NEW Class • Hot Topic
(Not included in our Spring 2017 Class Schedule!)

Civility and Civil Dialogue
Instructors: Dr. Clark Olson and Jennifer Linde
2 sessions: Mondays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6
10:30 a.m. – noon at Friendship Village Tempe
Private Dining Room in the Village Center
Cost: $20

After enduring more than a year of divisive public debate about the political campaign of 2016, people often feel helpless when engaging in political discussions. If you yearn to discuss "hot topics" with a "cool head" this class will expand your understanding and capability of modeling civility! Through the distinct format of “civil dialogue,” we will practice skills for becoming a more engaged citizen and learning how to engage in substantive conversations without divisiveness; we will focus on topics important to class members.

Instructors:
Clark Olson, PhD, University of Minnesota, is a professor in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at ASU where he teaches public speaking, argumentation, and interpersonal communications classes. In 2010, he co-founded the Institute for Civil Dialogue and began teaching civility as a communication skill. In addition to facilitating civil dialogue events in public venues, he introduced this format to intercultural graduate students in 2015 in Cambridge, UK, where he was finishing a book entitled "Engaging Civility."

Jennifer Linde, MA, is a senior lecturer in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at ASU, an artistic director of The Empty Space (Theatre), and co-founder of the Institute for Civil Dialogue. She is an active member of the I-4C (Civil, Critical, Creative, Communication) Collective. Linde has participated in the design and development of civil dialogue, a format designed to foster civil communication when discussing controversial topics. She engages civil dialogue as a pedagogical tool in performance studies classes, has developed courses in civil communication, and facilitated civil dialogue events in public and educational contexts since 2004. She is co-author of “Hot Topics, Cool Heads: A Handbook on Civil Dialogue.”

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