



## Call for Submissions

Annual Conference of the Decolonized Library Project  
**Converging Dialogues: between Faith, Politics, Land, Culture and Science**  
Decolonizing Knowledge through Community

**Date: March, 2022**

*“Revolution is based on land. Land is the basis of all independence. Land is the basis of freedom, justice, and equality.”*

*- Malcolm X*

Introducing the DLP Conference: Converging Dialogues Conference that will facilitate pertinent conversations related to revolution, liberation and decolonization with academics, community members and both undergraduate and graduate students.

The quote from Malcolm X situates the motivations of this conference, as his legacy remains especially relevant in this disconcerting political and social climate ruled by modern hegemonic colonial forces; demanding a forceful interfaith community response. Subaltern liberation strategies both guide our approach and animate our call, which seeks to engage the broad ways in which collectives can induce legitimate change in society.

In the wake of a global pandemic, we find ourselves tasked with the mobilization of knowledge in a new and changing world. The Decolonized Library Project becomes an important space for community engagement and activism within our new found realities. By pooling together our creative, academic, and professional abilities, resources and knowledge, we can come to know the stories of marginalized peoples affected by the processes of colonization, and collectively work for the lives of Black, Brown and Indigenous groups.

In light of the growing debate over religious symbolism in secular societies, as well as the rise of xenophobia and hate crimes directed at particular religious groups across Canada, the DLP conference aims to create space for dialogue and discussion about the role of religion within public life. The intention to build connections between community and identity, and how they intersect, is important in the context of discussions surrounding free speech. These discussions



become pertinent for conversations locally and internationally about the role of decolonization and nation building.

The DLP endeavours to create a platform to engage in interdisciplinary conversations surrounding faith and culture, activism studies, the outworkings of religious ethics and literacy, the impact of liberation theologies, intersectional and post-colonial feminisms, queer, Black and Indigenous theory, critiques of capitalism, and postsecular approaches.

The conference is animated by the spirit of authentic community building, information sharing, and revolutionary mind mapping. This is an enterprise that encourages faith-rooted activism and modes of being that undeniably seek freedom from the stark colonial realities that permeate our daily lives.

## **Submission Deadline: December 11th, 2021**

**Converging Dialogues: between Faith, Politics, Land, Culture and Science** is a community conference for minds whose modes of inquiry intersect the discourses in Humanities, Social sciences, Sciences, Activism, and the Arts. Through moderated panels, we hope to not only employ theoretical formulations but also consider this platform as a way of generating pragmatic change for our people through interfaith initiatives.

Topics of particular interest include, but are not limited to:

- Community building
  - Intersectionality and social justice work within faith-based communities
  - Contemporary forms of religious community building
    - Organized movements and collectives
  - Interfaith dialogue and its role in helping to resolve problems in a secular society
  - Media, language and representation of religion
- Decolonizing Knowledge
  - Political ecologies of resistance
  - Decolonial realities
  - Settler colonialism and its institutions
  - Dialectics of liberation



- Religion in a post-secular world; Theology and its politically relevant inclusions
- Science, Ethics and representation
- Xenophobia (Islamophobia/Anti-Semitism)
- Indigenous identity
  - Spiritualities and land
  - Indigenous struggles and contestations
- Imperialism and militarism
  - Impact of cultural imperialism on religion
- Gender and religion
- Religion, Faith and on-campus politics

Single presentations, group presentations, panels/roundtables, workshops, art installations and alternative formats are welcome. Proposals related to larger themes of **Converging Dialogues: between Faith, Politics, Land, Culture and Science** are open for consideration. We welcome submissions from all community members including undergraduate and graduate students at the Masters and PhD levels.

Paper proposals of 250 word abstracts, including format of presentation, a short biography (including name of the program and school), and contact information should be sent to [admin@thedecolonizedlibrary.ca](mailto:admin@thedecolonizedlibrary.ca). Applications are open until **December 11th, 2021**. Please complete a digital application on our website [www.thedecolonizedlibrary.ca](http://www.thedecolonizedlibrary.ca) or get in contact with a Board member.

Disclaimer: As women of the diaspora we acknowledge that this conference will be situated on unceded territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples in Toronto, Canada.

We look forward to receiving your submission and interacting with your ideas!

**DLP Board of Directors**

**Toronto, Ontario**