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2016 Paz and Knute Buttedahl Memorial Lecture

The National Inquiry on Murders and Disappearances of Indigenous Women and Girls: What Is It? How Should It Work?

Violence against Indigenous women and girls is a human rights crisis in Canada. The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Inter American Commission on Human Rights have both officially investigated and found that Canada has committed a "grave violation" of its human rights obligations to Indigenous women and girls. After years of refusal by the Harper administration, the new Liberal government has decided to establish a national inquiry into the murders and disappearances. How should this inquiry be designed? What are the tensions inherent in the exercise? Can we engage, as a nation, in a critical examination of the deadly impacts of colonization and racism on Indigenous women and girls? What should we be trying to find out? What do we need to change?



Shelagh Day is the Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Canadian Feminist Alliance on International Action, and has worked with the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) since 2008 to bring the murders and disappearances of Indigenous women and girls to the attention of the United Nations and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Recently she was a key organizer of the Symposium on the National Inquiry on Murders and Disappearances held in Ottawa, which brought together international human rights experts, Indigenous women, and allies to discuss how the national inquiry should be focused and structured.

*The Paz and Knute Buttedahl Memorial Lecture was established in 2008 in honor of the Buttedahls who separately and together had an enormous impact on adult education, development and peacebuilding.

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7 to 9pm

(snacks and libations to follow
the lecture)

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