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Research Methods in Indigenous Contexts

Highlights the increasing necessity of research in indigenous contexts, and the potential problems for researchers and members of indigenous cultures that run parallel to this trend.

Links the research methodology pertinent to indigenous contexts with ethical aspects and the current legal situation.

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- Cultural theories and cultural dominance.
- The legal framework of research in indigenous contexts.
- The role of language within indigenous peoples' cultural rights.
- Methodology: how to optimally collect data in the field.
- Researchers' influence and philosophy of science.
- Learning how to prepare research in indigenous contexts.

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From the chapters:

- The Legal Framework of Research in Indigenous Contexts
- Methodology: How to Optimally Collect Data in the Fields
- Field Research in Indigenous Contexts

For this book, translations into French, Spanish, and Portuguese are urgently needed. If you can contact the author, please contact the author.