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Sovereignty and Citizenization in the Settler Colony

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Via Zoom—Registration Required



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Professor Mack will be speaking to the connection between sovereignty and citizenship for indigenous peoples within the Canadian settler state. Specifically, it assesses the manner in which state sovereignty engages its own juridical technologies and sociopolitical processes of citizenisation as means of folding indigenous polities into the state's public. The underlying claim is that there is an inverse relationship between the state's indigenous citizenisation project and Indigenous modalities of belonging to a territory and people. The more indigenous peoples come to practice citizenship within the state's publics, the less space is available to maintain their indigenous 'publics' that precede and often counter the state.

To support this claim, the author will provide a biographical account of belonging to an Indigenous Nation that has comprehensively folded themselves into the state public by signing the Maa-nulth Treaty Agreement in 2007 (MFA).



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