Welcome and Happy Holi, Happy Purim and Happy International Women’s Day!

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Is there really an integration problem?

• 30% of international students worldwide agreed with the statement “I feel isolated from the university community”

• 73% of international students in the UK were satisfied with “making friends from this country” (i.e. host friends)

Source: International Student Barometer (ISB) Summer Wave 2010
Summit Objectives

• Challenge ourselves to go beyond “wishing and hoping”
• Reflect on our integration policies
• Reflect on our integration practices
• Reflect on how we could collaborate more
• Ask ourselves “are we prepared to change?”
Every student an international student

“Every student, whether she comes from Addis Ababa, Barcelona or Coventry, is an international student at the University of Warwick. For each student this may include spending some or all of their period of study in a country other than their own; studying, researching, and taking part in structured social, cultural and sporting activities with students from other countries; learning other languages, or a combination of some or all of these activities. All students will be able to acquire intercultural skills, and have the ability to reflect on these experiences in ways that contribute to their personal learning and development. Warwick graduates will be distinguished by their capacity to act as global citizens, with the personal and professional competence to be successful in an inter-connected world.”
Welcome and Opening Remarks

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