

COURSE DETAIL

ADVANCED STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: GLOBAL POLITICS OF INDIGENEITY

Country

Brazil

Host Institution

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Program(s)

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ADVANCED STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: GLOBAL POLITICS OF INDIGENEITY

UCEAP Transcript Title

POL OF INDIGENEITY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Self-identified indigenous peoples inhabit all continents except Antarctica and struggle against oppressive inequality, ethnocidal assimilation and genocidal extermination by the settler societies, colonial/neocolonial/postcolonial developmental states and national populations that surround them. Nevertheless, the local/global contexts of their struggles differ substantially. What are the political consequences and effects of grouping together into a global category, for example, the Saami in Scandinavia, the Yanomami of Brazil, India's adivasi, and Australian Aborigines? This course will survey the global history of the discourse of indigeneity and some local political contexts of indigenous peoples. The aim will be to try to understand relevant commonalities and also important differences among indigenous struggles across the world, though our primary focus will be on indigenous peoples in Brazil and Latin America.

Themes will include racism and ethnic discrimination, extractivism and clashes over large-scale economic development projects, human rights and international organizations, and political self-determination and the politics of state recognition. As this semester coincides with COP30 in Belém, Brazil, we will spend some weeks on questions of eco-politics and indigenous participation in climate change negotiations.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

IRI9992

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

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