

## International Conference Ninth Multidisciplinary Meeting on Indigenous Peoples (EMPI IX)

## Territories in dispute: epistemologies, resistances, spiritualities and rights



30/31 May – 1 June 2018

University College Roosevelt, Utrecht University  
Middelburg, the Netherlands

## Call for papers

The 2018 conference hosts the ninth edition of the Multidisciplinary Network of Researchers on Indigenous Peoples EMPI (<https://redempi.wordpress.com/>) at University College Roosevelt, Middelburg in the Netherlands.

One of most striking global themes in which the intersection between culture, citizenship and human rights becomes clear is the position of indigenous peoples worldwide. Since the colonization period, Indigenous nations have been witnessing the encroachment of their territory and with this the increasing vanishing of their modes of existence, spirituality and knowledge(s).

This process reached its peak when Indigenous people were confined to the most remote areas of the new geographical boundaries. Today these territories are again under siege of multinational forces and new forms of colonialism where the key conception of territory as a purely profit-oriented view overrides all other forms of understandings of how to live and pursue a plentiful life in this world. Indigenous worlds, generally, 'do not make themselves through the division between humans and non-humans, nor do they necessarily conceive the different entities in their assemblages through such a division' (De La Cadena, 2015). In the current context, however, Indigenous relational worlds are both obliged into making such a distinction or face persecution, poverty, forced emigration, racism and ultimately extinction due to the disappearance of their landscape and even a bigger encroachment of their already reduced space.

The conference aims to contribute with a space for an intercultural encounter within and beyond the academia for: participation, education and inclusivity. The EMPI IX edition will gather Indigenous leaders, civil society members, the academia and the student community in Middelburg to discuss and learn from our own academic/civil limitations and practices by searching redefinitions of topics that are of general concern, such as :

- What alternative understandings are available to better understand and defend the rights of Indigenous people to exist and to live in harmony?
- What are the conceptions of nature, resources, the Good Life, human rights, poverty/richness, progress and development that co-exist in dispute and at the periphery of Western thinking?
- What are we talking about when we speak about the mode of existence and connection of Indigenous worlds with Mother Earth?
- How are indigenous women facing the intrusion of modernity in their territories?
- And ultimately, what can we learn, exchange and adopt in our academic communities from other ways of knowing and existing in this world without falling in the trap of validating our own academic frameworks while remaining untouched by non-hegemonic ways of thinking and doing?

We will welcome papers that deal directly or indirectly with these questions by addressing the following the themes:

1. Southern Epistemologies: territories, political ecology and the Buen Vivir (Good Life)
2. Rights for nature or Rights of nature?: challenges and contributions from Indigenous worlds
3. Indigenous peoples' cultural heritage: the 169 ILO convention, the UNDRIP and consultation processes application, challenges and future developments.
4. Conflicts and modern wars: epistemicides, knowledges, alternatives beyond modernity and conflict resolutions.
5. Defining the international political and legal impacts of the Rights of nature
6. Gender: Indigenous Feminism, Justice and Patriarchy in Indigenous worlds
7. Cross-intercultural dialogues: climate change, human rights and environmental sciences, what can we exchange and what can we learn from each other?
8. Policies: educational policies, Indigenous languages, educational access, educational pluralism.
9. Regaining consciousness, emerging identities: Indigenous Art-design, cinema and cultural property.

### **Call for papers & Conference Proceedings**

Paper proposals (max. 300 words) in English or Spanish should be submitted by email at **EMPI2018@ucr.nl** up to the end of April 2018. Notifications of acceptance depend on the order of arrival, this means that we are going to send them in two rounds at the end of March and up to the end of April. A CV summary (max. 50-100 words) of the author/s shall be included in Spanish or English. Abstracts in Portuguese are accepted with the translation in English, however presentations are in English or Spanish.

### **When & Where**

- 30 May: registration starts at 13.00 until 17.00

Opening Reception City of Middelburg at 18.00 (building to be announced T.B.A.)

- Conference closing: 1 June 2018, University College Roosevelt, Middelburg, the Netherlands.

