

NOT TO BE MISSED...

The Canadian Studies Centre presenting a **Film Series** on

TOLERANCE & HUMAN RIGHTS

CIRCLES (1997)

When: **Wednesday, December 10, 6 pm/18.00**
Where: **Zentrum für Kanadastudien, Claudiana, Herzog-Friedrich-St. 3, Innsbruck (Altstadt)**

Circles, a National Film Board of Canada production, delves into the crucial topics of justice and community healing with the desirable perspectives of hope and transformation.



In the Canadian Yukon, an innovative program is merging the Canadian justice system with a First Nations justice tradition: sentencing circles, as forms of community justice, do not focus on punishment, but instead on healing the offender, the victim, and thereby also the community as a whole. In bringing together the perpetrator of the crime, his or her victims, and peers and family, these circles make an effort to incorporate effectively all the background information needed to get to the core of the conflict, to resolve it and to bring healing to the people involved.

The overwhelming success of these circles in the Yukon has initiated similar programs elsewhere in Canada and in the US. As a more than powerful alternative to jail terms imposed by courts, sentencing circles prove to be valuable opportunities not only for Aboriginal people in the North but, potentially, for all communities.

Program for the whole series: www.uibk.ac.at/canada/aktuell

