

Creative
Collaborations
between Indigenous
Entrepreneur and
Researchers (Chair
Jerry Schwab)



9.05am–9:50 am

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'Towards an international collaboration on Indigenous
entrepreneurs and sustainable economic development'

Content

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Background Work

- research over the past three decades focused on the developmental aspirations of Indigenous people as shaped by four key factors:

Indigenous Socioeconomic Objectives

- greater control of activities on their traditional lands
- self-determination and an end to dependency through economic self-sufficiency
- the preservation and strengthening of traditional values and their application in economic development and business activities
- improved socioeconomic circumstance for individuals, families, and communities

Background Work

Four things surfaced through this work:

- (i) the desire among Indigenous people to participate in the global economy is ‘on their own terms’ and often through social enterprise with goals beyond return on investment to include self-determination, sustainability, and the preservation and re-assertion of culture, values, knowledge and practises;
- (ii) traditional lands and traditional resource rights are seen as the foundation of sustainable local communities for both the role they play in subsistence activities and cultural identity and as the capital the community can use to development sustainable natural resource based social enterprises;
- (iii) These aspirations are supported by supranational organizations such as the International Labour Organization (ILO 169), the World Bank policies on Indigenous people, the United Nations through the Convention on the Conservation of Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
- (iv) Indigenous communities are partnering with non-Indigenous businesses and other organizations, in order to realize the development potential inherent in their lands and resources.

Indigenous Rights

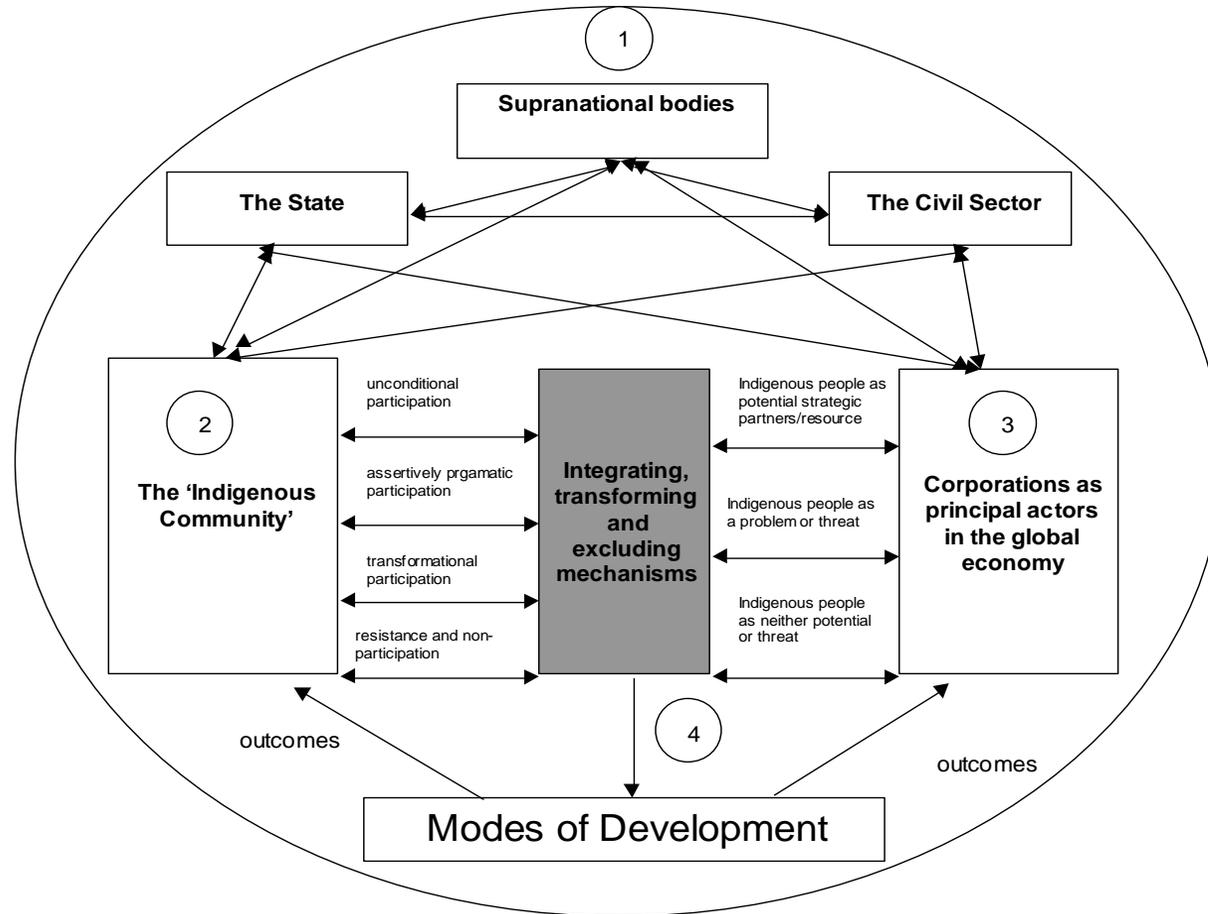
- **International Labour Organization Convention 169** Article 14 calls for the recognition of Indigenous peoples' ownership rights over the lands that they have traditionally occupied and usage rights over lands to which they have traditionally had access for their subsistence and traditional activities.
- The **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People** recognizes
 - the importance of lands and resources to Indigenous people,
 - the right to develop in their own way,
 - that these rights are inherent to their existence as Peoples, and
 - that these rights are essential rebuilding Indigenous communities as Indigenous people wish to rebuild them.
- The **World Bank** requires that borrowers develop an Indigenous Peoples Plan, incorporating a framework for ensuring free, prior, and informed consultation during project implementation.

