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English Abstract

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Significant Progress for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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This article outlines the emergence and development of the rights of indigenous peoples and discusses the legally binding nature of these rights. It provides insights into the building of concepts and principles in the international context. The article also provides examples that illustrate the legal and practical impacts and the complex network of international institutions and programs related to indigenous rights. However, this standard-setting is still incompleting as there are lacunas related to implementation. In sum, these developments are based on the interaction with the indigenous peoples, who have been mobilizing on behalf of their own cause.

Keywords: Indigene Völker, Internationale Arbeitsorganisation (ILO), Menschenrechtserklärungen/ -übereinkommen, Menschenrechtsrat, Minderheiten, indigenous peoples, International Labour Organization (ILO), human rights declarations/conventions, Human Rights Council, minorities

English Abstract

Regina Sonk

Indigenous Languages – A Human Right pp. 154–158

Across the world, a large number of indigenous languages are in danger of disappearing. In order to promote and protect these languages, the United Nations proclaimed the year 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL). A large number of research projects and conferences significantly raised public awareness of this issue. The question is whether there have been concrete improvements for indigenous speakers. The IYIL can be seen as a successful start. The UN establishing a full decade of indigenous languages represents an even greater opportunity to legally strengthen indigenous peoples in their right to languages.

Keywords: Indigene Völker, Internationale Tage und Jahre, Mehrsprachigkeit, Menschenrechte, Minderheiten, indigenous peoples, international days and years, multilingualism, human rights, minorities

English Abstract

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Danger for the Most Vulnerable pp. 159–164

The COVID-19 pandemic constitutes an additional threat to the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil. They are simultaneously fighting against violence, invasions, and the destruction of natural resources within their territories. They receive almost no support from the Brazilian government. Instead, the Brazilian state encourages invasions of indigenous territories and tries to modify tradeable permits to empower agribusiness and exploit resources within the indigenous territories. During the pandemic, the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil stepped up their fight for their rights, the recognition and protection of their territories, and their lives.

Keywords: Brasilien, Gesundheit, Indigene Völker, Menschenrechte, Minderheiten, Pandemie, Brazil, health, indigenous peoples, human rights, minorities, pandemic

English Abstract

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Preserving Diversity pp. 166–171

The genetic diversity of crops secures the future of food. However, this diversity is severely endangered. Conservation of plant genetic resources in genebanks has become established worldwide. However, many genebanks in the Global South are not adequately funded. Thus, crop diversity is now under triple threat: in the fields, in nature, and in the genebanks that are supposed to be safe havens for this diversity. The Crop Trust, based in Bonn, provides support for the conservation of particularly important and threatened collections before they are lost forever.

Keywords: Artenschutz, Biologische Vielfalt, Ernährung/Nahrungsmittel, Hunger, Landwirtschaft, conservation of species, biodiversity, nutrition/food, hunger, agriculture

English Abstract

Dr. Dr. Maik Schmerbauch
Exploring the UN Historically: Insights into Its Archival System
pp. 172–177

The UN archives are very important sources of information for scientists and researchers from all over the world. They contain the essential records of the political affairs of the UN organization from the past few decades. Scientists and researchers must have knowledge of the archives and records management system, and especially know the content of the records that are relevant to their research topic. This article gives an important insight into the development and work of the archives and their collections.

Keywords: Digitalisierung, Informationsfragen, UN-Dokument/Resolution/Bericht, digitalization, information related issues, UN document/resolution/report