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ABSTRACT The practice and analysis of Indigenous peoples' law takes many forms. Indigenous law seems to work best when it simultaneously supports and challenges 'taken for granted' customs and rules. Indigenous law must embrace and critique established patterns of community regulation and decision-making to work in present contexts. This lecture will examine these themes by focusing on the recognition and development of Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) peoples' laws in the Great Lakes watershed.

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