



## Intercultural Communication in Higher Education - European and Central Asian Contexts - an international conference



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The launch of the *Intercultural Communication* MA programme in sociology and development of intensive scientific and teaching cooperation with Asian countries (especially Central Asia) have made it possible and appropriate to organize a conference and to invite our colleagues from abroad to participate. Intercultural Communication is interesting to sociologists (and other researchers at the University of Opole) for two reasons: not only is it a current form of work - when foreign students become entrants of sociology - but it is also its content, taking into account the scientific interests that occurred as a response to the need for knowledge in the world where mass mobility is not a technical obstacle anymore and cultures meet far and wide.

This conference opens a cycle of intercultural meetings with our new partners and constitutes the primary form of experience exchange in the research area.

### PL:

W związku z uruchomieniem specjalności *Intercultural Communication* oraz rozpoczęciem intensywnej współpracy naukowej i dydaktycznej z krajami Azji (zwłaszcza centralnej) zorganizowano konferencję, do której zaproszono zagranicznych kolegów. Komunikacja międzykulturowa jest podwójnie interesująca dla socjologów (i innych badaczy UO): po pierwsze jest aktualną formą pracy – kiedy adeptami socjologii stają się

studenci zagraniczni - oraz jej treścią, ze względu na zainteresowania naukowe wynikające z aktualnego zapotrzebowania na wiedzę w świecie, w którym masowe mobilności nie stanowią już technicznej przeszkody, a kultury spotykają się na wszystkich płaszczyznach i we wszystkich przestrzeniach. Konferencja stanowi początek cyklu międzynarodowych spotkań z pozyskanymi partnerami i posłuży jako podstawowa forma wymiany doświadczeń badawczych w nowych relacjach.

**Organizing committee:**

Michał Wanke, head; Sadık Bektaş, Joanna Gacka, secretaries

*Registration of the participants 9:50am - 10:00am*

## **Speakers and sessions**

Each session includes Q&A.

### **0. Introduction**

- Welcome address.
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**Cultures in Contact (10:15am - 11:00am)**

### **1. Dimensions of Culture in Intercultural Communication**

- Marzanna Pogorzelska (University of Opole, Poland)

### **2. Afghan Culture**

- Kamran Malik (Salam University, Kabul, Afghanistan)

### **3. Globalization and Multiculturalism**

- Sadik Bekdas (University of Opole, Poland)
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**Higher Education in Different Cultural Contexts (11:00am - 12:00pm)**

### **4. Role of Private Universities in Afghanistan**

- Abdullah Abdulbar (Salam University, Kabul, Afghanistan)

### **5. Intercultural Aspects in Teacher Training Programmes in Albania**

- Bledar Toska (University of Vlora, Albania)

### **6. Tandem Learning: Developing Students' Cross-Cultural Awareness in International Educational Projects**

- Elżbieta Szymańska-Czapłak (University of Opole, Poland)

### **7. Theories of Second Language Acquisition**

- Mohammad Shah Zaki (Taj Institute of Higher Education, Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan)
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**Coffee Break (12:00pm - 12:15pm)**

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## **Local Contexts of Global Processes (12:15pm - 13:15pm)**

### **8. The Cultural and Structural Distinctiveness of Opole Silesia in the Polish Context**

- Borys Cymbrowski (University of Opole, Poland)

### **9. Increase of Ukrainian Migration to Poland as an Effect of Civil War and Political Instability**

- Daniil Kononenko (University of Opole, Poland)

### **10. Peace and Stability in Afghanistan**

- Tamim Siddiqi - (Salam University, Kabul, Afghanistan)

### **11. Visions of the Far East in Contemporary Anglophone Popular Culture**

- Stankomir Nicieja (University of Opole, Poland)
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## **Identities in Transitions (1:15pm - 2:00pm)**

### **12. Negotiating an identity: The mediated discursive self-representation of the Polish immigrant community in the UK**

- Katarzyna Molek-Kozakowska (University of Opole, Poland)

### **13. Gender and Emotion Work in Intercultural Environment**

- Anna Czerner (Polish Sociological Association, Poland)

### **14. Artist's Identity as a Public Device - Looking for the New Formality**

- Michał Wanke (University of Opole, Poland)
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## **Cultures and Subcultures (2:00pm - 2:45pm)**

### **15. Practicalities of Intercultural Interaction in the Group of International Students**

- Oksana Smolnikova (University of Opole, Poland)
- Joanna Gacka (University of Opole, Poland)

### **16. Marijuana and Users in Turkey**

- Giorgos Tseligas (Panteion University, Athens, Greece)
- Ana Ferent (Universitatea Danubius Galati, Romania)

### **17. Intercultural Workshops in Opole's High Schools as an Example of Intercultural Education**

- Marcin Deutschmann (University of Opole, Poland)

## **Final discussion, conclusion (2:45pm - 3:00pm)**