Surviving Canada:
Indigenous Peoples Celebrate 150 plus
Years of Betrayal

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Summary
How concerned are Indigenous peoples about the upcoming federal election? How concerned are Indigenous peoples about federal politics? How concerned are Canadians and federal politicians about Indigenous politics? More specifically, are they concerned about s.35/Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples? Indigenous resurgence and reconciliation? Do they understand these issues?

This workshop will attempt to educate, challenge and inspire settler Canadians, newcomers and Indigenous peoples about the past, present and future of Indigenous politics and of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the state. We will examine topics including dispossession, violence, law, land rights, treaties, the Indian Act, implementing Indigenous rights, and our future together. This will not be a workshop on the so-called ‘Indian Problem’. Instead, we will focus our attention on Canada, the legacies of colonialism and federal policies, and charting pathways forward.

Outline
Morning
Indigenous politics primer – treaties, law & survival

Afternoon
Contemporary politics - resurgence, rights, recognition
- A new federal agenda?
- Reconciliation – possibilities & roles
Required Readings
BOOK AVAILABLE AT: Webster Course Reserve Room (3 hour loan)
- Irbacher-Fox, Stephanie, “Celebrating Canada’s 150th Birthday: A Play in One Act”, pp. 92-101
- Houle, Rob “Lets Talk Treaty”, pp. 372-376
- Ladner, Kiera L., “150 Years and Waiting”, pp. 398-413
- Mandell, Louise, “We will Help Each other Be Great and Good”, pp. 414-435

Additional Resources