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Session title: Modern Canadian Hunters and Gatherers: Coping with On-going Dispossession

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Abstract: At one time, almost all Indigenous people in Canada had ways of life based on hunting, fishing, and gathering. There are still many groups, especially in northern Canada, who consider aspects of their earlier land-based ways of life essential to the maintenance of their cultures and identities. Today, they are trying to balance them with dispossession from the land and its outright degradation due to the expansion of resource-based industries, usually by outsiders with a settler-colonial ideology. This session seeks participants working in any related area, from archaeologists to scholars involved in projects with contemporary Indigenous groups. While our primary focus is on Canada, comparative contributions will be welcomed.

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