

**Indigenous Studies Research Network 2012 Critical Reading Group:
Gambling Addictions: Sovereignty, Well-Being and Activism**



When: Friday November 2nd 2012, 10am-5:00pm
Where: B Block, Room 304, Kelvin Grove Campus, QUT
Cost: \$100.00 Inc GST

This reading group explores the role of legal gambling industries in former white settler colonial nations. For some Indigenous communities in the US and Canada, land-based and online casinos have provided the economic foundation for strengthened self-governance, improved health, employment and education indicators as well as language and cultural revival. In Australia public awareness of Indigenous gambling has been primarily framed by concerns about the prevalence of 'problem gambling' on card games and Electronic Gaming Machines. Scholars in New Zealand have developed a public health approach to social impacts rather than focusing narrowly on individual pathologies of gambling. In this comparative context we will guide participants through a discussion of some of the many questions regulated gambling poses for Indigenous sovereignty, well-being and activism.

Facilitators are: *Dr Fiona Nicoll*, Lecture, School of English, Media Studies and Art History, The University of Queensland, *Dr Trish Luker*, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Technology, Sydney and *Dr David Singh*, Research Fellow, Indigenous Studies Research Network, QUT. Dr Nicoll, Dr Luker and Dr Singh are research affiliates of the Indigenous Studies Research Network.

Registration includes a book of readings and catering. Please provide any dietary requirements when confirming your attendance. For further information please email isrn@qut.edu.au or phone (07) 3138 8611