Flooding of First Nations and Environmental Justice in Manitoba

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All over the world Indigenous communities have been placed on marginal land and/or in remote locations to make room for settlers, often placing these communities at higher risk for flooding. In Manitoba, the provincial government undermines Aboriginal Rights and sacrifices environmental justice in the name of economic development and the preservation of a settler capitalist society. This lecture will consider the 2011 “super flood”, which resulted in the floodwaters diverted to protect Winnipeg, and also, how Manitoba’s hydroelectric dams have displaced or impacted many First Nations communities.