

***The Canadian Studies Center at the University of Washington is pleased to present, as part of the Center's Circumpolar Initiative Project, a Roundtable***

***Negotiating and Implementing the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement***

with

**Terry Fenge**

Independent Consultant on Aboriginal, environmental, northern and circumpolar issues

**4:00 pm Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
University of Washington, Seattle campus**



The 1993 Nunavut Land Claims Agreement—a modern treaty between the Inuit of Nunavut and Canada—applies to more than 20 percent of the world’s second largest country. Promises made in the agreement are “protected” under Canada’s constitution. The Territory of Nunavut with its own government was established in 1999 in accord with the Agreement. Treaty making with aboriginal peoples is a recurring theme in Canadian history and reflects, in particular, the Royal Proclamation of 1763. Canadian Inuit, who were enfranchised federally only in 1960 and who were largely semi-nomadic until the early to mid-1960s, and who had very few formally educated leaders, successfully negotiated a modern treaty that literally “changed forever the face of Canada”. Dr. Terry Fenge will speak of the history of negotiations and ongoing problems to implement the Agreement. Following the presentation participants will engage in a roundtable discussion.

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Terry Fenge is an Ottawa-based consultant specializing in Aboriginal, environmental, northern and circumpolar issues. From 1985 to 1992 he was the Director of Research and Senior Negotiator for the Inuit organization that negotiated the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. He served as Strategic Counsel to Sheila Watt-Cloutier, International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, for 10 years and was Executive Director of Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, a public policy research and advocacy organization. He currently advises Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated to implement the Nunavut Agreement and works, as well, with the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Alaska-based Arctic Athabaskan Council.

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