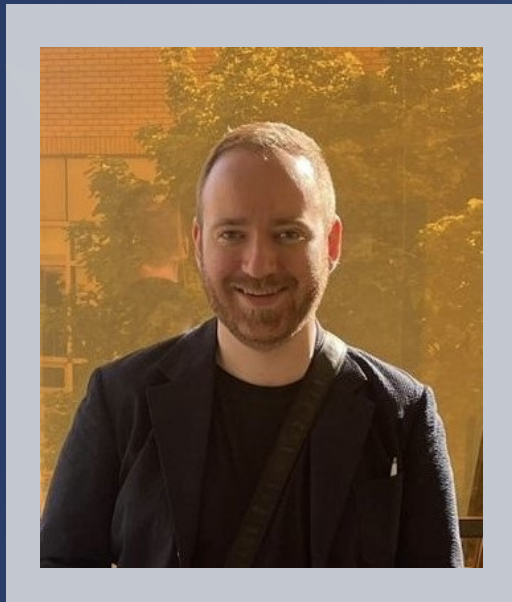




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The Religious Threads of Canada's Colonial Constitution

Indigenous peoples in Canada often ground their claim to contemporary constitutional authority on their existence on these lands since 'time immemorial'. Similar claims concerning land rights are found in early-modern common law traditions, often justified using religious arguments. In this talk I suggest that a greater appreciation of the religious threads of Canada's constitutional past can help clarify the challenge of contemporary Indigenous-state relations.

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