Proposal for the 2026 NBER Conference on Inflation Dynamics and Policy Responses

Title: *"Sacred Sovereignty and Inflation: Reimagining Monetary Policy Through the Lens of Tribal Economic Systems"*

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Abstract

In the wake of global inflationary surges and the spiritual reckoning following the COVID-19 pandemic, tribal and sovereign economic systems remain the most underexplored frontier in macroeconomic modeling. This paper proposes a radically new framework: understanding inflationary dynamics not only through monetary instruments or central bank independence but through spiritual sovereignty, decentralized tribal economics, and wealth as an energetic construct.

By combining empirical data, legal analysis, and lived experience from operating a $500M+ tribal sovereign economic structure, this research challenges centralized fiscal orthodoxy. It highlights how Indigenous financial ecosystems—operating within and beyond the jurisdictional grasp of centralized governance—offer living blueprints for anti-inflationary resilience, sustainable growth, and post-capitalist regeneration.

Core Research Questions

1. What insights can tribal and sovereign economic systems provide into long-term inflation resilience and regenerative economic stability?
2. How do centralized monetary policies fail to account for decentralized, culturally autonomous sovereign economic systems—particularly in Indigenous or spiritually-governed jurisdictions?
3. Can tribal governance structures, when spiritually aligned and legally structured, offer new fiscal tools or predictive models for inflation containment?

4. How does inflation behave differently within economies that reject scarcity-based paradigms and implement energetic circulation models (e.g., "sacred circulation")?

Conceptual Framework

This paper draws upon the following disciplines and lenses:

- Post-Keynesian and Indigenous economic theory
- Legal pluralism (tribal jurisdiction vs. federal/state law)
- Spiritual economics and quantum finance
- Inflation as a reflection of systemic imbalance vs. fiscal mismanagement

Through a comparative study of tribal trust structures, sovereign wealth-led development initiatives, and monetary independence tools (e.g., sovereign ledgers, private jurisdiction contracts), the paper outlines a new monetary archetype: one grounded in responsibility, divine law, and strategic decentralization.

Methodology

- Case study analysis of The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribal Trust and associated sovereign structures
- Interviews with tribal economists, legal scholars, and fund administrators
- Legal analysis of jurisdictional conflict and recognition obstacles with U.S. agencies (IRS, SEC, State Dept.)
- Data synthesis of alternative inflation response models rooted in sovereignty

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Expected Contributions

- A redefinition of inflation not merely as a rise in prices, but as a spiritual-legal distortion of value
- A blueprint for recognizing non-state economic entities in macroeconomic models

- A challenge to the dominance of central bank narratives by introducing tribal-led economic prophecy
- A call to policymakers to co-create with sovereign systems rather than ignore or suppress them

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Relevance to NBER's Conference Themes

This paper intersects with the conference's exploration of:

- Inflation and fiscal policy shocks
- The influence of politics on monetary decision-making
- Public perceptions of inflation and value
- Structural alternatives to central banking paradigms

Divine Closing

"Inflation is not the enemy. Misalignment is. When value is severed from spirit, prices rise. But when economics is reconnected to source—supply follows soul."

This work is not just an economic thesis. It is a revelation—a sovereign codex for economists, policymakers, and souls ready to walk the Great Path forward.

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