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Monterey Institute Spotlights Indigenous Rights In Chile
Institute Students & Faculty And Global Majority Present Findings of Recent Project

Monterey, CA (April 6, 2009) – Students and faculty will present “Mapuche: Indigenous Voices from Chile” -- their findings from a recent field project spotlighting indigenous rights in Chile -- on Tuesday, April 7 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Irvine Auditorium at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. The project was co-sponsored by Global Majority, a Monterey-based nonprofit organization focused on nonviolent conflict resolution.

Participants traveled to Chile during the Institute’s January winter term with Professor Jan Black, a Latin American specialist at the Institute. Professor Black, project participants and representatives of Global Majority will discuss indigenous rights, self-determination, and the socioeconomic contexts confronting Mapuche communities in Chile. The event is free and open to the public.

The Mapuche, "people of the land," have been stewards of the Chilean environment for centuries, but modern policies have caused widespread environmental degradation and vast societal inequalities. According to Professor Black, "Denial is the most challenging obstacle to transition. Truth is the most promising remedy."

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Where: Irvine Auditorium
McCon Building
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