

Intercultural Competence For **CONSCIOUS COLLABORATION**

LANGUAGE & CULTURE TRACK:

Integrating intercultural studies in language

**SIETAR India Conference 2026 | Pre-Conference Event 13 November 2026 |
2:00–5:00 PM**

Background

Language is more than fluency and accuracy; in intercultural spaces, it shapes how we connect, understand culture, and create belonging. This track explores how language can become a practical pathway to **intercultural understanding and conscious collaboration**.

Focus & Outcomes

Through three complementary perspectives, the track will explore how language can support inclusion, intercultural understanding, meaningful communication, and conscious collaboration. Participants will engage with practical approaches, reflect on their own experiences, and exchange ideas on how language practices can be integrated into teaching, training, facilitation, and professional contexts.

The Language & Fluency Track seeks to open a continuing conversation beyond the conference by bringing the **language and intercultural communities closer together**.

Time	Session	Presenters
2.00 to 2.15	Introduction: 15 mins Welcome, introduction to the Language Track & framing the common thread	
2.15 to 3.00	Dimension 1 Beyond Fluency: Small Language Practices for Conscious Collaboration	Pooranasoundari Venkatesan , <i>Intercultural & German Language Trainer</i> & Usha Krishnan , <i>Intercultural & German Language Trainer</i>
3.00 to 3.45	Dimension 2 Beyond Translation: Using Language to Reveal Culture and Build Intercultural Understanding	Swati Kulkarni , <i>Intercultural & German Language Trainer, Goethe Institut, Bengaluru</i>
3.45 to 4.00	Tea Break	
4.00 to 4.45	Dimension 3 Beyond Words: What We Say, What We Hear, and How Context Shapes Meaning	Anupama C , <i>Japanese Language and Culture Specialist & Intercultural Trainer</i>
4.45 to 5	Closing Note & Discussion Connecting insights across the three layers, collective reflection & takeaways	