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this book provides a contemporary and critical examination of the theoretical and pedagogical impact of michael byram s pioneering work on intercultural communicative competence and intercultural citizenship within the field of language education and beyond the chapters address important theoretical and empirical work on the teaching learning and assessment of intercultural learning and highlight how individual language educators and communities of practice enact intercultural learning in locally appropriate ways the book offers comprehensive up to date and accessible knowledge for researchers teachers teacher trainers and students

this text has been designed for teachers head teachers and youth exchange organizers interested in providing an intercultural dimension to secondary school classroom learning drawing on the professional intercultural education work of the council of europe the authors emphasize preparation guidance and assessment of projects and exchanges case studies and checklists are included to enable the teacher to work directly from the book or to use the materials as a supportive resource to curriculum design

winner of the 2015 16 kenneth w mildenberger prize awarded by the modern language association many educators aim to engage students in deeply meaningful learning in the language classroom often facing challenges to connect the students with the culture of the language they are learning this book aims to demonstrate that substantial intercultural learning can and does occur in the modern language classroom and explores the features of the classroom that support meaningful culture in language learning the author argues that transformative modern language education is intimately tied to a view of language learning as an engagement in meaning making activity or semiotic practice the empirical evidence presented is analyzed and then linked to both the theorizing of culture in language teaching and to practical concerns of teaching

over the past three decades the population of international students throughout the world has steadily increased although university students choose to study in locations other than their home country for a variety of reasons including professional development and disciplinary training nearly all education abroad programs have intercultural learning as a central goal in this element perspectives derived from cross cultural psychological research are applied to an investigation of the effectiveness of study abroad as a mechanism for intercultural learning effectiveness is broadly defined and includes not only overall favorable program outcomes such as gains in intercultural skills knowledge attitudes and awareness but also a recognition that study abroad experiences and outcomes may vary depending upon participants diverse and intersectional identities best practices for facilitating intercultural learning through study abroad are identified and strategies are outlined for addressing the methodological challenges of research in this area

intercultural learning has long held a central role in european youth work and policy especially in international youth exchanges the expectations placed on intercultural learning as a process as an educational and social objective and lastly as a political attitude in relation to diversity remain fully relevant in europe today several factors are necessary for the development of quality youth work including the capacity to put knowledge and research to good use and similarly to present youth work in ways that actors in other social and policy fields can understand the work of the partnership between the european commission and the council of europe in the field of youth in the areas of youth worker training and of intercultural dialogue in particular the euro mediterranean co operation activities has provided many examples of successful experiences in intercultural learning in youth work and of difficulties in communicating about such work this essay by susana lafraya is a contribution to enlarging the circle of communication on intercultural learning experience through youth work the connections that she makes between non formal learning youth work and intercultural theory sum up much of what has been said in the youth work field in the past years it is translated and published here with the intention of adding one more stone to the edifice of intercultural learning and non formal education

intercultural learning is an important topic for the priorities of both the european commission and the council of europe and of their partnership in the field of youth intercultural learning is an educational approach that can lead to social transformation so that people from different cultural backgrounds can develop positive relations based on the values and principles of human rights and on seeing cultural differences as positive things it is a form of political and social education that needs to pay attention not only to intercultural relations but also to different understandings of culture and diversity power relations distribution of resources political and social context human rights discrimination history and daily interactions among different groups this t kit was developed for the context of youth work and non formal education with young people both of which support the personal development social integration and active citizenship of young people educators and youth workers have an important role in addressing intercultural learning in their work with young people they can stimulate young people s learning in their daily lives so that they can question and extend their perception develop competences to interact positively with people from different cultural backgrounds and embrace the values of diversity equality and dignity in today s europe these values and skills are fundamental for young people and for society as a whole in order to continue building peace and mutual understanding

telecollaboration or online intercultural exchange has become widely recognised as an effective way to promote the development of intercultural communicative competence and language skills however the study and implementation of new

