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Linking Social Justice and Intercultural Communication in the Global Context

Globalization has catapulted people from different cultures into shared and contested physical and virtual spaces in homes, relationships, schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces, resulting in new forms of misunderstanding and conflict, as well as unparalleled potential for intercultural alliances. Magnified economic inequity and political polarization have given rise to increased ethnic nationalism, xenophobia, racism, and other forms of fear and exclusion. This workshop offers a critical theory, social justice approach to intercultural communication, providing theoretical frameworks and process models for developing dynamic, multicultural communities committed to a more just and equitable world.



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