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Dear Members of the English Department and the Educational and Scientific Council of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, Serbia,

I have completed a thorough review of Dr. Nina Lazarević's manuscript, *Intercultural Communicative Competence: How to get there* and am very pleased to recommend it for publication.

This manuscript achieves what it was intended to do: create relatable situations about and provide a theoretical background on the topic of intercultural communicative competence. Dr. Lazarević has struck a workable balance between those two objectives to create a valuable teaching resource. Any student or instructor thoughtfully using this book will gain not only deeper perspectives on their own thoughts, understandings, and feelings on intercultural topics, but will also be more knowledgeable and informed on the academic underpinnings of intercultural communication.

As an educator with 17-years of experience in the field of teaching English as a Second / Foreign language, I would find this future book very useful. In fact, I look forward to purchasing a copy when it becomes available! I especially appreciate the format of the scenarios, followed by questions and prompts, and then the theoretical information. Through these thought-provoking scenarios, learners can relate, disagree, or become uncomfortable – all necessary emotions for gaining intercultural competence. However, they are not only gaining training in developing their intercultural competence, but are also learning about history, research, and cultures. The academic studies and references included in this manuscript are important topics for an educated person to have critically considered.

I believe that as educators, we have a responsibility to develop our students' ability to empathize and to have compassion for other people, and to find solutions to the challenges that face our communities, regions, and the world. Dr. Nina Lazarević's manuscript, *Intercultural Communicative Competence: How to get there* is an important and necessary tool for educators who take on this important responsibility.

Sincerely,

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