

## OPEN SEMINAR SERIES ELT METHODOLOGY FOR ALL

### INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION IN THE ELT CLASSROOM



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#### **"From Confusion to Fusion: The Challenges of the Contemporary Intercultural ELT Classroom"**

The increasing impact of Intercultural Communication (ICC) has not allowed the classroom environment to remain unaffected. Language teaching in general and ELT in particular are at the core of ICC issues due to the nature of the discipline and the cultural as well as social parameters that it is infused with. Within the matrix of interconnected aspects of daily life, language teaching has found itself in need of adapting, so that it effectively meets the demands of ICC situations.

The task of turning this challenge into an opportunity requires becoming comfortable with the concept of ICC. In this direction, the presentation will introduce ICC by linking it to both its wider social implications as well as its specific dynamics inside the classroom. It will also address the English language in relation to the role it has been called to play in this context.

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#### **"Everything Is Culture, Even My Classroom!"**

During this presentation, lesson plans and classroom activities, projects and relevant school events will be discussed aiming at sensitising ELT Teachers towards a more humanistic approach to developing critical thinking and life skills. The new role of teachers (guide, mentor, parent) -- which is a result of socio-economic and therefore cultural changes -- will be discussed as well always in the light of intercultural communication.