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“Indigenous Politics As If Métis Women Matter”

Popular descriptions of Métis people tend to characterize Métis as the “offspring” of French voyageurs and “Indian women,” or “Native women,” with men mentioned first and women last, if ever, named. This paternalistic narrative symbolically draws on the reproductive capacities of Indigenous women without taking seriously our contributions to the creation of a new, post-contact Indigenous nation – the Métis Nation. This talk explores the role of women within Métis familial, cultural, social, and political life, with a particular emphasis on Métis women’s historical and contemporary relationship to Métis nationhood.



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Jennifer Adese (otipemisiw/Métis) was born in the City of North Vancouver and spent the early part of her life in Squamish, both places the unceded homeland of the xwməθkwəyəm, Skwxwú7mesh, Stó:lō and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh Nations. She was raised in the Niagara Region, the traditional territory of the Neutral and Haudenosaunee, and is currently an Associate Professor and the Program Coordinator of Indigenous Studies with the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies at Carleton University in the unceded territory of the Omàmiwininiwak. Jennifer is the author of a number of articles pertaining to Métis literature, culture, and politics; cultural, artistic, and social representations of Indigeneity by Indigenous peoples and by settler-states; and on racism and marginalization in the context of creative city policies.

Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Adese

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