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ABSTRACT

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This thesis explores the conceptualisation, development, and implementation of positive discrimination measures in context of the higher education of Indigenous people. I set out to consider the implications of the Australian experience for the development of approaches to positive discrimination policy and programs for Indigenous people in Chile. I look particularly for lessons in the development and implementation of two positive discrimination measures that have emerged in Australia over the last four decades: ABSTUDY and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy (1989). The Australian experience has been forged over a longer time-frame than Chile and an assumption I am making in this thesis is that lessons from this experience are potentially useful for the Chilean Indigenous higher education context. My inquiry is to understand not just the positive effects but also the limits that positive discrimination measures contribute to the higher education access, participation, and outcomes of Indigenous students.
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

**ABSEG** Aboriginal Secondary Grants Scheme (Australia)

**ABSTUDY** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Study Scheme (Australia)

**ACT** Australian Capital Territory (Australia)

**AECG** Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

**AEP** Aboriginal Education Policy (Australia)

**AESIP** Aboriginal Education Strategic Initiatives Program (Australia)

**AHRC** Australian Human Rights Commission

**AIME** Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience

**ANU** Australian National University (Australia)

**APA** Australian Postgraduate Award (Australia)

**ATAR** Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

**ATSIHEAC** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Council

**ATSIC** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (Australia)

**AUSTUDY** Australian Government Scheme of Educational Allowances (Australia)

**AVCC** Australian Vice Chancellors’ Committee (Australia)

**CASEN** National Socioeconomic Survey (Chile)

**CDEYA** Commonwealth Department of Education and Youth Affairs (Australia)

**CGEIB** General Coordination of Bilingual Intercultural Education (Mexico)

**CODISRA** Presidential Commission against Racism and Discrimination (Guatemala)
CONADI National Corporation of Indigenous Development (Chile)

DEET Department of Employment, Education and Training (Australia)

DEETYA Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (Australia)

DEST Department of Education, Science and Training (Australia)

DETYA Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs (Australia)

FCAATSI The Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (Australia)

ICIE Indian Control of Indian Education (Canada)

IESALC International Higher Education Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

IEU Indigenous Education Unit

IHEAC Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council (Australia)

ILO International Labour Organization

INALI National Institute for Languages (Mexico)

ITAS Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

JUNAEB National Board of Student Aid and Scholarships (Chile)

MCEETYA Ministerial Council for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (Australia)

MEF Maori Education Foundation (New Zealand)

NAAF National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (Canada)

NAEC National Aboriginal Education Committee (Australia)

NATSIEP National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy (Australia)

NESA National Employment Strategy for Aboriginals

PAAEA Aymara student Support Program (Chile)
PAAEM  Program for Mapuche Student Support (Chile)
PAE  Special Admission Program (Colombia)
PES  Pensioner Supplement Scheme (Australia)
PNUD  United Nations Program for Development
PRODEPINE  Project for the Development of Black and Indigenous peoples of Ecuador (Ecuador)
PRONABES  Mexican national program of scholarships for higher education (Mexico)
PSSSP  Post-Secondary Student Support Program (Canada)
PSU  University Selection Test (Chile)
RACS  Office for the Andean Region and the Southern Cone
SFSS  Student Financial Supplement Scheme (Australia)
TAFE  Technical and Further Education (Australia)
TEPA  Tertiary Education Program for Aborigines (Australia)
TES  Tertiary Education Strategy 2002/2007 (New Zealand)
UAIM  Autonomous Indigenous University of Mexico (Mexico)
UCT  Catholic University of Temuco (Chile)
UFRO  University of La Frontera (Chile)
UINPI  Intercultural University of Indigenous Peoples and Nationalities (Ecuador)
UNAP  Arturo Prat University (Chile)
UNDA  University of Notre Dame (Australia)
UNESCO  United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNIBOL  Bolivian Indigenous Universities (Bolivia)
UNIK Intercultural Indigenous University Kawsay (Bolivia)
URNG National Revolutionary Unity of Guatemala (Guatemala)
USAC University of San Carlos (Guatemala)
UTA University of Tarapaca (Chile)
UTS University of Technology Sydney (Australia)
VET Vocational Education Training
WAACHS Western Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey (Australia)