

INDG3005: First Nations Economies, Stewardship and Prosperities



Unit value: 6 units

Offered by: ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

Course subject: Indigenous Studies

Prerequisites: none

Convener: Dr Annick Thomassin

Offered in the Spring Session as an intensive in mid Semester 2022

Areas of interest:

Indigenous Australian Studies

This course explores the rich and diverse historical and contemporary Indigenous economies and their intersection with settler economic structures and perspectives. It centres on First Nations' perspectives and conceptualisations of 'an economy' and explores academic debates about this. Students will gain critical insights into Indigenous economies, pre-colonial and contemporary First Nations economic activities, philosophies, and aspirations, and will explore First Peoples' perspectives on economic development, wellbeing and prosperity. The various concepts, standpoints and theories examined will be applied to develop insight into the complexity of contemporary First Nations economic activity in Australia and internationally. Topics of study include: ongoing customary activities; economics aspects of Indigenous land, water and sea rights; Indigenous, stewardship,

mixed economies and entrepreneurship; intersections with gender, class; and, what is considered the mainstream economy. Students will explore how these different approaches, conceptualisations and debates may shape First Nations futures.

Intensive format in mid September 2022

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