

Multiple Belongings and 21 Century Intercultural Communication

25th Nordic Intercultural Communication (NIC) Conference,

**29 November – 1 December, 2018,
Copenhagen, Denmark**

Aalborg University, Campus Copenhagen welcomes you all to the 25th Nordic Intercultural Communication conference on November 29 - December 1, 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

This year's conference bases its critical perspective on intercultural communication on the themes decolonization, cultural identities, and multiple belongings and capabilities for the 21 century. Belongings, migrations and issues of diaspora have been a tenet and condition of human societies throughout history. At present, discourses and narratives of difference are connected with concerns for loss of identity, power and dignity. Current constructions of difference as they connect to notions of nation, migration, relocation, and diaspora are inflected with the residue of post- and decolonial processes and conditions as European colonial practices have left their imprint in material and immaterial, implicit and explicit forms.

The 25th NIC conference, organized by the Center For Social Exclusion and Learning (SEAL), at Aalborg University, aims to address such historical legacies as they remain present in our day-to-day experience and practices. Further, we seek to understand the import and influence of decolonialization and multiple belongings in current communication practices, as well as how these pertain to and inform capabilities for the 21 century. How can we conceptualize communication in relation to multiple belongings? Who has the authority to define and delimit culture, difference, and belonging? Who is allowed to speak for or represent culture, groups, identities?

Further, we will integrate areas of the arts, music and other potential sites as part of the conference as these reflect shared social and cultural understandings, trends and histories as well as illustrate different collaborations and interminglings across differences in a broad range of fields and contexts. It is our hope that bringing some less traditional elements into the concept of the conference, may help widen the framework for understanding the role of difference.

Call for Proposals

For this 25th anniversary, we would like to invite reflections and thoughts on where intercultural communication is going and how it can be defined in the coming years.

We open the call for presentations and paper proposals related, but not limited, to the following themes:

- Decolonial, postcolonial, and colonial residue in intercultural communication and negotiations concerning constructions of cultural, ethnic, religious, and linguistic identities and identity hybridities
- Critical perspectives on theories and practice related to the field of intercultural communication, competency development in education and workplace contexts
- Processes and strategies for initiating, maintaining, and furthering inter/cross/intragroup interaction or research
- 21 Century skills: The identification and development of needed/required skills for navigating across constructions of difference and culture in the 21 century. Emerging challenges for intercultural communication research

Presentation proposals follow an abstract format of approximately 500 words, including references. Group proposals should also be approximately 500 words, including rationale, proposed participants as well as their individual contribution.

The submission system will open June 1, 2018; submission deadline until September 1, 2018.

We look forward to seeing you in Copenhagen!