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As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College Proudly Presents:

Social Reconstruction of State-Indigenous Legal Relations in Canada

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A prominent way to think about law is to adopt a state-centred view, which characterizes law as a special kind of normative system with special status within the society in which it exists. I aim to explore this view in the context of State-Indigenous legal relations in Canada. I hope to show that such a perspective is not necessary, as some have maintained, but represents a social choice. I will also argue that the state-centred view creates serious moral and political difficulties for reconciliation.

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