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Reconciling indigenous peoples' sovereignty and state sovereignty

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ABSTRACT

Reconciliation is described as an objective in the context of Aboriginal-State relations in both Canada and Australia. How does this objective relate to the concept of sovereignty? The address will offer reflections on these questions, with emphasis on the concept of “merged sovereignties” as formulated by Canada’s Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in its 1996 final report, and on implications for legal and policy developments.

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