familiar to an alien culture.

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An innovative and comprehensive guide that can be applied to a wide range of dialogue settings this educational tool for trainers in all fields of dialogue interpreting addresses not only the two key areas of Community- and Public Service Interpreting, the legal and health sectors, but also business interpreting.

Exercises to facilitate effective communication across a wide range of cultural differences Communication styles and patterns differ vastly among people from different cultures. Every culture has a "communication style norm" and when that style mixes with another, stereotypes and misperceptions arise. 52 Activities for Improving Cross-Cultural Communication explores cross-cultural communication issues with an eye toward increasing understanding and effectiveness. 52 Activities for Improving Cross-Cultural Communication is a practical trainer's manual that includes applications from many sectors, such as business, diversity, cross-cultural fields, and from many trainers in the U.S., Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. Exercises are organized according to audience, time required to perform and the risk level for participants, a unique feature created by the authors, and are easily adaptable to the user's particular need and situation. Many of the exercises are written with instructions that address requirements for a specific audience (e.g., gender or generation). There is something for everyone: those who like hands-on, practical activities; those who prefer experiential exercises; and those who learn best through reflection.

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