



Seminar with Dr Damien Short

Redefining genocide: settler colonialism, social death and ecocide

Human Rights Centre | University of Padova

Wednesday 10th May: 15:00-17:30

Dr Damien Short will deliver a seminar entitled 'Redefining genocide: settler colonialism, social death and ecocide', based on his new book of the same title (Zen, 2016).

Based on his highly controversial and original work, Damien Short systematically rethinks how genocide is and should be defined. Rather than focusing solely on a narrow conception of genocide as direct mass-killing, through close empirical analysis of a number of under-discussed case studies – including Palestine, Sri Lanka, Australia and Alberta, Canada – the seminar will reveal the key role played by settler colonialism, capitalism, finite resources and the ecological crisis in driving genocidal social death on a global scale.

Dr Damien Short is Director of the Human Rights Consortium (HRC) and a Reader in Human Rights at the School of Advanced Study at the University of London.

He has spent his entire professional career working in the field of human rights, both as a scholar and human rights advocate. He has researched and published extensively in the areas of indigenous peoples' rights, genocide studies, reconciliation projects and environmental human rights.

He is currently researching the human rights impacts of extreme energy processes.

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