



Traditional Indigenous Governance in Contemporary Society

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The signal from the current federal government regarding Indigenous people is one of relationship building, nation to nation partnerships and work on education and language. Although this may be a new script for the non-Indigenous government, it is not news to Indigenous communities and leadership who have been saying this for several hundred years. Not only is it not new, it is consistent with traditional governance principles within natural laws, spiritual laws and even Indigenous man made laws. This lecture will begin to explore what it could mean to institutionalize traditional principles of Indigenous governance in our modern governance processes.

Marilyn Poitras' work at the IOG is to bring a common understanding of governance principles across the many jurisdictions within Canada through executive education, research and advising. She has also worked on Indigenous law and governance as an assistant professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. Her expertise is in Constitutional/Aboriginal Law with a life study of customary laws. Marilyn has developed a number of legal education initiatives including the precursor to the Akitsiraq Law School in Nunavut and the University of Saskatchewan's Indigenous People's Resource Management Program. She also has significant experience in the development of self-government through negotiations across Canada.

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Please note: This lecture will take place in Regina and will be video-conferenced to a Saskatoon audience.

Regina Location: Room 210, 2 Research Drive, University of Regina Campus

Saskatoon Location: Prairie Room, Diefenbaker Building, 101 Diefenbaker Place, University of Saskatchewan Campus

Registration: Those interested in attending are encouraged to register online at www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca (please select News and Events, then Events Calendar and the appropriate calendar date) or by clicking the link above.

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