

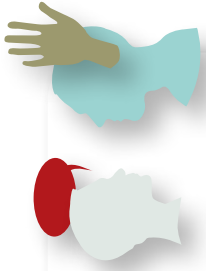
An illustration at the top of the page features several colorful silhouettes of people's heads and hands. On the left, a dark blue silhouette of a woman's head is shown in profile, with a pink hand reaching up towards it. Next to it is a red silhouette of a man's head. In the center, there is a gold silhouette of a woman's head with curly hair, and a pink silhouette of a man's head. To the right, a white silhouette of a woman's head is shown in profile, with a purple silhouette of a woman's head next to it. Above these silhouettes are two white speech bubbles and one dark blue speech bubble. On the right side of the page, there is a white silhouette of a man's head with a red cap, and a light blue silhouette of a woman's head with a gold hand reaching up towards it.

Autobiography of Intercultural Encounters

Notes for facilitators



Language Policy Division



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"Complementary tools should be developed to encourage students to exercise independent critical faculties including to reflect critically on their own responses and attitudes to experiences of other cultures."

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