

Indigenous Existential Resistance: The Sundance Practice

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Indigenous people face a difficult paradox related to the two challenges of surviving within individualist, competitive and consumerist societies while keeping alive alternative ways of knowing and being within them.

The Sundance is one of the practices that affirms a different existential approach to life not defined by modern global capitalism.

This course combines lectures and seminars at UBC in Vancouver and a ten-day land-based experience in Southern Alberta, which includes a four-day observation of a Sundance ceremony.

INVITATION & VISION

"Oki, my name is Keith Chiefmoon, I am an elder of the Blackfoot confederacy and founder of the Natosi Okhan sundance society. For over 40 years, I have had a re-current sacred vision where people of the four directions would come together as one to heal the soul wounds of war, greed and colonization in a sacred way. In this sundance ceremony, people would remember how to be generous, compassionate and humble again, in order to create a different fate for the planet and all its children. If this vision speaks to your heart, you are invited to join us. Members of our community have created a course that blends academic and existential teachings to prepare you to observe our sacred ceremonies. If you are ready to be taught, we welcome you with open arms."



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