

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Teaching the intercultural in contexts of student mobility

June, 12th - 13th, 2014
University of Bologna, Italy

- Call for abstracts –

DEADLINE EXTENSION: 31st January 2014

It is generally acknowledged by individuals and institutions alike that student mobility in the context of higher education plays a significant role in terms of academic, cultural, intercultural, linguistic and professional development, as well as personal growth. However, research has also shown that contact alone is not sufficient to overcome stereotypes and develop intercultural skills. For this reason, a number of Higher Education institutions offer, as part of their teaching programme, courses dealing with the intercultural, both at a theoretical and practical level.

The conference is organised as part of IEREST (Intercultural Education Resources for Erasmus Students and their Teachers), a three-year European project (2012-2015) coordinated by the University of Bologna. The conference is intended for researchers of intercultural education as well as other educational professionals interested in intercultural and student mobility issues, programme administrators, and teachers of intercultural education. It will be an opportunity to discuss aims, methods and outcomes of available courses, as well as innovative ideas to improve the preparation of mobile students from an intercultural point of view. The conference will also include a number of presentations of IEREST outcomes and work in progress, and the opportunity to experiment with some of the materials developed within the project.

Keynote speakers:

Michael Byram, Emeritus Professor, University of Durham, UK (virtual presentation)
Celeste Kinginger, Pennsylvania State University, USA

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Abstract submissions

We welcome abstracts on the theory and practice of teaching the intercultural, particularly to mobile students in higher education. The topics suggested include the following:

- Intercultural learning and its implications for teaching;
- Teaching approaches/strategies and the intercultural dimensions: teaching experiences, critical analyses of practices, effects and outcomes, etc.;
- Teacher education and the intercultural dimensions;
- Implementation and impact of internationalisation and interculturality in higher education;
- Language and intercultural learning and teaching;
- Assessing intercultural development: Formative perspectives;
- ICT for intercultural teaching and learning;
- Intercultural textbooks and resources.

Abstracts should be submitted in English **by the 31st January 2014** to info@ierest.eu.

Please include a title and abstract (400 words) and consider that paper sessions will last 30 minutes (20 minute presentation followed by 10 minutes for discussion).

The Conference Scientific Committee will select the most innovative abstracts and those most consistent with the topics of the conference. Authors will be notified by the 1st March 2014 at the latest.

Publication

Papers accepted for the conference will be considered for publication in a Special Issue of *Intercultural Education*. Deadline for submission of full papers: 31st July 2014.

Registration and conference fee

All conference participants must register for the conference here (www.ierest-project.eu).

Please note that there is no participation fee associated with this event thanks to the fact that the conference is co-financed by the European Community.

Optional conference dinner: 35 Euros to be paid at the registration desk on arrival.

Important dates

- Deadline for sending abstracts: January 15th *Deadline extension: Jan, 31st 2014*
- Notification of acceptance: March 1st, 2014
- Deadline for sending full papers: July 31st, 2014

Conference venue

School of Foreign Languages and Literature, Interpreting and Translation (Aula Magna)
Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna
Via Filippo Re, 8
Bologna, Italy

Accommodation

A list of hotels and an info package about the city will be available in Spring 2014.

Questions

For further inquiries, please contact info@ierest.eu.