### COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OUTCOMES

The course examines the role of law in the loss of traditional, customary rights to land and other forms of property, from the enclosures of early modern England to the loss of Aboriginal claims in colonial and postcolonial societies whose property regimes have been shaped by English common law. Attention is given to the legal process of "enclosures", the discourse of "improvement", and the concept of "waste", together with the case law and statutory expressions of property dispossession over time. By examining law and history this course will illustrate the legal and historical relationship between Indigenous and settler understandings of land and other forms of property in contemporary Canada and beyond.

The unit is open to students of both law and history.

### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The reading materials for this course will be set out in the Course Outline, which will be handed out at the beginning of the course. Classes will comprise a mixture of lectures, discussion, and student presentation.

### EXPECTED EVALUATION (Subject to change)

- **Research Essay**: 50%
- **Research Portfolio**: 20%
- **Critical Review**: 20%
- **Class Participation**: 10%

Note: There is no final exam.

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