**Normal Participant Registration Fee: 40 euros**

**Special UCR Student registration: 20 euros** with a valid student ID with picture; in order to get your voucher for the conference dinner/bag, this will be asked upon registration at UCR so please bring it with you. This funding is only limited to UCR students. Master and PhD students from the Netherlands and other parts of the world together with general public must pay the whole fee. There is a limited amount of seats for this offer so please contact first [EMPI2018@ucr.nl](mailto:EMPI2018@ucr.nl) before paying.

**Registration Fee includes:**

- Full participation in the conference presentations/dialogues and plenaries
- Conference dinner
- Coffee/tea breaks
- UCR/EMPI2018 Conference ecology friendly bag
- Cancellation Policy: Refunds are not available, participants requiring visas to enter the Netherlands are strongly advice to check the document available at section Encuentros EMPI 2018:

<https://redempi.wordpress.com/>

**Payment via the bank-IBAN/account number: [NL12 RABO 0335 0483 15](#)**

**BIC: RABONL2U**

**RECEIVER: [UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ROOSEVELT](#)**

**ADDRESS: [POSTBUS 94 4330 AB MIDDELBURG](#)**

**REFERENCE: [EMPI2018 9EDITION + YOUR NAME](#)**

PAYMENT AT UCR WILL BE ONLY ACCEPTED IN CASH UPON REGISTRATION. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IS TO DO THIS VIA THE BANK AND HAVE THE PAYMENT RECEIPT IN YOUR MOBILE PHONE.

Registration starts on 30th May from 13.00 to 17.00 followed by a reception at 18.00. On Thursday 31 the registration desk starts at 8.45 and ends at 9.30 in the student desk main building Franklin. Those who do not submit a paper proposal, but are interested in attending the conference, shall register by sending an email to [EMPI2018@ucr.nl](mailto:EMPI2018@ucr.nl) and paying the fee (see possibilities above) before the 10 of May 2018. Please insert your registration with your data (name, surname, affiliation), and inform the organizers which conference days or session you would like to attend (e.g., both days, one day only, one session only, etc.). Full program will be made available in: <https://redempi.wordpress.com/>



## DIRECTIONS

Middelburg is located in the province of Zeeland, in the south-west of the Netherlands. It is approximately 2.5 hours from Amsterdam and Brussels by train or car and easily reachable from major international airports.

**Airports** If you plan to arrive by air, the following airports are most suitable:

- [Amsterdam Airport Schiphol: www.schiphol.nl](http://www.schiphol.nl)
- [Brussels Airport \(BRU\): www.brusselsairport.be](http://www.brusselsairport.be)
- [Rotterdam/The Hague Airport: www.rotterdamthehagueairport.nl](http://www.rotterdamthehagueairport.nl)

### **Directions by Train (including from airports)**

Middelburg is easily accessible by train. The railway station (Middelburg Station) is a 10-minute walk from the center, where the conference will be held. Tickets can be bought at the NS ticket machines (yellow machines with a blue sign and white NS logo on top). The website [www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home](http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home) provides information departure times, tracks and possible delays. Current information is also provided on large screens at each station.

**From Amsterdam Airport Schiphol:** The Schiphol Train Station is located directly beneath the airport. You will find it if you follow the signs for “Train” after leaving the baggage hall. Trains run between the airport and Middelburg every 30 minutes. Take the train in the direction of Vlissingen, and get off in Middelburg.

**From Brussels Airport:** At the Brussels airport, follow signs to the train. Take the train to Roosendaal, where you will switch trains. Then take the train in the direction of Vlissingen, and get off in Middelburg. Please note that this is an international trip and that you may buy your international tickets in advance. Tickets are valid at any time on the selected date.

**From Rotterdam/The Hague Airport:** You will need to take bus 33, direction Centraal Station via Airport to the bus stop Centraal Station, Rotterdam. Enter the train station and take the train in the direction of Vlissingen, and get off in Middelburg. For further information, see the NS website or the public transport website.

