



A model for integrating intercultural enrichment programs in formal curriculum



Outline of our panel





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Samuele's presentation: Inter-cultural Enrichment Program in Prato (IEPP): the "Parliamo!" experience, 2013-present

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Prato: A multicultural context

The "Parliamo!" experience, 2013-present

Reflections on students' feedback, 2014-2015

Teaching as part of an intercultural enrichment program: Reflections and proposals







- Profile of the exchange students at Monash Malaysia
- Approach of the programs offered to the inbound exchange students
- Feedback from students
- Recommendations



Narelle's presentation: Practical challenges of intercultural competencies development

Offering mode considerations:

credit

elective vs. required

length and timing

location

Key issues:

•costs

degree requirements

•time

uptake





Rationale and background: An escalated process



current paradox

Intercultural enrichment programs

=> 'add on' to study abroad / optional not-for-credit extracurricular activities

Issues of 21st century education

=> inclusive framework = ethical principles + cross-cultural learning (Patel, 2011)

Internationalisation of the curriculum

=> going beyond traditional boundaries between 'for-credit' and 'not-for-credit' programs (Bailey & Ingimundardottir, 2015)



future global citizens and leaders



Informal // formal curriculum



holistic approach



Monash Prato Study Abroad research (2011-2012)

Findings from reports by Baldassar & Mulcock (2012) and Polezzi (2012)

- 'bubble effect'
- intercultural competency outcomes = 'being there' factor
- inadequate framework + lack of theoretical knowledge = risk of reinforcement of stereotypes
- necessity of scaffolding process.



Inter-Campus Exchange survey (2011-2013)

Findings from Normand-Marconnet papers (2015)

Benefits of ICE

- personal enrichment, cross-cultural competences and future professional outcomes, and global citizenship skills

Challenges in ICE

 academic difficulties, culture shock, social integration, financial difficulties



A timely project

- + and innovative approach
- = a flexible template on

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE







- cultural awareness from experiential perspective?
- in field activities into the formal curriculum?



2014: = an experimental transdisciplinary program /three different campuses

=> intercultural sensitivity



Monash University's Strategic
Plan 2015-2020 "We will
ensure that both the
curriculum and pedagogy
inculcate the intercultural
competence that will be a
hallmark of a Monash
Education."







Next steps



Key words throughout the process:

action-research, inclusion, sustainability.

- 2016: adaptation and delivery in intensive mode in Malaysia (Monash Sunway campus)
- 2017: adaptation and delivery in extensive mode in Australia (Monash Clayton and Caulfield campuses, capstone unit in Bachelor of Global Studies)
- 2018: adaptation and delivery on intensive mode in South Africa (Monash Johannesburg campus) ???



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