

Masterclass in Intercultural Communication: Let's Talk

Programme – Fall/ Winter Semester 2026

Date	09:00–10:00 CET	10:15–11:15 CET
13 Oct 2026	Kick-off Session (Mandatory) – Université Paris-Saclay (UPSaclay) Lecturers: Csilla Ducrocq, Sanda Boucheron Introduction to the Masterclass, course objectives, collaborative project, and programme overview.	—
20 Oct 2026	Culture – UPSaclay Lecturer: Csilla Ducrocq Introduction to the concept of culture: definitions of culture, Hofstede's Onion Model and Pyramid Model, deep culture, and the Developmental Model of Linguaculture Learning.	Culture and Mythology – University of Szeged (USZ) Lecturer: László Gulyás Mythology as a shared foundation across cultures. This lecture explores similarities between world mythologies, including the "hero's journey" (Joseph Campbell's monomyth), and examines how mythological concepts continue to shape contemporary societies.
27 Oct 2026	Culture Shock – UPSaclay Lecturer: Csilla Ducrocq Identity and its relationship with culture shock; the stages of culture shock; the concept of the double bind; understanding culture shock through the dimensions of <i>being</i> , <i>doing</i> , and <i>seeing</i> .	Cultural Dimensions – University of Porto (UPorto) Lecturer: Philip Bracker Exploring the core of Hofstede's Onion Model of Culture through Hofstede's six cultural dimensions and Erin Meyer's eight cultural scales. The session compares these models and applies them to real-life intercultural situations.
3 Nov 2026	Language and Culture I – University of Alcalá (UAH) Lecturer: Carmen Merino How language shapes and reflects culture. Identification of cultural influences on communication styles, meaning-making, and worldviews.	Language and Culture II – Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU) Lecturer: Nevra Lichewski Practical applications of concepts introduced in the first session through case studies. Analysis of culturally embedded language and reflection on students' own linguistic and cultural practices.
10 Nov 2026	Bias – UPSaclay Lecturer: Kirti Sardesai This session explores psychological mechanisms underlying bias, helping students recognise bias in everyday situations and develop a greater appreciation of cultural diversity.	Collaborative Project Workshop – UPSaclay Lecturers: Sanda Boucheron, Csilla Ducrocq Follow-up workshop to support students' collaborative projects and address questions arising during the online group work.
17 Nov 2026	Discrimination through Science and Law – UPSaclay	Law and Culture – University of Szeged (USZ)

	Lecturers: Sanda Boucheron, Nathalie Loison An exploration of the historical construction of race through pseudo-scientific theories (17th–20th centuries), their later refutation through genetic research, and contemporary ethical issues surrounding genetics and embryo selection.	Lecturer: Tamás Pongó An examination of the relationship between law and culture. The session analyses how legal systems both reflect and shape cultural values, and how legal norms differ from other forms of social regulation through their institutional authority and democratic legitimacy.
24 Nov 2026	Cultural Misunderstandings and Critical Incidents – UPSaclay Lecturer: Csilla Ducrocq Psychological mechanisms underlying intercultural misunderstandings, their impact on individuals, and the role of critical incidents in developing intercultural competence.	Conflict Across Cultures – LMU Lecturer: Kim Sophie Barnstorf Types of conflict, the influence of culture on conflict perception and management, and strategies for navigating different conflict management styles in intercultural contexts.
1 Dec 2026	Course Wrap-up and Collaborative Project Presentations – UPSaclay Lecturers: Sanda Boucheron, Csilla Ducrocq Course review, reflection on learning outcomes, discussion of collaborative projects, and conclusion of the Masterclass.	—