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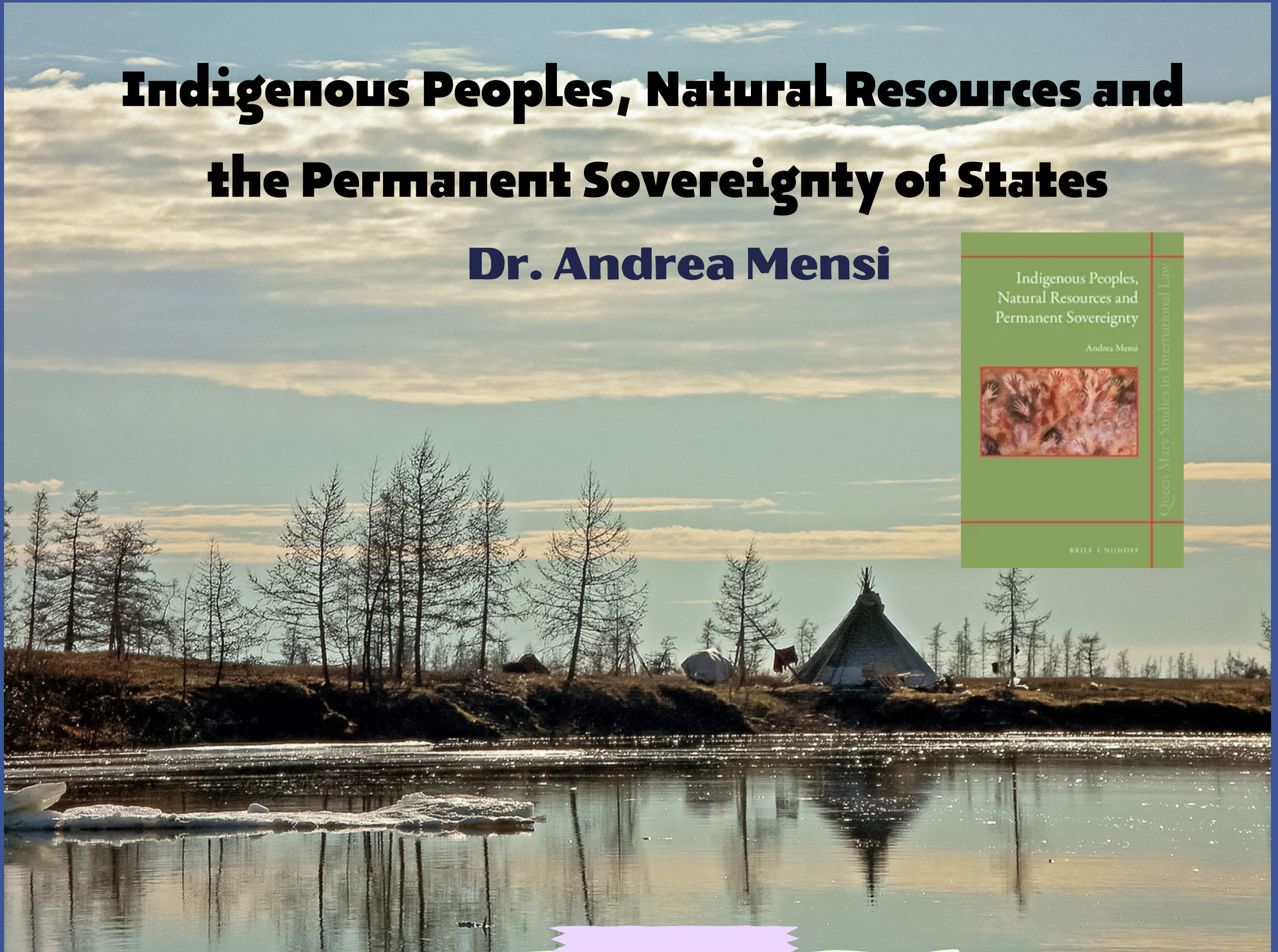
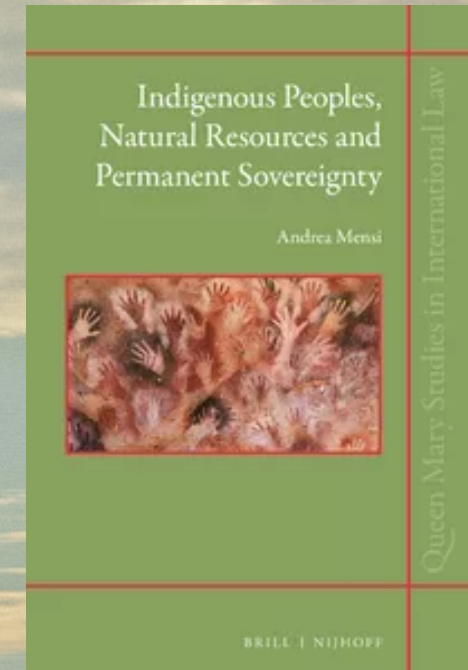


