

Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival

Envisioning & Helping
to Create a Viable
Future For All
Peoples

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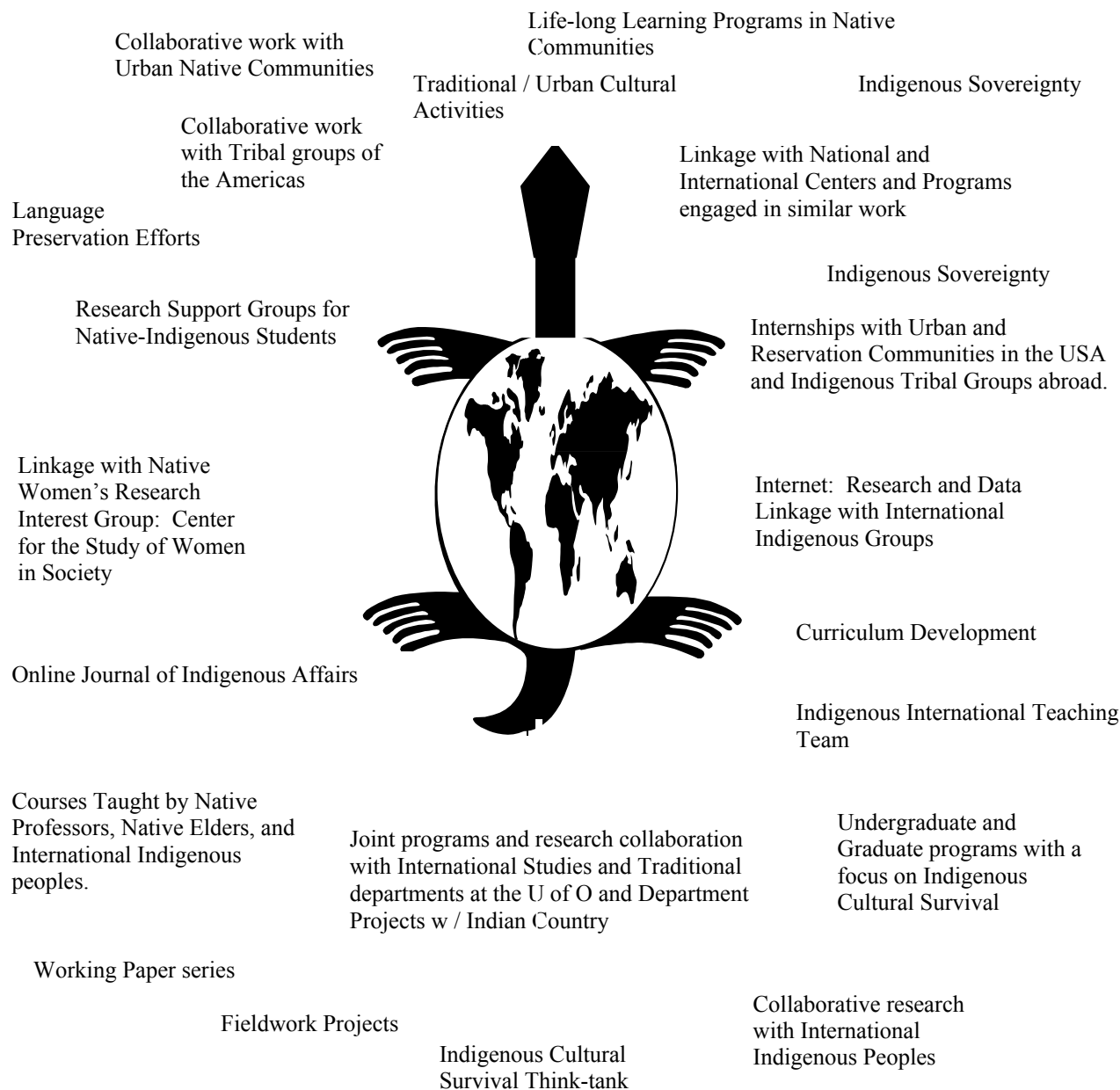
Indigenous cultural survival is the process of recognizing the uniqueness, and absolute necessity of maintaining Indigenous cultures. The integrated models of spirituality, ecological interaction, law, gender, family, community, peacemaking and other synergistic processes that have emerged from Indigenous Peoples are crucial elements in negotiating our continued existence. The Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival is dedicated to creating collaborative relationships across Indigenous communities that strengthen who we are as Indigenous Peoples by sharing the multitude of survival techniques that have been developed in the face of continual pressure to assimilate and conform to an emerging global culture. The knowledge, traditions and relational understanding of how we must live and survive as Indigenous peoples runs deep throughout all Indigenous communities and provides the root from which shared and collaborative strategies for survival and resistance to assimilation must grow. The Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival creates the conceptual and educational space where, globally, Indigenous Peoples can explore, understand, and breathe life into the endless possibilities of working collaboratively towards common goals of maintaining and creating sustainable systems of language, land, spirituality, sovereignty, health, education, and ways of knowing and doing.

As Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge our need to connect with others and our responsibility to create and sustain venues for these transgressions/conversations to take place. The Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival facilitates this transference of knowledge within an academic institution and is therefore able to offer multifaceted learning opportunities. Through its collaboration with other Indigenous peoples and our communities, the Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival serves to strengthen our knowledge and understanding of the challenges we face as Indigenous peoples, and to link those who can appropriately provide guidance so that we may move individually and collectively toward a self-sustaining future. Grounded in Indigenous cultural intellectual tradition as well as the educational traditions of Indigenous peoples, the Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival provides a multitude of possibilities for work and study.

The Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival acts as a conduit facilitating and strengthening communication between Indigenous peoples globally. Knowledge that has proven effective in strengthening one community often may enable others to learn and adapt the strategies to face the unique challenges of their own cultural survival.

The Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival is a cultural research facility at the University of Oregon. Reorganized in 1998, it serves as the liaison structure between Indigenous peoples at the University of Oregon, the Indigenous communities in the USA, and other Indigenous communities around the globe.

The Center is unique in that it is also engaged in collaborative effort with the International Studies Program and other departments at the University of Oregon to offer undergraduate and masters level degrees with a major focus on Indigenous Cultural Survival: Global or in the Americas: The Center also offers an integrated masters degree in collaboration with the graduate school, with a primary focus on Indigenous Cultural Survival and two other supporting areas of study. Intensive global research, Field Schools, The Journal of Indigenous Affairs, and cultural programs are offered as well. A global board of professional, and community members dedicated to the strengthening and survival of Native Peoples and creating linkages with Indigenous and non-indigenous peoples advise the Center. Center researches Fellows represent a broad range of Indigenous cultures.



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- Practica and Internships with Indigenous Communities.
- Culturally sensitive research with, not on Indigenous communities.
- Curriculum Development.
- Degree Programs with research focus in:
 - Human Rights.
 - Law.
 - Development.
 - Cross-cultural communication.
 - Contemporary issues.
 - Environment.
 - Arts.
 - Humanities.
 - Literature.
 - Public policy management.
 - Education.
 - History.
 - Indigenous economics.
 - Tribal management and sovereignty issues.
 - Future planning.
 - Ethnicity and identity.
 - Relationship to other ethnic groups.
 - Language and linguistic survival.
 - Native architecture.
 - Film and video.
 - Native philosophy.