

Outline: Towards a Just Use of Property

Introduction

- Overview of my thinking
- Application to downtown eastside

Meaning of Force

- Force and Violence
- Force and Law

States Defend Territory

- Borders must be enforced
- Ideally laws preclude use of force
- Force, esp violent force, is the default

States Assign Property

- Set agenda
- Impose laws
- Retain power to expropriate

Objective of Property

- Get support to maintain state
- Meet cultural expectations

Cultural Expectations vs Moral Rights

- Traffic law analogy
- Moral : Can't run people over
- Cultural expectation: Right side of road

Common Law Cultural Expectations

- Historical (Norman Conquest of 1066)
- Belief in aristocratic right to estates
- Delude subjects into "King of Castle" thinking

Moral Principles of Property

- Property is for people
- Maximize benefit for community
- Those who "correctly" use property should benefit
- Harm to property should be regulated

Downtown East Side

- Who are the users of this space?
- Is land used to benefit community?