DESIGNING FOR INDIGENOUS-LED BIOKULTURE FUTURES

Relational Technologies, Sovereignty-Oriented Temporal Systems, & Semantic Justice

A Foresight Futures Workshop on Indigenous-Led Design & Systemic Innovation



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INDIGENOUS-LED BIOKULTURE ENGINEERING

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WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The **BioKulture Engineering Workshop** was developed in response to a growing need for land- and culture-based digital solutions that reflect the knowledge systems, governance structures, and temporalities of Indigenous communities.

Facilitated by **ism**, **KINRAY HUB**, and **LNB**, this workshop brought together Indigenous leaders, technologists, legal scholars, designers, and researchers to co-develop frameworks for biokultural-aligned digital infrastructures.

Participants explored four real-world scenarios:

- **Vanishing Watersheds**
- **The Satellite Forest**
- **eDNA & Data Sovereignty**
- **Digital Heritage Collapse**

The cohort identified systemic mismatches between dominant technological tools and Indigenous priorities. These scenarios served as entry points for mapping out alternative design logic grounded in relational governance, intergenerational knowledge transmission, and community-determined data protocols.

The workshop provided space for translating biokulture embassies and land-based considerations into technology design parameters that included essential context and value systems. Workshop outputs included conceptual frameworks, use cases, and design directions to inform future research, policy development, and prototype deployment.

EXPLORATION

Over the course of four modules, participants:

- Defined **relational verification methods** such as testimony, embassy, and seasonal indicators
- Outlined **biokulture temporal interfaces** and social-ecological signs to guide timekeeping and coordination
- Proposed **semi-permeable digital biokulture embassies** as governance containers for sovereign data exchange
- Developed strategies for **semantic integration** that preserve bio-cultural meaning and linguistic structure
- Identified pathways toward **federated community digital infrastructure** and knowledge production governance

KEY TERM

BioKulture/ral
Understanding the inseparable evolution of biological and cultural systems via reciprocal relationships with ecosystems.

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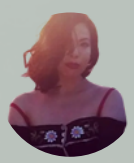
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KEYNOTE DISCUSSION

Designing for BioKultural Continuity & Digital Sovereignty

RELATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES: A DIALOGUE ON BIOKULTURE ENGINEERING, DATA SOVEREIGNTY & SEMANTIC JUSTICE

SPEAKERS



"Semantic justice isn't about translating words. It's about recognizing when language carries kinship, ceremony, and place—when culture and nature are inseparable."

WARĪNĶWI FLORES
Founder & CEO, Kinray Hub



"Relational technologies are about more than infrastructure, they are about obligation, memory, and honoring those who came before us. We must re-root meaning in ancestry."

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Data sovereignty must be embedded by design**, not added as a checkbox. Communities must hold the semantic keys and the server keys.
- **Indigenous data is not just information, knowledge, and wisdom**; it is ceremony, story, digital-omics, and land epigenetic memories.
- **Technological extraction mirrors ecological extraction**. AI and biotech's growth must not be rooted in dispossession or epistemicide.
- **Re-architecture is necessary.** An operational system that centers Indigenous protocols, knowledge, & temporalities must replace extractive, top-down digital systems.

"AI is often framed as artificial intelligence, but we must reclaim it as ancestral intelligence."

– MARQUES ANDERSON

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- BioKulture Engineering and BioKulture Systems Design
- Semantic Justice and Linguistic Power
- Data / Temporal Sovereignty & Relational Verification
- AI* Futures: Ancestral Intelligence <> Artificial Intelligence
- BioKulture Systems Design for Ethical R&D Innovation

OVERARCHING THEMES

BioKultural Continuity as Innovation:
BioKulture Engineering is positioned not as a novel invention but as the coherent realignment of technological design with millennia-tested systems of social-ecological intelligence, governance, and relationality.

Semantic Justice as a Design Imperative:
Language encodes power. Hidden taxonomies embedded in code and policy erase Indigenous epistemologies. Semantic meaning is not about force-inserting Indigenous knowledge into existing models, but rather about building something that truly hears the language people and place are speaking.

Temporal and Relational Sovereignty:
Data and knowledge systems must honor cycles of time, ceremony, and community-defined workflows. We can imagine moments before they happen. That imagination carried through generations is temporal sovereignty. That temporality structures reality.

