



SIETAR USA 2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

MIND, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY: *Integrating Intercultural and Inclusion* **November 3-6, 2022**

In times when we have the opportunity to be present and make a positive difference in the Intercultural and DEI space, we invite you to join us to explore connections between Mind, Culture, and Society. How does the intersection of these three vital aspects change how we view and react to the world around us? The schisms in today's world such as rural/urban; immigrant/citizen; and the gaps caused by differences in religion, race, gender identity, and politics challenge us daily. How can integrating intercultural and inclusion concepts and practices make a difference when working at the edges of Mind, Culture, and Society? How does a deeper understanding and intersection of these three factors enhance our capacity to bridge such separations? This conference will shine a light on the impact of emerging neuroscience applications, current perspectives on culture, and social parameters within the Intercultural and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion fields. Come present at this year's conference and lead the discourse addressing these important questions.

Tracks

Mind & Body: Leveraging Neuroscience, Mindfulness, Somatic Intelligence and Beyond. Scientists studying the brain have applied their findings to many areas of human interaction. Most significantly, neuroscientists are increasing our understanding of the mind in such areas as prejudice and bias, culture, resiliency, and leadership. What can we learn from them that applies to our work? How can the mind-body connection be leveraged to heal schisms and historic trauma? How can the practice of mindfulness facilitate greater understanding and more equitable outcomes? Can embedding intercultural and inclusion in our work produce a better result? How can we decolonize the mind? What current research can we apply?



Culture: What are the new and emerging conceptualizations of culture, identity, and intercultural competence and their applications? How does integrating intercultural and inclusion affect outcomes of training, coaching, and teaching? Have the events of the past few years with the wide-spread focus on anti-racism initiatives and the increased awareness of the pervasive impact of white supremacy influenced your approach to learning and teaching about intercultural competence? Have you changed and adapted your focus on culture and identity in response to our current challenges? Why or why not? What are ways forward that attend to both interpersonal and structural aspects of learners' needs?

Society: What have we learned about the issues facing today's societies around the world and how can they help create a more positive impact in the USA and vice versa? What is the role or duty of the intercultural or DEI professional? Prominent among the issues facing us as professionals is the impact of racial aggression, health pandemics, challenges to democracies, new and ongoing civil unrest, immigrant and migrant issues, and concerns regarding racial and gender identity. How do these issues shape the work we do on the ground and how are they shaped by our work? And finally, how do the intercultural and DEI perspectives intersect and inform each other?

General: This category has been present since the inception of SIETAR. It is reserved for those sessions that address intercultural and DEI education, training and/or research that **do not** necessarily fit neatly into the tracks of the conference theme, although do provide resources and tools that enable practitioners to have a positive impact in the field. We welcome proposals on any general appropriate intercultural topic however, those addressing the Mind, Culture, or Society Tracks will be given priority.

Here are the descriptions of the format options presenter(s) can select for submissions, along with deadlines and other pertinent details. In addition to the in-person presentations we will be accepting virtual presentations for those who are unable to attend the conference in person. Be sure to indicate in which format you plan to present.



Formats

Proposals for concurrent sessions can be submitted in the following formats:

(Note: A limited number of virtual sessions will be accepted for 2022. Presenter should arrange to have a local facilitator in the room to manage any discussion. The following THREE formats will allow for virtual presenters: Presentation, Research, NED Talks (these should be pre-recorded if virtual).

