



NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
TIME: 12.30 pm
FORMAT: Virtual Gathering Via Zoom
COST: \$20 Members | \$25 Non-Members

**FIGHTING FOR A HAND TO HOLD:
CONFRONTING MEDICAL COLONIALISM
AGAINST INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN CANADA**

GUEST SPEAKER— DR. SAMIR SHAHEEN-HUSSAIN

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Dr. Shaheen-Hussain will discuss his book, *Fighting for a Hand to Hold: Confronting Medical Colonialism Against Indigenous Children in Canada*, published in September 2020.

After personally witnessing the harmful effects of medical colonialism on children, Dr. Shaheen-Hussain says he felt the need to act. Along with others, he launched an advocacy campaign, #aHand2Hold, that succeeded in getting the Quebec government to stop its practice of airlifting children from northern communities for treatment at urban pediatric centres, without a parent or caregiver present. It was then that he wrote a book about it – *Fighting for A Hand to Hold: Confronting Medical Colonialism against Indigenous Children in Canada* that tackles the broader issue of Canadian medical colonialism head on.

The book exposes the Canadian medical establishment's role in the displacement, colonization and genocide of Indigenous Peoples – colonial genocide.

Dr. Shaheen-Hussain is a Pediatric Emergency Physician and Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at McGill. He has won both the Concordia University First Book Prize and the Mavis Gallant Prize for Non-Fiction for *Fighting for a Hand to Hold: Confronting Medical Colonialism Against Indigenous Children in Canada*. Dr. Shaheen-Hussain is deferring royalties from his book to Indigenous organizations that support children's health and well-being.

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