



**The 24th International Conference of the
International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies (IAICS)
July 5 – 8, 2018 Chicago, IL USA**

Call for Papers

Conference Theme: Communication and Dialogue: Integrating Global Communities

There are two opposing perspectives that have resulted from today's globalized world: One that promotes diversity, interconnectedness, and interdependence through open borders and intercultural collaboration as the antidote to the global problems of inequality, terrorism, and climate change. But not all subscribe to this notion, as another, more harmful view is characterized by ethnocentrism, prejudice, xenophobia, and implicit biases, which cause fear, exclusion, alienation, divisiveness, and violence. As intercultural communication scholars, it is our ethical responsibility to identify, analyze, and provide strategies and solutions to these problems and to create inclusive and integrated global communities through engaging intercultural and international dialogues. Integration of communities requires humanity to come together through compassion, empathy, shared values, common interests, and full participation of all people while acknowledging and respecting cultural differences. By sharing research from diverse interdisciplinary perspectives on intercultural and international issues, we can generate new ideas, new ways of thinking, and collective wisdom toward a brighter future.

Conference Time: July 5-8, 2018

Conference Venue: DePaul University, Chicago, IL, USA

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 and international issues;
- To synthesize research perspectives and foster interdisciplinary scholarly dialogues for developing integrated approaches to complex problems of communication in global contexts;
- To advance modes of inquiry for intercultural communication research and disseminate practical findings to facilitate understanding among cultures;
- To foster global intercultural sensitivity and integration in discussing and addressing challenging issues facing humanity.

Submissions:

IAICS is soliciting submissions that reflect diverse theoretical perspectives and empirical research in both quantitative and qualitative approaches. **Topics are broadly defined, but not limited to the following areas:**

Studies on globalization
Culture and community building

Cosmopolitanism in culture
Language and culture



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(Topics, continued)

Discourse analysis and global implications	Media and film studies across cultures
Nonverbal communication in intercultural contexts	Journalism and globalization
Cultural identity	Global communication and technology
International conflict	Public relations and advertising in global contexts
Comparative literature and poetics	Intercultural communication competency
Cultural hybridity	Intercultural and public policy
Language teaching in intercultural communication	Cultural studies
	Environmental studies
	Rhetorical studies
	Translation studies

Guidelines for Submission:

- Abstract, 100-150 words in English, including positions, affiliations, email addresses and mailing addresses for all authors. Times New Roman 12pt font size, single-spaced.
- Panel proposals reflecting the conference theme may be submitted. Panel proposals should include a 100-150 words abstract of each panelist's paper (as above) and panelists must each individually complete the registration process (as above).
- Submissions will be evaluated by a peer-review committee. The conference working language is English.

Deadlines

- Submit abstracts and panel proposals by **November 1, 2017**. Notification letters will be sent out by **February 15, 2018**.

Send Submissions to:

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Conference Host:

- The College of Communication, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, USA

Conference Web Site:

- go.depaul.edu/iaics; find information on fees, registration, and accommodations.

IAICS Website:

- <http://web.uri.edu/iaics/>; learn more about IAICS, including goals and membership information.



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Sample Abstract

The Development and Validation of the Intercultural Sensitivity Scale

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The present study developed and assessed reliability and validity of a new instrument, the Intercultural Sensitivity Scale (ISS). Based on a review of the literature, 44 items thought to be important for intercultural sensitivity were generated for the purpose of analyses in this study. A sample of 414 college students rated these items and generated a 24-item final version of the instrument which contains five factors. An assessment of concurrent validity from 162 participants indicated that the ISS was significantly correlated with other related scales, including interaction attentiveness, impression rewarding, self-esteem, self-monitoring, and perspective taking. In addition, the predicted validity test from 174 participants showed that individuals with high ISS scores also scored high in intercultural effectiveness and intercultural communication attitude scales.