Many environmental movements, environmental justice activists, Indigenous Peoples’ struggles, their politics and their ideas have been, and continue to be constructed as ‘extremist’ and threats to ‘national security’ by state and corporate security and intelligence agencies, and subject to surveillance, infiltration, criminalization and more. Many of today’s political policing and state security policies, practices and concepts have their origins in counter-insurgency techniques in colonial regimes tested against earlier anti-colonial/independence struggles. This presentation draws from Professor Choudry’s recent edited book, Activists and the Surveillance State (Pluto, 2019), which foregrounds resistance to state spying and repression through collective organizing, activist research and political education in the UK, Canada, South Africa, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia and the USA.

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