1. **Workshop:** A workshop typically features a combination of presentation and interaction with a well-defined structure, handouts, and visual aids. Within this format a simulation or set of exercises may be conducted to teach participants how these methods can be used in training and education. The length of the workshop can be 75 or 90 minutes depending on the nature of the learning experience. Please note: SIETAR-USA conference workshop participants expect both a deep level of learning and a high degree of experiential engagement.
2. **Panel Discussion:** A panel brings together the perspectives of three or more presenters in a discussion of best practices and applications of concepts and theories. These sessions are intended to engage audience members by thinking about the multiple perspectives presented and the impact on current and future intercultural professional practice. The length of the panel will be 60 minutes.
3. **Presentation:** A presentation is usually by one or two presenters who are reporting on a project, new development in their work, a new conceptualization of existing theory or practice, a revision of a method or something that is of general interest to most conference participants. Presentations are limited to 60 minutes. Please note: this is an open category for the kind of reporting and discussion that has long been the backbone of SIETAR USA conferences. Virtual session allowed with in-person facilitator.
4. **Reflective Forum:** A forum is a facilitated discussion with participants on a topic of importance. We encourage experienced facilitators to submit their proposals of a topic describing the reflection model or format with which they would lead the process. The length of the forum can be 60 or 75 minutes depending on the topic and format. Please note: This forum is meant to be a time in which participants can contribute to processing a controversial issue or urgent topic for the intercultural field.



5. **Research:** This format consists of lecture and discussion of the results of a research project or academic study. Researchers are encouraged to share copies of their paper with the audience. The length of the research presentation is 60 minutes. Conference Program Chairs reserve the right to combine research presentations into one session if deemed appropriate. Please note: SIETAR audiences appreciate a question and answer (Q&A) time. Virtual session allowed with in-person facilitator.

6. **NED Talks:** One conference session time slot will be dedicated to highlighting a series of 10-minute TED-style talks. These should be on a topic of importance to you, the field, be relevant to the overall conference theme, and/or one of the tracks. Your NED Talk should be concise, well-presented, and engaging for the audience. Each Talk will be strictly limited to ten (10) minutes. If you have a video of a similar talk you have presented, please feel free to attach the link to the video file as part of your submission. Pre-recorded virtual session allowed.
****NED Talks, similar to TED Talks, are named in honor of one of the founding fathers of the intercultural field, Edward T. Hall, commonly called Ned by his friends and family.***

7. **Artistic Expression:** Non-traditional presentations that place a primary emphasis on performance and may rely on music, visual arts, theater, film, or physical movement to deliver the intended messages. The performance aims to increase participants' knowledge of a dimension of the intercultural experience. The length of the presentation can be 60 or 75 minutes. Please note: When you submit a proposal for artistic expression, please identify any special technical requirements you may have in the comments. We will let you know if they involve additional costs.

8. **Poster Session:** Poster presentations will be accepted for topics relevant to the conference theme, new research or application of theories and practice in the intercultural or DEI fields. A dedicated space will be available for poster presentations at the conference.

Technology

A screen, projector, flip chart and markers are provided. We do not supply computers or other equipment. Presenters should plan to bring your own laptop if needed.



Deadlines

For proposals that were accepted in 2021 and are being resubmitted with MINOR changes for 2022, the deadline for notification is March 15, 2022. 2021 presenters will receive instructions for resubmittal. These sessions will be accepted for 2022.

For proposals from 2021 with MAJOR changes or all NEW submissions the deadlines are as follows:

April 15, 2022 – the **Priority Deadline** for submitting proposals; proposals submitted by that date will be given priority in the review process.

April 30, 2022 – the **General Submittal Deadline**; proposals will be accepted through this date.

Peer-Review

All proposals are peer-reviewed and notifications will be made by **June 15, 2022**. Requested revisions to proposal will be due by **June 30, 2022**.

Conference Registration

Once selected, presenters are asked to confirm their intention to present by **June 30, 2022** and are expected to register for the conference by **July 15, 2022**. **Regretfully, as a non-profit organization, we do not have the budget to compensate for presentations or cover presenters' registration and travel expenses.** Presenters who have not registered by the July 15 deadline will be removed from the list of presenters.

Questions

All questions and inquiries should be referred to conferenceproposals@sietarusa.org.

To get started on your proposal, go to: www.sietarusa.org/2022CFP

Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to submit your proposal. We look forward to seeing you in OMAHA, Nebraska, USA!