

Colonial Commons: land/law/living/labour

University of British Columbia 29-30 May 2008

C.K. Choi Building, Conference Room (#120)

Thursday 29 May

- 9.00 Welcome, registration and opening
Continental Breakfast
- 10.00 **‘Commons, Enclosure and Dispossession in the Colonization of North America’** (Allan Greer, Department of History, University of Toronto)
- 10.30 **‘Expropriating the Colonial Commons: European Colonisation in Asia, 1860- 1940’** (Andrew Wells, Faculty of Arts, University of Wollongong)
- 11.00 Tea
- 11.30 **‘Regulation and governance of commons in New France and Lower Canada.’** (Colin Coates, Glendon College, York University, Ca.)
- 12.00 General discussion – Is there something specific about colonial commons?
- 12.30 Lunch
- 2.00 **‘Individual Entitlement and the Common Good: A Legal and Conceptual History of Eminent Domain in Nineteenth Century India’**, (Peter Samuels, Program in Modern Thought and Literature, Stanford University, USA)
- 2.30 **‘Subaltern space: labour and the multiple uses of Australia’s colonial commons’** (Ben Maddison, School of History and Politics, University of Wollongong, Australia)
- 3.00 Tea
- 3.15 **‘Imposing Common Property: *Mare Liberum* and Public Rights in the British Columbia Fisheries’** (Doug Harris, Faculty of Law, UBC)
- 3.45 **‘Grappling with Grasshoppers: Insect Control and the “Ecological Commons” in British Columbia, Canada’**, (John Thistle, Department of Geography, UBC)
- 4.15 General discussion and close
- 7.00 Conference Dinner One More Sushi - 222-2155 Allison Road
(upstairs in the University Village)

Friday 30 May

09.45 Continental Breakfast

10.30 **‘From “Blood and Fire” to the “Politics of Recognition”’: Marx and Fanon on Primitive Accumulation in a Liberal Settler-State’** (Glen Coulthard, First Nations Studies and Political Science, UBC)

11.00 Tea

11.15 **‘Analyzing the Public/Private Distinction: The Push and Pull of Sustainability on Commons Discourse’** (Deborah Curran, Faculty of Law and Environmental Law Centre, University of Victoria)

11.45 **‘Decolonizing “Commons” Discourse in Canada: Retrenchments and Challenges to Colonial Enclosures’**(Shiri Pasternak, University of Toronto)

12.15 Lunch

1.30 **‘Caribou, Indigenous Peoples and Resource Management in Canada’s North: Commons or Commodity?’** (Walter Bayha, Danny Beaulieu, Allice Legat, Micheline Manseau, Deborah Simmons)

2.00 **‘What is “Inter-Indigeneous Law”? Finding a Historic Collective Identity and Imagining its Implications Upon Modern Legal Discourse’** (Signa A. Daum Shanks, Department of History, University of Western Ontario)

2.30 Plenary - Colonial Commons

3.00- 4.00 Close

For further and updated information:
<http://www.uow.edu.au/arts/colonialcommons/index.html>