The Center for Cultural Pluralism is pleased to invite faculty, graduate teaching assistants and community members to:

**The Culturally Responsive Classrooms: Maximizing UVM’s Intercultural Opportunities.**

**Dr. Marie-Térèse Claes**

Offered twice, choose either:

**Monday, April 4, 2016 • 8:30am - 4:30pm**
Part I 8:30 am -12 pm, Part II 1-4:30 pm

or

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016 • 8:30am - 4:30pm**
Part I 8:30 am -12 pm, Part II 1-4:30 pm

Many of us teach classes or deal with students that are culturally and nationally diverse. This seminar addresses issues linked to teaching culturally diverse students: the subject matter, the diverse backgrounds, expectations, and changing composition of audiences we meet in our University, and finally, the role and responsibilities of the instructors and administrators. The seminar will explore the following topics in an interactive way:

- Awareness of one’s own culture
- Understanding of collectivist cultures and Chinese cultural concepts
- Thinking processes: Dialectical Thinking vs. Yin-Yang approach
- The concept of Face
- Diversity and Inclusion

**Part I: Looking Through Cultural Prisms: Norms, Meanings, Behaviors**

Some people enjoy challenges of cross cultural interactions and are naturally open to cultural uniqueness they experience. Others may find cultural differences unsettling and struggle navigating cross-cultural terrains. This session will examine various cultural identities, the ways we think, build expectations, evaluate realities and interpret behaviors. It is a first step towards building an effective cross-cultural management “toolbox.”

**Part II: Managing Diversity, Fostering Inclusiveness**

Having explored cultural differences and the meanings behind value systems and how they manifest in daily life - and in academic settings in particular – this session will actively involve participants in discovering the ways in which our cultural mindfulness can be purposefully engaged into creating a learning environment which is responsive to ever increasing diverse student populations on our campus.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED • SPACE IS LIMITED

$25 for current UVM faculty and graduate teaching assistants
$50 for non-UVM affiliates / community members

Register online: **www.regonline.com/claes**

Registration includes refreshments & all materials • Location provided upon registration

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