

Communication and beyond - trends in intercultural competence development

Language educators have long appreciated the importance of relevant cultural knowledge for their students. Although communication is a vital part of intercultural competence it is important to go beyond communication and look at a number of other intercultural factors. This presentation explores current trends in intercultural training, in particular how to talk meaningfully about culture while respecting multiple cultural identities, avoiding stereotypes and integrating insights from neuroscience into teaching. It aims to stimulate discussion about the way forward for research in the field.