In the face of the current climate and ecological emergency, Inner Climate Academy (ICA) aims to foster an Earth honoring, life-affirming human presence on this planet. It provides spaces for inner reflection & inquiry, collaborative research & dialogue, and facilitated explorations that will enable us to adapt to the collapsing systems and develop new, regenerative ones.

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An ecocentric worldview holds that Earth’s ecology and ecosystems (including its atmosphere, water, land, and all life forms) have intrinsic value - they should be valued and protected even if they can’t be used by humans as resources.

This theme underpins all work at ICA, because we believe that this fundamental shift to an ecocentric worldview is the transformation required in the world right now.

This is in alignment with, and derived from, Indigenous thinking and wisdom, which can help us make this journey from EGO to ECO.
Ecocentric Perspectives in Environmental Leadership, Regenerative Living, Community Climate Adaptation and Resilience

An Indo-Australian Collaborative Education and Research Platform

This collaborative project aims to weave Indigenous wisdom & academic perspectives towards a transformation of environmental leadership.

It provides space for:

- A dialogue and inquiry on Indian and Australian Indigenous thinking and cosmologies, traditional knowledge and how it applies to environmental leadership, climate adaptation and community resilience.

- An understanding of ecocentric perspectives from current research and how it can influence policy making, democratic functioning, and regenerative living.

- An engagement with wider audiences on stories of extinct and critically endangered species, related loss of cultures, cosmologies, and ways of living, through awareness campaigns.

- Collaboration amongst researchers and scholars on Ecocentric perspectives (in India & Australia) through research colloquiums.
Emerging Leaders Forum (ELF)

This forum, panning 6 months, brings a select group of emerging leaders in India to undertake a journey of inquiry into ecocentric perspectives. The ICA team, along with academics and indigenous thought leaders from India and Australia, guides the group through a collaborative research process with webinars and discussions via zoom calls, to inquire how this perspective can impact their environmental leadership and consequently, the projects they work on.

At the end of the 6-month process, the members are invited to present their journey and impact in writing or any other format that could be published along with articles from the thought leaders.

The group is also supported in this journey through facilitation, coaching and spaces created for peer to peer support by the ICA team, which will also design and organize the programme, and document this journey in the form of a series of recorded webinars, publications, a documentary, and an online repository of resources.
Expected Outputs:

**Publication** (anthology) documenting the collaborative research process followed by the colloquium, which includes articles from participants and thought leaders,

**Webinar series:** Talk by academics and Indigenous thought leaders from India and Australia recorded and available to the community as educational resources.

**Community Awareness Campaign**

A campaign to invite and engage artists, writers, students and indigenous communities to witness the current unprecedented loss of ecological worlds and offer their response as writing, art, songs, story or ceremony.

These will be collected in an online repository, and select works will be published and exhibited. The ICA team will also create a short documentary exploring the responses of Indigenous communities to their current experience of loss, their adaptation strategies, and community resilience stories.

**Expected Outputs:**

- A publication of selected articles and artwork from community responses to the awareness campaign.
- An online public repository of community responses to current biodiversity loss, species extinction, cultures and cosmologies.
- A short documentary on Indigenous community responses.
Co-designed Environmental Leadership Course

An environmental leadership course co-designed by various community collaborators, and partner organizations and institutions with Indigenous thinking and ecocentric worldviews at its core.

To be implemented in 2022.

Indo - Australian research colloquiums on Ecocentric perspectives

Regular colloquiums to highlight current research in ecocentric perspectives from India and Australia to provide spaces for cross pollination of ideas and inspire collaborative projects.

Tentative Timeline

Sept-Oct 2021 - Invitations, Setting up of platform and forum process;

Nov 2021 - April 2022 - Talks, Research process, Documentation & Community Engagement Campaign; 1st Research colloquium.

May 2022 – Aug 2022 - Publication & Documentary, Course design & Short course implementation; 2nd Research colloquium.
Opportunities to collaborate

1. As speakers for the Emerging Leaders Forum

Thought leaders will present their research/viewpoints on eco-centric perspectives/epistemologies/cosmologies to the Forum members and engage in a dialogue with them. Their talks will also be made available to the public.

Commitment:
- 2 sessions - one talk for ELF; one discussion/yarning with fellow speakers;
- One article submitted to be part of the anthology/publication
- Welcome to participate in co-designing the Environmental Leadership course

2. As part of our Advisory Group

The advisory group will review and offer feedback on design, process and content of the research, publication, projects and course design.

Commitment:
- 3 Meetings, over 12 months and feedback on specific topics/documents over email

3. As part of our Research Colloquiums

Participants of the colloquiums will present their current research/projects to the group, inviting questions, discussions, & collaborations

Commitment:
- To write an expression of interest and your topic for presentation to ICA. To take part in more than one colloquium sessions, participating in the discussions.

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