

STATE OF THE FEDERATION



Canada at 150:

Federalism and Democratic Renewal



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2017 State of the Federation Conference

Donald Gordon Conference Centre
June 16-17, 2017

Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's University
Conference Chairs: Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Kyle Hanniman

Now in its third decade, the State of the Federation conference series presented by the Queen's Institute of Intergovernmental Relations (IIIGR) examines contemporary challenges facing Canada. This year, Canada's 150th provides an occasion to celebrate, take stock of, and critically reflect on the country's political institutions and practices.

Democratic renewal has occupied a prominent role on the current government's agenda. The Trudeau Liberals promised several measures to revamp the country's democratic and federal institutions. The centerpiece of their agenda was electoral reform. In addition, they promised to revitalize relations with the provinces; bring indigenous peoples into the intergovernmental fold; and change the ways in which Senators and Supreme Court Justices are appointed. More recently, the Quebec government has indicated a desire to re-engage in debate about its recognition as a distinct society in the Constitution, potentially leading to its approval for the 1982 Constitution Act. Some indigenous groups have echoed this call. We consider these and further developments to assess the current state of Canada's democratic institutions and practices a century-and-a-half after Confederation.

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• AGENDA •

Friday, June 16, 2017

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All Presentations Will Take Place in Conference Room B Unless Otherwise Specified

- 8:30 – 10:00 MEETING OF THE IIGR ADVISORY COUNCIL – DONALD GORDON BOARDROOM
IIGR Advisory Council Members Only
- 9:00 – 10:00 REGISTRATION – DONALD GORDON CENTRE FOYER
Snacks and Refreshments Available All Day Outside Conference Room B
- 10:15 – 10:30 WELCOME – CONFERENCE ROOM B
David Walker, Director, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University
Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Director, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations

10:30 – 12:00 ASSESSING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN FEDERAL STATES

Chair: **David C. Elder**, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University

Panelists: **Peter Russell**, Political Science, University of Toronto

"Federalism and Democratic Renewal for a Country Based on Incomplete Conquests"

Stéphanie Chouinard, Political Science, Royal Military College of Canada

"Federalism 'Plus'? Carving a Space of Non-Territorial Autonomy in a Federal State: The Case of Official-Language Minorities in Canada"

Thomas O. Hueglin, Political Science, Wilfrid Laurier University

"Canadian Federalism and Democracy: A Critical Assessment Over Time"

12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

LUNCH (12:00 – 12:45) – DINING ROOM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS (12:45 – 1:30) – CONFERENCE ROOM B

The Honourable Karina Gould

Minister of Democratic Institutions, Government of Canada

Introduced by: **Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant**, Director, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations

1:30 – 3:15 FEDERALISM AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS: CONSTITUTION, THE COURTS, AND THE SENATE

Chair: **Craig McFadyen**, Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs, Cabinet Office of the Government of Ontario

Panelists: **Erin Crandall**, Politics, Acadia University

Robert Schertzer, Political Science, University of Toronto

"Competing Diversities: Representing 'Canada' on the Supreme Court in 2016"

Janet Hiebert, Political Studies, Queen's University

"Notwithstanding the Charter: Does Section 33 Accommodate Federalism?"

Emmett Macfarlane, Political Science, University of Waterloo

"The Perils and Paranoia of Senate Reform: Does Senate Independence Threaten Canadian Democracy?"

David E. Smith, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina; Politics and Public Administration, Ryerson University

"The Challenge of Modernizing an Upper Chamber of a Federal Parliament in a Constitutional Monarchy: The Senate of Canada in the 21st Century"

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3:15 – 3:30 HEALTH BREAK
Refreshments Available Outside Conference Room B

3:30 – 5:00 FEDERAL AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS: ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

Chair: **Nadia Verrelli**, *Political Science, Laurentian University*

Panelists: **Jonathan Rose**, *Political Studies, Queen's University*

Patricia Mockler, *Political Studies, Queen's University*

“Who Participated? Examining Citizen Participation in Electoral Reform”

Anna Drake, *Political Science, University of Waterloo*

Margaret Moore, *Political Studies, Queen's University*

“Democratic Justifications and Canadian Electoral Reform”

Laura Levick, *Political Studies, Queen's University & Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*

“What Might Electoral Reform Mean for the Future of Canadian Federalism?”

6:00 – 6:45 RECEPTION AT DONALD GORDON CENTRE COACH HOUSE

7:00 – 9:00 BANQUET AT DONALD GORDON CENTRE CONFERENCE ROOM B

Saturday, June 17, 2017
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All Presentations Will Take Place in Conference Room B Unless Otherwise Specified

8:15 – 8:45 REGISTRATION – DONALD GORDON MAIN FOYER
Snacks and Refreshments Available All Day Outside Conference Room B

8:45 – 10:15 INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE

Chair: **Leslie Seidle**, *Institute for Research on Public Policy*

Panelists: **Kiera Ladner**, *Political Studies, University of Manitoba*

“In Search of Honourable Governance: Renewing Canadian and Indigenous Governance”

Tony Penikett, *Former Premier of Yukon Territory; School of Public Policy, Simon Fraser University*

“X’s and O’s: Death and Rebirth of Reconciliation”

Darian “Wiiwakaa’ige” Baskatawang, *Primary Advocate for Youth, Chiefs of Ontario*

“Charting Our Own Path Forward: Re-Indigenizing Canada at 150”

10:15 – 10:30 HEALTH BREAK
Refreshments Available Outside Conference Room B

**10:30 – 12:00 FEDERALISM AND THE NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS:
RE-ENGAGING PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES**

Chair: **Josée Bergeron**, *Secrétariat aux affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes, Ministère du Conseil exécutif, Gouvernement du Québec*

Panelists: **Jennifer Wallner**, *Political Studies, University of Ottawa*

“Imagining Canada: Images of Federalism in Intergovernmental Arrangements”

Julie Simmons, *Political Science, University of Guelph*

“IGR in the Trudeau Era: What does the First 10 Years of the Council of the Federation Tell Us About the Next?”

Jörg Broschek, *Political Science, Wilfred Laurier University*

“Diverging Pathways: Intergovernmental Dynamics in Canada and Germany”

12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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Monsieur Jean-Marc Fournier

Minister of Canadian Relations and the Canadian Francophonie, Government of Quebec

Introduced by: **Benoit-Antoine Bacon**, *Provost and Vice-Principal, Queen’s University*

**1:30 – 2:30 FEDERALISM AND THE NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS:
MUNICIPALITIES**

Chair: **Janet Mason**, *School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto*

Panelists: **Zachary Spicer**, *Political Science, Brock University*

“A Cautiously Ambitious Agenda: The Politics of Federal-Local Inter-Governmental Relations in Canada”

Peter Wallace, *City Manager, City of Toronto*

“Moving from Implicit to Explicit - A Constructive Model for Federal Engagement”

2:30 – 2:45 CLOSING REMARKS
Kyle Hanniman, *Associate Director, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations*