HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Throughout its history, anthropology has been committed to and active in maintaining the rights of indigenous peoples against the disruptive effects of colonization, globalization, nation-state power, racist ideologies, assimilation, environmental destruction, and industrial resource appropriation. To develop an informed, up-to-date, and critical understanding linking the situation of local Ecuadorian indigenous peoples with the hemispheric and global context, the course will first offer an overview of conceptual issues in anthropology surrounding human rights and a survey of the contemporary state and activities of various indigenous peoples from South, Central, and North America. Upon this comparative background the course then moves toward an intensive focus on Ecuadorian indigenous peoples’ enduring, recent, and emerging issues, strategies, successes, and challenges for gaining recognition of their rights. Finally, students will be guided to on-line, library, and field research about Ecuadorian indigenous peoples, organizations, and movements themselves; local anthropological perspectives; roles of non-governmental human rights organizations; policy and implementation by the national government; and the place of the United Nations in the contemporary indigenous rights movement.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
1. Class Participation 30%
2. Written Responses (8 of 10 assigned) 30%
3. Two Class Presentations 20%
4. Paper on La Rebelión 20%

COURSE RESOURCES:
1. Readings on the course website at: http://colby.edu/personal/jdanders/hrip.html
2. Articles and readings to be distributed.

COURSE READINGS & ASSIGNMENTS
(• = required):
Week 1 (9/5-7)

ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS:

**Book Reading**


Week 2 (9/12)

INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS

**Web Readings**


WEEK 2 (9/14)

INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

**Web Readings**

  (Read Readings 1-2 & Exercise 1)

WEEK 3 (9/19)

THE U.N. AND THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

**Web Readings**

- UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples [http://www.cwis.org/drft9329.html](http://www.cwis.org/drft9329.html)
  (Read Introduction and Factsheet)

WEEK 4 (9/21)

RIGHTS OF DISCOVERY AND CONQUEST
Web readings

- The Papal Bulls as Pertaining to the Americas http://bullsburning.itgo.com/caetera.htm
- The Spanish Origins of Indian Rights by Felix Cohen
  http://members.stratos.net/cketras/span-ti.htm#Spanish Origins of Indian Rights. Felix

WEEK 5 (9/26-28)

NATION-STATES & INDIGENOUS RIGHTS IN THE FOURTH WORLD

Web Readings

- Fourth World Nations: Conflicts and Alternatives by Bernard Q. Nietschmann
- Background on the Term “Fourth World” by Richard Griggs
  http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/International/fourthw.txt
- Global Migration-Immigration-Multiethnicity: Challenges to the Concept of Nation-State by Jost Delbruck
  http://www.law.indiana.edu/glsj/vol2/delbruck.html
- Aboriginal Law and Legislation http://www.bloorstreet.com/300block/ablawleg.htm

WEEK 6 (10/3-5)

NORTH AMERICA

Web Readings

- U. S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8 http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.articlei.html (Find references to Indians)
- American Indian Sovereignty: "Now you See It, Now You Don't," by Peter d'Errico
  http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/sovereignty.html
- Tribal Sovereignty by Mark A. Chavaree http://www.ptla.org/wabanaki/sovereign.htm
- Indigenous Peoples’ Rights by Chief Abel Bosum, Ouje-Bougoumou Cree Nation
  http://www.ywwiusdinvnhoii.net/political/bosum.html
- American Indians Today http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/Americas/biafaq91.txt

WEEK 7 (10/10)

CANADA

Web Readings

- A Brief Introduction to Aboriginal Law in Canada http://www.bloorstreet.com/200block/brintro.htm
- The Assembly of First Nations http://www.afn.ca/Main.htm
  (Surf three or four links on rights issues)

WEEK 7 (10/12)
HAWAI‘I

Web Readings


WEEK 8 (10/17-19)

CENTRAL AMERICA

Web Readings

- Panama: Mining Concessions and Indigenous Peoples in Panama
  Author: Atencio Lopez http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-h.html
- Costa Rica: The Rights of the Indigenous People to Biodiversity
  Author: Ruben Chacon http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/converti/costaric-eng.htm
- Honduras: The Development of Tourism in the Bahia De Tela
  Author: Roy Guevara Arzu http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/converti/hondur-eng.htm
- El Salvador: Reality and Problems of Indigenous Peoples
  Author: Amadeo Martinez http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/converti/el salvador-eng.htm

WEEKS 9-10 (10/31 & 11/7)

MEXICO

Web Readings

- Understanding Chiapas
  http://www.ezln.org/understanding-chiapas.html#Understanding Chiapas
- Zapatista Front of National Liberation
  http://www.ezln.org/fzl/index.html#Zapatista Front of National Liberation
- Aspects of Neoliberalism (Read all links)
  http://www.utexas.edu/students/nave/cultural.html#Aspects of Neoliberalism
- North East Zapatista Solidarity Network http://zapnet.rootmedia.org/

