

# **The Second Annual Roundtable of Language and Society Centre (LASC)**

**School of Languages, Cultures, and Linguistics, Monash  
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## **Call for papers:**

### **Intercultural communication: From the streets to the Internet**

Some decades ago, the phrase ‘intercultural communication’ would have conjured up references to specific contexts (such as the workplace) in multilingual/multicultural societies such as Australia, the USA, and Britain. Today, however, processes such as globalisation, global mobility, and new technologies have made intercultural communication part of almost everybody’s life, in a variety of contexts as well as across various channels. Contacts between people from various backgrounds have also led to the emergence of new “cultural groups”, such as virtual communities on the Internet. Such developments have provided new opportunities, as well as challenges, for the study of intercultural communication and its increasingly complex nature in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The second Annual Roundtable of Language and Society Centre (LASC) will provide an opportunity for researchers working in the general area of intercultural communication to share their research with each other. This roundtable aims to draw on recent approaches to the study of intercultural communication in a multitude of contexts (for example, from the streets to the internet) to enable a collective effort towards advancements in the area.

Key themes:

- Technologically-mediated intercultural communication
- Intercultural discourse in academia
- English as a Lingua Franca
- Multilingual communication
- Institutional discourse
- And other aspects of intercultural competence

Those interested in submitting a paper for presentation should send an abstract (around 250-300 words) to Melanie Burns ([Melanie.Burns@arts.monash.edu.au](mailto:Melanie.Burns@arts.monash.edu.au)) by the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. Notification of acceptance of proposals will be by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009.