Now in its third decade, the State of the Federation conference series presented by the Queen’s Institute of Intergovernmental Relations (IIGR) 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**

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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  
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 |
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  
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3:15 – 3:30  HEALTH BREAK
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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
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