Director’s Note

Dear IIGR friends and colleagues,

Happy Spring! There is much to report, starting with former IIGR Director Tom Courchene’s 2018/19 Donner Prize, for Indigenous Nationals, Canadian Citizens: From First Contact to Canada 150 and Beyond. Published by the IIGR in the McGill-Queen’s University Press Policy Studies Series, this book makes Tom a two-time Donner Prize winner (one of only two repeat winners so far).

The big event on the immediate horizon is the 2019 State of the Federation conference, June 14-15 at the Donald Gordon Centre. This year’s theme is Green Finance: New Directions in Sustainable Finance Research and Policy, co-chaired by Dr. J. Andrew Grant (Queen’s Political Studies) and Dr. Sean Cleary (Smith School of Business).

The conference’s roster of speakers is exciting, including Queen’s Chancellor, Jim Leech; RBC Board of Directors member and member of the Canadian Expert Panel on Sustainable Finance, Andrew Chisholm; and Government of Canada’s Ambassador for Climate Change, Patricia Fuller.

Wishing you all a great summer!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant
Director, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations

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Tom Courchene Receives the 2018/2019 Donner Prize

It is our pleasure to announce that Thomas J. Courchene’s recent book, Indigenous Nationals, Canadian Citizens: From First Contact to Canada 150 and Beyond, was the recipient of the 2018/19 Donner Prize. The IIGR published this book with the McGill-Queen’s University Press Policy Studies Series, and Tom gave the IIGR’s 2018 Kenneth MacGregor lecture on the book.

The Donner Prize recognizes the best public policy book by a Canadian. It “encourages and celebrates excellence in public policy writing by Canadians and recognizes the role good public policy plays in the well-being of Canadians and this country’s success.” The prize jurors described Courchene’s book as “a masterful work on one of the most important themes of our country’s public policy history.”

This is Tom’s second Donner Prize win in his distinguished career. He received the inaugural Donner Prize in 1998 for his book From Heartland to North American Region State: The Social, Fiscal and Federal Evolution of Ontario (with Colin Telmer).

Photo, L to R: David Dodge, Donner Prize, Jury Chair; Thomas J. Courchene; Deborah Donner, Governor, Donner Canadian Foundation.
Photo Credit: Will Putz.
Spotlight on New Research Fellows

Andrew Grant, Queen’s University
Dr. J. Andrew Grant is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Studies at Queen’s University. He specializes in analyzing multilateral approaches and multistakeholder initiatives that address governance challenges in natural resource sectors. In 2009, he was the first political scientist to receive an Early Researcher Award from the Government of Ontario’s Ministry of Research and Innovation, which recognized his work on natural resource governance. Dr. Grant is a Co-Chair for the upcoming 2019 State of the Federation Conference, “Green Finance: New Directions in Sustainable Finance Research and Policy”. His latest co-edited books are *Corporate Social Responsibility and Canada’s Role in Africa’s Extractive Sectors* (University of Toronto Press, 2019) and *New Approaches to the Governance of Natural Resources: Insights from Africa* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

Holly Ann Garnett, Royal Military College of Canada
Holly Ann Garnett joined the Department of Political Science at the Royal Military College of Canada as an Assistant Professor in January 2018, after completing her PhD at McGill University. Her research considers issues of electoral integrity, in Canada and around the world. She has worked on topics including the role of election management bodies, electoral assistance, voter registration, convenience voting measures, and civic literacy. Her research has recently expanded into two new areas: cybersecurity and campaign finance. Dr. Garnett notes that Canada’s campaign finance regime appears, at surface, to be extraordinarily transparent since all contributions and expenses are reported online. However, we know surprisingly little about these citizen donors, where their money is going, how it is used, and the impacts on campaign politics. Dr. Garnett presented her preliminary research on this topic in January 2019 at an IIGR lecture entitled, “Who Gives? Political Finance Donations in Canada”.

