

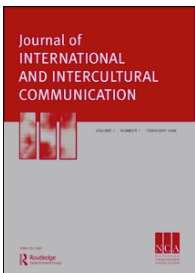
Journal of INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION



~ **Special Forum Call for Submissions** ~

Out of Bounds? Queer Intercultural Communication

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There is immense potential for productive engagement between queer and trans studies, and intercultural communication scholarship. In the last decade, conversations in the humanities and social sciences have flourished on such issues as homonormativity, homonationalism, homocolonialism, gay imperialism, queer postcolonialism, queer necropolitics, queer cosmopolitanism, queer migration, queer political economy and queer borders. These discussions have revolutionized understandings of phenomena such as nationalism and imperialism, for example, by showing the profound ways racialized genders and sexualities work to challenge, uphold and promote them. Moreover, conceptualizations of citizenship have been radically rethought through queer and trans lenses to uncover the previously unexamined normativities upon which cultural and global citizenship is predicated.

Clearly, contemporary conversations in queer studies have significant implications for a vast array of communicative, mediated and rhetorical practices, cultural exchange and representation. Queer studies are tangibly and compellingly intercultural. Still, the intersections and interplays between the queer and the intercultural need to be explicitly explicated, elucidated, and elaborated within communication studies.

Accordingly, the *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication* is hosting a groundbreaking special forum that considers the broad intersection of queer studies and intercultural communication scholarship. We invite submissions that address, but are not limited to, the following questions: a) What do explicitly communicative approaches contribute to ongoing queer theoretical conversations?; b) What do these queer conversations bring to the study of culture and communication?; c) What intercultural communication phenomena might be most productively understood through a queer lens?; d) How can contemporary discussions of transnationalism, postcolonialism and hybridity in communication studies be challenged by queer perspectives?

Submitting your proposal

An essay proposal of at least 500 words describing the focus and content of the proposed submission should be submitted electronically by **1 April 2012**. Authors should submit proposals using the journal's website (www.tandf.co.uk/rji) and follow instructions for online submission. Please select 'special forum paper' to describe the type of submission. JIIC now follows APA 6.0 guidelines. Proposals will undergo a review process, and a selection will be shortlisted for development into approximately 2500-word essays. Shortlisted authors must commit to a timeline for revision, resubmission and publication, with full manuscripts to be submitted by 1 August 2012. Questions should be directed to Karma R. Chávez at karchavez@wisc.edu.