Relational Verification Beyond Metrics:
Verification must be grounded in relationships, not outputs. It's not about another credit, it's about whether a community is practicing its biokultural heritage. This form of biokulture credibility (***Kulture Kred***) cannot be reduced to a metric but must be practiced and witnessed over time. The authenticity on the process of building trust and transparency

INDIGENOUS-LED BIOKULTURE ENGINEERING

Designing for BioKultural Continuity & Digital Sovereignty

WORKSHOP FORMAT & KREATORS

Foresight Futuring, Collaborative Challenge Framing, & BioKulture Systems Design Frameworks

FORESIGHT SCENARIOS

Participants were guided through a series of hypothetical foresight scenarios to surface deeper epistemological, ontological, and infrastructural questions that conventional technology design processes often overlook.

This methodology allowed for a structured, yet flexible space to prototype futures from within Indigenous and biokulture logics beginning with narrative immersion (scenarios) and followed by structured co-design sessions grounded in lived experience, embassy protocols, and critical system reflection. The intent was to center relational worldviews while mapping concrete intervention pathways across data sovereignty, verification systems, and digital governance architectures.

SESSION A:

PRIMARY FORCE SCENARIO & TECHNOLOGICAL IMPERATIVES

Participants explored complex & likely scenarios where ecological collapse, technological acceleration, and epistemic marginalization converge.

SESSION B:

RELATIONAL VERIFICATION& TRANSLATION SYSTEMS

Building on imperatives from Session A, participants design systems that integrate relational verification including embassy, kinship, testimony, and seasonal indicators.

SESSION C:

DATA SOVEREIGNTY & SEMANTIC INTEGRATION

Participants address semantic and sovereignty-related challenges by co-developing tools or frameworks that prioititize both integration and implementation pathways.

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- Josh Adler
- Valeria Soler
- Lisa Norton
- Nina Kantcheva

SCENARIO 2: THE SATELLITE FOREST

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SCENARIO 3: eDNA & DATA SOVEREIGNTY

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SCENARIO 1: VANISHING WATERSHEDS

Ancestral Water Systems, Technopolitical Dispossession, and Relational Infrastructure Futures

FORESIGHT PREMISE

By 2032, a once-thriving watershed traversing multiple Indigenous territories has undergone ecological collapse, driven by industrial water extraction, climate-induced drought, and negligent governance. In response, a multinational entity installs an AI-controlled hydraulic infrastructure that automates water allocation using proprietary models. These models are opaque, technocratically governed, and fundamentally misaligned with the cyclical, place-based knowledge systems of Indigenous communities who have stewarded these aquifers for generations. Local peoples, holders of aquifer memory, seasonal flow patterns, and ecological indicators encoded in language and ceremony are denied access to both data streams and the governance interface. The result is a system in which techno-solutionism not only misrepresents the problem, but recursively amplifies dispossession through infrastructural enclosure.

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES

1. **Epistemological Erasure:** The foundational AI logic is derived from data sets and ontologies that exclude relational, seasonal, and kin-centric knowledge forms. What is counted as "data" privileges quantifiable inputs over cultural indicators, narrative temporalities, and place-specific ecological literacy.

2. **Technopolitical Capture:** The infrastructure's control and logic are framed as neutral "efficiency optimizations," yet operate as extractive tools for resource consolidation, reinscribing colonial asymmetries in digital form. This results in what participants termed "invisible dispossession", a form of extractive governance in which power is exercised without visible violence, through data monopolies and algorithmic opacity.

3. **Exclusion from Governance:** Indigenous councils are absent from ownership structures, modeling assumptions, and AI oversight. The core challenge is not technical inclusion but the foundational absence of relational accountability mechanisms, especially across temporal horizons (e.g., seven-generation planning) incompatible with quarterly financial logics.

EMERGENT INTERVENTIONS

Reorienting Verification Logic
Participants argued for replacing linear verification schemes (e.g., hydrological KPIs) with relational verification, wherein legitimacy stems from alignment with ecological rhythms, kinship protocols, and ceremonial timings.

- **Rhythmic Temporalities:** Verification must synchronize with solstice calendars, animal migrations, moss blooms, and collective memory.
- **Multi-Sensory Inputs:** Use of bioacoustic, olfactory, and pattern-recognition sensors as valid indicators of watershed vitality.
- **Ekological Ledgering:** Relational hydrological ledgers as pluralistic records combining empirical and spiritual markers.

Designing from Kinship Logics

- Systems must be designed with land, water, ancestors, and ***recognizing*** we are more-than-human beings as owners, not symbolic inclusions but as literal data *kurators* and decision-makers.
- DAO (decentralized autonomous organization) analogs incorporating kinship governance across species were proposed: a "Watershed DAO" may include fungi, tree groves, fish populations, and ceremonial stewards with role-based permissions.

