

First Book to Comparatively Explore Policies Toward Indigenous People's In Canada and India Released

[Indigenous Peoples in Liberal Democratic States](#) is the first comparative study of the interactions between indigenous peoples and political regimes of the Province of British Columbia, Canada and the hill areas of composite Assam, India.

Bauu Institute and Press, a leading research institute and publisher of books, news, and information on indigenous peoples around the world is pleased to announce the publication of Indigenous Peoples in Liberal Democratic States. On the occasion Director Peter N. Jones, Ph.D. explained the importance of the publication: "There have been several books over the years that have been published concerning policies directed at indigenous peoples, but this is the first book to critically examine those policies between two post-colonial democratic countries."

Utilizing historical, comparative and analytical methods, author H. Srikanth, a former Canadian Studies Faculty Research Fellow, documents and discusses the major concerns, achievements and failures of the indigenous peoples' movements in Canada and India. In B.C. the indigenous people are known as First Nation or Aboriginal people with each group referred to by their respective indigenous name, while in Assam they are often known as Tribal or Schedule Tribes. By shedding light on the impact of colonial and post-colonial regimes on indigenous communities, the book critically evaluates the different policies and strategies pursued in these countries to accommodate indigenous peoples fighting for protection of their traditional land and aboriginal rights.

By analyzing Native resistance movements and State responses to these movements, Indigenous Peoples in Liberal Democratic States explores the potentialities and limits of liberal democracies in addressing issues raised by indigenous movements for self-determination. The central themes are examined in light of contemporary national and international discourses on the rights of indigenous people.

[Indigenous Peoples in Liberal Democratic States](#) is an essential book for specialists and non-specialists alike, and it will interest all readers who are concerned about relationships between indigenous peoples and colonial and post-colonial States.

"With the publication of this book, it becomes even more difficult for governments and State institutions to enact policies that do not respect indigenous peoples' concerns and rights" commented Dr. Jones. "It's our hope that with such a comparative examination we will begin to move beyond post-colonial stances toward indigenous peoples, and instead begin to honor their rights of sovereignty and self-determination."

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