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Free public lecture — The Property Peril: How Liberty Becomes Tyranny in the 21st Century

The University of Lethbridge and the Institute for Liberal Studies are sponsoring a free public lecture with Bruce Pardy, a law professor at Queen’s University.



Pardy will discuss the role of property rights in a society. In a free country, your property is yours. But in Canada, property is regulated, restricted, taxed and expropriated. Aboriginal title has been declared “senior and prior” to private fee simple interests. Provincial and federal governments grant First Nations co-management rights over land and resources. Threats to property diminish land values, stifle investment and make the country poor.

But that’s just the half of it. Property is an element of liberty itself. To undermine a free people, erode the security of their property.

In addition to being a professor of law, Pardy is executive director of Rights Probe and senior fellow with the Fraser Institute. He publishes widely for broad audiences in traditional and online media.

When: Tuesday, April 28 | 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Co-op Centre for Sport & Wellness | PE250

Who: Bruce Pardy

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