

*“The stranger sees only what he knows” (African proverb)*

Please join us for a workshop on

## **‘Intercultural competencies for engineers and scientists’**

co-organised by

*Technical University of Munich (TUM)*

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*Ecole des Ponts ParisTech*

*on*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, 17:30 -19:30, online**

PISA define **intercultural competence** as the “*capacity to examine local, global and intercultural issues, to understand and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others, to engage in open, appropriate and effective interactions with people from different cultures and to act for collective well-being and sustainable development.*”

**Intercultural competence** is **essential** for engineers and scientists as the future of science and engineering hinge on collaboration between international teams. Engineers and scientists constantly encounter engineering and research situations in which they must deal with foreign professionals. Successful cooperation and management require a deep understanding of different perspectives, work attitudes and communication styles and, above all, empathy for foreign cultures. Gaining intercultural competence will help you to succeed in your career and increase your employability, as well as reducing the stress you may encounter.

### **Learning outcomes**

In addition to exploring theoretical concepts, the programme includes practical exercises. This interactive workshop will allow you to practice your newly acquired knowledge and skills. It is designed to open your mind, helping you to act more efficiently in your international career.

Attendance at both sessions is required. We expect active participation and mutual respect. We look forward to sharing this journey through the diversity of interculturalism – and above all having fun!

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