

Indigenous Peoples in Brazil: from Tutelage to Self-determination

Abstract:

With reference to current activities of indigenous movements in Central and South America, the specific situation of the indigenous movement in Brazil is analysed in this article. The analysis focuses on the changing relations between the state and indigenous peoples with all their territorial, legal, social and institutional implications. The example of the Waiãpi Indians illustrates the current phase of relations. In this phase, the alleged static-traditional societies have long exceeded the local level, and more and more indigenous NGOs function as active public actors in the regional, national and international arena.