

What of the place in place-based development?

Exploring linkages between identity and territory in resource governance

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<http://www.ganderriver.com/fishing.html>



(Map Credit: C. Conway)

The Gander River



<http://www.fni.nf.ca>

- Guiding, fishing, hunting, logging, dev't of Nfld. railway (Glenwood)
- Link between Gander Bay and Glenwood
- Integrated Non- Status & status Mi'kmaq and non-Aboriginal communities
 - Development of landless band: Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation

Research Approach

- Postcolonial, Indigenous and participatory methodological frameworks
 - Semi-structured and unstructured interviews, participant observation, research diary
- Exploration of place-based dev't literature, place & identity and their interaction

Place-based Development

- Reaction to more conventional forms of development
- Territorial approach to planning and development
- Associated with 'bottom-up' or grass-roots modes of governance
- What place? Whose place?

Conceptions of Place

- Multiple meanings of place as a key component in understanding place politics (incl. natural resources)
- Empirical place meanings varied research disciplines
- Geography- people's interactions and experience in the world- *genre de vie*
- Place vs. space
- Bio-physical element place- key in territory- people's lifeway
- Place cannot be limited to spatial locality

Region and Identity

- Who bounds the region?
For what purpose?
- Who perpetuates regional identity?
- Identity as *All My Relations*
- Legal/cultural identity of Mi'kmaq in Nfld
- Shared identities around river



Gander River Boats, Appleton (J. Daniels)



Forth Pond, Main Stem (J. Daniels)

Making places become

- Places have histories, geographies that are complex and require expounding

- People's relationships (with people and environment) are diverse

- People, and how they interact within and with places, can help us explore the ways they show care (or don't)--- opening places up, and possibly PB dev't beyond a reaction to conventional forms of dev't and mgmt



Counting fish, Salmon Brook Falls (J. Daniels)

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