

# WSSR WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

## Getting What's Fair: Negotiating on Indigenous Issues in Canada

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9:00am – 4:30pm

### **Workshop Outline**

**9 to 10:45:** Introductions, overview of the day; Whose Land is this anyway?; the original people on the land and their way of life; the consequences of contact, “conquest” and settlement; what it means to be a Treaty People, and the “Evil Trinity” of the Indian Act, one sided Treaties, and Residential Schools

### **Break**

**11- 12:30:** Why the Supreme Court of Canada matters – recent policy starts with the Trudeau White Paper. The Supreme Court of Canada opinion in Calder, 1973. Shifting ground, patriation, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and s.35

### **Lunch**

**2-3:30:** Contemporary Issues – the condition of indigenous people in Canada, the range of issues and challenges facing people and their governments: the meaning of truth and reconciliation. The UN Declaration and the globalization of the indigenous question. Why these issues are at once so important and so difficult.

**3:45-4:30** Wrap up. What will the next 50 years look like? Your own views and assessment of what you have learned today and what more you'd like to know.

### **Required Reading**

*Summary of the final report of the truth and reconciliation commission of Canada* (2015). The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?13A2649C>

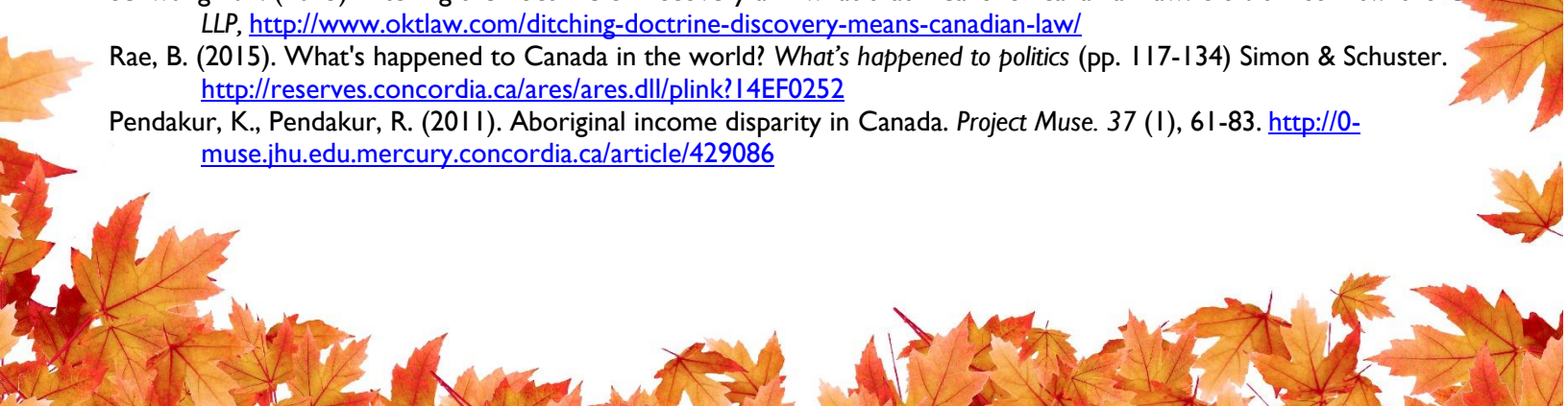
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### **Recommended Reading**

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Russell, P. H. (2017). *Canada's odyssey: A country based on incomplete conquests*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. [Webster Course Reserve Room \(3 hour loan\) -- POLI 489 -- AVAILABLE](#)

Miller, J. (1990) Skyscrapers hide the heavens- A history of indian-white relations in canada. *Revue d'Histoire De L'Amerique Francaises*, 44(2), 276-279. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EF0203>

Saul, J. R. (2014). *The comeback: How aboriginals are reclaiming power and influence*. Viking. [Webster Course Reserve Room \(3 hour loan\) -- POLI 489 -- AVAILABLE](#)

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