

# GETTING ACQUAINTED ACROSS CULTURES

20 October 2017

**Organisers:** Michael Haugh & Valeria Sinkeviciute  
School of Languages and Cultures, The University of Queensland

**Venue:** Advanced Engineering Building (#49) ([see the attached map](#))

- Room 601 (Boardroom)

## Symposium Programme

**8:30 – 9:00** – Registration and welcome

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### **SESSION 1 (9:00 – 10:30)**

9:00 – 9:30

**Natalie Flint** (Ulster University) and **Andrew John Merrison** (York St John University)

*Reciprocally sustaining involvement: On the preferences for agreeability and interactivity when doing disaffiliation in initial intercultural interactions*

9:30 – 10:00

**Jun Ohashi** (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne)

*Balancing obligations: A cross-cultural investigation of small talk*

10:00 – 10:30

**Melody Chang** (School of Languages and Cultures, The University of Queensland)

*Display of epistemic stance in getting acquainted interactions*

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### **MORNING TEA (10:30 – 11:00)**

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### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER (11:00 – 12:00)**

**István Kecskés** (University of New York at Albany)

*The interplay of prior experience and actual situational context in intercultural first encounters*

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### **LUNCH BREAK (12:00 – 13:30)**

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**SESSION 2 (13:30 – 15:00)**

13:30 – 14:00

**Heinz L. Kretzenbacher** (The University of Melbourne), **John Hajek** (The University of Melbourne), **Catrin Norrby** (Stockholm University) & **Doris Schüpbach** (The University of Melbourne)

*Austrian German speakers' introduction and address behaviour at international conferences*

14:00 – 14:30

**Antonella Strambi** (Flinders University) and **Vincenza Tudini** (The University of South Australia)

*Getting acquainted in online text chat: The role of self-disclosure in rapport building between L1 and L2 speakers of Italian*

14:30 – 15:00

**Kerry Mullan** (School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University)

*Humour in French and Australian English initial interactions*

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**AFTERNOON TEA (15:00 – 15:30)**

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**SESSION 3 (15:30 – 16:30)**

15:30 – 16:00

**Michael Haugh** (School of Languages and Cultures, The University of Queensland) and **Donal Carbaugh** (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

*Self-deprecation and reciprocity in initial interactions*

16:00 – 16:30

**Valeria Sinkeviciute** (School of Languages and Cultures, The University of Queensland)

*Performing yourself: Constructing identity in initial encounters*

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**16:30** – Closing