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Profile

Elizabeth Christopher specialises in cross cultural studies. She worked in the private sector for many years before returning to university life in 1979. She taught at the University of New South Wales until 1983 and was awarded a PhD from the former School of Organisational Behaviour (now the Australian Graduate School of Management). Through the 1980s and '90s she was a visiting professor at various US universities. She has been teaching international cross cultural management at Macquarie University since 2000 as an adjunct professor.

She is a part-time faculty member of the Honolulu-based Japan-American Institute of Management Science (JAIMS); is an alumna of the East-West Center, Hawaii; and has taught also in Japan and the UK. She still presents papers occasionally at international conferences; is a reviewer for international journals; and has published quite widely in her field.

Research Interests

Elizabeth's main research interests are with international leadership and management studies; in particular with interactive learning methods in management training programmes. Her research has been reported in several books, book chapters and many journal articles.

Professional Affiliations

2004 to present time: Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Charles Sturt University

2000 to present time: Adjunct Professor and Honorary Associate, Division of Economic and Financial Studies, Macquarie University

2000 to present time : Member, ISAGA Outstanding Paper Award committee (International Simulation and Games Association)

1999 to present time: Member of the Editorial Board, Simulation and Gaming: an International Journal of Theory, Practice, and Research (S&G) : Sage Periodicals Press, London . (S&G web sites: <http://www.unice.fr/sg/> and <http://sg.comp.nus.edu.sg/>)

1998 to present time: Reviewer of publishing proposals for Harcourt Australia , McGraw-Hill Australia ; Pearson Educational (Prentice-Hall) Australia .

1997: Member of the Business Studies Examination Committee, Board of Studies, NSW Australia;

1993 to present time: Committee member Australian Simulations and Gaming Association (OzSAGA, formerly AusSaga).

1993 to present time: Chartered Fellow of the Australian Human Resource Institute (AHRI).

1986 to present time: Member of the Society for Inter-cultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR).

Community Activities and Affiliations

Elizabeth is one of the original shareholders of the Belvoir Theatre Company, Sydney. She is a supporter of the Gosford Public Library system; and a member of the alumnae associations of the University of New South Wales and the East-West Center, Hawaii, respectively.

Recent & Significant Publications

2006: Elizabeth Christopher, "Political risk in international business: Trying to keep it down"; "Political risk in international business: keeping a low profile" and "Human capacity building": Three international business case studies for John J Wild et al, 2006, International Business (Pearson Education, Prentice Hall Australia Pty Ltd, Sydney)

2005: Elizabeth Christopher, "Little vineyard may grow a lot bigger overseas" in Prem Ramburuth and Catherine Welch (eds) Casebook in international business: Australian and Asia-Pacific Perspectives (Pearson Prentice Hall)

2004: Elizabeth Christopher, "High- and low-context cultures: Communication problems for Thai and Norwegian graduate students at Macquarie University" in Anne Dunn (ed) Proceedings of the 2004 ANZCA conference (Faculty of Arts, Sydney University online: <http://conferences.arts.usyd.edu.au/viewabstract.php?id=23&cf=3>)

2003: Elizabeth Christopher, Cross-cultural Leadership and Management (McGraw Hill Australia)

2002: Elizabeth Christopher, "Are you being served? The relationship between service providers and clients in international contexts" in Mosad Zineldin (editor) Co-operation and Competition: "Co-opetition"; the organization of the future (Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Co-operation and Competition, C&C: Studenlitteratur, Lund-Sweden)

2001: Larry E Smith and Elizabeth Christopher: "Why can't they understand me when I speak English so clearly?" in Thumboo, Edwin (ed) The Three Circles of English (Unipress, Centre for the Arts, National University of Singapore 2001)

2000: Christopher, Elizabeth: "Some Problems in Using English as an Intercultural Means of Communication" in Newsletter No.36 February 2000 (Intercultural Communications Institute, Kanda University of International Studies, Japan)

1999: Elizabeth Christopher and Dennis Meadows: Games From Many Nations for Management and Leadership Training (Japanese Foundation for the Fusion of Science and Technology - FOST)

1998: Christopher, Elizabeth: "The Great International Management Games Competition, 1995-97" in Rolfe, John; Saunders, Danny; and Powell, Tony (editors), The International Simulation and Gaming Research Yearbook , Vol.6: Simulations and Games for Emergency and Crisis Management (Kogan Page: London);

1996: Christopher, Elizabeth M: Negotiating Skills for Business (Kogan Page: London; translated into Greek for EuroPress Publications in Athens; and Portuguese);

1994: Christopher, Elizabeth M and Larry E Smith: Management Recruitment Training and Development: a Sourcebook of Activities for Trainers: (London: Kogan Page and New Jersey: Nicholls);

1993: Christopher, Elizabeth M and Larry E Smith: Leadership training: A sourcebook of activities (London: Kogan Page and New Jersey: Nicholls. Also translated into Spanish and Russian).

Teaching

Elizabeth's current teaching areas are in cross cultural management, the management of cultural diversity, and managing service relations. She has written and taught study units at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in: Asia-Pacific Business; Business Communication; Human Resource Management; Industrial Relations; International Management; Management of Organisational Change; and Organisational Behaviour

She is principal academic supervisor of doctoral candidates in Thailand on behalf of Charles Sturt University; and an academic examiner of PhD theses for Macquarie University and the University of South Australia.