



CULTURAL, GENDER AND TERRITORIAL RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF COLOMBIA'S PEACE ACCORDS

When: Sat. March 11th @ 6:30 pm

Where: Trinity St. Paul's United Church & Centre for Faith
Main Floor (Chapel Room) 427 Bloor Street West

The book *"Des/DIBUJANDO EL PAIS/aje: Aportes para la paz con los pueblos afrodescendientes e indigenas: Territorio, Autonomia y Buen Vivir"* (in Spanish) - a collection of Indigenous and Afro-Colombian community perspectives on systemic racism and discrimination in pre and post peace accord contexts will be launched.

Charo Minas Rojas - Afro-Colombian human rights defender, member of the Black Communities' Process in Colombia a national grassroots movement comprised of over 100 local Afro-descendant grassroots organizations and community councils, as well as a representative of the National Afro-Colombian Peace Council and the Ethnic Commission for Peace and the Defense of Territorial Rights. She helped to write the "ethnic chapter" of the Havana peace Accords.

Sheila Gruner - Activist and professor of community development at Algoma University in Northern Ontario, has been accompanying the work of the Black Communities Process for many years, as well as the Ethnic Commission since its inception and is currently involved in solidarity and alliance building in support of the grassroots indigenous and Afro-Colombian territorial movements in peace process and post accord period.

They will speak about the role of the Ethnic Commission in the pre and post peace accord period, as well as the potential role of Canada in monitoring its implementation. Topics to be covered include strategies for increased visibility and protection of Indigenous and Afro-Colombian leaders, communities and territories in the face of heightened violence, and other challenges.

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