

# Interactive Panel Discussion

## "Entanglements: Multiculturalism and Colonialism"

Join us for a conversation about how multiculturalism is tangled up with colonialism. We will briefly frame the connections looking at colonialism at home and around the world, and multiculturalism policy in Canada and Saskatchewan. Panelists will share what this entanglement means to them and their ideas for disentanglement. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss questions this raises and they wish to explore further.



Moderator: Rhonda Rosenberg (she/her)

Rhonda Rosenberg is the Executive Director of the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS). She has been in this position since 2009 and has worked in various roles with the multicultural community in Saskatchewan since 1995. She has experience in anti-racism education, youth leadership, experiential education, cross-cultural education, non-profit management, and policy governance. Rhonda works intensively using transformative drama with youth and adults to explore racism and discrimination and find opportunities for positive change.

Panelist : Bula Ghosh (she/her)

Bula Ghosh works at Great Plains College in Swift Current as a Program Coordinator for English Language Training & Literacy. She has been involved provincially and regionally in settlement & language training. She is a strong advocate for Newcomers to Canada, Multiculturalism, Women's Issues, Literacy Learners and all who are vulnerable in our society. As a result of her growing awareness of the issues confronting Indigenous Peoples - historically and currently - Bula organized a one-day event entitled "Truth and Reconciliation: Let's Walk the Talk" held in March 2017 in Swift Current. She gathered Indigenous and non-Indigenous committee members, found funding and community support and served as the master of ceremonies for the day. She continues to organize this event annually.



Panelist: Kelsey Aitcheson (she/they)

As an urban member of the Standing Buffalo Dakota First Nation, Kelsey has spent her lifetime advocating for equality. She is currently the Indigenous and Northern Affairs support staff at Cosmopolitan Learning Centre and an ICARE Regina facilitator for the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan. After the birth of her second child, Kelsey attended the First Nations University of Canada, double majoring in Psychology and Indigenous Studies. Kelsey shares her Two-Eyed Seeing perspective from a place of emotional connection, as well as experience and education.



Panelist: Dr. Manuela Valle-Castro (She/her)

Dr. Valle-Castro is originally from Chile and has Mestiza (Spanish-Italian and Afro-Indigenous) background. She holds a Ph.D. in Gender, Race, Sexuality & Social Justice from the University of British Columbia & a master's degree in Women's & Gender Studies. She has extensive experience developing & delivering anti-racist & anti-oppressive curricula to diverse audiences. For the past three years, she coordinated the Anti-Racism Network. Under this capacity, she led coalition building & advocacy work with various actors, including Indigenous & settler organizations and agencies & organizations that work with newcomers, immigrants, and refugees. She is also a mother of two & a resident of the core neighbourhood..

