



BOOK PRESENTATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION

The Impacts of Strategic Litigation on Indigenous Peoples' Land Rights

April 27, 6:00-8:00 pm

6:00 Reception

6:15-7:30 Panel Discussion and Q&A

Open Society Foundations
224 West 57th Street, New York, NY
Ground Floor

Litigation can be a powerful tool for uphold and enforcing human rights.

Professor Jérémie Gilbert of the University of East London will present a new study on the impacts of strategic litigation on indigenous peoples' land rights. The empirical study draws on scores of original interviews with community members, litigators and activists from Kenya, Malaysia and Paraguay, which have seen some of the world's most important judicial decisions on indigenous peoples' land rights. Held in conjunction with the launch of the report at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the discussions aim to articulate insights into the use of strategic litigation as a social-change agent that might be relevant to all indigenous communities taking or considering legal action to assert their rights over their ancestral lands.

The study, commissioned by the Open Society Justice Initiative, is the third in a five-part inquiry exploring the impacts of strategic litigation in a variety of human rights areas around the world. The previous reports examine impacts on [Roma and education desegregation in Europe](#) and [equal access to quality education](#) in Brazil, India and South Africa.

The event is co-hosted by the Open Society Justice Initiative, the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net) and Minority Rights Group.

James A. Goldston (moderator), Executive Director, Open Society Justice Initiative

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Lucy Claridge, Minority Rights Group

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Drinks and light refreshments will be served

Kindly confirm your availability no later than April 26 to Aidan Harris at

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