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**Cultural Preservation and Leadership: the Role of  
Indigenous Women in Creating Work Network.  
Case of study: Ecuador, Perú, and Bolivia**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This degree work seeks to make Indigenous women visible as key actors within and outside their communities; in addition, it analyzes their role in community leadership and cultural preservation in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. Through a varied literature review, an analysis was made to identify strategies and challenges of Indigenous women. In addition, interviews with four academics and four Indigenous women from the three countries are presented in order to know and understand the realities and thoughts of these women. Multiple problems such as violence and machismo have been evidenced, as well processes of resistance and struggle. The need to create policies to promote and protect Indigenous women is highlighted.

### **Keywords:**

feminism, gender, leadership, indigenous women, cultural preservation, violence.

# **PRESERVACIÓN CULTURAL Y LIDERAZGO: EL ROL DE LAS MUJERES INDÍGENAS EN LA CREACIÓN DE REDES DE TRABAJO. CASO DE ESTUDIO: ECUADOR, PERÚ Y BOLIVIA**

## **RESUMEN**

Este trabajo de titulación busca visibilizar a las mujeres indígenas como actores claves dentro y fuera de sus comunidades; además, se analiza su rol en el liderazgo comunitario y preservación cultural en Ecuador, Perú y Bolivia. Por medio de una variada revisión bibliográfica, se realiza un análisis para identificar estrategias y desafíos de las mujeres indígenas. Asimismo, se presentan entrevistas a cuatro académicas y cuatro mujeres indígenas de los tres países para conocer y entender las realidades y pensamientos de estas mujeres. Se evidencian múltiples problemas como violencia y machismo, pero también procesos de resistencia y lucha. Se destaca la necesidad de crear políticas para promover y proteger a las mujeres indígenas.

### **Palabras clave:**

feminismo, género, liderazgo, mujeres indígenas, preservación cultural, violencia.