



Dear SIETAR Members and Friends,

The India chapter is pleased to announce the next international conference in Pune, India on February 17 – 18th of 2018.

As a consequence of globalisation, intercultural competence emerged as an essential component of working, studying, and thriving in a world where technology had shrunk geographical space and increased the frequency and complexity of global interactions.

Today we are witnessing strong headwinds of deglobalization, making it even more critical to develop both “inter” and “intra” cultural competence. As challenges continue to mount, cultural practitioners must work to ensure its relevance for all stakeholders and certainly for the youth of today. To paraphrase Dr. Shashi Tharoor, “We all celebrate our national independence days with a pinch of patriotism but the remaining days of the year, we will need more than ever to celebrate **interdependence** days.” Interdependence in our post-globalised, networked and technologically integrated world is impossible without intercultural competence.

SIETAR India invites you to participate in its 6th international conference where the sessions will focus on:

1. Which concepts, tools and skills continue to be valuable for building intercultural competence? How can we enhance their effectiveness given the changed contexts we work in today keeping in mind the needs of youth living, studying and working in a post-globalized world?
2. Which fresh new paradigms and perspectives must the intercultural field integrate to make our academia/corporate world and societies more culturally intelligent and inclusive?
3. Which best practices have emerged from India and from the rest of the world with regard to multi-cultural collaboration and leveraging of diversity - especially during periods of transition and polarisation?

With a theme of Intercultural Competence 4.0 – this conference will provide a unique opportunity to learn about the ever changing and evolving world of Intercultural Competence through the Indian lens.

On behalf of the organising committee, we would like to welcome your participation and attendance for what will surely be an inspiring and engaging meeting of the minds.

Best Regards,
SIETAR India Team

Call for Proposals:

SIETAR India is inviting proposals for the 6th International conference.

Track One: Intercultural Competence Revisited

Track Two: The Interconnectedness of things

Track Three: The India Story

Please see the complete details regarding tracks and submission on our website:

www.sietar-india.org

Those interested are requested to submit their proposals no later than September 1st, 2017.

Additional information about the conference will be communicated in the following weeks and months – including details about pre-conference certifications, conference fees and logistical support for participants intending to travel.

If you would like to join our mailing list or if you have a question, please contact us at sietarindia@gmail.com