



Dr Tony Birch will be presenting on:

'A Philosophy of Survivance and Indigenous Narratives of Sustainability'

When: Thursday 29 October 4-5pm  
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How communities worldwide deal with climate change will be one of the defining issues in the immediate future and coming decades.

Some, in both the Sciences and Humanities have become increasingly interested in Indigenous Knowledge Systems as both a philosophical and practical means of dealing with broad understandings of sustainability.

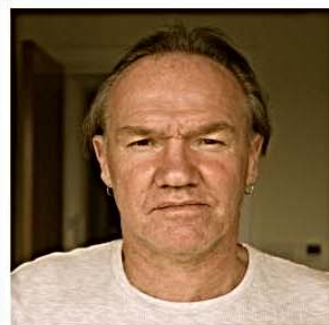
I am interested to what extent these moves are genuinely invested in an equitable and 'deep' relationship, as opposed to the problem of selectively 'cherry-picking' Indigenous knowledge.

This conversation will look at the issue, with some discussion of the First Nations concept of Survivance.

Tony Birch is the author of the books *Shadowboxing* (2006), *Father's Day* (2009), *Blood* (2011), shortlisted for the Miles Franklin literary award, and *The Promise* (2014).

His new novel, *Ghost River*, will be released in October 2015. Both his fiction and nonfiction has been published widely in literary magazines and anthologies, both in Australia and internationally.

He is currently the inaugural Bruce McGuinness Research Fellow within the Moondani Balluk Centre at Victoria University.



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