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CIAJ's 45th Annual Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the Law will explore the current state and future of the self-government of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Vital to the discussion will be the issues of the decolonization of legal institutions, reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and the enduring legacy of a colonial relationship.

The recent finding of unmarked graves at residential school sites only reaffirms the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's vision of an "ongoing process of establishing and maintaining respectful relationships" with Indigenous Peoples. This conference will be a space for dialogue and exchange on the continuation of active education and exploration of the TRC's message.

Registration: <https://ciaj-icaj.ca/en/upcoming-programs/2021-annual-conference/>

NOTE: Participants may choose to attend in person at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver or online. The number of participants admitted on site will depend on public health measures. See full note on page 2.

Participation in this conference is approved under Section 41 (1) of the Judges Act. This program is offered by an accredited provider of professional content and is accredited in provinces where CLE requirements for lawyers are mandatory.



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SCHEDULE ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT TIME ZONES IN CANADA

PT: 9 am–2 pm **HR:** 10 am–3 pm **HC:** 11 am–4 pm **ET:** Noon–5 pm **HA:** 1–6 pm **HT:** 1:30–6:30 pm

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

8:00 – 9:00 am **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST – LOG IN & ONLINE PROGRAM SET UP**

9:00 – 10:00 am **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME REMARKS**

10:00 – 11:15 am **PANEL ONE | [Voices Past, Present and Future](#)**

Keywords: people's experiences, aspirational and inspirational panel

11:15 – Noon **LUNCH BREAK** (lunch boxes will be served to on-site participants)

Noon – 2:00 pm **PANEL TWO | [Review of the Legacy and Impact of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#)**

Keywords: review of ongoing initiatives, changes at the governmental and legislative levels from the TRC's final report, access to justice, decolonialization, "Land Back" movement, preserving and restoring languages

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

8:00 – 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – LOG IN & ONLINE PROGRAM SET UP**

9:00 – 10:30 am **PANEL THREE | [Indigenous Laws and Justice System](#)**

Keywords: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, decolonialization, national UNDRIP implementation, legal pluralism, self-determination, s.35 of the Canadian Charter, Indigenous legal orders, Indigenous jurisdiction

10:30 – 10:45 am **BREAK**

10:45 am – Noon **PANEL FOUR | [Student Panel: Resilience and Overcoming Disasters](#)**

Keywords: cultural endurance, tradition, adaptation, change, Indigenous resilience, cultural resilience

Noon – 12:30 pm **LUNCH BREAK** (lunch boxes will be served to on-site participants)

12:30 – 2:00 pm **PANEL FIVE | [Child Welfare and Reforms](#)**

Keywords: what is being done, what we can do, An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families, how different communities are trying to incorporate Indigenous laws and decisions into their child welfare system

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

8:00 – 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – LOG IN & ONLINE PROGRAM SET UP**

9:00 – 10:15 am **PANEL SIX | [Canada's Treatment of Indigenous Offenders](#)**

Keywords: incarceration rate, the approach of the courts, the results of the Gladue process, introducing cultural tradition in the mainstream court process

10:15 – 10:30 am **BREAK**

10:30 am – Noon **PANEL SEVEN | [First Nation, Metis, Inuit Governments and Self-Government](#)**

Keywords: towards reconciliation, setbacks and future of the modern treaty process, ongoing land claims, new emerging avenues through which Indigenous Peoples can exercise jurisdiction, sovereignty on the lands, how far will the mainstream society create space for Indigenous sovereignty/natural resources

Noon – 12:30 pm **LUNCH BREAK** (lunch boxes will be served to on-site participants)

12:30 – 2:00 pm **PANEL EIGHT | [Reports and Inquiries on Indigenous People and Systemic Racism](#)**

Keywords: National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, Calls for Justice, Calls to Action, changing the life of Indigenous women, what are the calls to action, what needs to be done next

CLOSING REMARKS AND CEREMONY

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