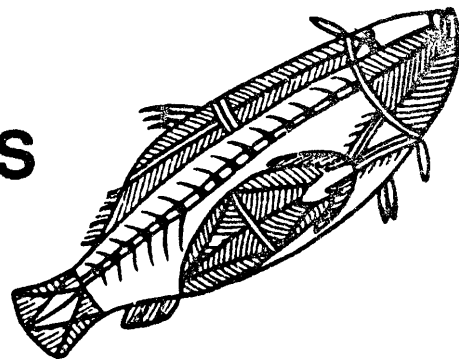


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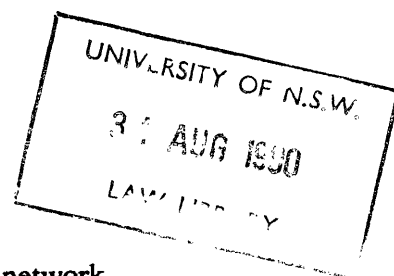


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DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

A four week intensive course on 'Peoples Diplomacy' at the University of NSW has attracted over 50 applications from all over the Asia-Pacific region. Developed by Jose Ramos-Horta, former East Timor representative at the United Nations, and organised by the Diplomacy training Program, a non profit organisation based at UNSW, the course is the only one of its type in the world. Focussing directly on the needs of indigenous peoples and national minority groups, the course provides an introduction to the UN and its specialised agencies, sessions on international law, negotiations, using the media, lobbying and other practical requirements for the representatives of communities at the international level.

Australian Aboriginal people can get ABSTUDY assistance for the course and so will not have to pay any fees. So far only two Aboriginal participants have confirmed their attendance and the organisers have three more places available.

Because the course is very practical and involves skills development sessions that would not be found anywhere else it is suitable for all community activists. The techniques of persuasion and lobbying used in international forums are no different to working with regional and national institutions. The rules of the game may differ slightly but the obstacles are very similar. The January course will provide considerable confidence to the participants in pursuing their communities' and organisations' interests.

The January course commences on Jan 8 and finishes on Feb 2. A special session on the International Labour Organisation on Jan 18 will cover recent ILO convention 169 on Indigenous Peoples. This session is open to the public and it is anticipated that a number of Aboriginal people and others interested in the this convention will take part. An evening function will provide an opportunity to meet the overseas participants. Enquiries: contact John Scott-Murphy (02) 697 2247.

ILO CONVENTION NO 169 - WORKSHOP

By mid 1990 Australia is expected to decide whether to ratify ILO Convention No 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples. This is the revised version as of 1989, of the 1957 ILO Convention No 107.

At the request of Aboriginal organisations including the National Coalition of Aboriginal Organisations, the Aboriginal Law Centre will hold a 2 day workshop at the University of NSW on 18-19 January. On the first day, Thursday 18 January, workshop participants will join participants in the Diplomacy Training Program for a general presentation about the International Labour Organisation. In the evening there will be a specific session on the background to, and politics of, Convention No 169.

On Friday 19 January, workshop participants will consider the pros and cons of Australia ratifying the Convention with the assistance of invited experts.

Those wishing to participate should contact the Coalition Offices :

Sydney (02) 319 3153

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CONFERENCES

REMOTE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY FUTURES

July 3 - 5 1990 Townsville, Qld

Call For Contributions

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies will hold a conference to discuss issues related to the future of remote Aboriginal communities.

The aim of the conference is to provide a forum to work out strategies to help remote Aboriginal communities cope better with the increasing pressures placed upon them, particularly in areas such as health, development, pressures of government agencies etc.

The Institute is interested in hearing from people who wish to make presentations at the conference. This conference may be of particular interest to those living and working in remote communities, as well as advisors, public servants and academics working closely with those communities.

There are currently four major themes:

- * Internal Structures and Processes including decision - making;
- * External influences, such as mining and other development pressures on communities;
- * Community Environment, including matters relating to health, substance abuse, violence, employment and education; and
- * Communication, particularly between communities and outside agencies, in the context of delivery of services.

If you wish to make a presentation of any kind, or would like further information on the meetings please contact:

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CLOSING DATE FOR OFFERS OF PRESENTATIONS:
15 JANUARY 1990

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE COMMISSION ON FOLK LAW AND LEGAL PLURALISM

August 15 -18, 1990, Ottawa

The Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism, an international organization based in the Netherlands and consisting of lawyers, anthropologists, and others from around the world, is co-sponsoring their next conference with the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. The three themes for the Symposium are:

1. Indigenous self-determination and legal pluralism.
2. Non-indigenous ethnic minority law.
3. Legal Pluralism in the third world after decolonization.

Each theme will also include specific panels relating to the particular position and concerns of women. Over 30 experts from many countries have already been selected as speakers.

For further information or to submit a 100 word abstract of a proposed paper, contact:

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