**Directions by Car:** The conference will be held in the center of Middelburg. If coming by car from the direction of Antwerp, Roosendaal or Rotterdam, please follow the signs for Vlissingen on the A58. Take exit 39 for Middelburg, and drive onwards on the N57. Please follow the Centrum signs to arrive in the center.

**Parking:** If coming to Middelburg by car, parking is available in one of the parking garages. There are three parking garages close to the center: Kousteensedijk, achter de Houttuinen, and het Groene Woud. From these parking garages, follow the signs '**Markt/Stadhuis/University College Roosevelt**'.

## Accommodation

Travel and accommodation costs are to be covered by the participants themselves. No reimbursement will be provided. **It is important to reserve your accommodation on time, the city of Middelburg is very busy at this time of the year;** some of these hotels have provided a discount code:

Hotel Arneville Reservation code: UCR3052018

<http://www.amadore.nl/cafe-restaurant-zeeland/middelburg/marktcafe/>

Prices: 90 single/double 95 breakfast included. This hotel is 8-10 minutes walking from UCR.

### Hotel The Roosevelt

Reservation with 10% discount from the price code: EMPI

<https://www.hoteltheroosevelt.com/nl>

Breakfast included in the prices. This hotel is 5 minutes walking from UCR.

**Middelburg website with Bed& Breakfasts:** prices 40-100 euros/you can use google maps to see how far these locations are from UCR. Normally they are no more than 10 minutes from UCR main buildings:  
<https://www.vvvzeeland.nl/en/islands/walcheren/towns-and-cities/middelburg/places-to-stay/>

Recommended in this website are:

[B&B De Kaepstander \(5minutes from UCR\)](#)

[De Dry Clavers \(apartment 3 minutes from UCR\)](#)

[Mevr.F.W. Frohn \(7 minutes from UCR\)](#)

[De Mug \(3 minutes from UCR\)](#)



## EMPI IX 2018

### Organizing Committee- Middelburg

Carolina Sánchez De Jaegher

(UCR coordinator)

Prof. Felipe Gómez Issa

( Human Rights, University of Deusto, Spain)

Amelia Alva

(Human Rights Center, University of Ghent, Belgium)

Dr. Rodrigo Céspedes

(Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany)

#### Conference Assistants:

Paola Leenhouts (external)

Pablo Campoy Roman (external)

Yenny Paola D'Abramo (UCR)

Leah Gelfermeyer (UCR)

### ***With special thanks to the advisory committee:***

Prof. Bert van den Brink

UCR Dean

Prof. Barbara Oomen

(Utrecht University – UCR)

### Scientific Committee

Amelia Alva (Human Rights Center, University of Ghent, Belgium)

Dr. Rodrigo Céspedes (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department of Law & Anthropology Germany)

Dr. Roberto Cammarata, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, International Studies and Political Philosophy

Prof. Felipe Gómez Issa ( Human Rights, University of Deusto, Spain)

Dr. Isabel Inguanzo, Área de Ciencia Política y de la Administración, Universidad of Salamanca, Spain

Dr. Salvador Martí i Puig, Universitat de Girona, Spain

Dr. Silvia Ordoñez Ganoza, Universidad César Vallejo, Trujillo, Perú

Prof. Wil Pansters (CCHR and Sociology Utrecht University, the Netherlands)

Prof. Marzia Rosti, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy

Dr. Andrea Ruíz Balzola, Consultoría, Investigación y Formación en Diversidad y Migraciones, Bilbao, Spain

Carolina Sánchez De Jaegher (University College Roosevelt, the Netherlands)

Dr. Chiara Scardozzi, Università “La Sapienza” Roma, Italy

Prof. Marc Simon Thomas (Utrecht University, Law, the Netherlands)

Dr. Alexandra Tomaselli, Accademia Europea Bolzano/Bozen, Italy & Karl-Franzens Universität Graz, Austria

Dr. Sara Mabel Villalba Portillo, Universidad Católica Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, Paraguay

Dr. Rolando Vázquez Melken (UCR-Utrecht University)

Dr. Claire Wright, Universidad Autónoma of Nuevo León, México



Utrecht University

