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### Abstract

The present paper sets forth some ways of handling cultural complexity by approaching a multidisciplinary vision in order to explore cross-cultural communication and its framework. The main focus is on the conceptualization of intercultural competence and the way it occurs in applied linguistics, psychology or management studies. Intercultural communication has often been defined as an interaction between members belonging to various social groups, setting forth the similarities and differences related to language use and to the dynamic of behavior. Keywords: cross-cultural communication, social groups, competence, language, interaction.

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