Stéphanie Chouinard, Royal Military College of Canada
Stéphanie Chouinard is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Economics at Royal Military College since January 2017. She was cross-appointed in the Department of Political Studies at Queen’s University in July 2018, which is also when she joined the IIGR as a Research Fellow. Her research focuses on federalism and diversity, especially in the judicial context. In the Summer 2018, she was awarded a SSHRC Insight Development Grant for a research project on the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the federal principle in minority language rights and Aboriginal rights cases. Dr. Chouinard has also been very involved in community service this year, especially following the cuts to services to the Franco-Ontarian community in November 2019. She has published op-eds in *The Globe and Mail*, *Le Devoir*, and *Le Droit*, and has had over 150 media appearances in the past year.
Annual Meeting of IACFS – Australian National University

IIGR Fellow Christian Leuprecht attended the annual meeting of the International Association for Centers on Federalism Studies (IACFS) at Australian National University in Canberra, Australia last October. One of the highlights of the IACFS conference is the presentation of the Ronald Watts Young Research Award. This award goes to a young researcher with the best unpublished paper on federalism, and is named after the Ron Watts, a former principal and professor of political studies at Queen’s and the founder of the IIGR. The 2018 winner was Maja Sahadžic (University of Antwerp) for her paper entitled "Can Asymmetrical Constitutional Arrangements Provide an Alternative Answer for the Disputed? Bringing Constitutional Asymmetries into Play in the Middle East Peace Process."

Select Lectures and Events

Tom Courchene
Queen’s University
“The Supreme Court and the Evolution of Indigenous Rights and Title”
2018 Kenneth MacGregor Lecture
September 25, 2018

Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant
Queen’s University
“A Pink Wave? Women Candidates and Voters in the 2018 US Midterm Elections”
Panel Discussion: US Midterms
November 22, 2018

Holly Ann Garnett
Royal Military College of Canada
“Who Gives? Political Finance Donations in Canada”
IIGR Public Lecture
January 16, 2019

Stabilizing Provincial Revenues: Economic, Political, and Policy Perspectives

On April 17, 2018, IIGR hosted a workshop on managing provincial revenue shocks. This workshop brought together economists, political scientists, and policy experts to explore critical questions related to the stabilization of provincial revenues: How should Canadians mitigate and cope with provincial revenue shocks? Should the federal government enhance nationwide insurance? Should the provinces self-insure and limit provincial revenue volatility themselves? And how do we design stabilization policies that voters will support? The workshop centered on equity and efficiency considerations, as well as political and practical perspectives on approaches to stabilizing revenue shocks. Participants also engaged in a larger group discussion about potential pathways for normative, political, and policy research in this increasingly important area of study.
The 2015 Paris Agreement represented the commitment of 197 nations to limit global warming to no more than 2°C, setting climate resilience and clean growth as one of the most influential multi-level governance opportunities of the 21st century. This set a new direction for even the world’s most progressive economies, requiring a sea of change in the interaction between rapid technological innovation, international policies, consumption patterns, and investment behaviors. Canada remains committed to the Paris Agreement as outlined in the 2016 Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, which prescribes a concerted focus to translate climate goals into transformative economic policies and sustainable financial practices. It is universally accepted that finance plays a critical role in achieving the transition to a clean economy, and that it will require significant collaboration and governance co-ordination between private and public financial institutions, and with policy makers. The quest for energy and natural resources in Canada can be quenched through a clear path of transformations in the financial sector. Canada has the chance to become a world leader in showing that low-carbon-economy bears incredible economic and societal opportunities. In this evolving global economy, businesses, insurance companies, banks, pension funds, mutual funds, academia, not-for-profit, and government institutions must have the knowledge about financial risks of stalling action around climate change, and recognize that sustainability is crucial to Canada’s long-term success.

