

# indigenous peoples and epistemic injustice: science, ethics and human rights



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a lecture by

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Professor Tsosie's lecture is based on her most recent article, which explores the use of science as a tool of public policy and examines how science policy impacts indigenous peoples in the areas of environmental protection, public health, and repatriation. Drawing on Miranda Fricker's account of "epistemic injustice," the article explores the often hidden ways in which laws and policies in these three areas have harmed Native peoples in the United States, and argues that science policy can promote effective partnerships and facilitate the realization of human rights if guided by appropriate ethical constructs.

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