

**How Public Institutions Assess Identity Claims  
Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Workshop  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Kingston, Ontario**

Draft Schedule

Harbour Shadows room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Radisson Hotel Kingston Harbourfront  
1 Johnson Street

9:00 - 9:15: **Welcome and Introduction**

9: 15-10:45 **Session #1: Defining Indigeneity**

Juliet Hooker (Texas) "Indigenous Peoples and Afro-Latinos in Latin America"  
Villia Jefremovas (Queen's) and Padmapani Perez (Leiden) "Defining Indigeneity  
in the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 in the Philippines"  
Commentary by Rauna Kuokkanen (Toronto)

10:45-11:00 coffee break

11:00-12:30 **Session #2: Defining Racial Groups**

Melissa Nobles (MIT) "More than Numbers: The Political and Social Stakes of  
Ethnic and Racial Categorization in Censuses"  
Victor Armony (UQAM) "Argentina's National Plan against Discrimination: The  
Challenge of Naming the Other"  
Commentary by Will Kymlicka (Queen's)

12:30- 1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:00 **Session #3: The International Diffusion of Identity Categories**

Bruce Berman (Queen's) "Who are you? Let me tell you!" – Counting, Classifying  
and Controlling Peoples in European Colonial Empires"  
Andre Laliberte (Ottawa) "Beliefs" and "religion": categorizing cultural distinctions  
among East Asians"  
Commentary: Joseph Carens (Toronto)

3:00-3:15 Coffee Break

3:15-4:45 **Session #4: Roundtable on the Canadian Experience**

Lori Beaman (Ottawa) "Religion and the Canadian Courts"  
Avigail Eisenberg (Victoria) "Public decision making and a normative guide to the  
assessment of identity claims."  
Jocelyn Maclure (Laval) "Reasonable Accommodation in Professional Milieus"

6:30 Conference Dinner