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Simulation Exercise – Cultural Encounter

Anthropologists

Goals:

To identify communication cues in an unfamiliar culture, to use systematic information-gathering and analysis techniques, and to explore ambiguities and examine salient factors in cross-cultural interaction from the perspectives of both the host culture and visiting anthropologists.

2 groups:

host culture

anthropologists

Anthropologists' instructions:

- a) Interview as many persons of the host culture as possible.
- b) Use research methods – ask several people the same question(s) and verify responses for consistency; observe behaviour; look for patterns.
- c) After ten minutes you'll be asked to describe the culture.
- d) Anthropologists "interview guideline" have been developed:
 - 1) Are all of you from the same culture?
 - 2) Do all of you speak the same language?
 - 3) Are you friendly to outsiders?
 - 4) Do you practice the same religion?
 - 5) Is the same food prepared by all culture members?
 - 6) Do you live in extended families?
 - 7) Are children educated in public schools?
 - 8) Are most people in cities?

Please add at least five additional specific questions:

- 9)
- 10)
- 11)
- 12)
- 13)

Questions for the anthropologists:

1. To what extent is the group friendly and cooperative?

2. To what extent is the group reasonable and consistent in their thinking?

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- a) Men can only talk with men and women can only talk with women.
- b) You can only answer yes or no questions.
- c) If the anthropologist is smiling when the question is asked, the answer is "yes"; if the anthropologist is not smiling, the answer is "no."
- d) Some Topics in your culture are taboo; add three of more of them:
 - religion
 - family
 - ..
 - ..
 - ..

Questions for the host culture:

- 1) To what extent are the anthropologists friendly and cooperative?
- 2) To what extent are the questions of the anthropologists convenient/not convenient?



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