

# Eco-cosmology, Sustainability and a Spirit of Resilience

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A two-day interdisciplinary conference on *Eco-cosmology, Sustainability and a Spirit of Resilience* for discussions from anthropological, environmental, cultural, economic and political perspectives. Local knowledge systems can be viewed as cultures of sustainability, they are often embedded in heterogeneous ecological knowledge, a reflection of indigenous cosmologies, epistemologies and ontologies (Kopenawa/Albert 2013). These local knowledge systems are often criminalised, colonised, subverted or commodified. With the process of industrial extraction of natural resources, diverse indigenous, analogous (co-existing but different) peoples, and local communities are deprived of their fundamental human rights for secured livelihood and preserved eco-systems. An industrial, and even digital, neo-colonial intrusion into the territories and minds of indigenous and analogous peoples is taking place worldwide. With ecological degradation, the vulnerable worldviews, rituals, practices and knowledge systems of indigenous/analogous peoples, and local communities are critically threatened. Yet these worldviews and local knowledge systems could be central for finding local and global solutions for a sustainable and philanthropic world where cultural and eco-biological diversity and mutuality may thrive. This conference invites contributions on the broad theme of environmental, cultural and social sustainability with reference to indigenous/analogous peoples, and local communities.

### Suggested themes:

- local ecological practices and worldviews
- threatened forms of ecological knowledge transmitted by local traditions
- ecological sustainability and cultural knowledge
- eco-cosmologies as solutions for a sustainable world
- indigenous cultures and worldviews
- language ecologies
- digital ecologies
- shamanic worldviews & ontologies
- indigenous practices in diasporic communities
- local heritage, global appropriation
- vulnerabilities, damage and resilience
- historical ecologies

**Proposals welcome until 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

We invite interested parties to send their proposals for panels and papers to  
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