Everywhere is Rome:
Intercultural Adaptation at Multicultural Universites
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Two cultural challenges facing faculties at the University of Colorado Denver are:
1) The growing influx of international students; and
2) The ongoing diversity of its domestic student body
While both groups of students typically make large efforts to adapt to the university environment, there are still major cultural gaps between (and among) them and the various academic cultures represented by faculty. Traditional orientation and equity programs can only go so far in addressing these gaps; eventually they end up in classrooms and laboratories as either obstacles or potential assets to learning. This session will review how an intercultural “mutual adaptation” approach reduces communication obstacles in the classroom, and it will suggest how the same approach can maximize the potential for cultural differences to become assets to education in critical analysis and creative thinking.

\textbf{About the speaker:}
Dr. Milton J. Bennett founded and directs the Intercultural Development Research Institute located in Hillsboro, Oregon and Milano, Italy (http://www.idrinstitute.org). He is also an adjunct professor of intercultural communication at the University of Milano-Bicocca and a consultant on the topic to corporations, universities, and exchange organizations in Europe, Asia, and the US. Dr. Bennett studied physics and cognitive psychology as part of his BA degree from Stanford University, has an MA in psycholinguistics from San Francisco State University and holds one of the first Ph.D.’s in intercultural communication (University of Minnesota).

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