



## Session II A, July 17-21, 2017

### 17. Facilitating Intercultural Competence: Experiential Methods and Tools

Are you looking for meaningful methods and tools to teach or train about intercultural competence? We will actively engage you with conceptually grounded and widely used approaches to intercultural competence, such as communication styles, conflict styles, learning styles, the Cultural Detective®, Personal Leadership, and Trialogue. This workshop will equip you with creative methods for understanding general cultural patterns and also as those of a specific culture. We will focus on group dynamics, co-facilitation, adaptation, and strategic management of participants' and clients' needs, as well as the creation of your own activities. You can expect to be creatively, experientially, and reflectively engaged. Some basic knowledge of intercultural communication concepts and some experience with presentation and facilitation are recommended.

**Designed for:** Trainers, educators, managers, consultants, coaches, international education program professionals, counselors, and other intercultural practitioners who wish to enhance their intercultural competence development training/teaching/facilitating/coaching skills. Some basic knowledge of intercultural communication concepts and some experience with presentation and facilitation are recommended.

#### Workshop Objectives

You will have the opportunity to:

- Explore creative approaches to intercultural and diversity teaching and learning
- Gain knowledge of intercultural discovery tools and applications
- Understand yourself as a cultural being and gain insights into the effect you have on others in interactions
- Expand and strengthen your facilitation skills by mastering a variety of new tools and concepts
- Broaden your knowledge of intercultural communication theory and its application to the practice of training, teaching, or coaching
- Build mastery in exploring group dynamics with concentration on teachable moments
- Expand skills to facilitate with spontaneity and be fully present for a group's realities

#### Learning Activities

- Participation in a variety of experiential activities
- Lecturettes and group discussion
- Group work that addresses specific strategies for various intercultural audiences
- Structured self-exploration
- Discussion of facilitation approaches and strategies
- Skill-building for handling challenging participants and unexpected situations



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