

“Missing Women: Decolonization, Third Wave Feminism’s, and Indigenous People of Canada and Mexico” examines the consistent and alarming rise of missing Indigenous women throughout Canada and Mexico within the context of postcolonial and third wave feminist theoretical locations.

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According to the Native Women’s Association of Canada’s Sisters in Spirit initiative, there are more than 500 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. In Mexico, thousands of women have disappeared and hundreds of women have been killed in the northern border city of Juárez since the early 1990s. This violence is now spreading throughout the country, leaving a trail of grief and trauma in its wake. Deemed *feminicide*, a phenomenon that has been described as “gender extermination”, the taking of Indigenous women reveals a violence spurred by sexualized racism thereby tracing the legacy of colonization.

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As such, speakers will address issues that are common to Indigenous women living in colonized countries, specifically patterns of violence, sexualized racism, the impact of residential schools, poverty, and the lack of access to education.

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While the conference provides a forum to examine the violation of human rights in Canada and Mexico, it also maps a path to justice.

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Who should attend?

- Family members with missing loved ones
  - Academics
  - Members of the community
  - Activists
  - Elders
  - Members of faith communities
  - Students
  - Artists
  - Members of the policing community
  - Government workers
  - Policy makers
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The goals of the conference are the following:

To raise public awareness about violence against Indigenous women on a global context, but specifically in Canada and Mexico;

To participate in the ongoing development of a critical analysis of systemic sexualized racism;

To create a forum for multi-disciplinary organizations to meet and discuss both the theoretical and the grassroots activist work that needs to happen to stem this tide of violence;

To facilitate support and activist networks for family members of missing women.

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