

Alternatives: Global, Local, Political
Special Three Part Series on Indigenous Politics

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The Political Science Department at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) has been invited by the editors of *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, a cutting-edge international politics journals, to edit three special issues (2006, 2007, 2008). All three issues will focus on the overarching theme of "indigenous politics." Our intention is to use these three issues to explore how "indigenous politics" can broaden the parameters of "political practice and identity under increasingly global conditions" (<http://tinyurl.com/d45n4>).

Issues surrounding "native" peoples, institutions and traditions have come to the forefront of scholarly debate, politics, and public policy since 1992, the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to North America. This surge of interest in how nation states in North and South America, Asia, Africa, Europe and Oceania interact with those residents and communities indigenous to their borders but considered external to their cultural and political history has affected scholarly and policy debate from real estate development, to fishing rights, to affirmative action. Such developments often distinguish "indigenous" from "minority" issues without accepted definitions of what constitutes these groups, nor even agreement on the wide range of debates initiated by the use of these terms.

The objectives of this series of special issues of *Alternatives* are to provide 1) clear thinking about the term "indigenous," 2) a resource for scholarly programs integrating indigenous issues into existing curricula and creating new programs in indigenous studies (as distinct from programs focused on one particular indigenous community); 3) a conceptual foundation for policy and activist institutions working on indigenous issues; and 4) a platform for further empirical and theoretical research within and outside the academy.

Call for Papers

We are interested in theoretical and empirical (qualitative or quantitative) research that deals with the concept of “indigenous” innovatively. Manuscripts should be approximately 8,000 – 9,000 words in length double spaced, and follow the *Chicago Manual of Style* with notes placed at the end of the text. All manuscripts will be selected for publication based on peer-review prior to acceptance.

Using the basic question “What is indigenous politics?” the three issues will theoretically and empirically explore the political economy of development, governance (law/policy), and migration/citizenship/cyberspace.

Indigenous Politics: Political Economy and Development (2006)

Guest Editors: Hokulani K. Aikau, James H. Spencer

Deadline for submissions for the first issue is April 30, 2006.

Possible topics for this preliminary issue might focus on the political and economic foundations that underlie vibrant indigenous communities. Economic and political institutions have both survived within indigenous communities and been created. What are the various forms of these institutions, and how well do they function in a modern, increasingly global and multi-ethnic society? How have indigenous communities entered the market system and how have they fared? What opportunities and threats are associated with each of these institutions and what questions remain as to how to address them?

Because the publication timeline on this first issue is compressed, we are requesting a brief 200-word abstract of potential submissions by January 9, 2006 sent to either Hokulani Aikau (aikau@hawaii.edu) or Jim Spencer (jhs@hawaii.edu).

Indigenous Politics: Law, Policy and Governance (2007)

Guest Editors: Jodi Byrd, Katharina Heyer

Possible topics for the second issue might focus on the array of temporal and historical issues surrounding nationhood, citizenship, law and policy. What historical legal systems have evolved under different forms of indigenous politics, which new ones are being created, and what do these actions by state actors say about how legal institutions treat the concept of indigenous? How are indigenous peoples re-articulating understandings of governance in their drive for recognition, independence, self determination, and sovereignty?

Indigenous Politics: Migration/Citizenship/Cyberspace (2008)

Guest Editors: Petrice Flowers, Jungmin Seo

Possible topics for the final issue might focus on the relations between race and space in conceiving the indigenous. Historically, migration and diasporic communities have created indigenous/non-indigenous divides related, but not identical to race and ethnicity. How are these flows of people and ideas as well as the institutions to manage them, impeded or assisted by the state and other social, political, and economic institutions? What does improved knowledge and understanding of these flows contribute to how one defines an indigenous person or community? What role do global technologies play in linking migrant and diasporic communities to each other and to the homeland?