



Season 3, Episode 3

Handpicked Presents: The Indigenous Health and Food Systems Podcast – “Environmental Dispossession”

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Glossary of Terms

Alienation

In Marxist thought, the separation of humans from meaningful engagement with their lifeworlds, specifically through wage labour.

https://www.yorku.ca/horowitz/courses/lectures/35_marx_alienation.html

Colonialism

“Colonialism has been defined as systems and practices that ‘seek to impose the will of one people on another and to use the resources of the imposed people for the benefit of the imposer’ (Assante, 2006). Colonialism can operate within political, sociological, cultural values and systems of a place even after occupation by colonizers has ended. Colonization is defined as the act of political, physical and intellectual occupation of space by the (often forceful) displacement of Indigenous populations, and gives rise to settler-colonialism, colonial and neo-colonial relations, and coloniality.

<https://www.yorku.ca/edu/unleading/systems-of-oppression/coloniality-and-settler-colonialism/>

The Coming Faces/ Seven Generations

The Coming Faces is a metaphor for future generations that will need food, water, and land (Horn-Miller – this episode). It is a way of acting with future generations in mind and aligns with the Anishnabek principle of the Seven Generations (Steckley – this episode).

Crown Land

Land owned by the provincial government.

Displacement

An act of physical and spiritual removal of people from land, an act of colonization.



Environmental Dispossession

This describes the loss of land and physical displacement that has resulted in Indigenous populations experiencing trauma, poverty, health and other social problems.

<https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1200&context=aprci>

Environmental Stewardship

"The responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices to enhance ecosystem resilience and human well-being"

<https://dash.harvard.edu/handle/1/9774650>

Food sovereignty

"Food Sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems."

<https://viacampesina.org/en/>

Grounded Normativity

"Term by Indigenous scholar Glen Coulthard to describe Indigenous peoples' relationships to land and place, and the solidarity that emerges from this."

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/26359594>

Indian Act

A policy enacted by the federal government in 1876 which led to the elimination of any Indigenous self-government, mandated attendance in residential schools, banned Indigenous spiritual and cultural activities, removal of land, and other discriminatory actions.

<https://www.nwac.ca/assets-knowledge-centre/Indian-Act-Said-What-infographic.pdf>

Land Back

"a movement that has existed for generations with a long legacy of organizing and sacrifice to get Indigenous Lands back into Indigenous hands."

<https://landback.org/>

Original Instructions



Handpicked: Stories from the Field

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The constellation of teachings and ethical guidelines for living: for hunting, family and ceremonial life, and so on.

<https://www.robinwallkimmerer.com/>

Residential Schools

The Indian residential schools operated in Canada between the 1870s and 1990s, with the goal of assimilating Indigenous people into settler society. These were ran by the Canadian government and various churches. Over 150,000 Indigenous people are estimated to have attended these institutions. Indigenous children were separated from their families, forbidden to speak their traditional languages, and many suffered extreme physical, mental, spiritual, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect, and death.

<https://www.anishinabek.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/An-Overview-of-the-IRS-System-Booklet.pdf>

Resurgence

Unlike reconciliation, Indigenous resurgence focuses less on reconciliation with settlers, and centres around Indigenous nations determining how Indigenous rights, recognition, and relationships with other peoples will be respected.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0006320719307803>

Three Sisters

Corn, beans and squash: three crops grown in symbiotic relationship in some Indigenous communities. In Haudenosaunee storytelling, the Three Sisters sprouted from the body of Sky Woman's daughter.

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/science/story-agricultural-science/scientific-achievements-agriculture/three-sisters-optimizing-value-and-food-potential-ancestral-indigenous-crop-system>