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Indigenous Resistance, Planetary Dystopia, and the Politics of Environmental Justice



This presentation examines the critical interplay among settler colonialism, Indigenous resurgence, and the politics of climate justice. In the wake of a planet-wide movement riddled with idioms about “saving our home,” where the ground is fast-shifting and the fate of humanity’s collective future is at stake, there has been a tidal wave of interest in Indigenous knowledge(s) about the land, water, and sky. Still, limited attempts have been made to theorize how conquest and persistent settler colonial violence factor into debates over the environmental crisis. How are Indigenous political demands for decolonization taken up within the broader scope of impending planetary dystopia? How might “environmental justice” work to (re)inscribe hegemonies of settler colonial power by foregrounding settler interests? Ultimately, an anti-colonial indictment of environmental justice compels us to (re) imagine tactical strategies for decolonial praxis around environmental crisis, Indigenous futurity, and challenges to settler sovereignty.

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