This conference serves as an ideal opportunity to engage leaders from academics, civil society, financial industry and government to share interests, present new research ideas, reflect on multi-level governance trends, and discuss current and challenging issues in sustainable finance. Organized by Dr. J. Andrew Grant (Department of Political Studies) and Dr. Sean Cleary (Smith School of Business), the conference will bring experts from these sectors to Queen’s University in order to disseminate and exchange such insights with fellow participants as well as the Queen’s community and public. Ultimately, the goal of the conference is to serve as a platform for building new research collaborations aimed at contributing to the transition of Canada’s financial system to one in which sustainable growth is engrained in everyday policy decisions and business practices.

**Recent Co-Sponsored Events**

- Queen’s Native Student Association Town Hall, featuring the President of the Métis National Council, Clement Chartier
- “Canada’s Electoral Future in Comparative Perspective” Workshop at the Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia
- Queen’s Female Leadership in Politics (QFLIP) 2019 Annual Conference
- Japan and Canada Academic Consortium, hosted by Queen’s University
Publications from the Institute

Federalism and the Welfare State in a Multicultural World

Edited by Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Richard Johnston, John Myles, and Will Kymlicka

The IIGR and the School of Policy Studies were pleased to launch the publication of Federalism and the Welfare State in a Multicultural World in February 2019. This volume, featuring chapters by an internationally distinguished group of scholars, was produced to examine and celebrate the intellectual contributions by Keith Banting to the study of federalism, the welfare state, diversity, and multiculturalism. The book offers a timely evaluation of Canadian social welfare policy, focusing on the many challenges Canada faces in an increasingly globalized world.

The book is available for purchase from McGill-Queen’s University Press.

New Publications from IIGR Fellows


New and Forthcoming IIGR Books

Public Security in Federal Polities
Edited by Christian Leuprecht, Mario Kölling, and Todd Hataley

Public Security in Federal Polities is the first systematic and methodical study to bring together the fields of security studies and comparative federalism. The volume explores the symbiotic relationship between public security concerns and institutional design, public administration, and public policy across nine federal country case studies: Brazil, Canada, Germany, India, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States. In addressing specific national security concerns and aspects of globalization that are challenging conventional approaches to global, international, regional, and domestic security, this volume examines how the constitutional and institutional framework of a society affects the effectiveness and efficiency of public security arrangements. Public Security in Federal Polities identifies differences and similarities, highlights best practices, and draws out lessons for both particular federations, and for federal systems in general. This book is essential reading for scholars, students, practitioners as well as policy- and decision-makers of security and federalism.

Canada: The State of the Federation 2017
Canada at 150: Federalism and Democratic Renewal
Edited by Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant and Kyle Hanniman

In October 2015, the federal Liberals came to power with sweeping plans to revamp Canada’s democratic and federal institutions - a modernizing agenda intended to revitalize Canada’s democratic architecture. The centrepiece of the agenda was the replacement of Canada’s first-past-the-post electoral system, but they also promised to revitalize relations with the provinces, bring Indigenous Peoples into the intergovernmental fold and to change the ways in which senators and Supreme Court justices are appointed.

How has the reform agenda faired? Has it resulted in a more effective and democratic set of political and federal institutions? Or has it largely failed to deliver on these objectives? What, more broadly, is the state of Canada’s democratic and federal institutions?

This volume focuses on enduring questions about the functioning of federalism and intergovernmental relations in Canada, including how we should evaluate the quality of Canada’s institutions and practices in light of our federal structure, and how current institutional arrangements and their possible alternatives fare according to these criteria.

In Memoriam – Alan Cairns

On August 27, 2018, the IIGR lost a cherished supporter and friend, Alan Cairns. Cairns was a former IIGR Advisory Council member, and gave our 2002 Kenneth R. MacGregor Lecture, entitled: “First Nations and the Canadian State: In Search of Co-Existence.” Cairns is remembered as a “giant” in the field of Canadian political science, particularly for his work on constitutional reform, federalism, Indigenous politics, and citizenship.