



HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY



## Global Station for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity

GSI is one of the international research hubs of the Global Institution for Collaborative Research and Education (GI-CoRE), a faculty organization formed by taking advantage of Hokkaido University's strengths and distinctive features, and functioning under the direct control of the University's President. It brings together world-class researchers from around the globe to conduct collaborative research with the University's scholars.

GSI launched on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and aims to solve the global and regional issues of indigenous peoples and elucidate the nature of cultural diversity with indigenous communities including the Ainu of Hokkaido. Scholars from a total of 10 countries have joined the GSI bringing their expertise from various research fields (as of 2022.04.01).

### GSI Overseas Institutes

#### Europe

University of Oxford  
Uppsala University  
Lund University  
University of Helsinki  
Irkutsk State University

#### Pacific

Simon Fraser University  
Australian National University  
University of Alaska  
University of Arizona  
University of Oregon  
Peking University  
National Taiwan University



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### Three Pillars of Research Projects (Research Units)

#### [Indigeneity]

- ◆ Construction of new human history, Ainu history, and indigenous history through the position of indigenous peoples
- ◆ Interdisciplinary study of indigeneity
- ◆ Building of a research ethics model for indigenous studies and proposals for indigenous cultural policies

#### [Indigenous Heritage]

- ◆ Issues over indigenous cultural heritage's characteristics, conservation, and utilization
- ◆ Intellectual property rights of indigenous cultural heritage and International comparative studies.
- ◆ International comparative study on indigenous cultural heritage and tourism, including Ainu cultural heritage

#### [Human Ecology and Global Health]

- ◆ International comparative study of traditional resource management in indigenous societies
- ◆ International comparative study on living environment of indigenous societies through child's development, food, and nutrition
- ◆ Building a regional model and policy proposals for the conservation of cultural diversity



### Message from Director of GSI

The Global Station for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity (GSI) was established on April 1, 2021, in Hokkaido, the land of Japan's indigenous Ainu people, as the eighth Global Station of the Global Institution for Collaborative Research and Education (GI-CoRE) and the first Global Station of the humanities and social sciences, headed by the President of Hokkaido University.

Currently GSI has 16 researchers from 6 departments within the university and 23 researchers from 14 universities in 9 overseas countries. Although GSI has three research units - Indigeneity, Indigenous Heritage, and Human Ecology and Global Health - GSI is able to develop a variety of new collaborative research projects across units. Uniquely, GSI can also invite overseas researchers as full-time faculty members under a cross-appointment system to develop joint research projects. In addition to international symposiums and workshops, GSI plans to publish its own electronic journal from 2022, with a peer review system managed by international reviewers.

Please keep an eye out for the development of new indigenous and cultural diversity studies that will be disseminated by GSI.

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