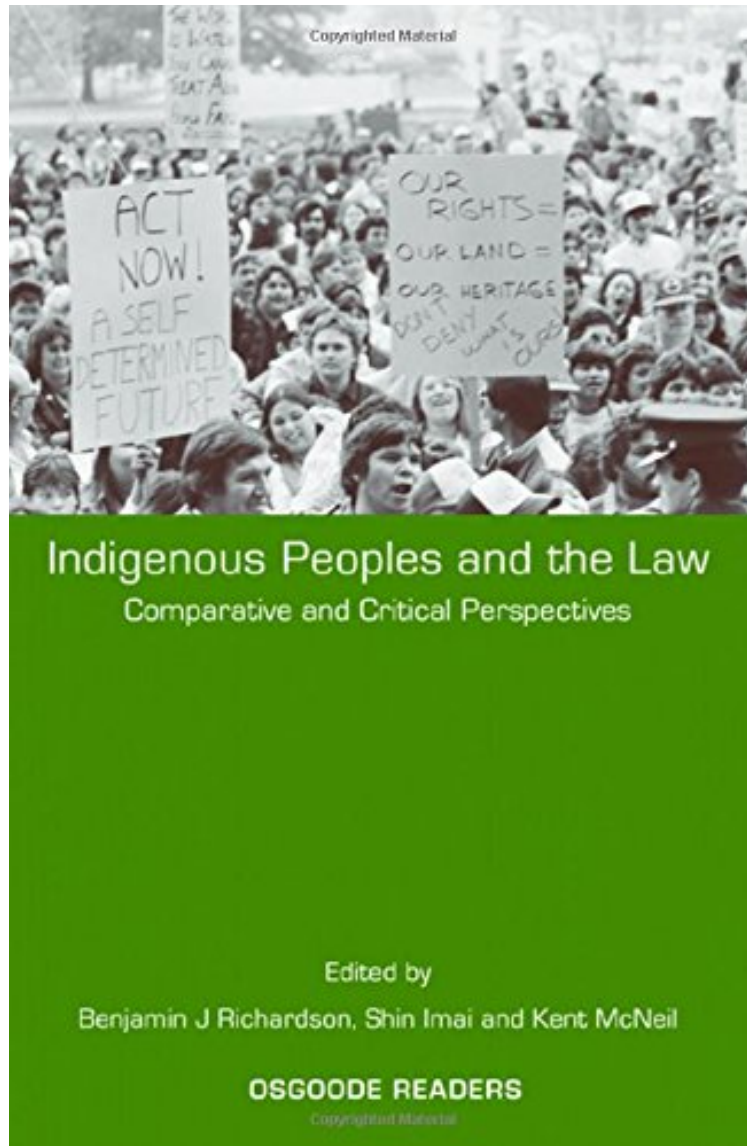


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Indigenous Peoples and the Law provides an historical, comparative, and contextual analysis of various legal and policy issues affecting Indigenous peoples. It focuses on the common law jurisdictions of the US, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, as well as relevant international law developments. This collection of essays features 13 contributors, including many Indigenous scholars, drawn from around the world. The book enables readers to appreciate the seminal issues, precedents, and international legal trends of most concern to Indigenous peoples. The first half of Indigenous Peoples and the Law takes an historical perspective of the principal jurisdictions, canvassing, in particular, themes of Indigenous sovereignty, status, and identity, and the movement for Indigenous self-determination. It also examines these issues in an international context, including the Inter-American human rights regime and the 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The second part of the book covers contemporary issues and claims of Indigenous peoples, including land rights, mobility rights, community self-governance, environmental governance, alternative dispute resolution processes, the legal status of Aboriginal women, and the place of Indigenous legal traditions and legal theory.

This collection is effective at providing an introduction to common law legal issues facing Aboriginal peoples and it also can serve as a springboard for more advanced study. These chapters are highly informative works which examine law as it applies to Indigenous peoples in the following locations: Canada, the United States of America, Australia, New Zealand, Central and South America, and international law and policy elsewhere. The benefit of these articles is twofold. First, the authors hit on many of the major legal issues that Aboriginal people face in each location. The peculiarities in each location show a variety of outcomes from the colonial experience to date and provide valuable points of contrast to the Canadian experience. The second benefit, and one which applies to the entire book, is that the articles are extensively referenced, a habit of citation which is especially helpful to others studying unfamiliar jurisdictions. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in studying indigenous legal issues. Whether it is read cover to cover or simply used as a reference for further research, there is something for everyone. It would be a perfect text selection for a course in Native law and I intend on using it in my own upcoming undergraduate courses.

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