



Indigenous Peoples of the World

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm (PDT)

In-person and live-streaming*

Concord Hall, 1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA

Presenter: Joshua Cooper, United Nations Special Rapporteur



According to the United Nations, the world's Indigenous Peoples "are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of living." Who are the Indigenous Peoples of the world and what human rights issues are they concerned with? Our speaker Joshua Cooper will begin with a description of various Indigenous peoples in different countries and discuss whether or not their long-time struggles for human rights and for self-determination are being achieved. There are numbers of Indigenous peoples' movements that we should know about and can support. Joshua will report on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, the regional issues for indigenous peoples, and the UN Expert Mechanism on Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Biography

Joshua Cooper balances academia and advocacy focusing on international human rights law through diplomacy and direct action. He continues to volunteer for various indigenous peoples movements in the global human rights machinery. He has taught over 100 classes at the University of Hawaii, as well as summer programs with a specialty on human rights of indigenous peoples at the National University of Ireland, Galway and the School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia, Washington D.C. as well as intensive courses on emerging issues in peace and human rights at the International Training Center for Teaching Peace and Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland.

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