

Palgrave Studies in Indigenous Psychology

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Mission Statement

The indigenous psychology book series is the first book series to introduce psychologists and social scientists to the indigenous psychology movement and to major theoretical and practice issues discussed in this tradition. It publishes books that make significant contributions to scholarship at the forefront of debates on the new internationalization of the human sciences and psychology:

- By asking important questions about the discipline, profession, and practice of psychology;
- By exploring knowledge production outside of the mainstream;
- By critical appraisal of cultural assumptions and theoretical frameworks;
- By shedding light on the dialectics of the universal and the particular in human subjectivity;
- By going beyond Western psychology in researching the ontological, epistemological, ethical, spiritual, and aesthetic dimensions of the mental life;
- By addressing issues of structural oppression in the globalizing era;
- By exploring possibilities for a more equitable global psychology.

Given the interdisciplinary nature of indigenous psychology, this book series welcomes contributions from all disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities. In particular, it welcomes scholarship that embodies a critical thinking that is informed by the local knowledge, and inspired by the spiritual strivings of a culture.

Section Editors

- Critical Theory: Thomas Teo, Ph.D., York University, Canada.
- Asian Psychology: Kuang-Hui Yeh, Ph.D., Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.
- Study of indigenous populations: Jeffrey Ansloos, Ph.D., University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
- Study of religion and spirituality: Alvin Dueck, Ph.D., Fuller Graduate School of Psychology.

Critical Theory

Critical psychology has always been interested in the cultural, historical, and social embeddedness of psychology and its relationship to various forms of power. Critical psychologies around the world have drawn on indigenous resources in order to advance more comprehensive understandings of mental life. Postcolonial and cultural studies that connect indigenous analyses with oppression and resistance, and elucidate consequences of the discipline and profession of psychology for the everyday life of persons around the

globe, while highlighting alternative ideas and practices, are of uttermost significance in this book series of indigenous psychology.

Examples:

Enriquez, V. G. (1992). *From colonial to liberation psychology: The Philippine experience*. Diliman, Quezon City: University of the Philippines Press.

Hook, D. (2012). *A critical psychology of the postcolonial: The mind of Apartheid*. London: Psychology Press.

Montero, M., & Sonn, C. C. (2009). *Psychology of liberation: Theory and applications*. New York, NY: Springer.

Potential titles:

- Critical perspectives on international psychology
- Provincializing American psychology
- The impact of colonialism on the mental life of the “periphery”

Asian Indigenous Psychology

As Asia, especially China and India, is becoming an economic focus of world-wide attention, psychological research on Asians is gaining importance at the international stage. In comparison to mainstream psychology, Asian psychological studies, otherwise known as Asian indigenous psychologies, put relatively more emphasis on the influence of culture, and have made significant contributions to cultural, social, counseling, and personality psychology. In response to mainstream psychology’s shortcomings in incorporating Asian cultural perspective into conceptual development, theoretical construction and culturally sensitive interpretation, Asian indigenous psychologies have been trying to construct their own culture-inclusive concepts and theories to interpret their psychological phenomena and research findings. The Asian Indigenous Psychology series seeks to promote research on Asian indigenous concepts, theories, and related empirical findings to shed light on the distinct ways Asians view the mind and psychological phenomena against the backdrop of a global context.

Potential titles:

- Asian perspective in Psychology
- Asian indigenous psychologies in global context

Indigenous Studies in Psychology

Global movements of Indigenous studies over the last few decades have catalysed anticolonial and indigenizing conversations in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. By deconstructing and decentering the hegemony of Western academics, indigenous studies have revitalized and championed diverse indigenous worldviews, paradigms, and perspectives on knowledge production and translation, ethics, identity and voice, and sociopolitical imagination. Historically, research in psychology has attempted to contextualize theory and practice within indigenous communities, uncritically reifying a hegemony of western ideology. Alternatively, this Indigenous Studies in Psychology section series focuses on the intersection of indigenous studies with the discipline of psychology. By bringing into conversation particular frameworks and ideologies emerging from Indigenous studies, particularly that of contextual Indigenous philosophy, ethics, languages, sociopolitical and ecological traditions, we hope to stimulate the articulation and advancement of diverse indigenous psychologies reflective of indigenous worldviews and lived experience.

Examples of Landmark Texts in Indigenous Studies:

- Alfred, Taiaiake. *Wasase: indigenous pathways of action and freedom* (Broadview Press, 2005)
- Alfred, Taiaiake. (1999). *Peace, Power, and Righteousness: an Indigenous manifesto*, Oxford University Press (Canada).
- Brotherston, Gordon. *Book of the Fourth World: Reading Native Americas Through Their Literature* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 1992).
- Deloria, Vine, Jr. and Daniel R. Wildcat. *Power and Place: Indian Education in America* (Colorado : Fulcrum Resources, 2001)
- Smith, Linda Tuhiwai. (1999). *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*, London: Zed Books.
- Waters, Anne, ed., *American Indian Thought: Philosophical Essays* (Blackwell Publishing, 2004).
- Wilson, S. (2008) *Research Is Ceremony*. Winnipeg, MB, Canada: Fernwood Publishing.

Potential titles in this series:

- Beyond Recognition, Towards Indigenous Resurgences: Dialogues in Indigenous Political Theory and Psychology

keywords: *Rights, Recognition, Sovereignty, Decolonization, Indigenization, UN, Globalization, Resistance*

- Doing and Being Indigenous: Dialogues in Indigenous Philosophy, Ethics and Psychology

keywords: *Indigenous Feminism and Queer Theories, Subjectivities, Relational Ontologies, Racialization*

- Indigenous Research: Dialogues in Indigenous Research and Psychology

keywords: *Research paradigms, practices, methods, methodologies*

- Indigenous Places/Spaces in Psychology: Dialogues in Indigenous Ecologies and Psychology

keywords: *indigenous land, urban/rural experience, migration and displacement, slavery, development*

- First People in First Person: Dialogues on Indigenous Language and Communication and Psychology

keywords: *Language revitalization, language rights, translation*

Religion and Spirituality

Much psychology of religion research has been conducted on the religious experience of dominant groups in the West. This religion and spirituality series focuses on critical research which encourages the emerging trend of honoring religious experience in its cultural context.

Examples:

van Belzen, J. A. (2010). *Towards cultural psychology of religion: Principles, approaches, applications*. Springer Science & Business Media.

Hood, R. W., & Williamson, W. P. (2008). *Them that believe: The power and meaning of the Christian serpent-handling tradition*. University of California Press.

Potential titles:

- Cultural Psychology of Religion

Note. Although our sub-sections are organized on conceptual rather than geographical basis, we will ask *ad hoc* consultants if a regional need, such as South American psychology, comes up. In addition, our section editors have agreed to take on some regional coverage:

Thomas Teo will cover Europe; Jeffrey Paul Ansloos will cover the Indigenous peoples in North America (Canada / United States); Kuang-Hui Yeh will cover area subject books on Asia, Australia, and Newzeland.

Suggested Titles and Authors for Potential Publications for the first 2 years

1. Asian perspective in Psychology: Asian indigenous psychologies in global context, Kuang-Hui Yeh (Ed.).
2. Indigenous Psychologies: Paradigms, Perspectives, and Possibilities, Jeffrey Paul Ansloos (Ed.).
3. The voice of suffering: Culture, cognition, and emotion of religious Yi communities in China (a monograph), Sing-Kiat Ting & Louise Sundararajan.