INDIGENOUS SELF-DETERMINATION
IN DEFENSE OF THE EARTH

Join us for an illuminating conversation moderated by UCLA Law student Rose Rushing on Indigenous environmental activism in Central America and Los Angeles. Panelists will discuss Indigenous worldview regarding the environment, the threat of extractive industries such as mining to Indigenous communities, and the significance of Indigenous resistance in terms of self-governance. We hope you can join us for this exciting and informative event!

March 20th | 12:10 - 1:30 PM | UCLA Law School, Room 1357 | RSVP at: http://goo.gl/forms/AdiVIP0duNYpClNf1

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