KEY ISSUES IN NATIVE TITLE ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH 8055)

An intensive postgraduate course in native title

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Drawing on significant cases, students will examine and discuss the definition and application of concepts such as ‘society’ and ‘normative system’, ‘laws’ and ‘customs’, and ‘tradition’ and ‘continuity’ as applied in the intersection of anthropological evidence and legal reasoning. They will also learn about the role of expert witnesses and the role of anthropologists in the post-litigation environment. Each day will be divided into four sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. In addition to morning seminars, there will be a visit to the AIATSIS’s Native Title Unit, panel discussions, and film screenings.

The course will be coordinated and delivered by Professor Nicolas Peterson and Dr Cameo Dalley through the Centre for Native Title Anthropology. In addition, a number of experienced consulting anthropologists and senior legal practitioners will present as guest lecturers.

Who should take this course?
Key Issues in Native Title Anthropology (ANTH8055) is open to all appropriately qualified individuals, regardless of whether they are currently enrolled in a postgraduate course of study at the ANU. It is designed for those who have developed an interest in the application of anthropology’s critical methods and styles to native title issues. It will be of benefit to recent graduates interested in pursuing a career in native title, as well as researchers currently employed in Indigenous organisations, government and industry, or as independent consultants working in the area of native title.

The course is worth 6 academic units and can be taken independently or as an elective as part of The ANU’s Graduate Certificate in Anthropology (6034XANTH), Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Policy and Development (6020XINDD), Master of Anthropology (7116XMANTH) or Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development (7101XMAAPD).

For professionals who wish to benefit from the teaching component of this course but who lack the time to complete the required assessment, Key Issues in Native Title Anthropology is also being offered as a Professional Development Short Course through the Institute of Professional Practice in Heritage and the Arts (IPPHA).

Key Dates
Key Issues in Native Title Anthropology is being offered in the 2013 Autumn Session.

- Off campus assessment due: 8 April 2013
- Last day to enrol: 5 April 2013
- On-campus teaching component: 8th - 12th April 2013
- Completion of all written assessment due: 30th June 2013

Assessment
Once enrolled, participants will be issued with electronic or hard-copy reading brick. These readings are essential preparatory reading for the course and will form the basis of an assessable annotated bibliography. After completing the five-day teaching intensive, academic students are required to write a 4000 word essay on a topic relevant to native title anthropology. The topic will be chosen in negotiation with teaching staff.

Academic performance will be assessed on the following basis:
1. Annotated bibliography (min. 15 readings and 2,000 words) - due 8th April 2013 (25%)
2. Major essay (4,000 words) – due 30th June 2013 (65%)
3. Participation (10%)

Prerequisites
Participants must hold a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), or hold a Bachelor of Arts and have at least one year’s work experience in the area of native title.

Academic Enrolment
Please register your interest before commencing formal enrolment by contacting Nicolas Peterson.

Academic Student Course Fees
Domestic Fee-paying Student: $2,358
International Fee-paying Student: $3,582

Further information
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