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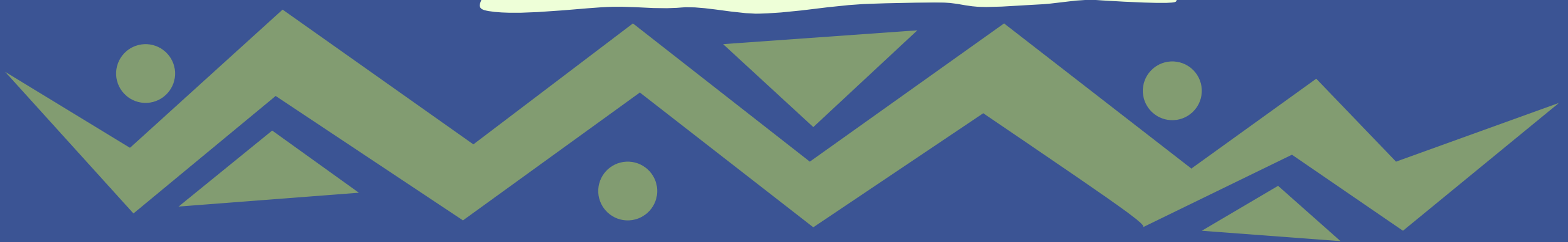
## Re-Globe Special Lecture

# Indigenous Peoples, Natural Resources and the Permanent Sovereignty of States

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## Indigenous Peoples, Natural Resources and the Permanent Sovereignty of States

Natural resources have fundamental cultural, spiritual, economic and social significance for indigenous peoples. During recent years, the exploitation of natural resources in lands traditionally occupied by indigenous communities without considering their wishes is increasing. This situation is due to the scarcity of natural resources such as forests, living resources and minerals, which in turn results in their unsustainable exploitation, which has as a direct consequence the limitation of the human rights of indigenous peoples living in those areas and depending on those resources, including for their cultural and physical survival. In such context, international law provides a series of international legal instruments and body of international jurisprudence focused on the protection of indigenous rights with respect to natural resources. A turning point is represented by the 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which, for the first time, recognized at the international level a set of individual and collective rights that indigenous have with respect to natural resources. However, some of these rights may collide with the sovereignty the States exercise with respect to natural resources under international law. The scope of this seminar is to introduce the key aspects of the current international legal framework on indigenous rights, including in international jurisprudence, the main challenges and the possible future evolution of these issues.

**Dr. Andrea Mensi** is a generalist public international lawyer with a specific interest in indigenous rights and international disputes settlement. Andrea holds a PhD in public international law from Bocconi University in Milan and a master's degree in law cum laude from Cattolica University in Milan. He has been adjunct professor in international environmental law at the University of Milan and postdoc researcher at the University of Lugano. He practices as an arbitrator in international commercial disputes and as an attorney representing applicants before the European Court of Human Rights and as a registered counsel before the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights. He is the author of the book 'Indigenous peoples, natural resources and permanent sovereignty' published in 2022 by Brill (Queen Mary Studies in International Law Series).

