INDIGENOUS STUDIES SUMMER PROGRAM
ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ RIGHTS AND POLICY

May 22 – June 3, 2017

COLUMBIA | CSER
Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race
Course Overview and Goals

The program provides an overview and analysis of the major questions in indigenous affairs today, as they have emerged globally in the last decades, culminating at the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, the course will analyze the interaction between the Indigenous movement—one of the strongest social movements of our times—and the intergovernmental system over the past 50 years paying special attention to its questioning of and impact on international norms, institutions and major global debates. The course will be situated at the intersection of human rights studies, international law, political science, Indigenous studies, ethnic studies, development studies, sociology and anthropology. The course incorporates lectures and workshops on the most recent and innovative academic and other research and policy debates on indigenous peoples’ issues. It is complemented by visits to the United Nations and a Native American Nation, lectures and discussions with United Nations officials, officials of a Native American Nation and representatives of Indigenous organizations.

Methodology of the Course

The course will encourage team learning and synergy by creating a community atmosphere among participants. Breakfast and lunch will be shared by all at Columbia. The daily program is from 9:30am to about 5:30pm. The course will be composed of lectures and workshops given by Columbia professors and invited presenters. There will be 25 lectures and workshops in a two-week period, in addition to participants’ panels and meetings during our official visit to a Native American Nation. On the days the group visits the United Nations and a Native American Nation, discussions will be led by officials of the hosts. Participants will be provided with a bibliography and will be encouraged to read and present on select texts on country-specific cases or thematic areas of their interest as well as select jurisprudence, including their own experiences.

The bibliography and other material is available online at http://www.cser.columbia.edu/issp-2016, password: ISSP2017

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1 For exact times, see agenda below.
AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 22
Location: 420 Hamilton Hall
1130 Amsterdam Avenue, Seminar Room 420 (4th Floor)

8:30-9:15am  Breakfast\(^2\) and Registration
9:15-10:20am  ISSP Opening
  • Opening Ceremony: Mr. Kevin Tarrant, HeadSinger, SilverCloud Singers
  • Welcome Remarks: Prof. Neferti Tadiar, CSER Director
  • Course Overview: Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou\(^3\), ISSP Academic Coordinator
  • Logistics: Teresa Aguayo, CSER Assistant Director
  • Introduction of participants

10:30-11:30am  The International Indigenous Peoples’ Movement and Human Rights
  Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

11:45-1pm  International Normative Framework, an Overview: the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ILO Convention 169 and Other Relevant Instruments
  Raja Devasish Roy

1-2:00pm  Lunch

2:00-3:10pm  The Right to Health: Inter-culturality and Self-determination
  Dr. Myrna Cunningham

  Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

4:40-5:15pm  Consultation
  Prof. Stamatopoulou

\(^2\)Breakfast and lunch will be served daily at 9am and 12:30pm or 1pm respectively, unless otherwise indicated in the schedule.

\(^3\) Prof. Stamatopoulou is available daily for office hours during lunchtime.
TUESDAY, MAY 23
Location: 503 Hamilton Hall
1130 Amsterdam Avenue, Lecture Room 503 (5th Floor)

9:30-10:40am  The Right to Self-Determination, including Treaties and Free, Prior and Informed Consent
Raja Devasish Roy

10:50am-12:00pm  Participants Panel
Facilitated by Prof. Stamatopoulou

12:10-1:10pm  Lunch

1:30-2:45pm  The Right to Land, Territories and Resources, Raja Devasish Roy

2:55-4:05pm  The case of Awas Tingni Mayagna (Sumo) Communities at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the road towards recognition of collective rights of Indigenous peoples in Nicaragua, Dr. Myrna Cunningham

4:15-5:15pm  The Role of States, H.E. Ambassador Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
Location: 503 Hamilton Hall
1130 Amsterdam Avenue, Lecture Room 503 (5th Floor)

9:30-10:40 am  Participants panel

10:50 am-12pm  Gender Issues, Indigenous Women’s Movements and Rights
Prof. Pamela Calla

12:10-1:10 pm  Lunch

1:30-2:45 pm  Migration and Indigenous Peoples, with special focus on Bolivia
Prof. Stuart Rockefeller

2:55-4:25 pm  Workshop on How to Submit Human Rights Complaints to the UN and Discussion on Issues raised by Participants (group work)
Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

4 Participants’ panels will be facilitated by Prof. Stamatopoulou
THURSDAY, MAY 25 *Leave for Akwesasne*

8:30am  Breakfast at CSER

9:00am  **Bus Departure** for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
*The group will be staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel  
865 NY-37, Hogansburg, NY 13655    TBC*

*Lunch boxes provided on the bus*

3:00pm  **Arrive at Comfort Inn & Suites**  
865 NY-37, Hogansburg, NY 13655  
Phone: (518) 358-1000

4:00pm  **Bus Boarding**

4:30pm  **Meeting with Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council**  
Phone: 518-358-2272  
Location: Community Building Tribal Council Boardroom  
412 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655

5:30pm  **Bus Boarding** (return to Comfort Inn Hotel)

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7-8:00 am  Breakfast at Hotel

