

Studying Canada

An informational resource for international Canadianists

CANADA'S RELATIONSHIP TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

BACKGROUND

Canada's relationship to Indigenous Peoples has evolved through many recent milestones and events, including the 2012 Idle No More movement, the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report, the 2016-2019 National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the late adoption in 2021 of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) by Canada.

Canada's relationship to Indigenous Peoples – which includes the study of Indigenous communities, peoples and nations as well as settler colonialism – has become the most significant topic in the teaching and research agendas of international Canadianists. Whether approached through literature, environmental justice, diversity and racism, Canada's relationship to Indigenous Peoples evolves both as a key topic of Canadian Studies and in parallel to the field, through Postcolonial Studies, Indigenous Studies, North American Studies and Arctic Studies to name a few.

RESEARCH INSIGHTS

Canada's relationship with Indigenous Peoples is the most popular topic for students in the study of Canada, the most relevant and the most difficult to teach. Interestingly, the student interest in Indigenous Peoples does not include settler colonialism, a topic that becomes more prevalent when teachers are asked about relevance and difficulty.

Canada's relationship with Indigenous Peoples is also a significant research topic for international Canadianists, as it is considered both the most relevant and the theme that has changed the most over the last 10 years.

Whether it is in teaching or research, this topic intersects easily with many other important topics, including multiculturalism and race, arts and literature, and the environment.

RESOURCES

[Yellowhead Institute](#)

An Indigenous-led education unit with resources for the reclamation of Indigenous land and life.

[National TRC Resource Centre](#)

A centre dedicated to the insights of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

[Assembly of First Nations educational resources](#)

Online educational resources on Indigenous Peoples from early to adult learning.

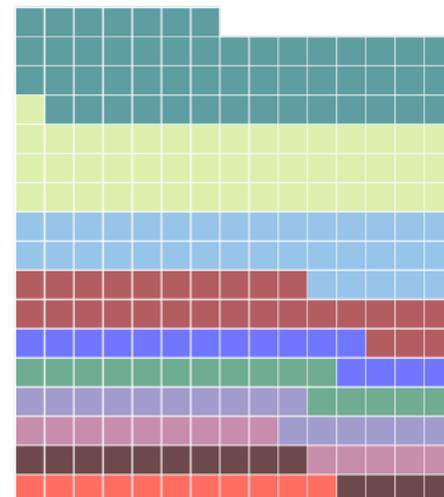
[UBC's Reconciliation through Indigenous Education Free Online Course](#)

An online course to learn Indigenous histories, perspectives, and worldviews.

[Indigenous Studies Portal \(I-Portal\)](#)

A database of publications, oral histories and more on Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

POPULAR TEACHING TOPICS



RESEARCH TOPICS CHANGED MOST OVER LAST 10 YEARS

