

The 'Freedom Convoy', Injunctions, and Extractivism:

Understanding the Implications for Land Defenders and Social Movements



Virtual Event

May 19, 2022

12:30-2pm

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In the aftermath of the 'Freedom Convoy' and the blockades in Ottawa, Windsor, and Coutts, Alberta, crucial questions remain unanswered about the connections between an ascendant far-right and the broader project of extractivist settler-colonialism in so-called Canada.

Join us on May 19th to explore the implications for Indigenous land and water defenders and left social movements. *Jacob McLean* will share research on the continuities between the United We Roll Convoy and the recent Freedom Convoy and their ties to white supremacy and extractive industries. *Anne Spice* will draw connections to Indigenous land defence and invocations of critical infrastructure. *Irina Ceric* will investigate how the use of injunctions against convoy organizers replicates rather than challenges the repressive impact of this legal tool.

Jacob McLean is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change at York University, studying the conjuncture of the climate crisis and the rise of far right populism, with a focus on the Yellow Vests Canada movement.

Anne Spice is a Tlingit member of Kwanlin Dun First Nation. She has been actively supporting Indigenous land re-occupations since 2015, and her work dwells in the intersection of Indigenous geographies, histories and futures of Indigenous resistance, poetry and art. She lives in Tkaronto, where she is a professor of Indigenous environmental knowledges in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at X University.

Irina Ceric holds an Osgoode post-doc with "Jurisdiction Back: Infrastructure Beyond Extractivism", a SSHRC-funded team project led by Dayna Nadine Scott and Heidi Kiiwetinepinesik Stark and is taking up a tenure-track position at the University of Windsor Faculty of Law in July.

This event is co-hosted by the York Research Chair in Environmental Law & Justice and the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) at UVic.

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