

# SILC Summer Seminar Series 2006

*Is your heart as hot as the sun for different cultures?*

*Maybe this will satisfy your craving!*

*Let's dive into the pool of cultures, and find out a lot of goodies!!*

## **Seminar 1, July 5**

### **Cross Cultural Communication in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**    Katry Rain

*The world is becoming a "global village" and clear communication is increasingly important. How do people from different cultures actually communicate with each other? In this thought-provoking workshop we will tackle the following questions: 1. What do words actually convey? 2. What causes misunderstandings? 3. What are the "basic beliefs" of a language, and how do they differ from culture to culture? 4. What is actually communicated non-verbally? How important is "context"? How can a person improve his or her communication?*

*Profile: Katry Rain studied at UCLA and has a PH.D. in Social Thought from the University of Oregon. He has taught English and Cross-Cultural Communication in America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. He is currently a lecturer at Koen Gakuen in Sapporo.*

## **Seminar 2, July 12**

### **The British Royal Family - What happens next?**    Amanda Harlow

*The British Royal Family is the world's most famous soap opera - with scandals and spectacle which keep everyone interested. This presentation looks at "The Firm" (the Queen's nickname for her family) and its place in Britain today, with its relationship to the people and the media. We also look at the question: What happens next?*

*Profile: A former British journalist, and daughter of a royal-photographing tabloid photographer, Amanda Harlow now teaches at Imagine English School, NHK Culture Centers and Berlitz/Berlitz in Sapporo.*

## **Seminar 3, July 19**

### **TRANSLATION: IMPOSSIBLE**    Dane Hampton

*A humorous look at the pitfalls that await the Japanese learner of English and the English learner of Japanese. Common Japanese misconceptions about English, Japanese words that can't be translated into English, English words guaranteed to mislead Japanese--come hear translator and linguist Dane Hampton show how confusion is inevitable when trying to bridge the world-wide communication gap between the Far East and the Far West.*

*Profile: A graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Linguistics, Dane Hampton teaches English at universities in Sapporo. His other work includes translation, narration and occasional television appearances. Phonosemantics is the culmination of his pioneering research into the connection between sound and meaning in language.*

**Date & time:** July 5, 12, 19 (Wednesday) 10:00 am~12:00 pm

**Location:** Sapporo L Plaza Seminar Room 2

**Admission:** 6000 Yen

**Participants:** Up to 22 (We will close when the number of participants reaches the limit)

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