

“Cultural Awareness for Operating More Effectively in a ‘Global MIT”

In this lively and interactive seminar, Bhaskar Pant, Executive Director of MIT Professional Education and a globally experienced senior executive and educator in intercultural communication, will make you aware of visible and invisible cultural differences that can dramatically impact communication between people of different cultures. Pant, who has addressed numerous and diverse MIT community groups over the years, will cite research findings and provide tips for minimizing intercultural misunderstandings and enhancing one’s effectiveness when communicating across cultures.

BIO

Bhaskar Pant is the Executive Director of Professional Education at MIT, which serves thousands of technology professionals around the world with MIT education programs. As a globally experienced executive, he has worked for the likes of Sony Corporation and Turner Broadcasting/CNN on four continents prior to his coming to MIT.

For the past twenty-five years, Mr. Pant has also taught courses on “global people skills” to students and professionals around the globe. At MIT, he has conducted seminars on intercultural communication for groups of students and staff across campus. He has also taught a course on cultural competence in the graduate management program at Harvard University's Extension School, and his articles on cultural awareness have been published in the Harvard Business Review and the European Business Review.

Mr Pant received a national award in 2021 in recognition of his "leadership in diversity and inclusion " from the Universities Continuing and Professional Education. And in 2024, he received the prestigious MIT “Excellence Award” “for embracing diversity and inclusion” in his work at MIT.

He holds a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Rochester and an advanced degree in communications and management from Indiana University. Born in southern Africa, Mr. Pant is truly a global executive and a global educator.