

Get Ready to Discuss: Over 30 Dialogue Sessions Offered at Conference

The Forum Conference is known for its distinctive **Dialogue Sessions** that convene participants at roundtables to discuss and debate important issues. This year's Conference Sessions cover a wide range of education abroad topics that span all areas of the field.

Six Dialogue Sessions will focus on topic of the *Code of Ethics for Education Abroad*:

- Ethical Standards and Study Abroad: Case Studies
- The Ethics of Advisory Board Service
- Conducting and Participating in Ethical Site Visits
- The Forum on Education Abroad's Code of Ethics: Discussion
- The Ethics of Approving Programs
- The Ethics of Study Abroad Pricing

Those who plan to attend these sessions are encouraged to review the Code ahead of time

Spotlight: Isabelle de Courtivron Conference Keynote Speaker

"Where is Home and Does it Matter? The Paradoxes of Global Identities"

This is the provocative topic of the luncheon plenary address on Thursday, April 3 by Professor Isabelle de Courtivron, who directs the Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is also A.F. Friedlaender Professor of the Humanities. Isabelle will explore the concepts of identity and home in a world undergoing rapid globalization, and outline the opportunities and perils of the new emphasis on post-national and trans-national identities. She will offer her insights into bicultural and bilingual experiences and relate these to the distinctive dynamics of the study abroad experience.

Conference Pre-registration Deadline

Pre-registration for the conference will close Tuesday, March 25, at 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time. Pre-registration is recommended and will allow for a speedy check-in. On-site registration will be available for the conference beginning on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00am on the Mezzanine Level of the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Attendees may register for workshops on-site, but space cannot be guaranteed. Register for the conference via the Forum website at:

WORKSHOP SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

There are still spaces available in some of the conference workshops. Register online or contact the Forum office to add a workshop to an existing registration.

CONFERENCE HOTEL

Thanks to the outstanding response, the Boston Park Plaza Hotel has fully booked the rooms available at the conference discount rate. Nearby hotels are quickly filling up, so attendees should secure their accommodations as soon as possible.

HOW DO I GET TO THE CONFERENCE?

The [Transportation](#) page of the conference website explains how to reach Boston, how to get around once there, and parking options. The Boston Park Plaza Hotel is easily accessible by taxi or public transportation. Additional driving directions are available on the hotel's [website](#).

WHAT CAN I DO IN MY FREE TIME?

Conference attendees can find restaurant and entertainment information on the conference [website](#). Thanks to our Local Arrangements Committee for compiling this information. Hospitality volunteers will be available at registration and at both receptions to answer questions about Boston and offer

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suggestions for activities.

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