

Intercultural Work

(„Interkulturelles Arbeiten“)

Compact course with excursions

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Objectives of this compact course:

- ⇒ **Imparting competence of working in intercultural contexts, especially with regard to field work in non-European indigenous settings,**
- ⇒ **Transferring knowledge of the international legal and political situation of indigenous cultural groups, and**
- ⇒ **providing insight into the work of the UN.**

This unique education and training takes place regularly since 2001, with special focus on field research and culturally sustainable behaviour in indigenous settings, in observance of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Participants, who have successfully completed this seminar, then have the chance to participate in excursions of the research institution “Structural Analysis of Cultural Systems” <<http://s-a-c-s.net>> to indigenous cultures, as in the past e.g. to the Soliga in India (2009), to the Bagyeli in Cameroon (2008, 2010, 2012), to the Batwa in Uganda (2010, 2013), to the Hamar in Ethiopia (2011)), to the Emberá in Panama (2015) or to the Yagua in Peru (2015).

The blockseminar comprises techniques of field research, data collecting methods in intercultural contexts, as well as insight into international law and the UN, targeting both those, who intend to work in applied intercultural projects, and those, who in the future want to do cross-cultural research. The culture-comparative approach is often required to separate anthropological constants (“universals”) of human behaviour from culturally specific phenomena. Correct implementation of the Indigenous Rights is necessary to ensure adherence to International Law, as well as science ethics and valid research methods.

2017 Schedule:

22 June 2017: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. theoretical part at TU Berlin with relevant aspects of cultural theory and information on International Law;

23 June 2017: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. optional field research training in the secured Helios naturist resort; in case of bad weather, this would take place in the Therme Ludwigsfelde spa.

4.-14. July 2017: Extra-curricular excursion to Geneva; participation in UN Session, accommodation and field training in the secured CGL Naturist resort, with participants giving talks. During the UNO session data collection and text-based intervention projects are to be carried out, under guidance, by the participants.

Application: E-mail until 21 June 2017 to Ms. Schardt <marlit.schardt@googlemail.com>. As the number of participants is limited, interviews might take place if necessary.

Costs: Travel and meal costs etc. have to be covered by the participants, as well as the accommodation at the Geneva naturist resort, which is part of the course (approx. 215 EUR, including the compulsory INF card).