



Pre-conference Workshop

Innovation in the language classroom: The EUFICCS Methodology for Intercultural Education

Friday, September 25th, 2015

9:00am – 12:00pm

This year the Instructional team of the International Center for Intercultural Exchange/Siena Italian Studies will offer teachers, instructors, experts and academics the opportunity to deeply comprehend the EUFICCS methodology by means of a dedicated training workshop that will focus on theoretical and above all, practical issues. Participants will have the possibility to closely analyze EUFICCS materials, discuss the main topics of interest about didactic methodology, elaboration of syllabi, didactic choices, and learning units. The workshop will also challenge the participants by offering practical activities and tasks, such as the creation of didactic units, proposals and suggestions for future courses and writing entries about intercultural encounters. The workshop aims at initiating participants to the EUFICCS methodology in order to implement it in other cultural contexts.

Workshop structure:

1. Theoretical introduction: the EUFICCS methodology and Reflective Intercultural Competence
2. How to construct a EUFICCS syllabus and course
3. EUFICCS didactic units: practical examples
4. NOLC instruction and strategies: practical examples. Trainees are requested to work on authentic materials from EUFICCS courses.

5. NOLC instruction: elaboration of didactic materials (text simplification, elaboration of didactic activities upon given texts, proposals for the elaboration of a EUFICCS course/syllabus, suggestions for EUFICCS materials and resources, ...). Trainees are requested to transform theoretical input into practical products.
6. RW class: structure of RW course
7. RW class: how to use a RW syllabus
8. RW class: trainees are requested to write an entry on a given topic and simulate a RW session