Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights

Key issues:

• How are people employing concepts of cultural and intellectual property to lay claim(s) to the past, present and future?
• What examples do we have of successful uses and applications of the intellectual property system? Conversely, has this system hindered success, especially in cross-cultural contexts?
• What forms of legal and/or customary protection exist for intellectual property and cultural heritage? How do these apply to knowledge produced by academic research?
• In what areas do problems tend to arise? How might such problems be avoided?
• What are the key elements of successful, equitable resolutions of cultural and intellectual property rights issues, and what examples exist of how to translate these into workable policies and protocols?

This cross-disciplinary international conference addresses the intersections between cultural heritage and cultural and intellectual property rights in Indigenous customary and academic worlds.

Key speakers: Julie Hollowell and George Nicholas, Canada; Sven Ouzman, South Africa.

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