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## UBC International Expert Seminar in support of the work of United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)

*Indigenous Peoples' right to traditional economies, sustainable  
development, and food security in an age of climate change*

Robert H. Lee Family Boardroom (Level 3)  
Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre  
6163 University Boulevard  
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Vancouver, Canada

Offered in hybrid format.  
Public Zoom link: **(coming)**

*8-9 February 2024*

For Concept Note and more information:

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Day 1: Thursday, 8 February 2024

8.30-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-9.30	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  <b>Welcome:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sheryl Lightfoot, Host, Chair and Member from North America, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</li><li>• Musqueam host and welcome</li><li>• UBC welcome (President)</li></ul> <b>Housekeeping</b>

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9.30-10.30	<p><b>Panel 1: Leadership Voices: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Traditional Economies and Sustainable Development in an Era of Climate Change</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Valmaine Toki, Vice Chair and Member from the Pacific, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> TBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>
10.30-10.45	Health Break
10.45-12.15	<p><b>Panel 2: Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Economies in the Context of Climate Change</b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploration of how Indigenous communities draw upon traditional knowledge to navigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change on their economies.</li><li>• Case studies highlighting survival strategies employed by Indigenous groups in the face of changing environmental conditions.</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Anexa Brendalee Alfred Cunningham, Member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kiri Toki, Ngāti Wai, Ngāpuhi (Aotearoa New Zealand), DPhil candidate, University of Oxford</li><li>• Bablu Chakma, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany</li><li>• Elifuraha Laltaika, Tumaini University Makumira, Tanzania</li></ul> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>
12.15-14.30	Tour & Lunch – Museum of Anthropology
14.30-16.00	<p><b>Panel 3: Human Rights, Indigenous Law, and Social Development for Sustainable Livelihoods</b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examination of the human rights framework and Indigenous law supporting the right to sustainable livelihoods.</li><li>• Insights into social development initiatives that empower Indigenous communities in maintaining their traditional economies.</li><li>• Analysis of the intersection between Indigenous rights, social development, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</li></ul>

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	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Binota Moy Dhamai, Member from Asia, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carwyn Jones, Te Whare Whakatupu Mātauranga at Te Wānanga o Raukawa, Aotearoa New Zealand</li> <li>• C. Ogbonna Chidiebere, Kampala International University, Uganda</li> <li>• Carlos Chex, Independent Expert, Guatemala</li> <li>• Dominic O’Sullivan, Charles Sturt University, Australia</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>
16.00-16.15	Health Break
16.15-17:30	<b>Open Discussion</b>

## Day 2: Friday, 9 February 2023

8.30-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-10.30	<p><b>Panel 4: <i>Indigenous Food Systems, Fisheries, and Coastal Cultures</i></b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration of Indigenous food systems and their role in ensuring food security in coastal cultures.</li> <li>• Insights into sustainable fishing practices and the challenges faced by Indigenous communities in maintaining their fishing livelihoods.</li> <li>• Consideration of how traditional knowledge contributes to the preservation of fisheries and coastal cultures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Antonina Gorbunova, Vice-Chair and Member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brigitte Feiring, Charapa Consulting, Denmark</li> <li>• Miguel Gonzales, York University, Canada</li> <li>• Line Kalak, Sámi allaskuvla, Norway</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>
10.30-11.00	Health Break
11.00-12.30	<p><b>Panel 5: <i>Panel 5: Indigenous Food Systems, Fisheries, and Coastal Cultures (continued)</i></b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p>

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12.30-14.30	Lunch Break
14.30-16.00	<p><b>Panel 6: <i>Climate Change, Livelihoods, and Food Sovereignty</i></b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examination of the impact of climate change on Indigenous livelihoods and traditional economies.</li><li>• Discussion on the role of carbon trading in supporting sustainable Indigenous livelihoods.</li><li>• Insights into the concept of food sovereignty and its relevance to ensuring food security in the context of climate change.</li><li>• Case studies from regions like Siberia, reindeer husbandry, and their unique challenges and solutions</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dalee Sambo Dorough, Member from the Arctic, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priscilla Settee, University of Saskatchewan, Canada</li><li>• Minnie Dagawan, Kawari, Philippines</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Richard Asaba Bagonza, Makerere University, Uganda</li><li>• Tabitha Robin Martens, University of British Columbia, Canada</li></ul> <p><b>Open Discussion</b></p>
16.00-16.15	Health Break
16.15	<p><b>Open Discussion/Recommendations/Conclusions</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Sheryl Lightfoot, Chair and Member from North America, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p>

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