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JURISDICTION BACK:
IMPACT ASSESSMENT
IN
THE SOUTH OF THE NORTH

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JOIN US (ALL WELCOME)
THURSDAY
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5:00PM-6:30PM UTC
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IN CANADA, IT HAS BEEN DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATED OVER AND AGAIN THAT WHEN CORPORATE INTERESTS THRUST CONTESTED PROJECTS ONTO INDIGENOUS HOMELANDS - EVEN WHEN THOSE PROJECTS HAVE PASSED THROUGH SETTLER IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESSES AND RECEIVED GOVERNMENT APPROVALS - THEY MUST STILL CONTEND WITH INDIGENOUS GOVERNING AUTHORITY. THE CONCEPT OF "JURISDICTION BACK" IS BEING PUT FORWARD BY A COLLECTIVE OF INDIGENOUS AND SETTLER SCHOLARS AND ACTIVISTS WHO DRAW ON THE #LANDBACK MOVEMENT TO OFFER A PROFOUND TRANSFORMATION IN LEGAL, ECONOMIC, AND MATERIAL RELATIONS. WE INSIST THAT MOVEMENT TOWARDS A DECOLONIAL CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER CAN BEGIN TODAY WITH SETTLER GOVERNMENTS SYSTEMATICALLY RESTORING JURISDICTION TO INDIGENOUS GOVERNING AUTHORITIES. ONE AREA RIPE FOR EXPLORATION IS IMPACT ASSESSMENT.

IN THIS PRESENTATION I WILL EXPLAIN THE STATE OF PLAY FOR INDIGENOUS-LED IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN CANADA, AND OFFER THE EXAMPLE OF THE REGIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE RING OF FIRE, A MINERAL FRONTIER IN ONTARIO'S REMOTE NORTHERN BOREAL FOREST. REGIONAL ASSESSMENT IS A MECHANISM ENABLED BY NEW FEDERAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT LEGISLATION PURPORTING TO IMPLEMENT 'NEXT-GENERATION' TECHNIQUES, BUT ITS IMPOSITION IS BEING ACTIVELY REFUSED BY SOME OF THE ANISHINAABE AND ANISHINI COMMUNITIES WHOSE HOMELANDS ARE THREATENED. I PROPOSE SOME CRITERIA THROUGH WHICH WE MAY JUDGE THE EXTENT TO WHICH INDIGENOUS-LED IMPACT ASSESSMENT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADVANCE THE MOVEMENT FOR JURISDICTION BACK.

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THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM

5:00PM TO 6:30PM UTC

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