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Intercultural Competence from a Socio-linguistic Viewpoint:
How shall we reconnect people around the world?

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Abstract

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have become more virtually connected. We now have more opportunities to study and collaborate internationally and are more likely to interact with people who have different values, beliefs, and experiences than ever before. Intercultural competence is crucial for fostering strong connections. However, the topic is often encountered as an elective course or as training related to travel abroad for study or business. I will introduce the concept of intercultural competence, explore what participants already know about intercultural competence, introduce some intercultural communicative concepts, and explain why these concepts should be incorporated into the general curriculum.

About the Speaker

Judy Kambara is a Specially Appointed Lecturer at Okayama Prefectural University. She holds a B.A. in Asian Studies from the University of Maryland (USA), a Maryland state teacher's license in social studies and English language arts, and an M.A. in Applied Linguistics from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She has taught social studies and language arts in international schools in Okinawa and Kyoto and English as a foreign language at Japanese universities. She believes that social studies concepts are at the heart of every academic discipline. Her research and classroom practice focus on weaving issues of equity and human rights into the curriculum and drawing on students' passions and interests to facilitate learning.

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