RESOLVING INDIGENOUS CLAIMS THROUGH HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

A lecture on the international indigenous rights movement, the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and how human rights mechanisms may be applied to address indigenous rights claims, with special attention to dispute resolution and the way human rights mechanisms have been employed in the Western Shoshone case.

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OUR LAND, OUR LIFE
A documentary about Western Shoshone Elders Carrie and Mary Dann, and their struggle to protect Western Shoshone sovereignty and sacred lands in Nevada from threats posed by the gold mining industry.

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