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Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Challenges and Opportunities

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The international legal framework seeks to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous peoples in a variety of ways. The key issues of concern to Indigenous peoples, including self-determination, representation, sovereignty, natural resources, cultural rights and heritage.

The rights of Indigenous peoples are violated in a variety of ways, from land grabbing, to language suppression to the infringement of the right to self-determination, among others. It will provide an assessment of the role of UN processes and procedures in the realization of the rights of Indigenous peoples. It will provide an in-depth analysis of how the extant legal framework on the rights of Indigenous peoples operates and applies in practice.

The Special Issue will draw on, and develop, the seminal books on the rights of Indigenous peoples by Anaya, *Indigenous Peoples in International Law* (OUP, 2004) and Watson (ed.), *Indigenous Peoples as Subjects of International Law* (Routledge, 2018), as well as the work of other eminent scholars in the field. It will also analyze research that focuses on the processes and procedures of the UN.

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