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Call for Papers

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Special Issue on:

**“Roots of Wisdom: Exploring
Indigenous Knowledge Systems
Across Disciplines”**

Submission Guidelines:

- § Abstracts should be not more than 300 words, clearly outlining the research question, methodology and preliminary findings or arguments.
- § Abstract must be followed by 5-7 key words.
- § The complete paper must not be of more than 4500-5000 words including references.
- § The latest MLA guidelines (9th edition) must be followed.
- § Please include a brief bio-note, written in third person, of not more than 100 words along with the submission in a separate word file.
- § Submissions should be original and not previously published or submitted for consideration.
- § We encourage early-career researchers and interdisciplinary collaborations.

All submissions are to be made via email to editormindspacerbgc@gmail.com with IKS mentioned in the subject line.

Submissions are invited in English for a special issue of Mind Space (Volume 10) focused on Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) as a vital area of inquiry. Indigenous knowledge encompasses the rich, complex, and diverse ways of knowing, being, and doing that have sustained communities and environments for generations. These systems, deeply rooted in cultural traditions and local ecologies, hold transformative potential for addressing contemporary global challenges such as climate change, health inequities, and biodiversity loss.

This interdisciplinary issue seeks critical contributions that interrogate, celebrate, and apply Indigenous knowledge systems across disciplines. This issue will be particularly interested in research that bridges Indigenous and non-Indigenous epistemologies, explores ethical approaches to IKS, or highlights its relevance in science, technology, education, and policy.

Original and unpublished research, theoretical papers and case studies from scholars, practitioners, and Indigenous knowledge holders are invited. Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- § Decolonizing Knowledge Production: Reclaiming Epistemologies and Methodologies
- § Indigenous Health and Well-Being: Integrating Traditional Practices and Global Challenges
- § Language Preservation as a Tool for Cultural Continuity and Knowledge Transmission
- § Navigating Ethics: Accessing, Sharing, and Protecting Indigenous Knowledge
- § The Politics of Indigenous Textile Traditions: Symbolism, Identity, and Cultural Resistance
- § Traditional Ecological Knowledge: A Critical Approach to Climate Resilience and Policy Integration
- § Resistance Through Time: Revisiting Indigenous Histories and Acts of Resilience
- § Memory and Identity: The Role of Oral Histories in Sustaining Indigenous Heritage
- § Postcolonial Power Dynamics: Indigenous-State Relations and Struggles for Equity
- § Modernization's Consequences: Disruptions and Adaptations in Indigenous Societies
- § The Urban Indigenous Experience: Identity, Displacement, and Resistance in Cities
- § Indigenous Storytelling: Film, Literature, and Digital Platforms as Cultural Advocacy
- § Indigenous Philosophies: Ontologies, Ethics, and Worldviews
- § Indigenous Arts and Performance: Expressions of Identity and Resistance
- § Gender Dynamics in Indigenous Cultures: Roles, Power Structures, and Transformations
- § Spirituality and Ritual Practices: The Interplay of Belief, Environment, and Identity
- § Food Sovereignty and Indigenous Culinary Traditions: Sustaining Identity and Ecological Balance

Submissions should critically engage with the complexities of integrating Indigenous and academic frameworks while respecting cultural contexts. All submissions will undergo a rigorous peer-review process.

Submission Deadline: 15th March, 2025

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We look forward to your contributions in advancing this crucial discourse.