



Symposium Agenda

International Symposium
**Indigenous Peoples and Borders:
Decolonization, Contestation, Trans-border Practices**

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Monday 11 November 2019

8:15 AM - 9 AM	Light Breakfast and coffee will be served, registration
9 AM - 9:10 AM	<u>Opening invocation</u> Chief Clara Soaring Hawk, Lenape Nation
9:15 AM - 9:45 AM	<u>Words of welcome, Introduction to the Symposium and intended outcomes:</u> 1. Elazar Barkan, Director, Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR) 2. Tone Bleie, Professor of Public Planning and Cultural Understanding, UiT - the Arctic University of Norway

	<p>3. Sheryl Lightfoot, Canada Research Chair of Global Indigenous Rights and Politics, The University of British Columbia</p> <p>4 Anne Nuogram, Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</p> <p>5. Chandra Roy Henriksen, Chief of Branch, Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch/ Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Division for Inclusive Social Development Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Elsa Stamatopoulou, Director, Institute for the Study of Human Rights (ISHR), Indigenous Peoples Rights Program, Columbia University</i></p>
<p>9:45 AM – 11:15AM</p>	<p><u>Panel 1:</u></p> <p>1. “Yaqui Cultural Rights and the US/Mexico Border” by Peter Yucupicio, Vice Chairman, Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona</p> <p>2. "T-Nukkud We:s Ha'icu Doakud eda O'odham Ha-jewedga; Protecting and Caring for all Sacred Life in O'odham lands” by Amy R. Juan, Tóhono O’odham Hemajkam Rights Network</p> <p>3. “History of Indigenous peoples along the U.S.-Mexico border, with particular attention to the experience of the Tohono O’odham, Yaqui, Kickapoo, and Apache communities”, by Karl Jacoby, Allan Nevins Professor of American History, Columbia University</p> <p>4. “Environmental Violence and the Border: The cross-border transport of banned pesticides and human rights impacts on the Yaqui Pueblos of Rio Yaqui, Sonora Mexico” by Andrea Carmen, Director, International Indian Treaty Council</p> <p><i>Moderator: Sheryl Lightfoot, Canada Research Chair of Global Indigenous Rights and Politics, The University of British Columbia</i></p>
<p>11:15-11:45 AM</p> <p>11:45 AM – 1:15PM</p>	<p><u>Coffee break</u></p> <p><u>Panel 2:</u></p> <p>1. “Borders and Walls: The New Deatnu Agreement in Sápmi” by Rauna Kuokkanen, Research Professor of Arctic Indigenous Studies at the University of Lapland (Finland) and Associate Professor of Political Science & Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto</p>

	<p>2. “Disconnected Clans in Fragmented Rangelands: Aligning the East African Community Integration process with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” by Elifuraha Laltaika, Member of the UN Permanent Forum on indigenous issues, founder of the Association for Law and Advocacy for Pastoralists (ALAPA) and Professor at Tumaini University Makumira in Tanzania</p> <p>3. “Borders, Indigenous territories and land rights among the Maya people of Southern Belize in Central America” by Cristina Coc, Spokesperson of the Maya Leaders Alliance</p> <p><i>Moderator: Chandra Roy Henriksen, Chief of Branch, Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch/ Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Division for Inclusive Social Development Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations</i></p>
<p>1:15 PM – 2:30 PM</p> <p>2:30 PM-4:00 PM</p>	<p>Lunch will be served on site</p> <p><u>Panel 3:</u></p> <p>1. “The role of Kichwa Otavalo migrant women in the protection of identity, culture and the construction of universal Indigenous Peoples” by Toa Maldonado-Ruiz, Kichwa Otavalo expert and researcher</p> <p>2. “Imposed Borders: Violence against Indigenous Women” by Betty Lyons, Executive Director, American Indian Law Alliance</p> <p>3. Film: "Solidarity at the Border - An International Indigenous Women's Delegation to the US-Mexico Border" - produced by MADRE, introduction by Igdalia Rojas, Program Coordinator Partnerships, MADRE.</p> <p><i>Moderator : Tone Bleie, Professor of Public Planning and Cultural Understanding, UiT - the Arctic University of Norway</i></p>
<p>4 PM – 4:15 PM</p>	<p>Closing remarks on Day One of the Symposium</p>

Tuesday November 12

<p>8:15 AM – 9:00 AM</p>	<p>Light Breakfast and Coffee will be served, 2nd day registration (new arrivals)</p>
<p>9:00 AM – 10:30 AM</p>	<p><u>Panel 4</u></p>

	<p>1. “Cross-border Agreements and the Role of Free Prior and Informed Consent” by Anne Nuogram, Chairperson, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</p> <p>2. “The challenges of living on an International Border “ by Howard Thompson, Haudenosaunee External Relations Committee Co-Chair</p> <p>3. “Haudenosaunee Passports and the Ongoing Negotiation of The Right of Self-Determination” by Sheryl Lightfoot Canada Research Chair of Global Indigenous Rights and Politics The University of British Columbia</p> <p><i>Moderator: Rauna Kuokkanen, Research Professor of Arctic Indigenous Studies at the University of Lapland (Finland) and Associate Professor of Political Science & Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto</i></p>
<p>10:30 AM – 11 AM</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11 AM-12:30 PM</p>	<p><u>Panel 5:</u></p> <p>1. “Complex Sovereignties, Indigenous Peoples, Digital Technology, and the National Security Settler State” by David B. MacDonald Professor in Political Science at the University of Guelph</p> <p>2. “South Asia’s Fractured Frontier : Armed Conflict, Weapons Proliferation and Women’s Non-Violent Peace Movement in Indigenous Border Territories of Manipur and Northeast India” by Binalakshmi Nepram, Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples, Gender Justice and Peace</p> <p>3 "The Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh as a State of Exception: Jumma Citizenship and Subjectivity at the Territorial and Conceptual Margins" by Hana Shams Ahmed, PhD Scholar, Department of Anthropology, York University, Toronto</p> <p>4. “Tribal Santals and Hor Hopon Cosmopolitans: Towards a theory of ancestral transboundary migrations and boundary-restorative violence” by Tone Bleie, Professor of Public Planning and Cultural Understanding, UiT - the Arctic University of Norway</p> <p><i>Moderator: Elsa Stamatopoulou, Director, ISHR/Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Program, Columbia University</i></p>
<p>12:30 PM -1:45 PM</p>	<p>Lunch will be served on site</p>
<p>1:45 PM-3:15 PM</p>	<p><u>Panel 6:</u></p> <p>1. “Iraqi Kurdish Internet Control as Vehicle for Independence, Indigenous Rights, and the Redrawing of Borders” by Melissa Patel PhD Scholar, The London School of Economics and Political Science.</p>

3 PM-3:45 PM

2. “Colonial Environmental Interventions: Foregrounding Indigenous Sovereignty and Colonialism within Global Geoengineering Governance” by **Jacqueline Gillis**, PhD Scholar, University of Guelph, Department of Political Science

3. “Digital Technology and Indigenous Self-Determination: Pushing Back Against or Reinforcing the Boundaries of the Settler State?” by **Brian Budd**, PhD Scholar, University of Guelph, Department of Political Science

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Concluding remarks on outcomes of the Symposium
Thanks and closing invocation

Facilitators: Anne Nuogram, David MacDonald, Elsa Stamatopoulou

Closing invocation: Howard Thompson

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