Intersecting identities and interculturality: discourse and practice

SYNOPSIS

Most scholars now refute the monolithic, static definition of identity and adopt a fluid approach to the concept which takes into consideration overlapping, or rather intersecting different facets of identity. The contact of many and varied aspects of identity finds its full development in interpersonal communication when two or more individuals identify through their discourse. In this volume, the authors are interested in identity in intercultural contexts.

With contributions from Finland, Japan, Malaysia, Romania, the United Kingdom and the United States of America from the fields of linguistics, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, linguistic anthropology, cultural anthropology, literature and education, the key concepts associated with identity and interculturality are revisited, and empirical research provides an insight into identification processes.

This volume will appeal to scholars interested in the questions of identity and intercultural relations, as well as to students, particularly from the fields of anthropology, education, language and communication studies. It will also interest individuals from all walks of life who are keen on knowing more about personal diversities.

Keyword: Identity; Interpersonal communication; Intercultural relations; Communication