



Precolonial Practices in Caring and Acts of Knowing - Reclaiming Indigenous Peace Building Values in Social Work

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This presentation will try to capture forms of knowing and acting based on the principles of compassion, care, stewardship and equality that exist in many cultures. These peace-building mechanisms which were practiced in precolonial times, are still present among indigenous communities. Social work may yet learn from the African Ubuntu, the Latin American Buen Vivir and the Asian Sama Sama. Today, postcolonial social work faces the challenge of being both a human rights profession and a peace-building profession.