Data Sovereignty and BioKulture Systems Design
Rather than advocating full transparency or open-source models (which risk epistemic extractivism), participants emphasized the need for semi-permeable architectures:

- **Consent Layering:** Communities decide what is shareable or exchangeable, when, and with whom.
- **Temporal Control:** Delays and non-responsiveness are encoded as legitimate features.
- **Access as Ceremony:** Data may be contingent upon ritual, seasonal alignment, or intergenerational sign-off.

Youth as Intergenerational Proxies
Youth were framed as digital bridges and ontological semantic builders—capable of holding culturally-rooted worldviews while acquiring fluency in AI, blockchain, and interface design. Their positionality allows them to critique and reimagine digital infrastructures from within.

SCENARIO 2: THE SATELLITE FOREST

Epistemic Misclassification, AI-Driven Carbon Markets, and Relational Verification Systems

FORESIGHT PREMISE

By the mid-2030s, AI-powered satellite platforms dominate global carbon verification systems, enforcing standardized ecological baselines across remote territories. In one such case, an Indigenous-managed forest system, sustained through fire knowledge, seasonal harvest protocols, and dynamic biodiversity care, is classified as "non-forest" due to its lack of conventional canopy density. The result is a total exclusion from carbon credit eligibility, leading to economic marginalization, narrative erasure, and growing land pressure from extractive entities. Attempts to appeal are routed through opaque infrastructures, built on top-down ecological models that disregard place-based stewardship. The mismatch reveals a structural epistemic gap: Indigenous forest knowledge, encoded through ceremony, intergenerational care, and multi-sensory pattern recognition, is rendered illegible to dominant metrics.

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES

1. **Epistemic Misclassification:** Standardized carbon accounting models (e.g., forest cover proxies) fail to recognize cultural fire regimes, rotational harvesting, and biodiversity stewardship as valid indicators of forest health. The "non-forest" designation does not account for ecological truth, demonstrating a semantic exclusion structured into global AI verification systems.

2. **Algorithmic Injustice:** AI systems used in carbon verification operate with a veneer of objectivity but are trained on biased datasets. They reduce complex ecologies into remotely sensed proxies that erase the relational, ceremonial, and multi-species logic of Indigenous land care. Appeals processes are either non-existent or decoupled from ground-truthing.

3. **Governance Asymmetry:** Many verification bodies are centralized and corporate, with little to no Indigenous representation. Data ownership remains unclear, and the semantic structures used in classification exclude Indigenous ontologies. Communities are left without recourse to contest the misclassification in legally or economically meaningful ways.

EMERGENT INTERVENTIONS

Pluralizing Forest Semantics
Participants emphasized re-engineering the definitional architecture of "forest" to include relational criteria:

- **Cultural Fire Metrics:** Incorporate ceremonial burn practices as signs of active care, not degradation.
- **Seasonal Density Mapping:** Replace static canopy thresholds with temporally aware multispectral models.
- **Indigenous-Led Taxonomies:** Embed local naming systems, ecological signs, and kinship-based categorization into AI learning sets.

Reimagining Verification Architecture

- **Polysemic Data *Kuration*:** Allow for multiple, overlapping interpretations of social-ecological signals based on observer worldview and temporal context.
- **Ground-Up Protocols:** Use community-led protocols (e.g., *data council* review boards) to supplement or override remote assessments.
- **BioKulture Certification Bodies:** Establish Indigenous-led institutions (e.g., International Environmental Guardianship) with authority to certify ecological knowledge, biocultural management, generate recognition, and dispute misclassification.

Technological Translation & Relational Interfaces

- **Embassy Verification Tools:** Design tools that validate the health of ecosystems through signs like seasonal fruiting, migratory patterns, or elder testimony.
- **Semantic Engines:** Develop AI models trained to interpret the semantic subset of relational indicators into formats legible to institutions without erasing their meaning.
- **Multimodal Documentation:** Use oral histories, video, scent data, and ecological audio as additional verification formats.

AI* Ethics Authenticity
AI design ethos rooted in rights-based and relational accountability.

- **No Data Without Embassy:** Data must not be extracted without BioKulture protocols, ongoing FPIC, and MOU/MOA for direct benefit-sharing.
- **Disagreement as Signal:** Divergence between community testimony and algorithmic classification must be interpreted as failure in the system, not in the community.

