



# York Centre for Public Policy & Law

## SEMINAR SERIES

September 23, 2010  
12:00pm - 2:30pm

York Research Tower, 626

A light lunch will be provided

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INDIGENEITY: INTERNATIONAL POLICY MAKING BETWEEN NEOLIBERALISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Finding ways of 'protecting' the knowledge and heritage of indigenous peoples has become a significant issue in international law and policy-making, engaging numerous United Nations bodies (the Biodiversity Convention, WIPO, UNCTAD, UNESCO, WTO as well as the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples), NGOs and indigenous activists.

**Should indigenous peoples seek intellectual property protection? What are the alternatives?**

Three scholars from anthropology, law, and political science will critically consider the motives, interests, agencies and politics that drive this field of international activity and explain their research work of three networks of scholars who explore this field and collaborate with indigenous peoples.



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