

[Call for Chapter Proposals: Indigenous Universalities and Peculiarities of Innovation \(Sense Publishers\)](#)

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Description: Rooted in diverse cultures and in distinct regions of the world, Indigenous communities and people have for centuries negotiated unique relationships with their surroundings, including new forms of conquest that continue to emerge today. The intent of this book is to showcase instances of Indigenous innovation in sustainability, ecological stewardship, and oral knowledge that demonstrate cosmological conceptions of time and place and critical practices that can be shared in order to shape new conceptualizations of relationships within the world that are transformative and just.

The editors welcome chapter proposals that are based on empirical and/or other research that has been collaboratively conducted with Indigenous communities, narratives and counter-narratives, qualitative fieldwork reflections, and theoretical perspectives. Authors should center their work around major definitions and ideas of innovation within Indigenous contexts that are respectful of and exemplify local knowledge. At the same time, authors are asked to engage in conscientious discussion regarding dominant discourse that posits Western modes of progress that impact those Indigenous communities and any tensions that result between communities and province, state, and/or country. Chapters should address one of the following major themes:

** Theoretical frameworks on innovation that are Indigenous-minded, Indigenous-defined, and Indigenous-centered: Frameworks that privilege Indigenous knowledge—philosophies and cultural practices—and honor community-based priorities and ideas about innovation

** Innovations in sustainability: Philosophies, definitions, and practices of sustainability that address and/or challenge current understandings of human-environment relationships and that deconstruct notions of “tradition” and “modernity”

** Innovations in law: Discussions, cases and ideas that consider Indigenous perspectives on law (Indigenous and world legal traditions, common law) and that may address expansions and limitations to Indigenous innovation

** Innovations in empowerment and movement: Sharing of Indigenous models that are rooted in practices of community empowerment, reclaiming, and application for how Indigenous peoples are innovating in multiple ways and that may include ideas of global Indigenous movement, exchanges, and sustained relationships between Indigenous peoples

Proposal Guidelines: Please submit a chapter proposal that includes the major theme that your chapter will address. Proposals should not exceed 1000 words (not including

references) and should be double-spaced, 12 pt font, 1-inch margins. Please include a cover letter that includes the title of chapter, abstract, name and affiliation of the author, and mailing address

(and email) for the author. The editors request that your proposal follow the guidelines of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th edition).

Proposals and cover letters can be emailed to editors: Elizabeth Sumida Huaman at esumidah@asu.edu and Bharath Sriraman at SriramanB@mso.umt.edu. Proposals are due Friday, October 19, 2012. The book will be published in late 2014.