SCENARIO 3: eDNA & DATA SOVEREIGNTY

BioKulture Metadata, Legal Personhood, and the Ethics of Molecular Ecology Knowledge

FORESIGHT PREMISE

Amid rising interest in environmental DNA (eDNA) as a scalable monitoring tool and bioprospecting for protein, fiber, and medicine alternatives, an international consortium begins harvesting biological samples across Indigenous lands under the guise of ecological research and biodiversity preservation. These data extractions—conducted without free, prior, and informed consent—do not account for sacred knowledge, kinship relations, and ancestral patterns within these genomic databases. The result is a silent form of dispossession: DNA as data is parsed, coded, and monetized in global conservation markets, while the communities of origin are neither informed nor involved. Underlying this is a deep ontological misalignment—what Indigenous communities regard as sacred, relational, and ceremonial is treated by dominant systems as neutral, "open-source," "public commons," extractable information.

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES

1. **Ontological Incoherence:** Western scientific models treat a/eDNA as discrete biological material. Indigenous worldviews understand DNA in kinship —as ancestral, sentient, and embedded in land, water, and embassy. The act of sampling is not neutral; it may activate spiritual, territorial, and ethical responsibilities.

2. **Metadata Colonization:** Most a/eDNA systems encode place, species, and provenance using external metadata standards that erase Indigenous naming systems, ecological calendars, and knowledge permissions. Even when technically anonymized, the data structure itself carries epistemic bias.

3. **Legal Gaps & Consent Illusions:** Global intellectual property frameworks protect the rights of data holders and interpreters, not data originators or kurators. Communities lack enforceable legal pathways to assert custodianship over their biocultural data, especially when extraction occurs under research or conservation mandates.

EMERGENT INTERVENTIONS

BioKulture Metadata Standards

Participants proposed the development of cultural metadata systems to ensure that molecular data remains situated and sovereign:

- **Genealogical Provenance:** Link samples to cultural custodianship lineages.
- **Embassy Licensing:** Restrict data access to those with proper recognition of Kulture Kred for permissions.
- **Layered Consent:** Implement multi-tiered approval processes grounded in relational authority (e.g., family, clan, seasonal governance).

Embassy Architectures & Semi-Permeable Design

- **Digital Embassies:** Proposed as sovereign digital spaces where communities negotiate data interactions on their own terms. Embassies act as diplomatic mediators & technical repositories.
- **Access Protocols:** Communities define what data flows out, under what conditions, and through which relational channels.
- **Reversible Permissions:** Rights to access can be revoked based on misuse, breach of protocol, or retirement of the data's temporal lifecycle.

Data Kinship and Non-Market Logics

- **Refusal as Design Principle:** Technology must accommodate the right to say no, not just at the moment of collection, but at every point of use, sharing, and modeling in compliance with the data maturity model.
- **Non-Extractive Infrastructures:** Support systems where data is not monetized, but held ***data for governance and stewardship***, aligned with cultural values, not financial incentives.

AI* Ethics Authenticity from the Inside-Out

Existing AI frameworks lack the semantic depth to process Indigenous big data without distortion:

- **Trust Gap Recognition:** The chasm between traditional knowledge holders and technologists is structural, not interpersonal. It cannot be bridged without systemic redesign.
- **Indigenous Technologists as Core Designers:** Design must begin from the inside, initiated by communities and aligned with their legal, relational, and cosmological frameworks.

Spiritual Continuity and Temporal Orientation

- **Temporal Consent:** Access to eDNA may depend on seasonal, generational, or life-stage-based conditions.
- **Ancestral Intelligence (AI):** eDNA is understood not merely as ecological record, but as living relation, requiring governance that spans time and kinship. a/eDNA is part of the land epigenetic memories.

Reimagining Infrastructure for Digital Sovereignty

- **Community-Hosted Data Servers:** Establish Indigenous-owned servers, distinct internet access routes, and open-source tools for community use.
- **Protocols Before Platforms:** Emphasis on community-driven, protocol design as foundational to any future infrastructure, prioritizing meaning over scale.

SCENARIO 4: DIGITAL HERITAGE COLLAPSE

Naming Systems, Semantic Translation, and the Architecture of Relational Webs

FORESIGHT PREMISE

As digital systems grow in scale and influence, Indigenous communities face an accelerating erasure of language, land-based orientation, and ceremonial temporality within global digital infrastructures. The naming of places, the structuring of time, and the classification of beings are increasingly governed by external systems—state maps, corporate databases, and machine-readable ontologies—that overwrite culturally held knowledge with flattened, colonial frames. The collapse is not one of memory alone, but of access, authorship, and agency. Public-facing systems (e.g., Satellite Maps, AI assistants, metadata repositories) reinforce dislocation by encoding dominant epistemologies. Without relational orientation, Indigenous knowledge holders are asked to navigate a web built for others. As semantic logics of the digital world fail to honor land-based cosmologies, participants asked: what could a digitally sovereign, relational, Indigenous web look like?

