What does Truth and Reconciliation teach us about degrowth in settler societies? An exploration of the interconnections between degrowth and the TRC Calls to Action

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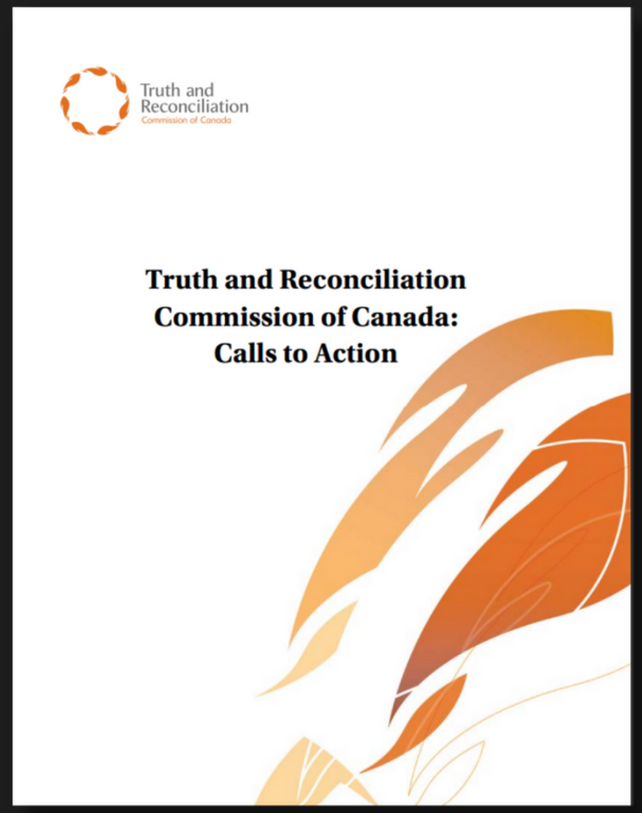
Background: Degrowth in Settler States?

- Most degrowth literature is based in European contexts
- Explores alignment with Indigenous movements across the Global South, but has barely engaged with Indigenous movements in settler states (i.e. so-called Canada).

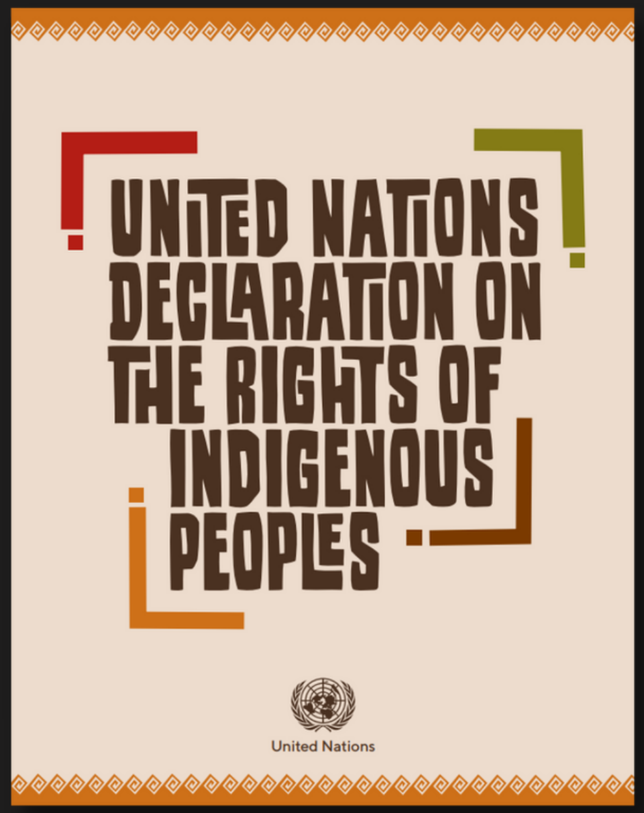
Research Goal:

- We wanted to address this omission that we kept coming across in the degrowth literature
- As non-Indigenous scholars, we deliberately avoided a prescriptive approach and instead used Canada's actual commitments as a starting point
- We kept asking ourselves: "*But what does degrowth look like in a settler state? How can degrowth 'decolonize the imaginary' when decolonization isn't a metaphor?*

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action (CTAs)



United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)



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