

Debunking the Doctrine of Discovery

Colonial excuse for the seizure of lands and oppression of peoples



Robert Morales is a lawyer and chief negotiator for Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group

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Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level
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Admission is free. Seating is limited.

Medieval European law allowed a monarch to claim any land discovered by one of his subjects if it was occupied by non-Christians. In the 16th century, war against Native Americans was justified on the basis that they were “slaves by nature, uncivilized, barbarian and inhuman.” Robert Morales, chief negotiator for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group will unveil the continuing effects of this archaic doctrine which even surfaced in a 2012 B.C. Court of Appeal reasoning.

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