2 0 environments such as wikis skype virtual worlds and gaming for telecollaboration is still in its infancy how can these multilingual multimodal collaborative environments be used to promote language and intercultural learning what are the implications for teachers and learners and what new literacies are required do they offer an added value this book seeks to answer these questions and many more by bringing together the experience and expertise of researchers and practitioners alike the authors offer critical stances new frameworks and practical case studies to help the reader navigate the world of telecollaboration 2 0

highlights the bridging character of drama based foreign and second language teaching for intercultural learning drama here is not limited to theater related work but means the interplay between body and language in general to include for example sports dancing singing and storytelling the major techniques and curricular structures of educational drama and its application in the foreign and second language classroom are introduced what are the techniques methods strategies and curricular structures that engage language learners in continuing dialogue between one's own culture and the one yet to be discovered what comprises the language we speak in order to understand and be understood which body is it we communicate through and to this volume answers these and other questions of the pedagogy of drama based teaching across the foreign second language curriculum and on all levels of the educational pyramid there are two major issues currently discussed in drama based foreign and second language methodology the first is goal oriented asking whether the acquisition of accuracy or fluency is more important and whether a controlled learning through imitation or an open through improvisation learning environment is more efficient the second issue concerns using drama in language teaching either its use is process oriented where drama becomes an immediate medium for language learning or product oriented where it becomes primarily the reason for language learning the book outlines the theoretical frameworks of both issues and introduces personal narrative comparative observation and analytical reflection illuminating opportunities for learning at both ends of the seemingly contradictory poles of both issues

seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject didactics for the subject english pedagogy literature studies grade 13 justus liebig university giessen anglistik course seminar teaching about britain in the foreign language classroom language english abstract when it comes to the english foreign language classroom often people's first associations are grammar rules or learning vocabulary in fact it needs much more to learn a language and be able to use it properly than just achieving grammatical skills and knowledge in terms of vocabulary in order to internalize and successfully apply english as a foreign language in spoken and written code it will not suffice to merely learn about syntax lexis phonology and other features that

structure the language the learner should also be aware of the specific cultural background which speakers of the english language have cultural awareness is necessary in order to show etiquette and avoid misunderstandings in intercultural communication thus intercultural communicative competence is a quality which helps speakers of english as a foreign language to successfully communicate with native speaker english as much as any other language has developed over centuries and was shaped by culture therefore intercultural learning plays an important role in foreign language learning and should be systematically integrated in the english foreign language classroom as a matter of fact english has become the official language of many nations worldwide and every nation developed its own history and culture there are many cultures involved when it comes to learning about english culture since the english language originates from britain this term paper will focus on approaching british culture in the english foreign language classroom and its necessity for the development of an intercultural communicative competence the term paper will commence by giving a definition of culture and what it has to do with language in general in the next step it examines the purpose and development of intercultural learning in the foreign language classroom finally this term paper gives an overview of how intercultural learning can be approached it works as a guide for teachers and offers practical examples for the english foreign language classroom with focus on british culture

many language teachers recognise the importance of integrating intercultural learning into language learning but how this can be best achieved is not always apparent this is particularly the case in foreign language learning contexts where teachers are working with a prescribed textbook and opportunities to use the language outside the classroom are limited this book argues that teachers can work creatively with conventional resources and utilise classroom experiences in order to help learners interpret aspects of communication in insightful ways and develop awareness of the influence of cultural assumptions and values on language use the book provides extensive analysis of a range of classroom interactions to demonstrate how teachers and learners can work together to construct opportunities for intercultural learning through reflection on pragmatics

given the interest in recent years in developing intercultural communicative competence icc as a key aim in teaching a foreign language textbooks are often studied and evaluated in terms of their roles and impacts on the promotion of intercultural awareness among language learners while some textbook designers prefer to focus on the target language culture others mainly consider the local culture however as most of the research has been conducted on a textbook or a series of coursebooks in a single country there are few studies which analyze the textbooks comparatively in an international setting concerning cultural matters thus the present work attempts to enrich this discussion by analyzing four english

textbooks at the first grade of upper secondary school level from intercultural perspectives in germany iran the netherlands and sweden in this case this study aims to investigate the extent to which the texts and activities in the textbooks develop intercultural competence

