



BUSINESSES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: A RETROSPECTIVE ON THE EVOLUTION OF RIGHTS PROTECTION IN THE CONTEXT OF CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

In Latin America, the relationship between Indigenous peoples and businesses is embedded in a predominantly extractivist development model, characterized by the intensive exploitation of natural resources in ancestral territories. This model often unfolds without the proper recognition or adequate protection of the collective rights of local communities. The purpose of this article is to analyze the protection of Indigenous peoples' rights against the impacts of business activities in light of the Inter-American Human Rights System (IAHRS). To this end, the article first contextualizes the prevailing extractivist development model in Latin America and examines its main repercussions on the individual and collective rights of Indigenous peoples. Second, it reviews the normative and jurisprudential advances concerning the recognition and protection of these rights within the Inter-American System. Finally, it addresses the perspective of IAHRS bodies regarding the protection of Indigenous peoples in business-related contexts, with particular emphasis on the evolution of the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the progressive development of standards aimed at preventing and remedying the adverse impacts of business activities in Indigenous territories.