

# 2022 Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia and Society

October 20-25. A blended conference given first breath by  
Natives Strengthening Indigenous Languages & Cultures

**RIVAS 2022 supports the scholarship of Indigenous academics and speakers whose cultures help shape archeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics, and more.**

Abstract Submissions are closed. For a Zoom general registration  
cut and paste link – [tinyurl.com/3wjfeur4](https://tinyurl.com/3wjfeur4)

or scan QR code



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## **The RIVAS 2022 is a Hybrid conference that aims to promote spaces:**

- 1) for rising Indigenous scholars to share their work and connect with a wider scholarly network
- 2) for speakers to exchange ideas and constructive debate within the field of global Indigenous studies
- 3) for speakers to come together to explore past, present, and future Indigenous experiences in both academic and non-academic contexts
- 4) for Indigenous scholars and communities to present their viewpoints on local and global phenomena, histories, and issues
- 5) for speakers to discuss and raise awareness about positive trends as well as the obstacles that still hamper the participation of Indigenous scholars within an arena of global academic discourse

The RIVAS 2022 conference also aims at being innovative and inclusive of different Indigenous realities not only in its content, but also in its format. In order to achieve this goal, RIVAS 2022 will be a hybrid format with both in person (F2F) and online papers, at five-partnered physical conference sites around the world:

Al-Quds Open University, Palestine  
Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation, Australia  
The Centre for the Anthropology of Sustainability (CAOS), University College London, UK  
The University of Maine, USA  
The University of Montana, USA (RIVAS 2022 Host Institution)

## **with Featured Speakers:**

Yellowknives Dene Scholar **Glen Coulthard** – *Once Were Maoists: Third World Currents in Fourth World Anti-Colonialism*, Palestinian Scholar **Zeina Jallad Charpentier** - *Identity Annexation: Israel's Non-Territorial and Psychic Annexation of the West Bank Samaritans in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*, Penobscot Scholar **Sherri Weh'na Ha'mu Kwasset Mitchell** - *Sacred Instructions: Indigenous Wisdom for Living Spirit-Based Change*, Anishinaabe Scholar **Bimadoshka Pucan** - *Land, Language and Medicine at Chief's Point*, Penobscot Scholar **Darren Ranco** - *Decolonizing Land Relations in the Dawnland: Landback and Rematriation Across Wabanakik*, and former Australian Senator and Gumbaynggirr Scholar **Aden Ridgeway**.



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## Papers:

We welcome papers from Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars working on all topical areas and disciplines that involve Indigenous individuals, indigenous communities, and their experiences. Since a goal of the conference is to encourage participants to engage in constructive and meaningful discussions, only a limited number of papers will be accepted for RIVAS 2022; so if interested, getting an abstract submitted early is a good strategy.

Presentations may include, but are not limited to, topics such as: cultural resource management; climate change; multispecies entanglements; fossil fuels and Indigenous communities; boarding schools and Indigenous education; missing and murdered Indigenous women and children; ethnobotany; language maintenance, revitalization, or linguistics; political, policy or legal issues; Indigenous identities; archeology; water and gas preservation and resistance; land claims and territorial disputes; and sovereignty.

Open discussion between speakers and attendees is a fundamental aspect of the conference. Participants can join the conference from the location that suits them best or choose to deliver a paper online via Zoom. Please contact the organizers if you would like to participate face to face at a partnered conference site and need special accommodations to do so. Further details about the schedules and organization at each location will be provided in the coming months.

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