

Symposium on Trade and Indigenous Nations

Globalization is about the world becoming smaller and different peoples, cultures, and economic systems coming into increasingly frequent contact. These interactions can be peaceful and mutually beneficial, but they can also be coercive and exploitive. While much of the literature on the economics of globalization focuses on the twentieth century, a smaller but important literature considers the long period of globalization associated with European conquest and colonization in Africa, the Americas, Oceania, and elsewhere. This episode of globalization led to massive and frequently traumatic changes in the economic, political, and demographic structure of Indigenous peoples and nations.

We seek to publish a research symposium with articles that address broad themes in the rapidly emerging literature on the effects of the European colonization on Indigenous peoples and nations. The issue will be of special interest to the readers of the *Canadian Journal of Economics* and to scholars of international trade, as well as the literature on Indigenous economies, both historical and contemporary. We are particularly interested in research that emphasizes trade or that possesses some international or spatial aspect. The word *international* should be taken broadly to indicate interactions between Indigenous nations and colonizing nations or amongst Indigenous nations.

Some of the specific questions that we have in mind include, but are not confined to, the following:

- How did pre-colonialization Indigenous market structures affect the impact of globalization?
- How did opportunities for trade with colonizing nations enhance or diminish Indigenous economic outcomes both over the short run and with more persistence over the long run? How should we interpret this in the context of vast swaths of economic theory and evidence suggesting that trade is “good”?
- Did trade introduce or correct what economists think of as market failures, including but not limited to resource extraction and management?
- How did the evolution of property rights structures intersect with trade relationships?
- How important was trade for the spread of disease, settlement, or conquest?
- How did trade and transportation technologies and the reservation (in the US) / reserve (in Canada) system interact? How did the spatial remoteness of reservations/reserves shape trade activity for Indigenous nations?
- How do historical patterns of colonization and trade persist into the present?
- How will new patterns of trade caused by climate change affect Indigenous nations in affected areas?

All forms of economic research are invited to apply including reduced-form and structural econometric work, applied theory, the introduction of new data sets and techniques, and qualitative research.

The guest editors in charge of this symposium are Rob Gillezeau and Peter Morrow, The submission deadline is May 1st, 2024 Interested authors should submit their papers through CJE's ScholarOne portal (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cje-rce>). In Step 1 of the submission process, select "Special Issue Paper" as manuscript type. Detailed instructions for manuscript submissions can be found at the journal's website (<https://www.economics.ca/cpages/cje-authors>). In addition, papers that will be accepted into this issue will be organized into a conference fall 2024. Limited travel bursaries will be available.