The Impact of Linguistic Misunderstandings in International Contexts

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Lecture Course Conflict Management





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In international contexts, English is almost automatically used as a common language - after all, it is a language "everyone understands". But is it really? Does everyone understand the same behind the words that are used? Is sufficient attention paid to the personal and cultural differences behind the use of a language that is not one's mother tongue? How do you convey important underlying nuances through a language in which you are mostly competent in basic vocabulary?

These are relevant questions within academic contexts. Not only for international collaborators coming to work in a foreign country, but also for native speakers working with international collaborators. The conflict potential of linguistic misunderstandings is often underestimated.

In her interactive presentation, Wendy van den Bulck will deepen our understanding of the impact of linguistic misunderstandings and offer us strategies to alleviate their conflict potential.

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