

SIETAR India

Learning Events of 2008

6 February 08 – Bangalore Chapter (Heather Robinson)

"Matrixing Cultural Differences: A Training Activity for Culture Specific Content"

As intercultural trainers we are often called upon to deliver culture-specific content on a number of countries in a short period of time. The concern arises that it all becomes a blur for the participants and they walk away with little applicable knowledge. What to do? This matrix-based training activity supports participants in anchoring their learning about relevant differences and relevant commonalities in an engaging way. We will introduce, run, and debrief the activity, then explore the rich possibilities for applying this simple but power-packed game.

13 March 08 - Chennai Chapter (Sreemathi Ramnath, Sunita Nichani, Karl Cogard)

"Perceptions and culture"

Tara Publishing present a wonderful resource "The London Jungle Book" by Bhajju Shyam, following which in a highly interactive format, Sreemathi Ramnath, Karl Cogard and Sunita Nichani will animate activities and discussions around the theme of perceptions and culture. Bring all your enthusiasm and take away great ideas for enriching your training sessions.

3 April 08 – Chennai Chapter (SK Raja, Shyleshwari N)

"Negotiations across Cultures--A conversation on Relationship"

We negotiate often in our daily lives. Some of those may be trivial and may not deserve care and conscious thought. But many do. The strange thing is that people rarely realize they are negotiating. The Objective of today's conversation is to try to get an insight, understanding and appreciation into two fundamental aspects of negotiations. The "Outcome" and The "Relationship". That is the mantra as a negotiator. Understanding these will facilitate journeying, into the vast subject of negotiations, easier.

24 April 08 – Bangalore Chapter (Robin Pascoe)

"Homeward Bound: The Shock of Going Home"

As she does in her book of the same name, Robin Pascoe, the expat expert, takes a close look at the subject of repatriation, the challenges of returning home after overseas assignments, and the impact of re-entry shock on the entire family. Repatriation is a subject that many expats don't want to talk about ahead of time, but being prepared for the move home is as important as readiness for the relocation abroad. Robin offers advice and tips for ensuring a smooth move home.

1 August 08 – Delhi Chapter (Guillaume Gevrey)

"SIETAR India: Developing Intercultural Competence through Learning and Sharing Experiences"

First meeting of SIETAR India in the National Capital Region

12 September 08 – Chennai Chapter (Brian Schroeder)

Globalized Service Delivery and Intercultural and Linguistic Competence: Measuring learning effectiveness and customer satisfaction

Companies now globalize where, when, and how they serve customers through off shoring services around the world. These typically are referred to as Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES). Interaction may occur by phone, email, and instant messaging.

26 September 08 – Bangalore Chapter (Mitch Hammer)

Cutting-edge insights and frameworks for building intercultural competence in the 21st century

Dr Mitchell Hammer will join the SIETAR India Bangalore chapter to share his experiences in developing intercultural competence in education, corporations, government agencies and not-for-profit organizations. His talk will focus on the way interculturalists are “making a difference” with individuals, teams, organizations and communities.

7 November 08 – Bangalore Chapter (Sunanda Pandit)

“Is the Post in post-colonialism over?”

This question seems all the more relevant as India emerges on the threshold of foregoing its over 200 years old colonial past and embracing a economically empowered new India. Postcolonial Studies in this context has always sought to reclaim significances for people from the non - European World through texts and cultural productions by which they define themselves. Postcolonial studies; an ever burgeoning theoretical approach in literary and cultural studies owes its origin to the anti - colonial politics of nationalist thinkers like Frantz Fanon and M.K Gandhi. In the context of 21st century new Imperialism, it is clear that the urgency of postcolonial agendas has not diminished.

13 January 09 – Bangalore Chapter (Gesa Kramer)

Challenges in Working and Training in Intercultural Contexts: Possibilities from NLP

In this interactive workshop, based on the book: “Intercultural Communication with NLP”, published by Gesa Krämer and Stephanie Quappe in 2006, we’ll start from the theory that culture is as well an embodied experience in as much as it is intellectual and emotional. To be an effective interculturalist, we must recognize and attend to our embodied ethnocentrism. We’ll get in touch with the basics of NLP and experience some methods for your daily life challenges at work or in training and coaching. Direct experiences are guaranteed with practical body and mind exercises as well as presentation and discussion.