

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

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| Supervisor: | Giles Scott-Smith |
| Title of clinic: | Indigenous Diplomacy: Investigating a Field |
| Number of students: | 2 or 3 |
| Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>): | WP (approved by Beatrix as MTL) |
| (Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>): | Introduction to International Relations and Diplomacy, and a general high level of interest in diplomacy / diplomatic practices. |

Research context

Indigenous diplomacy refers to the cross-cultural contacts and representations that take place between indigenous peoples outside of formal inter-state relations. It has gathered attention over the past 20 years, but it covers forms of cultural interaction that have been going on much longer than the diplomacy of nation-states. At the UN there is the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which has raised the profile of these groups within international politics. There is also an organization that facilitates the diplomatic presence and activities of these groups - the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisation (<https://unpo.org/>) based in The Netherlands, Belgium, and Switzerland.

Students' tasks and activities

Please specify the tasks and activities, timeline, the learning aims and how they are assessed, i.e. what the deliverables will be.

The Research Clinic covers two aspects:

- Map out the field of Indigenous Diplomacy – how is it defined, who are its practitioners, what practices does it refer to, how does it fit in the context of inter-state diplomacy? This will require the development of relevant bibliographies and substantial reading in the literature.
- Investigate the presence of Indigenous Diplomacy in The Hague and/or Brussels – which groups are active in the city, who do they interact with, what are their goals? This will require researching the diplomatic landscape of the city, gathering data on particular institutions, and perhaps interviewing practitioners.

Timeline: Blocks 3 and 4, with discussion meetings every two weeks.

Deliverables: A report that covers the theory and practice of Indigenous Diplomacy, focusing on the activities of selected groups active in this field in The Hague and/or Brussels.