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# LUKANKA



By Rudolph C.  
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Activist scholarship offers the world careful and systematic thought and analysis with a conscious understanding that knowledge has applications in the lives of human beings and all other life. The knowledge from Fourth World scholars benefits specific communities by capturing the essence and details of cultures in all their aspects. As I have pointed out in previous editions of the Fourth World Journal conducting research and preparing analyses is crucial, but facilitating the actual testing of ideas or implementing studied proposals in Fourth World nations is essential.

Once again, scholars offer deeply informative scholarship that explains, describes analyzes, and proposes valuable insights touching on deep cultural realities and knowledge, obstacles, and opportunities before Fourth World nations, and in this issue in particular hopeful analyses pointing to new solutions to longstanding problems. Please feast on these remarkable exhibits of activist scholarship.

Co-authors **Dr. Mohammed Enaikele** and **Mr. Adeniyi Taofeeq Adeleke** engage in a scholarly examination of the Yoruba's "*Ifa Mythology*" that is expressed in oral presentation giving meaning and description to human destiny as reflected in the Yoruba's beliefs and rituals. In ***Ifa Mythology of Human Destiny Among the Yorubas of South-Western Nigeria: An Oral Literary Account*** the authors provide a brief background about the Yoruba people and provide a description of their

methodological approach to understand the Ifa during an annual festival. Giving the reader an account of Ifa origins and the nature of its basis in the Yoruba knowledge system, the authors describe through rich narrative this complex and deeply profound tradition and legendary body of knowledge.

CWIS Research Intern **Lisa Nolte** traveled from her home country of Germany to accept an assignment to live and work with the Otomi community of San Francisco Xochicuatla of 4000 people. Her task was to assess and report on the continuing conflict between the State of México and the Xochicuatla over México's construction of a privately-owned highway passing straight through San Francisco Xochicuatla territory west of México City. In her thorough report, **San Francisco Xochicuatla and the Implementation of the Project 'Autopista Toluca - Naucalpan,'** Nolte reveals the Mexican government's disregard of Xochicuatla leaders and people and their violation of the spirit of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted in 2007. She describes what she refers to as "structural difficulties" that are foundational to the conflict between state and nation. These, she spells out in sections of the report "Legal Pluralism in Indigenous Communities," as well "Mexican Context" where the economic and political circumstances the government of Mexican must contend with in the regional and international environment. Nolte describes the "rights violations" that continue today

despite the decade long effort of Xochicuautla to obtain legal, political, and diplomatic relief from violations of the Declaration and even domestic Mexican law from international organizations.

**Susan McBroom** inquires into the underlying factors causing the enactment of Canadian Bill-262 that installed protocols for regularizing Canadian laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDP). In her detailed article, **Resource Extraction: The Enduring Legacy of Interference through the Papal Bulls**, McBroom examines the Canadian “resource extractive industry” and the consequent interference in Canada’s original rejection of the UNDP. She explains how Canada’s initial objection to the UNDP was rooted in the Roman Catholic Papal Bull that pronounced the “Doctrine of Discovery” and the right of kingdoms to colonize distant territories. She deeply explores the historical and contemporary political realities of power and money in the relations between Fourth World nations and states.

In **Anishnabe N’oon Da Gaaziwin, An Indigenous Peacemaking-Mediation Nexus** the authors **John Beaucage, Alicia Kuin, and Paul Iacono** offers a narrative description of a “hybrid process for nation building” based in Anishnabe N’oon Da Gaaziwin (listening to the voice of the people). The author Beaucage is from the Wasauksing First Nation and served as the Grand Council Chief of the First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation. Working with Kuin and Iacono of the York Street Dispute Resolution Group the article concludes that the Hybrid Process supports the necessary resources required to promote strong lines of communications to build relationships between the contenting parties.

**Rudolph Rjyser**, CWIS Chairman, explores an expansion of the terms of reference defining what constitutes genocide by examining the results of colonial interventions by the French and the English into Nitassinan (the region of the St. Lawrence Valley in southeastern Canada in the 16<sup>th</sup> century).

### In **Cultural and Social Death as a Crime Against Humanity: Métis and the Loss of Nindoodemag**

Ryser discusses how the European concept of “mixed” or “Métis was used as a term to divide Fourth World families and communities and how the colonial project directly undermined the cultural and social architecture of Fourth World society in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. He asserts that new international law is necessary and must be established by Fourth World nations to account for the “destruction of a people in whole or in part” to include destruction of nindoodemag lineages that defined the role each person would play in society.

Former General Assembly Chairman of the Unrecognized Peoples and Nations Organization (<http://www.unpo.org/>), **Mr. Göran Hannson**, offers his analysis of “how poorly the global State system is working” in his article, **The Crisis of the State System**. As a strong advocate of “regionalism,” as Fourth World nations’ political status in Europe is known, Hannson recounts the emergence of the modern state system from its birth at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church in 1638 with the Treaty of Westphalia and likens the present circumstance in Palestine/Israel to illustrate his point that the state system is in “crisis.” He lauds the reduction of state powers in the European Union as a positive good that reduces the chance of wars and the consequence of “stronger regions.”

CWIS Policy Director and Senior Researcher **Dina Gilio-Whitaker** reviews Eric Cheyfitz’s **The Disinformation Age: The Collapse of Liberal Democracy in the United States** with a sharpened pen to celebrate Cheyfitz’s analysis of the failures of democracy. She points out that Cheyfitz’s critique of equal opportunity as rhetoric instead of reality from the annals of the history that is the United States of America causes him to look to Fourth World peoples in the Americas as the “realistic antidote” to the failures of capitalism and the promises not realized in US societies. ■