The use of multinational teams has grown extensively, and the trend will continue as globalization increases. Therefore, multinational teams are a taken-for-granted aspect of modern society. Some people see multinational collaboration as a problem, while others see it as an opportunity. Intercultural teamwork involves a dynamic push-pull tension between diversity and unity. In order to be successful in the modern workforce, students therefore need to understand the inherent contradictions of intercultural communication that require simultaneously holding two oppositional ideas and accepting the dynamic tensions that exist. In his talk, Dr. Levitt will discuss a variety of cultural paradoxes and dialectics, complexities and differences which affect many aspects of international collaborative work. The importance of cultural identity and relationship recur throughout interview participant narratives.

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