



**International Summer Program on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Policy of Columbia University**

**An on-line version for 2021**

**17 May-5 June, 2021**

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY's Institute for the Study of Human Rights and the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race** are glad to inform you that we are now accepting applications for the 2021 International Summer Program on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Policy (ISSP). **This program also enjoys the cooperation of the University of Auckland (New Zealand) and the University of British Columbia (Canada).**

**The deadline for submitting applications is October 31, 2020.** We are accepting applications from professionals, researchers, practitioners and advanced students who wish to participate in an intensive three-week summer program at Columbia University on Indigenous Peoples' rights and policy.

With a central focus on human rights, this intensive program provides an overview and analysis of the major questions in Indigenous affairs today, as they have emerged globally in the last decades. The program has an interdisciplinary approach and incorporates lectures and workshops on the most recent and innovative academic research and policy debates on Indigenous Peoples' issues. It is complemented by virtual visits to the United Nations and to a Native American Nation, discussions with United Nations officials, officials of a Native American Nation and other relevant parties.

**Methodology of the Course**

This is an immersion program and participants are expected to devote about four hours daily to the program. The course will encourage team learning and synergy by creating a community atmosphere among participants. The online components will consist of synchronous and asynchronous lectures; discussions with lecturers; discussions among participants; participants panels; a virtual platform for daily contacts among participants; and one-on-one mentorship sessions with instructors.

There will be 24 lectures and workshops in a three-week period, including sessions with officials of a Native American Nation and sessions with UN officials. In addition, there will be 6 participants' panels. Online discussions among small numbers of participants will be arranged as well as one-on-one sessions with instructors.

Participants will be provided with a bibliography ahead of the beginning of the course that they will be encouraged to read before the course and also keep as a reference tool after the course. Each participant will be required to make a presentation on a select text, on country-specific cases, on select jurisprudence or on thematic areas of their interest, including their own experiences. The bibliography and other material will be available online.

Participants will be required to have good internet access. Every effort will be made to accommodate reasonable times for the synchronous parts of the course in different time zones. Participants should also be ready for possible inconvenience in that regard, given the different time zones of those attending the program.

### **Academic program configuration**

Columbia University faculty, Indigenous and other experts and UN representatives deliver the academic lectures and workshops and are available for discussions and consultations with the participants throughout the duration of the program. Participants are to be immersed in daily 3-4 hours of lectures, workshops and discussions, including asynchronous learning. Some topics are presented in the form of panel discussions by participants and practical workshops.

A Certificate of Completion will be awarded to participants at the end of the program.

### **Requirements**

Interested applicants are required to:

- Be fluent in English (all lectures and discussions are conducted in English)
- Send a letter of introduction
- Complete the enclosed application
- Send a copy of CV along with application
- Send two recommendation letters along with application.

Some opportunities for financial aid will be made available. For financial aid requests, please include:  
-A letter signed by you explaining need for financial aid  
- **All application materials are to be sent in a single PDF file to [columbia.indigenous@gmail.com](mailto:columbia.indigenous@gmail.com).**

### **Cost**

The cost of the entire three-week program is \$1,500 per person. Some scholarships will be made available, based on need.

Poster image: The weaving depicts the origin of the world; it comes from the pattern of the phanek, i.e. the sarong worn by the Meitei Indigenous women of Manipur.

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Application for Summer 2021 - **Deadline: October 31, 2020**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Complete the entire application and attach your CV. You must complete the entire application.

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Date of Birth

City of Birth

Country of Birth

Country of Citizenship (if dual citizenship, indicate citizenship on passport visitor will use to enter the US)

Country of Permanent Residency (Country of Permanent Residence may be different from country of citizenship and/or birth)

Street Address

City, State & Zip Code

Country

Social Security Number

Preferred Phone

Email

Gender

Male Female

How did you learn about this Program?

Email announcement

Referral by professor

Referral by colleague

Other:

## Education

Highest degree (in original language) held:

Date highest degree conferred:

Institution where highest degree conferred:

## Affiliation

Occupation/Title:

Type of Institution, agency, or firm (i.e. private, university, government, NGO):

Name and address of applicant's institution, agency, or firm:

Telephone no. of applicant's institution, agency, or firm:

Applicant Signature:

Date: