

**THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP ON THE STATE
AND INDIGENOUS CULTURES LAUNCHES ITS NEW WEBSITE**

OTTAWA, June 2nd, 2014 – The international research partnership on the State and indigenous cultures launches its new web site called *Legitimus* at <http://www.legitimus.ca/>.

From the main menu, users will be able to access the website's news and share them on social media. "I am proud of our website *Legitimus*. Through this website, we will be able to keep a permanent contact with our different partners and the general public. People will be able to follow the progress, activities and accomplishments of the research teams working in Canada, Africa and the Pacific" said Mr. Ghislain Otis, project leader and Chairholder of the Canada Research Chair on Legal Diversity and Indigenous People.

Information regarding the projects of the various research groups will be made available for consultation. In addition, the website will have the following functionalities:

- A section presenting the project, its mission and its financing;
- A directory of the research groups and their projects;
- A collection of publications and the activities of the members; and
- An audiovisual section.

The Canada Research Chair on Legal Diversity and Indigenous People held by Mr. Otis received in 2012 and 2013, over 3 million dollars from SSHRC, AUF and multiple other partners in order to create an international partnership project entitled *The State and Indigenous Legal Cultures: Law in Search of Legitimacy*. The objective of this international and comparative research partnership is to better understand the conditions for the development, in Canada and in other regions of the world, of legal systems that manage the collaboration between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal legal cultures through processes that contribute to a more legitimate and efficient governance. The partnership brings together renowned international researchers from various fields and non-scholar partners such as Aboriginal groups.

Happy browsing!

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