



# The Body, Embodiment and Bodyfulness in Intercultural Communications

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Has the meaning of the body been marginalized in current intercultural scholarship? Returning the scholarly attention to the roots of our mind-body connections, the Institute for Intercultural Communication at Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich is organizing an international hybrid conference (i.e. both online and presence format) from May 6<sup>th</sup> until May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in order to target this question.

We cordially invite you to send us your abstract by December 30<sup>th</sup> per e-mail to [ikk@ikk.lmu.de](mailto:ikk@ikk.lmu.de).

As the conference is of an interdisciplinary nature, we are interested in conference publications from various disciplines, i.e. (intercultural) communications, psychology, anthropology, sociology, neuroscience, linguistics, philosophy, history, language education, the classics and the arts. Particularly important are the following ideas:

- \* The interconnection between body and mind within the field of intercultural communications
- \* Emotions, feelings, and sensory experiences during intercultural encounters
- \* The relationship between the body and the idea of intercultural competence
- \* The development of intercultural competence through embodiment
- \* The concept of the body in intercultural teaching, training and coaching
- \* The meaning of non-verbal communication for intercultural competence
- \* The nexus of body and identity formation(s)
- \* The meaning of the body for artificial intelligence within the field of intercultural communications
- \* Artistic or literary representations of the body in intercultural encounters
- \* Qualitative and/or quantitative research of the body experience in intercultural encounters

We are open to all other related topics, and we also welcome contributions from both doctoral students and young scholars. We encourage our contributors to present their ideas in traditional and more innovative ways, and we are looking forward to interactive formats (i.e. small workshops). The abstracts, presentations and subsequent publications can be in English or German.

Please send us your abstract (250-300 words) and a short bio (50-80 words). The conference team will respond to all applicants by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Information concerning a possible presence format, travel, hotels etc. will be provided by the end of January 2021. In case the COVID situation is not improving, the conference will be completely online. No conference fee will be charged to presenters.

We are looking forward to inspiring and dynamic interactions, resulting in an extensive interdisciplinary conference publication planned for 2021-2022.