"Digital Self-Determination: Indigenous Peoples and the Network Society in Canada"

The Government of Canada is promoting digital technologies as drivers for innovation and development. But far from the urban south, many Indigenous communities are struggling to participate in these opportunities. Indigenous people, whether they live in urban centres or in their traditional territories, continue to be impacted by the legacies and ongoing effects of settler colonialism. Against these formidable odds, Indigenous peoples are creatively shaping their digital futures in ways that provide strong lessons for contemporary global challenges of austerity, resilience and sustainability.

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