By Sofia Ngieng
My Research Goal

To further learn and research about Indigenous border crossings on the North-Western part of the Canada-US border and how the act of crossing colonial borders effects not only policy, but Indigenous lives as well.
Interview style research

- Janit Doyle, Director of Operations, Indigenous Services & Early Years, Stó:lō Nation
- Dr. Patrick Lozar, Professor of History, University of Victoria
- Dr. Laurie Trautman, Director of Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University
- Greg Boos, U.S. Immigration Law, Cascadia Cross-Border Law
Guiding Research Questions

1. How would you describe the functionality of Canada’s current policy for crossing the Canada-US border before COVID-19? How would you describe the USA’s?

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Closing Thoughts

◆ Having the opportunity to independently learn about Indigenous border crossings has greatly affected my interests and educational goals.

◆ Thank you for this incredible opportunity which has opened many new doors for me.

◆ It is important to carry on this research and learn about the significance of Indigenous border crossings because Indigenous people are Canada and the USA’s oldest connection to each other.