

Overview

The main goal of this inaugural Asper Research Conference on Indigenous Business is to encourage and present research that deepens our knowledge of Indigenous matters within the context of management studies. In recent years, Indigenous peoples have affirmed their rights in relation to land title, self-determination and full economic participation through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Graeme & Malone, 2013; Rodhouse & Vanclay, 2016; Yaffe, 2018). Recognizing the importance of **sovereignty** and **self-determination** for Indigenous peoples' economic well-being, this conference welcomes scholarly papers from a variety of disciplinary areas within business, including management, leadership, entrepreneurship, human resource management, finance, marketing, sustainability, history, ethics, and others. This includes the management of Indigenous owned and operated business, social enterprises, and other organizations. We welcome papers from a variety of empirical and theoretical perspectives, including Two Eyed Seeing (Colbourne et al., 2019), quantitative, and qualitative methods.

Along with keynote and regular scholarly paper sessions, a distinctive feature of the conference will be a series of **Round Table sessions**, where **leading Indigenous community members and scholars** reflect on current and future research in the field. We plan to sponsor an annual conference, leading from this inaugural event, and would like the conference to become an important meeting place for research in this field, as scholars and the larger community consider important research questions to address in the coming years and decades. The goal is to showcase a diversity of research being done while at the same time developing an overarching community of colleagues and postgraduate students researching in the field.

Paper Submission Procedure: Scholars who would like to present their research at the conference are asked to submit a 500-word abstract or completed paper no later than January 15, 2021. Papers accepted for presentation will be announced by February 1, 2021, at which time feedback from the conference organizers may also be provided. Papers accepted for presentation will be published in a Proceedings, unless authors instruct otherwise. Conference organizers are in on-going discussion with journal editors regarding the possibility of a Special Issue on the theme of Indigenous business, for which a subset of papers accepted for the conference would qualify for possible publication. Please submit your paper or up-to-2-page proposal to Jennifer.Moose@umanitoba.ca by January 15, 2021.

Important Dates: Submission Deadline for Research Papers or Long Abstracts: **January 15, 2021**

Authors will be notified by: **February 1, 2021**

Conference dates: **March 18-19, 2021**

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The conference is sponsored by the Asper School of Business, and organized by its Indigenous Business Education Partners and the James W. Burns Leadership Institute, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Our campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We are committed to ensuring that First Nations, Métis and Inuit knowledge, cultures and traditions are embraced and reflected in the pursuit of our mission. Winnipeg has the largest Indigenous population of any major city in Canada, with about 100,000 people identifying as First Nations, Métis or Inuit.