



## International Program on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Policy

Columbia University

New York City, USA

**In-person, two-week course, 27 May to 6 June, 2025**

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY's Institute for the Study of Human Rights, the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race and the Program of International and Comparative Education of Teachers College are glad to inform you that we are now accepting applications for the 2025 International Program on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Policy. This program is presented in partnership with the University of Auckland (New Zealand) and the University of British Columbia (Canada).**

**The deadline for submitting applications is November 10, 2024.** We are accepting applications from professionals, researchers, practitioners and advanced students who wish to participate in an intensive program at Columbia University on Indigenous Peoples' rights and policy.

With a central focus on human rights, this intensive immersion 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 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. Participants are to attend daily 4-6 hours of lectures, workshops, discussions. There will be some 25 lectures and workshops. In addition, there will be 6-8 participant panels. 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 course will encourage team learning and synergy by creating a community atmosphere among participants. 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 to keep as a reference tool after the course.

### **Academic Program Configuration**

Columbia University faculty, faculty of the University of Auckland and the University of British Columbia, Indigenous and other experts, Indigenous leaders and UN representatives will deliver the lectures and workshops and will be available for discussion and consultations with the participants.

A certificate will be awarded at the end of the program for participants who complete the full course.

### **Cost**

The cost of the entire two-week, in-person program is US\$3,000 per person, including tuition, transportation to a Native American nation and to the UN Headquarters, breakfast and lunch (served on premises), as well as accommodation and meals during the field visits. Scholarships may be available based on need. Additionally, Columbia University offers student housing arrangements on campus for the duration of the program. The additional housing cost is approximately US\$1,200 per person.

### **Application Requirements**

Interested applicants are required to submit:

- a letter of introduction;

- a completed application form (attached);
- their CV; and
- two letters of recommendation.

Students must be fluent in English (all lectures and discussions are conducted in English).

Some opportunities for financial aid will be made available. For financial aid requests, please include *with your application*:

- a letter explaining need for financial aid; and
- a copy of your most recent tax records.

**All application materials are to be sent by November 10<sup>th</sup> in a single PDF file to [columbia.indigenous@gmail.com](mailto:columbia.indigenous@gmail.com).**

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 2025 - **Deadline: November 10, 2024**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Complete the entire application and attach a letter of introduction, your CV and 2 letters of recommendation. 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
		Preferred Phone	Email
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other		How did you learn about this Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Email announcement <input type="checkbox"/> Referral by colleague <input type="checkbox"/> Referral by professor      Other:	

## Education

Highest degree (in original language) held:	
Date highest degree conferred:	
Institution where highest degree was 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's signature:

Date: