Instructor: Dr. Frank Berberich

Welcome to <u>Using English Across Cultures!</u> This course is based on the recently-released textbook **ibunka!**. <u>Using English Across Cultures</u> is offered to Intermediate level and above Participants. If you wish to improve and enjoy using your communication skills with English speakers from other cultures, <u>Using English Across Cultures</u> is for you.

I am your 'coach' to help you learn and practice these communication skills. My family name is quite long, so please call me 'Frank'. I'm a (happy) permanent resident of Japan, with a career involving technology, business, and academics.

<u>Using English Across Cultures</u> is *not* a lecture course. It is an action course. We start each session with free chatting in pairs or small groups. Listening and speaking practice is in pairs or groups, and free discussion of outside topics is encouraged.

Ibunka!, our textbook, is based on opinion surveys carried out over several years, on everyday topics, and among participants from many cultures. These are real opinions of real people, and some you may find surprising and interesting.

Our course is scheduled for 25 class sessions of 1-1/2 hours each. Class sessions are online, except a **single monthly face-to-face classroom meeting**. This meeting will be an opportunity to get to know each other better, and enjoy live activities.

Interested? You can find the Table of Contents and a sample lesson of ibunka! at:

https://www.english.almalang.com/ibunka

I am very excited about ibunka!. Its approach is unique, well-executed and well-supported with online resources. Please join us in exploring this new opportunity.

Our Textbook: ibunka! International Communication in Everyday Life, Richmond & Vannieau, alma Publisher, ISBN 978-4-905343-30-1

Looking forward to working with you,

Frank (Berberich, PhD)

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受講者の声

- ・Ibunka というテキストをもとに、日本と欧米の文化の違いを英語で議論することができて良かった。 (2022 年度オンライン授業、 Using English Across Cultures 水クラス受講 M.M さん(一部抜粋))
 - ・文化の違いを題材にしたテキストはとても内容が興味深くそのものが勉強になるだけでなく、 それを題材にしたフリーディスカッションにより英会話を楽しむことができました。 (2022 年度オンライン授業、 Using English Across Cultures 水クラス受講 Y.A さん(一部抜粋))

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