treat the political actions/struggles in Clayoquot Sound as powerful examples of the reconstitution of political aspirations and practices in a world of global sensitivities, challenges to the established authorities of states, and multiple conflicts over identities, communities, and strategies for collective action.

The book will contain about 12 original papers totalling approximately 275 book-pages, combining a detailed narrative account of events with sharp theoretical interpretations of their broader significance. It is certain to challenge the complacency of social and political theorists -- even progressive ones -- who tend to take prevailing conceptions of political action too much for granted.

The prospective audience for this book is very wide. It includes political and social theorists, especially those interested in emerging forms of democratic participation; theorists of urban politics, especially those who resist simple distinctions between the rural and the urban; theorists of international relations, especially those who resist official distinctions between the international and the domestic or the global and the local; and perhaps most especially, all those trying to make sense of contemporary forms of identity politics in a world in which nation and state no longer provide obvious solutions to all questions about political community and legitimate authority.

The attached chapter outline is intended only to indicate the editors' present sense of the book's likely structure. The order of the chapters is determined by various considerations, including the chronological sequence of events and the need for reviewing certain matters as a prelude for considering other issues. In Chapters 1 to 4, the focus is on the clash of identities at Clayoquot; in Chapters 5 to 8, attention shifts to the state and the market as sites where particular "solutions" to the issues at Clayoquot have been enacted and contested; and, in Chapters 9 and 10, we move on to consider the role of the media and various forms of science in developing or enforcing authoritative understandings. All these chapters will be written by participants in the May workshop, and there is no doubt that the shape of the book will change substantially once the potential contributors become engaged in discussions. The editors will provide an introduction both to the disputes at Clayoquot Sound and to the theoretical issues raised by these disputes. The editors will also avail themselves of the opportunity of the last word, in their own concluding essay.