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Notice of: Symposium Wednesday September 22, 2010.

Language, culture and social connectedness in our diverse landscape

Expressions of interest to be launched early in March – contact dashwood@usq.edu.au ph.1806.

It is timely in 2010, the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures and the USQ year of research to invite abstracts for papers from fellow researchers across the USQ campuses, other Australian universities and the multicultural community of scholars. Contemporary studies proposed as papers and presentations will represent challenges and opportunities in the multilingual and multicultural landscape that is the local and global reality of diversity in our communities.

Submit your abstract for review to be considered for presentation at the symposium. For those accepted there will be an opportunity to submit a full paper for consideration in an e- book or special issue of the International Journal of Pedagogies and Learning.

<p>Topics include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identity                      In-group / out-group</li> <li>Values                              Connectedness</li> <li>Bilingualism                      Language learning</li> <li>Critical pedagogy                      Social justice</li> <li>ESL /academic English                      Policy</li> <li>Language maintenance</li> <li>Heritage/community languages</li> <li>Analysis of discourse</li> <li>Community expectations</li> <li>On-line experience</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Connectedness is a psychological term used to describe the quality and number of connections we have with other people in our social circle of family, friends and the local and wider community. It also describes how people come together and network. In the linguistically and culturally diverse social landscape of modern Australia, our communities and networks are varied and complex. Our connections can be real and virtual; national and transnational; local, regional and global. We build our networks at home, in our neighbourhoods and at school, university, training and work.</i></b></p>
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**In this one-day symposium we invite teachers, students, researchers and change agents in the community to explore the linguistic, cultural and social variables that support or create barriers to social connectedness. We invite papers for peer review in your disciplines and presentations that address critical aspects of living and communicating in our culturally diverse Australian landscape. Papers should relate to the above topics. Website available soon.**

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