Forest Conflict, Remapping, Institutional Innovation, and Stakeholder Governance
Reflections from British Columbia’s Great Bear Rainforest

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In the early 1980s, the unexpected proliferation of forest conflicts heralded demands for a remapping of long established forest policy in British Columbia. This remapping refers to re-evaluations of resource values and new forms of stakeholder governance that privilege environmental and cultural priorities in forest use. This presentation reflects on the processes of remapping with particular reference to the recent (2016) ratification of the Great Bear Rainforest Agreement. As mechanisms of conflict resolution, the roles of institutional innovation and thickening are stressed in the creation of a stakeholder governance model. This model is experimental, raising questions of evaluation and future effectiveness.

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