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over the last two decades drama pedagogy has helped to lay the foundations for a new teaching and learning culture one that accentuates physicality and centres on performative experience signs of this performative turn in education are especially strong in the field of foreign second language teaching this volume introduces scholars language teachers student teachers and drama practitioners to the concept of a performative foreign language didactics approaching the subject from a wide variety of contexts the contributors explore the extent to which performative approaches emphasising the role of the body as a learning medium can achieve deep intercultural learning drama activities such as improvisation hot seating and tableaux are shown to create rich opportunities for intercultural encounters that transport students beyond the parameters of conventional language literature and culture education

this volume responds to the growing need for intercultural approaches to teaching and learning languages the central premise is that the aim of intercultural language teaching and learning is to foster effective communication and effective learning in spaces between cultures in order to prepare learners for global citizenship but that the corresponding models and methods must emerge from the bottom up in order to meet the needs of each unique context the book offers a collection of

successful experiences rooted in praxis it shares the activities methods models and approaches which have been developed within specific contexts thus it offers an example of how to adopt an intercultural perspective in teaching and learning the editors and contributors share the conviction that the experiences detailed here can be informative to the realities of all readers in the same way that their own practices have been informed by others

seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject didactics for the subject english pedagogy literature studies grade 10 justus liebig university giessen language english abstract intercultural competence is an important goal to teach and learn times of teaching only the four skills are finally identified not to be enough for a necessary communication in a foreign language and in interaction between people of different cultures

with the increasing focus on international education and study abroad programmes online intercultural education and study abroad meets the need for a text that addresses ways in which technology may be harnessed to enhance student experience combining case studies with theoretical insights this book critically investigates the effectiveness of a fully online study abroad intervention that was designed to optimise intercultural learning in an international context intercultural education researchers and practitioners are provided with theory based practical ideas such as elearning strategies and online mentoring tips to help students maximise their intercultural education journey intercultural competence development and social engagement while abroad both practical and research focused this volume considers a wide range of topics including contemporary notions of experiential learning guided critical reflection through e mentoring a social constructivist orientation towards elearning pedagogy tools to help understand and measure learner development abroad online intercultural education and study abroad is suitable for both novice and experienced study abroad practitioners researchers and administrators satisfying the growing interest in using elearning within study abroad programmes this book will be a necessary point of reference for any institution that aims to enhance international educational experience especially through the use of technology

this book explores the framework of intercultural citizenship within a variety of us teaching and learning contexts the chapters which comprise both conceptual pieces and empirical research studies represent a wide variety of languages at levels ranging from beginner to advanced from early elementary through higher education contexts they urge us to look carefully at how intercultural citizenship enhances and expands the work of world language educators by bringing in additional focus on social justice and critical cultural awareness the book addresses curricular issues professional development models language immersion study abroad virtual exchanges and teacher education in relation to intercultural

citizenship through its focus on how intercultural citizenship is being enacted in a wide variety of learning contexts in the united states and its theoretical and conceptual investigations of social justice and intercultural citizenship the book will be an invaluable resource for teachers teacher educators and researchers working on intercultural citizenship

the ability to effectively communicate with individuals from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds is an invaluable asset learning a second language proves useful as students navigate the culturally diverse world however studying a second language can be difficult for learners who are not immersed in the real and natural environment of the foreign language also changes in education and advancements in information and communication technologies pose a number of challenges for implementing and maintaining sound practices within technology enhanced language learning tell cross cultural perspectives on technology enhanced language learning provides information on educational technologies that enable language learners to have access to authentic and useful language resources readers will explore themes such as language pedagogy how specific and universal cultural contexts influence audio visual media used in technology enhanced language learning tell and the use of english video games to promote foreign language learning this book is a valuable resource for academicians education practitioners advanced level students and school administrators seeking to improve language learning through technology based resources

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