



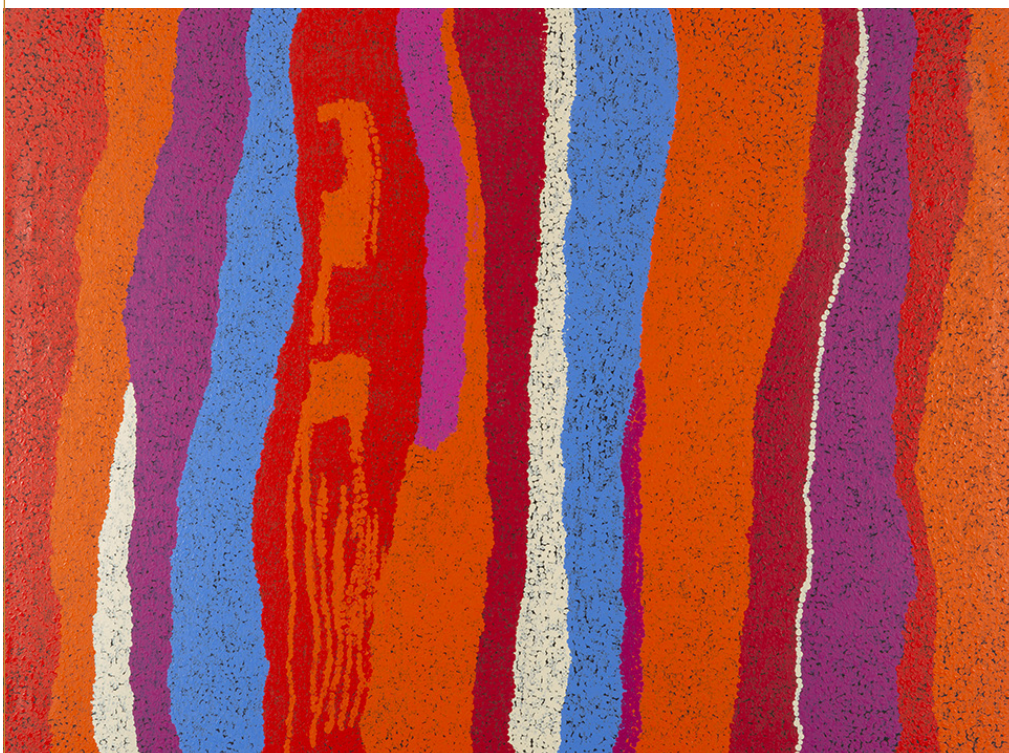
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Weaving the mat: Indigenous Diplomacy

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION COURSE

Monday 13 to Friday 17 November 2023



Course fee

\$3,650 per workshop participant, with a 10% discount to those who sign up before Sat 30 September 2023.



“The weaving of the mat is symbolic and identifies... the preparation of a coming together of different people and communities. You have to weave the mat before you can sit on it. You have to make the relationships.”

- Uncle Gabriel Bani, Wagadagam Elder

Location:

Hedley Bull Building, Building #130,
Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs,
The Australian National University,
Ngambri lands, ANU Campus, Canberra.

Image: Yannima Pikarli Tommy Watson, Untitled, 2016. acrylic on Belgian linen, 151 x 244 cm. ANU Art Collection. Donated through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Craig Edwards in memory of Edmund Charles Edwards and Alan Edmund Edwards, teachers, 2018. Photo by Rob Little. Courtesy the artist and Yanda Art, Alice Springs.

Who should attend:

This tailored workshop is recommended for anyone interested in increasing their knowledge and skills in Indigenous Diplomacy. It is particularly recommended for those working in the Australian Government to deliver its Indigenous Diplomacy program, and will be useful to anyone working in or with First Nations communities.

Registration:

Deadline: Friday 13 October 2023

Discount: A 10% discount on the registration fee is available to those who sign up before Sat 30 September 2023.

To register: Please scan the QR code above.



Previous workshop participants meeting Minister Penny Wong at Parliament House in November 2022.

Course details

This 5-day intensive course provides participants with opportunities to listen to and learn from Indigenous Elders and authorities from a range of nations:

- Kaurareg (Thursday Island)
- Mawng (South Goulburn Island, NT)
- Ngambri (Canberra)
- Wiradyuri (Central New South Wales)
- and Yolngu (East Arnhem Land).

The participatory and immersive workshop is a unique opportunity to learn about the traditions and ongoing life of Indigenous sovereignties in Australia and their distinct ways of making diplomacy. The workshop includes extended sessions on diplomacy from each group of Elders, a session on Indigenous Youth Perspectives on Diplomacy, and seminars delivered by academics and experts on:

- Indigenous Rights at the UN
- Indigenous Trade & Investment
- Indigenous Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The program also features a range of out-of-the-classroom learning activities: a public roundtable debate on The Voice; a trip to sites of significance to local Indigenous communities; a film screening; and social events.

Participants will be supported in translating their knowledge back to the workplace and sharing it with others. They will be asked to present short reflection notes at the end of the workshop.



Dhuwal workshop bukmakku limurrñ Yolñuw ga Balandaw. Ga limurr dhu marñgithirr rrambanji dhiyakiyi yäkuw workshop-ku yurru Diplomacy-w. Yolñu walal ga marrtji beñur Thursday Island-ñur, Canberra-ñur, South Goulburn Island-ñur ga beñur East Arnhem Land-ñur. Napurr dhu nhumalangal melkum Yolñuw dhukarr ga limurr dhu ma ñ'maram rrambanjin dhukarnnydja ga mel-gurruapan märrma'lil world-lil ga rrambanji djäma gunğa'yunamirr bawala'mirriñur.

This workshop is for everyone. All of us learn together about Indigenous diplomacy in both traditional and contemporary platforms. The traditional owners of Thursday Island, Canberra, South Goulburn Island, and East Arnhem Land will come to deliver the workshop. We will show you the ways in which two different worlds – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – work and help each other in many places.

- Aunty Joy Bulkanhawuy, Yolñu Elder

Enquiries

If you would like to know more about this Executive Education course, please contact Andrea Haese andrea.haese@anu.edu.au