

## Intercultural Communication Styles

### **Low context**

Meaning is conveyed through explicit statements made directly to the people involved, with little reliance on contextual factors such as situation and timing. Sender assumes responsibility for communicating clearly

### **Linear**

Discussion is conducted in a straight line, developing causal connections among sub points toward an end point, stated explicitly. Low reliance on context.

### **Direct**

The speakers intentions are obvious, and the content of the speech is enunciated in a forthright voice.

### **Abstract**

Issues are best understood through theories, principles, and data, with emphasis on the general rather than the specific.

### **Informal**

Emphasizes the importance of informality, casualness, and role suspension, Reflects perceptions of a low level of power distance

### **Self-enhancement**

This verbal style emphasizes the importance of promoting one's accomplishments and abilities.

### **Silence**

Isn't golden – a void to be filled. Empty pause.

### **High context**

Meaning is conveyed by suggestion, implication, nonverbal behavior, and other contextual cues. The receiver or interpreter of the message assumes responsibility to infer the meanings of a message.

### **Circular**

Discussion is conducted in a circular movement, developing context around the main point, which is often left unstated. High reliance on context.

### **Indirect**

This features statements that tend to camouflage the speaker's actual intentions and are carried out with a more nuanced tone of voice.

### **Concrete**

Issues are best understood through stories, metaphors, allegories, and examples, with emphasis on the specific rather than the general. Animated, Expressive, vital, may have more tonal variations, different rhythms

### **Formal**

This is a role centered verbal mode that emphasizes formality and large power distance

### **Self-effacement**

This emphasizes the importance of humbling oneself via verbal restraints, hesitations, modest talk, and the use of self-deprecation concerning one's effort or performance.

### **Silence**

Holds strong contextual meaning, indicates reflection. Pregnant pause.