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES

1. **Semantic Dispossession:** Dominant digital systems reduce meaning to extractable terms, erasing ceremonial references, multilingual place names, and seasonal cues. There is no functional space for kinship-based classification, ritual initiation markers, or spiritual affiliations within existing codebases.

2. **Temporal Misalignment:** Calendars and workflows encoded in fiscal quarters and linear timelines clash with ceremonial cycles, moon phases, and ecological rhythms. Governance systems built on standard time fail to account for Indigenous temporalities embedded in migration patterns, bloom cycles, and intergenerational transitions.

3. **Sovereignty without Infrastructure:** Communities lack autonomous control over the servers, networks, and data systems that house their knowledge. Sovereignty becomes symbolic without physical infrastructure—servers, codebases, protocols—being designed and governed by Indigenous principles.

EMERGENT INTERVENTIONS

Designing a BioKulture Temporal Interface
Participants envisioned a digital module that overlays existing platforms with Indigenous temporal systems:

- **Nature-Based Calendars:** Integrate lunar cycles, ritual periods, and seasonal indicators.
- **Socio-Ekological Notification Systems:** Embed alerts tied to environmental markers such as migrations, harvest readiness, or solstice events.
- **Embassy Diplomacy Modules:** Align decision-making windows with community protocols rather than administrative deadlines.

Digital Embassies & Semi-Permeable Sovereignty

- **Embassy Architecture:** A layered system wherein communities define their interaction terms with external systems. Embassies function as containers of sovereignty, mediating access, interpretation, and exchange.
- **Consent Infrastructure:** Consent is ongoing, layered, and revocable—defined through kinship, diplomatic embassy, and community protocols.
- **Multiplicity of Names:** Instead of enforcing a single label, systems recognize and preserve plural naming, each with context, lineage, and situated meaning.

Re-Coding Orientation and Relationship

- **Relational Metadata Design:** Data structures must reflect ontological realities—e.g., beings classified by kinship, ecosystems by reciprocal obligation.
- **Directional Semantics:** Interfaces should honor place-based orientation. For example, “the mountain where the sun speaks” may appear differently depending on a person’s geographic and ceremonial relationship to it.

Governance Stack for the BioKulture Web (Zuyuk)

- **Layered Design Frameworks:**
  - **Council of Councils:** An Indigenous-led UN-like structure to guide rights, languages, and standards.
  - **Data Servers & Infrastructure:** Community-owned and operated servers, web layers, and networks.
  - **Codified Treaties:** Agreements (e.g., MOU/MOA) defining how knowledge flows across contexts and generations.

CROSS-COHORT SUMMARY

Emerging Trends Toward a Relational Technological Future

RECURRING THEMES

Across all scenarios and sessions, participants consistently identified a foundational misalignment between dominant digital systems and Indigenous epistemologies.

Challenges include epistemic misclassification, semantic dispossession, and temporal erasure where relational, land-based, and ceremonial knowledge systems are rendered invisible or incompatible with extractive data infrastructures. Sessions also underscored the problem of standardization: when AI systems, fiscal calendars, or naming databases reduce complex living systems to static, external categories.

A consistent insight across sessions was the insufficiency of retrofitting Indigenous knowledge into pre-existing systems. The need for technological translation, grounded in protocols, was emphasized. This includes building legal and cultural scaffolds (treaties, consents, narrative sovereignty) before technical implementation. Translation is not only linguistic but ontological: what counts as data, identity, or time must be redefined from within community-held frameworks. Design must remain iterative and locally rooted while engaging with global systems through intentional diplomatic mechanisms.

Through this exploration, we uncovered the imperative need for preserving worldviews, kinship structures, data justice protocols, and intergenerational sovereignty.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

Across every working group, the imperative to move beyond representation toward structural redesign was clear, resulting in a collective proposal to reconfigure systemic architectures rooted in Indigenous-led frameworks.

