

RACISMS AND ANTIRACISM: INDIGENOUS ISSUES

With simultaneous French to English interpretation

Virtual symposium

The poster features a red and orange color scheme. On the left, a red banner reads 'Colloque virtuel'. Below it, the title 'Racismes et antiracisme : enjeux autochtones' is displayed in bold. The dates 'Jeudi 17 mars 2022 de 8h30 à 15h00' and 'Vendredi 18 mars de 8h45 à 12h00' are listed in red. The IRIPI logo is shown with its full name: 'Institut de recherche sur l'intégration professionnelle des immigrants' and 'Collège de Maisonneuve'. A registration link 'Inscription gratuite: iripi.ca' is provided. The right side of the poster has a word cloud with terms like 'Racisme', 'Peuples Autochtones', 'Réconciliation', and 'Vérité', alongside a stylized Indigenous feather graphic.

Attendance to the event is free, but [you must reserve a spot](#).

For decades, commission reports and national inquiries on Indigenous Peoples issues, conducted in Quebec and in Canada, have concluded that various forms of violence against Indigenous people still exist and persist. Among them: cultural genocide, colonial violence, systemic racism, racial profiling and many more.

Examples of such works include the following:

- the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996),
- UN's Special Rapporteur Mr. Doudou Diène's report on Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and all forms of discrimination (2003),
- the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report (2015),
- the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (2019),
- the Public Inquiry Commission's final report on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain Public Services in Québec: listening, reconciliation and progress (2019),
- Coroner Géhane Kamel's inquiry report on Joyce Echaquan's death (2021).

With each publication, there have been calls to action against all the previously stated forms of violence and exclusion, to denounce them and to fight against them. This has marked out a path towards a logic of decolonization of the relationship between native and non-native people, which has created a motivation to collaborate and to get involved in matters of recognition, truth, dialogue and reconciliation.

Ever since its creation in 2009, the Institut de recherche sur l'intégration professionnelle des immigrants (Research institute for the professional integration of immigrants), also known as IRIPI, has been studying racism and discrimination related issues. It is with that in mind that the IRIPI organized this second symposium on racism.

By advocating for collective mobilization and by denouncing expressions of racism, we can produce a call for change. This symposium, which is intended as a moment of pause, aims to shed light on the advancements that are being accomplished in various fields and, especially, on the aspects that remain a challenge.

You will receive the Zoom link to sign into the event the day before the symposium starts.

Agenda

Thursday March 17th, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – Reception of attendees

8:45 a.m. – Opening statement

Mrs. Malika Habel, Executive Director, Collège de Maisonneuve

8:50 a.m. – Opening statement

Mr. Gilbert Wahiakeron, Mohawk language Teacher

9:05 a.m. – Opening conference

To be confirmed

9:30 a.m. – Panel

Diverse and current perspectives on the fight against racism: advancements and challenges

Mrs. Nakuset S., Executive Director – Native Women’s Shelter of Montreal

Mrs. Edith Cloutier, Executive Director – Val-d’Or Native Friendship Centre

Mrs. Isabelle Picard, Ethnologist, first-ever Senior Specialist in Indigenous Affairs – *Community Inclusion* team at CBC/Radio-Canada

Mrs. Edith Bélanger, Public Safety Advisor – Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL)

10:30 a.m. – Break

10:35 a.m. – Panel

Community mobilization and involvement against racism: best mobilization practices

Mrs. Geneviève Sioui, Indigenous Community Engagement Coordinator – Office of Community Engagement at Concordia University

Mrs. Widia Larivière, Co-founder and Executive Director – Mikana

Mr. Gilbert Niquay, Indigenous Student Life Facilitator – Cégep Ahuntsic

11:20 a.m. – Discussion

High impact anti-racism practices for the workplace

Mrs. Nadine Vollant, Director of Multidisciplinary Services, Quality, Evaluation, Performance and Ethics – Integrated Health and Social Services Centre (CISSS) Côte-Nord

Mr. Marco Bacon, Director – Office of Inclusion and Student Success (BIRÉ) at Université du Québec à Montréal

12:00 p.m. - Break

1:00 p.m. – Round table

Art as a tool in the fight against racism

Mrs. Véronique Rankin, Director – Wapikoni mobile – Member of the Abitibiwinni First Nation of the Pikogan Community

Mr. Dave Jenniss, Artistic Director - Ondinnok

Mrs. Emanuelle Dufour, Educational Counsellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) – Department for Student Affairs at Collège Ahuntsic and comic book author : *C’est le Québec qui est né dans mon pays.*

2:00 p.m. – Conference

Setting the stage: step zero in a process toward the decolonization of education

Mrs. Julie Gauthier, Anthropology Teacher – Collège Ahuntsic

2:30 p.m. – Conference

Taking colonization apart, one stitch at a time: the experience of the method

Mrs. Julie Vaudrin-Charette, Educational Counsellor – Cégep de l'Outaouais

Friday March 18th, 2022 – 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

8:45 a.m. – Reception of attendees

9:00 a.m. – Conference

Systemic racism: Cegeps at the heart of both the problem and the solution

Mrs. Julie Mareschal, Anthropology Teacher - Social Sciences Department at Cégep Garneau

Mrs. Anne-Andrée Denault, Sociology Teacher, Research Associate and Head of the cultural security approach – Cégep de Trois-Rivières

10:00 a.m. – Conference

Indigenous Youths' education, academic career paths and identity

Mr. Jean-Luc Ratel, Researcher and Lecturer – Education and Specialized Training Department at Université du Québec à Montréal

Mr. Bruno Sioui, Associate Professor – Teaching and Research Unit in Human and Social Development Sciences at Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue

10:30 a.m. – Break

10:40 a.m. – Conference

Good intervention practices with Indigenous students

Mrs. Marie-Christine Bernard, Head of the Indigenous students' reception and coaching program – Collège d'Alma

11:10 a.m. - Conference

Including Indigenous Peoples issues: the essentials for taking your course to the next level

Mr. Jean Sébastien, Literature Teacher – Collège de Maisonneuve

Mrs. Nancy Moreau, Sociology Teacher – Collège de Maisonneuve

12 h 00 – Closing statement

Mr. Gilbert Wahiaqueron, Mohawk language Instructor