Regulation Theory and Framework

<p>Regulation Theory - emphasizes contingency and human agency, including the importance of local factors to particular outcomes</p>	<p>Modes of Development</p>	<p>Regime of Accumulation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - historically specific production apparatus through which surplus is generated, appropriated, and redeployed” within a defined economic system - analyzes the global economy “in terms of a series of modes of development based on the combination of the currently ascendant regime of accumulation and a variety of modes of social regulation”
		<p>Modes of Social Regulation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stability in the global economic system is dependent on the emergence of a set of social relations that preserve it, for a time at least, from catastrophic internal collisions and breakdowns - made up of a series of formal and informal structures of governance and stabilization ranging from the state through business and labour associations, to modes of socialization which create ingrained habits of behaviour

Adapted from: ([Hirst & Zeitlin, 1992: 84-85](#); [Scott, 1988: 8](#))

Figure 1: The Development Framework



Areas of Investigation

1. the impact of the “state”, the “civil sector” and supranational bodies on the on the multiple overlapping modes of social regulation and and therefore on the participants in the global economy, and the influence of the participants on the “state” and the civil sector.
2. Indigenous approaches to economic development including current circumstances and objectives, approach to participation in the global economy including strategies for participation transformation and/or resistance, expected outcomes, actual outcomes.
3. Corporate responses to Indigenous issues, particularly motivating forces, strategies, expected outcomes, and actual outcomes.
4. Expected and actual Modes of Development emerging from the inter-relationships among #1, 2, & 3 in particular places, at particular times, and changes over time.

From Anderson et al, 2005

Overview of Previous Network Proposal

ISSC Transformations to Sustainability Program

- For funding to the International Social Sciences Council to develop a Transformative Knowledge Network, Maximum funding 32,000 Euros
- build on and extend an informal network that emerged as a result three decades of collaborative research into Indigenous peoples' sustainable development aspirations and activities
- Proposal to create “Transformative Network for Indigenous Sustainable Development”

Transformative Network for Indigenous Sustainable Development (ISSC)

Purpose

- to support the search for and dissemination of existing and new solutions-oriented knowledge in support of the sustainable development efforts of Indigenous people.
- core principle will be the engagement of Indigenous people in the co-design and co-production of such knowledge.
 - central to the development and operation of the Network, especially in providing the guiding principles, determining acceptable methods and defining successful and unsuccessful objectives and outcomes

Activities of Network (ISSC)

- promote global interaction among researchers, students, community members and others, many of whom are currently working in relative isolation one from another
- will encourage
 - I. dissemination of current and emerging knowledge, including the creation of an academic/applied journal, the publication of selected collected works and the development of curricula and other material for dissemination in communities and education intuitions,
 - II. synthesis of knowledge to arrive to a meaningful understanding of the similarities, as well as the differences, in the basic principles of Indigenous people's visioning and ideas about sustainable development,
 - III. cooperation and collaboration on current research and other projects, and the development of new research and dissemination projects, and
 - IV. Student and new scholar training and the training of others, especially from communities

Network Development (ISSC)

1. Background research

- search for organizations involved the areas of Indigenous rights, partnerships (impact and benefit agreements, contractual agreements, etc.) and sustainable development activities. The objectives will be to
 1. produce an annotated catalogue of such organizations in order to help us develop our Network Proposal with respect to both structure, approaches and activities, and
 2. to identify potential Network partners and individual members
- Comprehensive literature review of articles on Indigenous sustainable development with three purposes.
 1. assess the current state of knowledge on the issue, at least as publically disseminated.
 2. to identify potential members for the Network.
 3. make the information that emerges available on the Network website

Network Development (ISSC)

2. Network Website

- Initially modest,
 - description of the Network,
 - an invitation to join,
 - links to available resources including those emerging out of the work described in the previous section, and
 - tools for pre and post-plenary interaction among those developing the proposal for the Network.
- Full development of a strong interactive site will be a key element of our proposal to create a formal network.