- **BioKultural temporal interfaces** tuned to natural cycles
- **Semi-permeable digital embassies** to mediate external engagement on Indigenous terms
- **Relational verification systems** using kinship, testimony, and ceremony as valid indicators
- **Pluralistic naming structures** that honor polysemic histories and semantics
- **Youth, elders, and multilingual knowledge holders** as essential architects of these new infrastructures

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Support Community-Led Protocol Development
Work with local communities to co-develop ethical, embassy diplomacy, and data-sharing protocols from the ground up. This includes funding, co-authoring, and resourcing processes that center ongoing free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC), ceremonial timing, and culturally held logic systems before any technical implementation.

Invest in BioKulture Infrastructure
Digital sovereignty requires physical infrastructure. Prioritize funding and technical partnerships that place control of data centers, kuration, mesh networks, and local servers in community hands, designed in accordance with community-defined needs and rhythms.

Prototype Relational Technologies
Contribute to the development of early-stage tools, interfaces, and methods that reflect Indigenous worldviews, especially those enabling nature-based timekeeping, pluralistic naming, embassy-aware governance, or kinship-based data classification.

Amplify Semantic and Ontological Justice
Advance language, naming, and categorization practices that respect Indigenous cosmologies. Work to challenge default semantic systems (e.g., AI taxonomies, state place names, metadata standards) through alternative frameworks rooted in BioKultural Heritage.

Catalyze the BioKulture Web (Zuyuk)
Join or support coalitions exploring a generative alternative to today's extractive internet. Envision and build toward a new steward digital commons that affirms Indigenous sovereignty, data ethics authenticity, relational accountability, and plural governance.

Resource and Respect Slow Processes
Culturally aligned and coherent systems are not built on Western timelines. Accept that ceremony, seasonal rhythm, and deep-seated listening take time. Building right relationships is itself part of the infrastructure. The authenticity on the process of building trust and transparency is part of the design from the onset of ***Kulture Kred***.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Indigenous-origin Scientific Language & Framing

BioKulture/ral
Understanding the inseparable evolution of biological and cultural systems via reciprocal relationships with ecosystems.

BioKultural AI Engine
An AI model that reasons through ceremonial logic and relational ontology.

BioKultural API Suite
A diplomatic integration layer enabling Indigenous governance to shape digital infrastructures.

BioKulture Verification Ledger (BKVL)
A decentralized trust system rooted in protocol-based, ceremonial witnessing.

CARE Principles
Data governance that centers Collective Benefit, Authority to Control, Responsibility, and Ethics.

Ceremony
A juridical and relational process connecting communities with land, time, and multi-species governance.

Community Value Ledgers (CVLs)
Ledgers that account for transformation and relational value, not transactions.

Cosmotechnical Validity
A system's legitimacy through alignment with cosmology, ethics, and ceremonial protocol.

Cultural Intelligence System (CIS)
An AI trained in Indigenous axiologies, respecting ritual time and spiritual refusal.

Epistemicide
The systemic erasure of Indigenous ways of knowing through external verification standards.

FAIR Principles
Guidelines for data: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reproducible.

Indigenous Embassy
A diplomatic infrastructure representing sovereign Indigenous nations in data, land, time, and knowledge systems.

Indigenous Data Governance (IDGov)
Data management systems are grounded in the principles of sovereign Indigenous rights and governance protocols.

Indigenous Data Sovereignty (IDSov)
The right of Indigenous Peoples to control the collection, ownership, and use of their data.

Narrative Sovereignty
The right of Indigenous communities to author and govern their stories as foundational governance systems.

Relational Capital
Wealth is formed through trust, alignment, memory, and social-ecological kinship.

Relational Indices
Signals of intergenerational and ecological coherence, verifying regenerative relationships.

Tek for Language Mutation
Language adaptation that preserves sacred ecological and kinship meaning, e.g., amplifying "K" in words.

Relational Verification
Validating ecological and cultural health through relationships, testimony, and ceremony, not metrics.

Rematriation
Restoring balance and healing through reclaiming knowledge, revitalizing cultural practices, and supporting leadership.

Semantic Justice
Preserving the ontological integrity of Indigenous concepts in digital and legal systems.

Systems of Meaning Generator (SoMG)
A semantic engine that rewrites institutional texts as inter-epistemic treaties.

Temporal Sovereignty
The right to define and govern time cycles through ancestral, ecological, and ceremonial rhythms.

TRUST Principles
Data repository principles emphasizing Transparency, Responsibility, User focus, Sustainability, and Technology.

Zuyuk Architecture
A decentralized, embassy operating system (web) for governance based on Indigenous protocols and digital commons diplomacy.