

Treaty Relations and the Politics of Decolonization



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**Wednesday, February 26,
10:00 – 11:30 am,
St. Patrick's Building, Room 100**

Seating is limited. Please RSVP:
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This talk explores the role of treaty relations relative to the continuity of the settler colonial project in Canada. Often invoked to characterize the federal government's commitment towards strengthening or renewing its relationship with Indigenous peoples, there remains a disjuncture between the 'nation-to-nation' depictions of treaties and the complex political relationships that Indigenous peoples have called for since their signing. Dr. Starblanket explores the political implications of this inconsistency, arguing that the ongoing failure to engage with treaties as the locus of Indigenous peoples' distinct political relationship with the Canadian state functions to continually produce conditions of colonization and dispossession through the denial of Indigenous sovereignty and jurisdiction as affirmed in treaties.