

Indigenous and Minority Languages under Siege: Finding Solutions to a Global Threat

Symposium Theme



The Intercultural Human Rights Law Review is an annual publication of intercultural human rights scholarship. Affiliated with the Graduate Program in Intercultural Human Rights, this academic honors society publishes pertinent articles and essays by academics, practitioners, and students. In furtherance of this law review's mission, an annual symposium is organized to provide a forum for people of all walks of life to participate in discussions on human rights. This year's symposium is designed to provide an academic analysis of the pressing issues raised by the alarming loss of languages across the planet. It also presents and evaluates solutions to the problem from both legal and practical perspectives. The symposium will address two primary threats to the global tapestry of cultures, whose vibrancy is inextricably tied to language as the key medium of communication:

1) Indigenous Languages: Rights and Revival

2) Minority Languages: Threats in Comparative Perspective and Protective Regimes

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Schedule of Events:

9:30am **Registration**

10:00am **Welcome & Opening Ceremony**

Rev. Msgr. Franklyn M. Casale,
President, St. Thomas University

Dean Alfredo Garcia
St. Thomas University School of Law

10:30 am **Indigenous Languages:**

Rights and Revival

Moderator: **Professor Siegfried Wiessner**
Director, Graduate Program in
Intercultural Human Rights,
St. Thomas University School of Law

Speakers: **Professor Allison Dussias**
New England School of Law

Professor Jon Allan Reyhner
Northern Arizona University

Kirke Kickingbird, Esq., Of Counsel,
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP,
Oklahoma City

12:00 Noon: **Luncheon**
(Law School Breezeway)

1:15 pm

Minority Languages:

Threats in Comparative Perspective and Protective Regimes

Moderator: **Gregory Chan, Ed.D.**
Provost & Chief Academic Officer,
St. Thomas University

Speakers: **Guiyou Huang, Ph.D.,**
Dean of Biscayne College &
Director, Institute for World
Languages, St. Thomas University

Professor Douglas Kibbee
Director, School of Literatures,
Cultures and Linguistics,
University of Illinois

Antti Korkeakivi, LL.M.
Head of the Secretariat on the
Framework Convention for the
Protection of National Minorities,
Council of Europe (on leave);
Adjunct Professor, School of
International and Public Affairs,
Columbia University

2:45 pm

Closing Remarks

