ANU2: Indigenous Peoples and Development

Hosted by the Australian National University
8 – 27 July 2013

This course engages with three big ideas or questions: Who are Indigenous people or peoples? What does and can development mean in relation to them? And what sorts of policies do, or could, governments pursue in relation to Indigenous people(s)? The primary focus is on the Australian experience but the situation in the other settler-majority English-speaking nation-states of New Zealand, Canada and USA will also be examined. In the third week students will be hosted by the Yawuru Native Title holders in the north-west of Western Australia. They will be introduced to Yawuru culture and land and sea management practices.

More Course Details

Lectures and related activities span over three weeks. The first week is based at the ANU in Canberra and the focus will be on Indigenous development issues in Australia with contributions from some of Australia’s leading scholars in the area. Location in the nations’ capital provides access to key Indigenous leaders and bureaucrats responsible for Indigenous policy and these will be drawn into discussion. Morning sessions include lectures on Australian colonialism and Indigenous responses, on population history and demography, on Indigenous social indicators and contemporary policy especially around issues of welfare conditionality, on land rights, natural resource management and minerals development, and on community governance and models for community development. Afternoon sessions will involve a mix of reading time, tutorials and panel discussions in relation to these matters with a focus on attempts to balance equality with recognition of difference, culture and choice.

The second week of the course will start with a three-day field trip to the ANU’s bush campus at Kioloa on the New South Wales south coast. Here, students will visit two coastal Aboriginal communities to compare and contrast their approaches to community development before returning to Canberra for lectures on international perspectives on Indigenous development.

In the third week students will be hosted by the Yawuru Native Title holders of Broome in the north-west of Western Australia. They will be introduced to Yawuru culture and land and sea management practices. They will learn how Yawuru land rights were fought for and won. They will see first-hand some of the pressures on Yawuru country and society that arise from urban growth, tourism and oil and gas projects and will obtain a unique Indigenous perspective on the meaning of development. A special feature will be the opportunity to mix socially with Yawuru contemporaries.
Field Trip

Students will be hosted by the Yawuru Native Title holders of Broome in the north-west of Western Australia

Target Audience

Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Politics, Geography, Demography, Law.

Recommended for Senior Level Undergraduates in any of the social sciences. No pre-requisites other than having completed first year undergraduate training in social sciences or some other relevant area like environmental science or arts.

Learning Outcomes & Assessment

Learning Outcomes

An understanding and first-hand experience of:

- who Indigenous peoples are;
- what does and can development mean in relation to them; and
- what sorts of policies do, or could, governments pursue in relation to them

Assessment

General participation – 10%
Tutorial presentation – 30%
Two 1,000 word essays – 60%

Contact hours: 45 total contact hours + 30 field trip hours (estimate)

Credit equivalent: 6 credit units (the standard credit units for an ANU course)
Accommodation

Accommodation while in Canberra will be at Bruce Hall, an on-campus residence and University House, on-campus hotel-style accommodation.

Students must arrive by Sunday 7 July 2013.

Students will be able to check in from 2pm, Sunday 7 July 2013.

Check-out date Sunday 28 July 2013.

Costs

| Tuition fees | AUD 3,090 (waived for IARU incoming students) ANU students will attract a HECS liability |
| Accommodation including any deposits | AUD 950 |
| Other deposits | N/A |
| Field Trip | Approx. AUD 2,300 (including field trip flights, accommodation and meals) ANU will subsidize AUD 1,800 |
| Textbook Fees | N/A |
| Miscellaneous Fees | N/A |
| Living Expenses | All meals are included with accommodation. An estimate of an additional AUD 100 per week as spending money. Cost will vary according to each student’s personal spending habits. |
FAQ

1. Can I participate in more than one GSP course at your University, concurrently?
   Unfortunately, as the two ANU courses are held in different locations they cannot be taken concurrently, or sequentially.

2. If I am accepted, when will I receive more course details, such as course content, reading lists, timetables, payment schedule & cancellation policies, campus maps and other logistics details?
   It is expected that course details such as timetables and reading lists for each course will be provided by the course convener at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the course. Other logistical information, including accommodation details, payment schedules etc., will be provided in the ANU GSP information pack that is sent to each student following their accepting the offer of a place on the program. It is expected that this will be in the week commencing 23 April 2012.

3. Will I have access to student facilities such as computer labs, libraries and health services at the hosting university?
   Yes, you will receive an ANU student identification card that will entitle you to access to ANU student facilities. Students travelling from overseas are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance before their departure.

4. Will I need a visa to attend this GSP course?
   In most cases, a Visitor or Tourist Visa will allow you to study in Australia for up to three months. As soon as you have accepted your offer, you should contact your nearest Australian visa office for information on your specific visa requirements. Further information may be accessed at [http://www.immi.gov.au/](http://www.immi.gov.au/).

   On request the ANU GSP coordinator can provide supporting letters for your visa application.

5. How can we interact with other participants and GSP alumni before the course?
   Please visit our GSP Facebook page and join the various events groups to meet informally with other GSP participants as well as alumni. Please contact the IARU GSP Coordinator ([iaru.gsp@anu.edu.au](mailto:iaru.gsp@anu.edu.au)) for any questions concerning your participation in the GSP.

   You can direct your questions about course credits and scholarships to your home institution. More details about the application process and deadlines will be available in the "How to Apply" page.
Further Information

Contact: iaru.gsp@anu.edu.au