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**THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:
Outcomes in Context
April 25-26, 2015 - Columbia University**

The conference will be held at Columbia University's Teachers' College, Room 130 MY (Macy Hall), 525 W 120th street, New York City.

In September 2014, following an extensive process that included the participation of indigenous peoples, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document. Soon after, faculty members at Columbia and UiT agreed to organize a seminar examining the document's impact on indigenous peoples and the indigenous rights community.

With 40 paragraphs of recommendations directed at States as well as the UN System, and given the fact that indigenous peoples were directly involved in the preparatory process, it is expected the document will directly impact the indigenous rights regime. In this seminar we will discuss the issues listed below, among others:

- What is the legal relevance of the WCIP Outcome Document?
- What might its impact be on the indigenous rights regime?
- What is the relationship between the Outcome Document, human rights treaties, and general principles of international law?
- Has the role of indigenous groups and peoples changed in light of the Outcome Document and its preparatory process?

We scheduled this seminar to fall on the weekend in between the two weeks of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues meeting in New York City. We hope you will join us in dialogue as we debate the Outcome Document.

The seminar is open to academics, representatives of Indigenous Peoples' organizations and nations as well as non-governmental organizations and inter-governmental organizations. To pre-register please contact Theresa Castillo, by April 22nd, providing your name, affiliation, email and address at tpc2005@tc.columbia.edu.

For the concept note and program, please see <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cser/> OR <http://www.humanrightscolumbia.org/?q=content/world-conference-indigenous-peoples-outcomes-contexts>.

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