

SPEAKERS: “Exploring COVID from an Indigenous People perspective”		
<p>Erika Bockstael & Larry McDermott</p> <p>Canada</p>	<p>Erika Bockstael had a long-career in international assistance and development work before returning to university to complete a PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Management. She is current the Director for Canada programs for Canadian Feed the Children, a charitable organization that has been supporting Indigenous-led food security projects in Canada since 1992.</p> <p>Larry McDermott is a member of Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation. He served as an Ontario municipal politician for 28 years and is a former Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. He is currently the Executive Director of Plenty Canada, an Indigenous non-profit organization devoted to environmental protection and healthy communities in Canada and internationally. He is a Board member of Food Secure Canada, a pan-Canadian alliance of organizations and individuals working together to advance food security and food sovereignty, and is involved in multiple other Boards and projects.</p>	<p>COVID-19 Impact and Response across Indigenous Nations and communities in Canada</p>
<p>Jessica Waleska Fernandez Norales</p> <p>Honduras</p>	<p>PhD candidate in Development Studies at the Lisbon School of Economics and Management at the University of Lisbon</p>	<p>Community actions and initiatives that the Garifuna People has developed during the COVID-19 crisis, highlighting the capacities of community organization, the use of ancestral knowledge and fraternity principles in 48 communities located along the Atlantic coast of Honduras.</p>

<p>John Maximino Muñoz Télles</p> <p>Colombia</p>	<p>Lawyer-Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Human Development Specialist-Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO Argentina). "U.T. Vision Amazonia" Adviser for the implementation of land use plans in 15 amazon municipalities. The goal is to achieve zero deforestation in the next twelve years and to manage the climate change effects in the zone; this, as a response to STC-4360 Supreme Court of Colombia sentence.</p>	<p>Coronavirus in the Colombian Amazonia</p>
<p>Dr. Madhulika Sahoo</p> <p>India</p>	<p>Anthropologist by training, currently working as Assistant Professor in the School of Business, Vellore Institute of Technology University, Andhra Pradesh, India, where I teach Social Anthropology. I am also a regional coordinator in the Avoidable Death Network, working on unavoidable deaths due to COVID19 in India. I have over 8 years of experience working with forced migrants in India and the United Kingdom. I have worked with indigenous communities displaced by disasters and development. My research interest includes disaster-affected displaced persons, reproductive health, and climate change adaptation.</p>	<p>The ways tribal communities are coping with COVID19 in Odisha and Chhattisgarh state in India. I also want to share some interesting indigenous quarantine practices done by some of the tribal communities in India to keep themselves and their community safe from COVID19.</p>
<p>Luciana Abreu</p> <p>Argentina</p>	<p>Lawyer (University of Buenos Aires). Teacher and Researcher of Theory of Conflict. Coordinator of the Climate Change Law Program, Faculty of Law, UBA. Master studies in Human Development, and in Law and Economics of Climate Change, both by FLACSO ARGENTINA.</p>	<p>for the Argentine case: " Policies governments might adopt to support indigenous communities through the crisis "</p>

<p>Maëlle Nicault</p> <p>France (Reunion)</p>	<p>PHD candidate in Social Sciences - Administrator of Sillages Organisation to promote Social Justice and Sustainable human development</p>	<p>I will present generally the specificities regarding development issues in Mafate, how Mafate communities organized themselves and what consequences COVID-19 has on development project (such as shared water-management - the project I follow). It will be more a personal analysis about what people said to me and medias wrote about the situation, because I did not have the opportunity to be in Mafate during the crisis (because of lock-in). Réunion, where the Mafate are, is an island in Southern Africa, in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar.</p>
<p>Kavita Arora</p> <p>India</p>	<p>Political geographer by training and since 2004 I am doing research on Andamanese tribes. In 2018 I authored a book "Indigenous Forest Management in Andaman and Nicobar Islands", India, published by Springer.</p>	<p>The Spread of COVID 19 and the vulnerable situation of six indigenous tribes at Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India.</p>