8:00am  **Bus Boarding**

8:30am  **Meeting with Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division**  
Phone: 518-358-2272  
Location: Akwesasne Business Center  
449 Frogtown Rd, Akwesasne, NY 13655

10:00am  **Visit the Akwesasne Freedom School**  
Phone: 518-358-2073  
Location: Akwesasne Freedom School  
Racquette Rd, Hogansburg, NY 13655

12:00pm  **Lunch**  
Location: Mohawk Nation Cookhouse  
Akwesasne, NY 13655

1:00pm  **Conversation with Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs**  
Phone: 518-258-3381  
Location: Mohawk Nation Longhouse
3:00pm  Visit the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court/Tribal Police Department
Location: Tribal Court
545 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655

4:00pm  Visit the Akwesasne Museum and Cultural Center
Phone: 518-358-2431
Location: Akwesasne Museum and Library
321 State Route 37, Akwesasne, NY 13655

5:00pm  Dinner at Rourke’s Property (Atsiakta Bed&Breakfast)
Location: End of Rourke Road, Akwesasne, NY 13655

6:00pm  Bus Boarding (return to Comfort Inn Hotel)

SATURDAY, MAY 27
7:30-9am  Breakfast and check-out
9-10:25am  Participants’ panel
10:40-11:50 am  Participants’ Panel
12:00 pm  Departure for NYC (Lunchboxes distributed at departure)

MONDAY, MAY 29: Official Holiday/No lectures (Memorial Day)

TUESDAY, MAY 30
Location:  503 Hamilton Hall
1130 Amsterdam Avenue, Lecture Room 503 (5th Floor)

9:30-10:45am  Cultural Human Rights, Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

11am-12:15pm  Development and Living Well; Self-Determined Development with Culture and Identity and Policy Challenges
Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

12:30-1:30 pm  Lunch

1:30-2:45 pm  Indigenous Peoples, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Dialogue Between Diverse Knowledge Systems
Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz

2:55-4:10 pm  Participants’ Panel
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
Location: 503 Hamilton Hall
1130 Amsterdam Avenue, Lecture Room 503 (5th Floor)

9:30- 10:45 am  Corporations and Indigenous Peoples’ Rights, Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz

11:00-12:15pm  Indigenous Peoples, conflict, peace and resolution, Prof. Tone Bleie,
The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)

12:30-1:30 pm  Lunch

1:30-2:40 pm  The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Local and
International Strategies to Achieve Implementation, Ms. Karla
General esq., Indian Law Resource Center

2:50-4 pm  Intergenerational Perspectives of Indigenous Peoples Rights, Prof.
Tone Bleie

4:10-5:20 pm  Participants’ panel

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 – VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS
8:30am  Breakfast at CSER

9:00am  Departure for the UN

10:30-11:40 am  The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII): From
Norms to Policy and Implementation
Dr. Chandra Roy-Henriksen, Chief of the
Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
(Room S-2727, UN Headquarters)

11:45-1:15pm  Lunch at the UN

1:30-2:40 pm  The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
Ms. Mitra Motlagh, Human Rights Specialist, Programme Division,
UNICEF (Room S-2727, UN Headquarters)

2:45-3:45 pm  UN WOMEN, Dr Beatrice Duncan, Justice and Constitutional
advisor (Room S-2727, UN Headquarters)

3:45-5:00pm  Informal Tour of United Nations
FRIDAY, JUNE 2
Location: 503 Hamilton Hall
1130 Amsterdam Avenue, Lecture Room 503 (5th Floor)

9:30-10:40 am  Protection of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge
Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

10:50 -12:00 pm  Participants’ Panel

12:15-1:15 pm  Lunch

1:30-2:40 pm  Regional Perspectives: from Russia to Africa
Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

2:50-4:00 pm  Participants Panel

4:10-5:20 pm  The Case of Greenland
Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
Location: 503 Hamilton Hall
1130 Amsterdam Avenue, Lecture Room 503 (5th Floor)

9:00-10:15 am  The Role of Research and Academia in Indigenous Affairs
Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

10:30-11:45 am  Participants Panel

12:00-1:15pm  Course Evaluation and Follow-up
Facilitated by Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou

1:15-2:15pm  Lunch Reception, CSER Seminar Room

2:15-3:00pm  Granting of Certificates, Closing Ceremony and Group Photo
FACULTY AND PRESENTERS

Prof. Tone Bleie (The Arctic University, UiT, Troemso Norway)
Prof. Pamela Calla (New York University)
Dr. Myrna Cunningham (Center for Autonomy and Development of Indigenous Peoples (CADPI), and Former Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues)
Dr. Beatrice Duncan, UN-Women
Ms. Karla General esq. (Indian Law Resource Center)
Ms Mitra Motlag, Human Rights Specialist, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
H.E. Ambassador Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations
Prof. Stuart Rockefeller (Columbia University)
Dr. Chandra Roy Henriksen, Chief of the Secretariat, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Raja Devasish Roy (Chakma Circle Chief and human rights attorney)
Prof. Elsa Stamatopoulou (Columbia University)
Mr. Kevin Tarrant (SilverCloud Singers)
Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)
Officials and Elders of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Mohawk Nation

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