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Indigenous Peoples: Language, Politics and Social Work

The paper examines the disjunct between the language of social work and Indigenous Peoples as expressed in the international definition and code of ethics both of which appear unwilling and unable to fulfil their promises to the Indigenous Peoples of the world. It suggests that, if the social work profession were serious, it might adopt a different lexicon to endear itself to the most marginalized peoples living today. In doing so social work would begin to face up to the realities of the political situation Indigenous people find themselves in.