

# Dialogue Across Differences

Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Session 2024

CRN: 40100; GR: 40101

Credits: 2

**Days & Times: Intensive weekend Friday August 16 6-9pm, Saturday, August 17 1 – 3:50 pm, Sunday, August 18 1 – 3:50 pm**

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## **Course description:**

We live in a society that is not only diverse but is divided by deep political and cultural disagreements and misunderstandings. Yet somehow we must all share the same space: political, social and spiritual. Coming to mutual understanding is challenging for all, if at all possible, yet due to differences in power and status, the stakes are higher for some than for others. Students and faculty in this course will grapple with the challenges of living in a diverse and divided society together. We will study theories of sociology, specifically concerning the role of institutions in embodying power and in shaping the lives and identities of individuals. We will also study theories of psychology in relation to social interaction. Central to our work will be the practice of dialogue. Students will engage in dialogues across differences with others. Students will improve their abilities to understand themselves, work with others, and act effectively in our diverse society.

**This course meets in a weekend intensive format. Please be prepared to devote the entire weekend of August 16-18 to the course work.**

## **Text:**

Manji, Irshad. (2019). *Don't Label Me: An Incredible Conversation for Divided Times*  
St. Martins Press. ISBN: 9781250157980.

We are also going to use other learning materials including readings, videos, podcasts provided on Canvas.