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# Free, Prior and Informed Consent: Pathways for a New Millennium

University of Colorado Law School ~ November 1, 2013

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), along with treaties, instruments, and decisions of international law, recognizes that indigenous peoples have the right to give "free, prior, and informed consent" to legislation and development affecting their lands, natural resources, and other interests, and to receive remedies for losses of property taken without such consent. With approximately 150 nations, including the United States, endorsing the UNDRIP, this requirement gives rise to emerging standards, obligations, and opportunities – and creates considerable uncertainty – for governments, industries, and investors who work with indigenous peoples.

In this conference, the very first to address "FPIC" on a global and national scale, Colorado Law convenes leading experts to discuss legal standards, best practices, and new partnerships with respect to FPIC implementation in natural resource development, climate change, and cultural heritage matters. Join us for a cutting-edge, high-level discussion of interest to attorneys, indigenous nations, governmental agencies, NGO's, environmental advocates, institutional investors, and industry leaders in energy, natural resources, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and others.

Highlights include an opening keynote address by U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn (invited) and an evening book lecture and signing by human rights advocate and author Walter Echo-hawk.

**The conference is free and open to the public. All participants must register at:**

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**Conference Location: Wittermyer Courtroom, Wolf Law Building,  
2450 Kittredge Loop Road, Boulder, CO 80309**



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## Conference Agenda ~ November 1, 2013

- 8:30**            **Breakfast**
- 9:00-9:10**        **Welcome & Introduction by Dean Phil Weiser**
- 9:10-9:45**        **Opening Keynote Address**  
Kevin Washburn, Asst. Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Dept. of Interior (invited)
- 9:45-11:00**       **Introduction to “Consent” in Theory and Practice**  
Richard Collins (Moderator), Colorado Law  
Tim Coulter, Indian Law Resource Center  
Matthew Fletcher, Michigan State University Law School  
Lorie Graham, Suffolk University Law School  
Angela Riley, UCLA Law School
- 11:00-11:15**      **Coffee Break**
- 11:15-12:30**     **FPIC in Land & Natural Resources**  
Carla Fredericks (Moderator), Colorado Law  
Rebecca Adamson, First Peoples Worldwide  
Shelley Alpern, Clean Yield Asset Management  
James Grijalva, University of North Dakota  
Danika Billie Littlechild, International Indian Treaty Council  
TBD, Newmont Mining Corporation
- 12:30-2:00**      **Luncheon and Roundtable Discussion: Hot Topics in FPIC**  
Charles Wilkinson (Moderator), Colorado Law  
Suzanne Benally, Cultural Survival  
Kim Gottschalk, Native American Rights Fund  
Ryan Seelau, Native Nations  
Jennifer Weddle, Greenberg Traurig LLP
- 2:15-3:30**        **Consent & Culture: Sacred Lands, Traditional Knowledge & Genetic Resources**  
Kristen Carpenter (Moderator), Colorado Law  
Susan Anthony, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
Preston Hardison, Tulalip Tribes  
Steven King, NAPO Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
Rebecca Tsosie, Arizona State University
- 3:45-5:00**        **Climate Change & The Environment**  
Brad Udall (Moderator), Colorado Law  
Daniel Ferguson, University of Arizona (invited)  
Margaret Hiza, U.S. Geological Service (invited)  
Roger Pulwarty, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (invited)
- 5:00-6:00**        **Reception**
- 6:00-7:00**        **Evening Lecture & Book Signing**  
Walter Echo-hawk, *In the Light of Justice: The Rise of Human Rights in Native America and the UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples*