

Call for Abstracts

Nordic Network for Intercultural Communication (NIC) Symposium

We have the pleasure to invite you to the 18th NIC symposium which will take place in Helsinki, Finland on 1-3 December 2011.

Theme of the symposium is Theoretical turbulence - A paradigm shift in the field of intercultural communication?

In intercultural communication, where are we theoretically, and where could or should we go? Is there theoretical turbulence that is unique to this field? If so, what kind of turbulence? Are there paradigms in intercultural communication, and if so, are we in the middle of a paradigm shift?

The conference theme asks for critical evaluations and larger paradigmatic discussions of intercultural communication research and education. The concerns and questions suggested by the theme are shared in different disciplines (media and communication, education, business studies, organizational and management studies, linguistics and sociolinguistics, sociology, cultural studies) in Nordic countries and all over the world.

Presentations could touch upon, but are not limited to the following themes:

- Theoretical choices in intercultural communication research
- Critical evaluations of theories of intercultural communication
- Pedagogical applications of theoretical knowledge in teaching and consultation
- Examples of the application of interpretive or critical theories of intercultural communication in intercultural education and training
- Alternative perspectives for intercultural consultation or multicultural leadership
- Redefining key concepts in intercultural communication, for example, multicultural identity, culture, nation, diversity, intercultural communication, adaptation, intercultural skills or competence
- Challenges for intercultural communication (theories) set by the global world and individual multicultural experiences

In NIC Helsinki 2011 the conference theme will be discussed in several formats and venues: in a poster session, in workshops, by keynote speakers, in a panel, as well as in the traditional presentation sessions. The NIC Helsinki 2011 conference program will provide special spaces for MA and Ph.D. students to present and talk about their work.

The interactive poster session is reserved especially for recent MA students' projects, and the Ph.D. workshop is for Ph.D. students to present and address theoretical choices and dilemmas in their dissertations on intercultural communication.

The keynote speakers are:

Associate Professor Victor J. Friedman, Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Department of Behavioral Sciences, Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel, Israel

Professor Kristine Muños, Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa, USA

Professor Rebecca Piekkari, Department of Management and International Business, Aalto University School of Economics, Finland

Abstract submission:

Abstracts can be submitted for poster session, workshops, or panel presentations. The conference language is English and abstracts must be written in English. Presentations may be given in other languages; however, the audience may be limited. Please consult the conference website for a detailed description of the options, and submit your abstract of 200 words or less (including references) online by June 17, 2011. The conference website will be available in early May at www.helsinki.fi/nic2011.

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline 17 June 2011 Early-bird registration ends 1 August 2011
Registration deadline 14 October 2011 Conference begins (official program) 1 December 2011 at 1pm
Conference ends (official program) 3 December by 3 pm

We would appreciate it if you could circulate this to anyone who may be interested.

On behalf of the organizers,

NIC Nordic Network for Intercultural Communication together with the Institute of Behavioural Sciences at the University of Helsinki, and Aalto University

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