CALL FOR PAPERS

10th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

Conference to review progress and challenges

Senate House, School of Advanced Study, University of London, London, UK

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A decade on from the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in September 2007, the conference asks what progress has been made in securing indigenous peoples’ rights and what are the challenges remaining? While there is widespread recognition of the rights of indigenous peoples, including their right to their lands and resources and the right to be fully consulted to obtain their consent prior to activities affecting them, there are still countless areas of conflict in which rights are violated, peoples are displaced and lands despoiled.

The conference invites UK-based and international scholars and NGOs to share their research, experiences and reflections on the current situations of the world’s indigenous peoples 10 years after the Declaration’s adoption.

This conference is jointly organised and funded by: the Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London; The City Law School, City, University of London; Queen Mary, University of London’s Centre for European and International Legal Affairs; and the University of Lapland. We are also grateful to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Academy of Finland for additional funding.

Call for papers:

We are issuing a call for papers on the following areas of interest but also welcome additional topics:

- Indigenous rights after the Declaration
- UNDRIP and compliance by non-state actors
- Rights excluded from the Declaration
- Free, prior and informed consent in practice
- Regional approaches to the Declaration
- Implementing the Declaration – what are future research needs?
- Monitoring indigenous peoples’ rights – existing tools or the case for a convention?
- Indigenous peoples and data collection and disaggregation: needs and best practices
- Indigenous cultural heritage rights

Please send paper proposals of up to 300 words, plus a short biography, by email to hrc@sas.ac.uk before 29 May 2017. Accepted applicants will be notified by 3 July 2017. Early career scholars are encouraged to apply. We also welcome panel proposals: please submit the names and the contact details of panellists, titles and abstracts of the papers and title and description of the panel/roundtable.

One output of the conference will be a special issue of the International Journal of Human Rights (published by Taylor and Francis). Conference papers will be invited to submit to the special issue.

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