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Indigenous Rights in the Trump Era

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Research Panel: The Marginalized and Minorities: Interrogating Rights

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Abstract:

This paper examines the ways in which the Dakota Access Pipeline and the related protests were divergently covered in mainstream versus alternative news sources and what this divergent coverage suggests about the current status of American Indian affairs and the role of American Indians in the U.S. cultural imaginary. Moreover, the paper will address the status of American Indian tribal sovereignty in the Trump era more broadly, with particular focus on American Indians' treaty-related rights to self-determination in the use of their lands.

About the presenter:

Tereza M. Szeghi, associate Professor of English at the University of Dayton, has expertise in American Indian literature and the literature of human rights.