



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Join us in San Diego for a conference designed to support you in stimulating thinking, inspiring insights, expanding skills and renewing commitment—we will work together to explore significant questions and seek pathways to change. The theme of the 2017 conference is:

Building Bridges with Intercultural Competence: Changing World, Changing People, Changing Times

Formats:

Proposals are accepted for concurrent sessions in the following formats:

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 into 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 can be **60 or 75 minutes** depending on the topic and number of presenters. **Please note:** The program committee may ask a few potential presenters with similar proposal topics to combine their efforts into a panel.
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 conferences.
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:** A 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. **Pecha Kucha:** Japanese for chit-chat, this is a popular presentation style in which 20 slides are shown for 20 SECONDS each (6 minutes and 40 seconds total). With this format, presentations are concise and fast-paced. For more information on Pecha Kucha please consult websites such as: <https://globaldigitalcitizen.org/how-to-make-great-presentations-with-pecha-kucha> or www.usc.edu/dept/education/CMMR/Pecha_Kucha_TipsResourcesExamples.pdf. Considering our group culture, SIETAR USA will allow a brief time for questions and discussion following each presentation.

There will be **3 or 4 Pecha Kucha presentations in each 60 minute session. Please note:** We ask that you be willing to download a Pecha Kucha presentation template and use it for your talk.

6. **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. Please note:** SIETAR audiences appreciate a question and answer (Q&A) time.
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.

Tracks:

There are 3 tracks for the 2017 conference:

- 1.) Healing the Divides: Race, Ethnic and National Origin, Gender and Sexual Orientation, Immigrants and Refugees Face Challenges in our Changing Times
- 2.) Cultural Identity: Fresh Perspectives on Multicultural Identity
- 3.) Assessing Intercultural Competence: Measuring Transformative Culture Learning

Please Note: We encourage proposals that address the overall theme for the conference or for one of the tracks, but proposals are welcome on any appropriate intercultural topic.

Technology:

A screen, projector, flip chart and markers are provided. We do not supply computers or other equipment.

Deadlines:

The Priority Deadline for submitting proposals is **May 15**. These proposals will receive special attention and will be reviewed first. The final deadline for proposals is June 1. No extensions will be granted after June 1.

Peer-Review:

All proposals are peer reviewed and notifications will be made no later than August 1, 2017.

Conference Registration:

Once selected, presenters are asked to confirm their intention to present and are expected to register for the conference before the end of the early bird registration. Regretfully, as a non-profit organization, we do not have the budget to compensate for presentations or cover presenters' registration and travel expenses.

Questions:

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

To get started on your proposal, go to:

www.sietarusa.org/2017CFP

Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to submit your proposal. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!