



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

**In-person, two-week modality, from approximately end of May to June, 2023,  
circumstances allowing.**

**Otherwise, three weeks virtually, from May 22 through June 9, 2023**

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 2023 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, 2022.** We are accepting applications from professionals, researchers, practitioners and advanced students who wish to participate in an intensive summer program at Columbia University on Indigenous Peoples' rights and policy. **If pandemic circumstances allow, the program will be in person for two weeks, from approximately end of May to June, 2023. Otherwise, the program will be held remotely for three weeks, from 22 May to 9 June, 2023.**

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. If the program is held in person, participants are to attend daily 4-6 hours of lectures. There will be some 25 lectures and workshops, including sessions with UN officials, and a travel component where participants will visit a Native

American nation in New York State and interact with representatives of the nation. In addition, there will be 6-8 participant panels. 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.

If the COVID-19 situation so requires, the program will switch to the virtual modality. In that case, it will last three weeks, from May 22 to June 9, and participants are expected to devote about 3 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, participant panels, a virtual platform for daily contact among participants, and one-on-one mentorship sessions with instructors. Participants will then 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 inconveniences in that regard, given the different time zones of those attending this international program (*we have to distribute the inconvenience*).

### **Academic program configuration**

Columbia University faculty, Indigenous and other experts, Indigenous leaders and UN representatives deliver the academic lectures and workshops and are available for discussions and consultations with the participants. Some topics are presented in the form of panel discussions by participants and practical workshops. A travel component to a Native American Nation in New York State is included.

A Certificate will be awarded at the end of the program for participants who complete the full sessions.

Please note that the course was accredited by Columbia University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and was offered for academic credit in the past (credit total points: 4). The program will not be offered for academic credit by Columbia University in 2023.

### **Requirements**

Interested applicants are required to:

- Send a letter of introduction
- Complete the enclosed application
- Send a copy of CV along with application
- Send two recommendation letters along with application.
- 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
- A copy of your most recent tax records

**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 two-week, in-person program is \$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 up to \$1,500 are available based on need. Additionally, Columbia University offers housing arrangements on campus for the duration of the program. The additional housing cost is approximately \$1,300 per person.

If the program moves to the virtual modality, the entire cost of the three-week program will be \$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 2023 - **Deadline: October 31, 2022**

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

Preferred Phone

Email

Gender

Male

Female

Other

How did you learn about this Program?

Email announcement  Referral by colleague

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:

I wish to participate if the program is in person

AND/OR

I wish to participate if the program is virtual

Applicant's signature:

Date: