



Intercultural Studies: An Area of Strength (AOS) in FEHD@EdUHK

What is intercultural studies?

Intercultural studies is a multidisciplinary field that straddles education studies and the social sciences and is directly concerned with how schools, tertiary education and education systems can nurture and support diversity and social cohesion within and across communities.

In contrast to multicultural education, Intercultural Studies addresses 'both sides' of the intercultural equation. Specifically, it focuses on i) how individuals and groups understand themselves and people who differ from them, including ethnic, cultural, language, religious and socio-economic differences; ii) how similarities and differences within and between groups happen and are sustained; and iii) how teachers, education leaders, and education policies and practices can bridge intercultural differences to enhance educational, social and economic opportunities for all young people.

What are the signature research themes of the Intercultural Studies AOS?

1. Understanding the diversity across all young people in education;
2. Educational leadership for building positive intercultural relations;
3. Intercultural pedagogies for multicultural and languages education; and
4. International education, internationalization and interculturality.

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