

# Intercultural communication and spiritual backgrounds

## Blended Intensive Programme “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași, Romania

### *Call for partners*

#### What is it about?

Intercultural communication is made possible by the bridges created and developed among individuals and communities. Bridging people and communities from different countries and cultural and spiritual backgrounds is an experiential and dynamic process, the very fact of *meeting the cultural other*. Yet, such kind of experiential training must be specific to a particular kind of cultural meeting, depending on cultural and spiritual background of BIP course participants. So, it needs to be facilitated in several ways by putting in act bridging strategies. As an experiential process, intercultural communication will always have a particular development and result, overall, being a unique formative experience.

#### Where?

"Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Romania

#### When?

November 4-8, 2024

#### Who should attend?

Undergraduate, Graduate and PhD Students

We will be happy to receive teachers with Erasmus Teaching Mobilities

#### Learning outcomes

- Developing an experiential understanding of cultural diversity.
- Developing and enhancing abilities to have intercultural communication, starting with understanding of the other's difference, and continuing with appreciation of the other's cultural and spiritual values.
- Understanding the role of spiritual and cultural values for the world of today.
- Better understanding of own cultural and spiritual values through intercultural communication.

#### Benefits

3 ECTS Credits

#### Course structure. Main topics

The course address key aspects and means of developing abilities of intercultural communication based on spiritual backgrounds. Will be inquired and discussed cultural and spiritual frameworks that define geographic areas, communities as well as the identity of the individuals pertaining to such areas or communities. Will be discussed the principles of intercultural communication and its significance for today's international context. Another key aspect to be addressed is the role of cultural and spiritual values as frameworks in understanding the world of today and in enhancing our ways to communicate. The practical aspects of intercultural communication based on spiritual backgrounds will be addressed in seminars and workshops, the main target being the experiential and the dynamic interaction among participants.

Main topics:

- What is intercultural communication?
- Intercultural communication in context/s.
- The significance of spiritual background for intercultural communication.
- Cultural and spiritual values impact in the world of today.
- Artificial Intelligence and intercultural communication: pros and cons.
- Benefits of training in intercultural communication.