

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE: DEVELOPING CITIZENS WHO CAN ACT LOCAL AND THINK GLOBAL

A BCCIE SPEAKER SERIES EVENT

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7:30 PM-9:00 PM

**Room A240, Human and Social Development (HSD) Building
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Canadian post-secondary institutions are placing increasing emphasis on international experiences for their students as critical components of their education. Part of the reason for this is the increased awareness of the importance of what has been termed “cultural intelligence” for functioning effectively in cross-cultural work and social settings. Cultural intelligence has been shown to be a skill that can be learned, developed, and managed through systematic learning experiences.

Norah McRae, Executive Director of the University of Victoria’s Co-operative Education Program and Career Services, is involved in a unique CANEU-COOP project, funded by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) and the European Union, which is examining the development of cultural intelligence through cross-cultural workplace learning. She will discuss the various elements of the project and the link between cultural intelligence, employability and global citizenship. Being able to demonstrate how cultural intelligence can foster global citizenship is important for students, employers and the future of our country on the international stage.

Come and learn more about cultural intelligence and how it can influence workplace life. To attend this event, please register online at <http://www.bccie.bc.ca/educators/professional-development>. This event is open to the public and is free of charge.

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The BCCIE Speaker Series creates a forum for dialogue among education institutions, faculty, students, and local communities on the benefits of international education.