

anthropology in transit 2022

beyond crisis

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Conference Guide

Welcome to the 14th annual Anthropology in Transit graduate student conference at the University of California, Irvine. Please refer to this document, along with [the conference program](#), for help locating yourself in the virtual and/or in-person locales of “**Beyond Crisis.**”

Land Acknowledgement

Anthropology in Transit is hybrid in 2022. Our presence is made possible by the material presence of the [University of California, Irvine](#), built on the stolen lands of the indigenous [Tongva](#), [Acjachemen](#) and [Kizh](#) nations through [genocide](#) and forced removal of indigenous people from their ancestral lands. This process occurred through legal means, with [Cession 308](#) on January 5, 1852, with the California settler Oliver Wozencraft acting as the U.S. Indian commissioner. The indigenous nations were forced to cede all claims to their territory, and were enslaved to build the infrastructure of what would be known as Orange County. [The University of California](#) with its ten campuses sits on 150,525 acres of stolen indigenous land ceded through the Morrill Act, with \$732,233 endowment raised by 1914 alone. In addition, land grant universities continue to benefit from mineral and surface rights, raising millions in revenue¹.

“Additionally, the greater Los Angeles area² is home to the largest indigenous populations in the U.S. It is the ancestral homeland of the Tongva, the Acjachemen, the

¹ For more information on land grant/land grab universities, please see: <https://www.landgrabu.org/>

² See the work of Mapping Indigenous LA at UCLA: <https://mila.ss.ucla.edu/>

Chumash, the Tataviam, the Cahuilla nations, the Chemehuevi, the Pipa Aha Macav, the Morongo, the Pechanga, the Yuhaaviatam, the Soboba among other peoples. It is also presently home to large communities of Indigenous peoples from the greater Turtle Island, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America, including Zapotec and Mixtec peoples. We proudly acknowledge that Los Angeles is also a place with large communities of Two Spirit peoples who organize and fellowship with each other”³.

Indigenous people, especially [indigenous women](#) continue to claim their land through various means, such as lawsuits against San Juan Capistrano and the Dioceses of Orange, naming settler colonialism as [environmental injustice](#), and [building community](#) with Black and Latinx people. Conference participants should learn about the work of organizations like [Red Earth Defense](#), [Comunidades Indígenas en liderazgo \(CIELO\)](#), [Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project \(MICOP\)](#), [Orange County Environmental Justice](#).

We recognize colonization as an ongoing process and the [complicity of universities](#) to further imperialist and settler colonial projects to alienate indigenous, Black, and Latinx communities in California. Exceptionally high COVID rates among indigenous communities in Southern California and many other places is a result of ongoing colonialism. Further, indigenous representatives state that COVID rates are [undercounted](#) for indigenous communities due to racialisation of the data collection process. In this situation, [Mexican and Guatemalan indigenous leaders](#) continue to fight against vaccine inequality and address vaccine information; [abolitionist activists](#) are organizing for COVID-19 related mutual aid for formerly incarcerated people.

We firmly believe that to continue repairing the historic and ongoing harm caused to Indigenous peoples around the world, reparations *and* repatriation of land is but the first step. Landowners in the United States have the [option](#) to return their lands to indigenous communities.

Central Zoom Access

All official conference proceedings, including opening remarks, keynote panels, and debrief sessions can be accessed through using this central Zoom invitation:

³ We borrow this portion of our acknowledgement from the organizers of the conference ‘Troubling the Grounds: Global Configurations of Blackness, Nativism, and Indigeneity’ held at UC Irvine grounds in 2019. For more information about this conference that brought together scholars doing the work of decolonial solidarity, please see: <https://troublingthegrounds.wordpress.com/land-acknowledgment/>

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Meal Breaks

In lieu of the ongoing pandemic, pre-wrapped food and drinks will be available at the aforementioned breaks on the program. The food and drinks are for consumption outdoors (per University policy). Attendees are welcome to use these breaks to replenish and socialize amongst fellow colleagues in SBSG 1517.

Expectations for Virtual Participation (Zoom)

*We do not tolerate sexism, racism, casteism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, lookism, ageism, or religious discrimination in any form. Freedom of speech does not equal freedom from consequences. If we come across any such instances, we will first warn the person who committed that instance, flag the issue to all attendees, and then take exclusionary measures if such behavior is repeated.

*Zoom bombing (when people intentionally disrupt Zoom calls) is possible during large meetings. To reduce the chances of Zoom bombing, we ask you to not share the Zoom link and password with people you do not trust. People who disrupt the call will be removed from the Zoom call and will not be able to join it back.

When you log into Zoom, display your preferred name and pronouns, if you would like, as part of your Zoom name. You can also include your affiliation, but this is optional.

Video participation is not expected during the conference. You can turn your video on/off as per your convenience any time during the conference. You are welcome, though not expected, to use Zoom backgrounds. We welcome the online presence of your family members and associates if your video is turned on. Caretaking and making kin is hard during the best of times, and we recognize the work you do as a caretaker and kin-maker.

Audio: Please keep your audio off at all times if you are not speaking. If you have a question for a panelist, or other questions, please use the “raise hand” feature in Zoom to let us know that you want to speak. We will ask you to turn on your audio and speak.

Chat: You can also use the Chat feature for questions directed to us and/or the panelists. You can introduce yourself, share links, or carry conversations with other attendees in the Chat.

Keeping Time: A conference organizer will alert you at the 10 minute mark of your presentation. You will get a second alert at 12 minutes. To aid organizers, we advise presenters to keep a timer for their presentations as well.

Recording: We are not recording any session during the meeting.

Conference Flow: Since this is a hybrid conference that requires networked infrastructures across disparate geographical locations, disruptions of conference flow should be expected. We request all conference attendees to be patient in case of conference flow disruptions and any technical difficulties. As organizers, we prioritize well-being and needs of attendees over conference flow.

IT Help

If you are experiencing technical issues, and/or issues with other conference participants, please send an email or Gchat (gmail instant message) to anthropologyintransit@gmail.com. A conference organizer will be monitoring email, Gchat, and conference Zoom chat throughout the entirety of the conference.

FAQs

What is AiT?

Anthropology in Transit, or AiT, is the annual graduate conference sponsored by the anthropology department at the University of California, Irvine. You can find more information about this year's conference theme [here](#), as well as information about previous conference themes [here](#).

Who is organizing AiT?

The conference is traditionally organized by the second year cohort of UCI's Anthropology graduate program. This year, four students have volunteered to run the conference: Upuli DeSilva, Margaux Fisher, Emily Jorgenson, & Tenzing Wangdak.

I am a presenter. What if my internet stops working suddenly, or I face other technical glitches that disrupt the flow of my presentation?

We advise conference presenters to send us back-ups of their presentations for these situations. We will wait a minute to see if your situation can be resolved. If your internet improves with turning off video, one of the conference organizers can share their screens.

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What if I can't stay for the whole conference?

You are not expected to stay for the whole conference. You can login and logout of zoom sessions as per your convenience. Please refer to the [Expectations & Tips](#) section above!

Will the conference be recorded?

No, we have decided to not record any part of the AiT 2022 conference. We realize that this prevents people who could not participate with us to interact with other presenters and we regret the inconvenience.

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