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OUR CHANGING LANDSCAPE: ABORIGINAL TITLE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Thursday, March 26th, 4:00-5:30pm
Bldg. 356, Rm. 109 (Theatre)
Vancouver Island University
Free Public Lecture



In the summer of 2014, a unanimous Supreme Court of Canada issued one of its most historic and far-reaching decisions when it made the first legal declaration of Aboriginal Title. The *Tsilhqot'in Nation* decision requires a return to the original context of relations between the Crown and Indigenous Peoples of BC where we must grapple with basic questions and reset first principles that guide how we relate to territory and each other. The doctrine of Aboriginal Title also requires us to deeply and carefully consider another timeframe - that of future generations - and demands that their well-being drives our decision-making about land and water today. These and other themes will be the focus of this talk by Doug White.

Doug White is the Director of the Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation at VIU. He is a former Chief of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. He is also a former member of the BC First Nations Summit executive and BC First Nations Leadership Council, dealing with a variety of Indigenous issues. White is a graduate of VIU's First Nations Studies program and UVic's Faculty of Law. He is a lawyer and negotiator for First Nations governments across the country.

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