GETTING ACQUAINTED ACROSS CULTURES

20 October 2017

Organisers: Michael Haugh & Valeria Sinkeviciute
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Venue: Advanced Engineering Building (#49) (see the attached map)
  • Keynote talk: Room 313A
  • Presentations: 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
LUNCH BREAK (12:00 – 13:30)

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

AFTERNOON TEA (15:00 – 15:30)

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

16:30 – Closing