WEEK 10 (11/9)

GUATEMALA

Web Readings

- Guatemala: Maya Movement at the Political Crossroads
- Voices of the Pueblo Maya: A new age in Guatemalan politics
- Guatemala Peace Talks: Are Maya Rights Negotiable?
  http://abyayala.nativeweb.org/maya/zapeta.html#Guatemala Peace Talks
- Negotiating Rights: The Guatemalan Peace Process
  http://www.c-r.org/acc_guat/Contents.htm
- Guatemala: Memory of Silence
  http://hrdata.aaas.org/ceh/report/english/
WEEK 11 (11/14)

PERU

Web Readings


WEEK 11 (11/16)

BRAZIL

Web Readings

- World History Archives: Native Americans in South America (Amazonian) [http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-e.html](http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/41/index-e.html) (Read articles on the struggle for land rights in Brazil)
- The Exploitation of Wood in Indigenous Territories Author: Paulo Celso de Oliveira Pankararu [http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/brazil-eng.htm](http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/brazil-eng.htm)
- Chronology of Yanomami Genocide [http://nativenet.uthscsa.edu/archive/nl/9308/0275.html](http://nativenet.uthscsa.edu/archive/nl/9308/0275.html)
- Yanomami Articles on NativeNet [http://nativenet.uthscsa.edu/archive/nil/yanomami.html](http://nativenet.uthscsa.edu/archive/nil/yanomami.html)

WEEK 12 (11/21)

COLOMBIA

- Colombia: Deforestation Within Indigenous Territories Author: Luis Antonio Ortega Miticanoy [http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/colomb-eng.htm](http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/colomb-eng.htm)

WEEK 12 (11/23)

U'WA

Web Readings

- U'wa People (AmazonWatch) [http://www.amazonwatch.org/uwa/](http://www.amazonwatch.org/uwa/) (Read all articles listed):
  1. The U'wa People
  2. U'wa in Crisis

WEEK 13 (11/28)

EMBERA-KATIO

Web Readings
The Embera Katio People Under Threat by Urrá Hydroelectric Project
http://www.igc.apc.org/colhrnet/urgentaction/urra.htm

Columbia--Fears of a Massacre
http://www.survival.org.uk/colombia.htm

Asylum sought for 2,500 Colombian Indians
http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~delacova/colombia/asylum.htm

The Urrá hydroelectric project

Colombia: Indigenous People Killed Opposing
Dam http://www.corpwatch.org/trac/corner/worldnews/other/300.html

Statement from the Great Councils of Río Sinu and Río Verde
http://www.corpwatch.org/trac/corner/worldnews/other/300.html

WEEK 14 (11/30)

CHILE AND ARGENTINA (MAPUCHE)

Web Readings

Mapuche Inter-Regional Council http://members.aol.com/mapulink/

Chilean Government to Make It Better for the Mapuche
http://www.xs4all.nl/~rehue/art/perez2.html

The situation according to the Mapuche organisation Xeg-Xeg
http://www.xs4all.nl/~rehue/art/perez1.html

World History Archives: Native Americans in South America (Andean)

Argentine: Depletion in the Region of Susques, Jujuy
Author: Nimia apaza
http://www.ecouncil.ac.cr/indig/conventi/argentinen-arg.htm

WEEK 15 (12/5-12)

ECUADOR

Book Reading

Lucas. Kinnto. La Rebelión de Los Indios. Quito, Ecuador

Web Readings

Abuya Yala Net: Indigenous Peoples of Ecuador
http://abyayala.nativeweb.org/ecuador/

World History Archives: Native American history in Ecuador

Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador: CONAIE
http://conaie.nativeweb.org/brochure.html#Confederation of Indigenous Nationaliti

CONFENIAE: THE CONFEDERATION OF THE NATIONALITIES INDIGENOUS TO THE AMAZON OF
ECUADOR http://www.applicom.com/confeniae/english/

Fueling Destruction in the Amazon
http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/Americas/macas.txt#Fueling%20Destruction%20in%20the%20Amazon

The Rio Piro Declaration
http://www.halcyon.com/pub/FWDP/Americas/macas.txt#Fueling%20Destruction%20in%20the%20Amazon

Oil Exploration in the Amazon
http://abyayala.nativeweb.org/ecuador/amazon/oil/#Oil Exploration in the Amazon

Aguinda v. Texaco http://www.texacorainforest.org/

INITIATIVES FOR PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE,
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES by Antonio Jaconmiljoy (COICA, Quito)