Network Development (ISSC)

3. Working plenary session, core of proposal

- bring together members of our informal network to develop a plan for a formal Network and a proposal for funding to the Transformative Knowledge Network Program to implement the plan.
- selected group made up of academics, community members, and others from key geographic areas.
- Academic attendees will be from among those listed in Table 1. Each will also bring an Indigenous community member to the session, selected from those people with which they have been working.

Network Development (ISSC)

In summary

- “conduct research on social transformations related to concrete challenges of global change and sustainability”; that is, Indigenous people in a globalizing and environmentally deteriorating world.
- network activities undertaken, and the results that will be disseminated will be international in scope, solutions-oriented and transdisciplinary.
- Network members and partners will be working to support Indigenous people in their efforts to pursue sustainable development (economic, environment, social and cultural), on their own terms in a global and environmentally challenged world.
- The Network will in all respects seek direction and leadership from its Indigenous partners, both academic and community-based,

Competition Results (ISSC)

I regret to inform you that your proposal has not been selected for seed funding. It was among those considered to have great potential. However, with over 500 proposals received in response to the call, the selection process was highly competitive and many meritorious and very promising proposals could not be funded.

Potential new network proposal (SSHRC)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

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Partnership Development Grants

November 2016 Competition

Overview	
Value	\$75,000 to \$200,000
Duration	1 to 3 years
Application deadline * (8 p.m. eastern)	November 30, 2016
Results announced	March 2017
Apply	Web CV, application and instructions

* Note: If a deadline falls on a weekend or a Canadian public holiday, the online application system will remain open until 8 p.m. (eastern time) on the next business day.

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Description

Partnership Development Grant proposals are expected to respond to the objectives of the Insight program or the Connection program, or a combination thereof. Please see the [Insight](#) and [Connection](#) program descriptions for more details.

The objectives of the Insight program are to:	The objectives of the Connection program are to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• build knowledge and understanding from disciplinary, interdisciplinary and/or cross-sector perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• facilitate the multidirectional flow of social sciences and humanities knowledge among researchers and between the campus and the larger community, in order to enhance

Potential new network proposal (SSHRC)

- Evaluation criteria

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

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Guidelines for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research

Purpose

SSHRC has developed these guidelines to ensure that the merit review of Aboriginal research upholds SSHRC's [principles for merit review](#). These guidelines are intended to supplement the [SSHRC Manual for Adjudication Committees Members](#), but might also be used by applicants, external reviewers and the postsecondary institutions and partnering organizations that support Aboriginal research.

Context

[Aboriginal research](#) is defined under the Definitions of Terms on SSHRC's website.

Since the early 2000s, SSHRC has promoted research **by** and **with** Aboriginal Peoples, having recognized its potential to increase knowledge and understanding about human thought and behaviour, past and present, and to help create a better future.

The Guidelines for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research further ensure that Aboriginal research incorporating Aboriginal knowledge systems (including ontologies, epistemologies and methodologies) is recognized as a scholarly contribution and meets SSHRC's standards of excellence. The guidelines are also designed to encourage that Aboriginal research be conducted with sensitivity, and only after consideration about who conducts the research and why and how it is conducted. The guidelines complement information contained in the second edition of the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS2), and, in particular, [Chapter 9: Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada](#).

These guidelines are relevant for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal researchers who conduct Aboriginal research.

Merit Review Measures in Place

For applications related to Aboriginal research, SSHRC ensures that:

- external assessors, either Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal, have experience and expertise in Aboriginal research; and
- when the volume of applications warrants it, adjudication committees are in part or entirely composed of members having community research experience and expertise in Aboriginal research.

SSHRC may solicit external assessments from experts in fields of inquiry relevant to the applications, to aid the adjudication committee in making its decisions.

Key Concepts for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research

Indigenous or traditional knowledge, according to Chapter 9 of the TCPS2, "is usually described by Aboriginal Peoples as holistic, involving body, mind, feelings and spirit" (p.108). Indigenous knowledge is rarely acquired through written documents, but, rather, a worldview adopted through living, listening and learning in the ancestral languages and within the contexts of living on the