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Reorienting Politics through Public Expressions of Indigenous Ceremony

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When Indigenous peoples engage in ceremony as part of land defence, state actors often interpret and respond to it as protest. While settler colonial political discourses attempt to foreclose the explanations of those engaged in such ceremonies, commentary by Indigenous scholars and leaders supports an understanding of ceremony as an expression of Indigenous sovereignty and law. In this presentation, I will discuss ceremonial occupations as expressions of Indigenous resurgence, and reflect on how this might affect analyses of Indigenous spirituality and engagements with contemporary politics.

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