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Some of our biggest challenges in an increasingly globalized workplace lie in our communications – verbal, nonverbal, and written. This course explores the communication challenges of living – and working – in a world in which we increasingly interact with people from a variety of cultures.

Communicating Across Cultures provides a practical and theoretical framework for understanding and working with people of different cultural backgrounds – within the United States and globally. You will explore your own cultural communication style(s), learn first hand about different international communication styles, and take advantage of the rich cultural diversity at UC Berkeley and the surrounding communities.

COURSE FORMAT
This is a 2-unit course with no prerequisites. We will meet once a week in seminar/workshop. The class is highly interactive, and includes lectures and discussions, experiential exercises, and a research project.

ASSIGNMENTS and EVALUATION
Evaluation is based on three short papers, a midterm quiz and a final exam, a group presentation, and class participation.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR
Ericka Lutz has taught writing and public speaking at Haas since 1998. She has lived and worked internationally in Eastern/Western Europe and Asia, and frequently guest lectures in Europe and South America. She performs regularly around the Bay Area and has authored eight books, including two travel books and a novel, as well as dozens of award-winning short stories, essays, travel narratives, columns, and national opinion pieces. More about her at http://erickalutz.com.