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Building a Research Agenda for Multi-Perspective Knowledge Representation

Providing for Indigenous Nations in the Dewey Decimal Classification

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Notation for indigenous nations: desiderata

- Recognizes sovereignty of indigenous nations independent of boundaries of other states
- Easily generalizable to all indigenous nations → Table 5 notation for people added to Table 2 notation for place
- Consistent with overall DDC subject organization
- Satisfactory to indigenous information professionals
 - Special collection organized by tribe
 - General classification reflecting indigenous viewpoints and values

Table 2 and nationhood

- Table 2 notation reflects both geographic areas and political entities with sovereignty over those areas
- Arrangement of Table 2: geography > political units
- Table 2 notation closely aligned with UN member states
- Traditional lands of indigenous peoples and areas associated with UN member states co-located

Multi-perspective reflection in DDC

- T2—3 Ancient world vs. T2—4—9 Modern world; extraterrestrial worlds
- Options
- Topic neighborhood character of classes
- Classified content
 - Subject analysis differences
 - Differences across editions

Proposed solution

- Table 1—09 + Table 2 continent notation + T1—04
Indigenous nations + Table 5 people notation
 - Wherever not prohibited
 - But mostly in 300s, 900s
- 9 + Table 2 continent notation + 930–990:00404
Indigenous nations + Table 5 people notation
- (Option:) 305.8 Ethnic and national groups + Table 5
people notation + 0 + 001–999

thank you

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