



Intercultural Work with field research training

This seminar, offered each summer term, consists of several parts, including excursions.

Objectives of this compact course:

- ⇒ **Imparting competence of working in intercultural contexts, especially regarding 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 take 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 also participate in excursions of the research institution “Structural Analysis of Cultural Systems” <<https://s-a-c-s.net/>> to indigenous cultures, as in the past years e.g. to the Soliga in India, to the Bagyeli in Cameroon, to the Batwa and the Teso in Uganda, to the Hamar in Ethiopia, to the Emberá in Panama or to the Yagua in Peru.

The course 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. Yet, correct implementation of the Indigenous Rights is necessary to ensure adherence to International Law, as well as science ethics and valid research methods.

2024 Schedule

- **20 June 2024 (Thu.), 1–6 p.m.** theoretical part with relevant aspects of cultural theory and information on International Law. TU Berlin; open to external participants.
- **21 June (Fri.)**, introduction to field research training, Berlin.
- **22 June (Sat.)**, participation in the Long Night of the Sciences (optional).
- **23 June (Sun.)**, Botanical Garden Berlin, explanations relevant to excursions.
- **24 June (Mon.)**, Cultural psychology colloquium, TU Berlin; open to external participants.

Further parts:

- **2.- 7. July**: Geneva, brief field training with participants’ papers;
- **8.-12. July**: Geneva, UN: Indigenous rights session;
- **1st half of August**: comprehensive field in south France with participants’ papers;
- **2nd half of October**: excursion to Cameroon.

For participation, good to excellent knowledge of the textbook “Research Methods in Indigenous Contexts” (ISBN 978-3-319-72776-9) is mandatory, especially of **Chapter 4**.

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. 200 EUR, including the compulsory INF card).

Registration is required no later than 18 June 2024, by email <a.groh@berlin.de>.