



## **Symposium Agenda**

### ***Looking Towards the Future: The Next 50 Years of #cdnpoli***

7:45 A.M. Registration at the Sir John A MacDonald Building; 144 Wellington Street, Ottawa

8:15 A.M. *50 Years of the Parliamentary Internship Programme and Canadian Politics*

Discussion moderated by Roland Paris, University of Ottawa

Panelists:

Anne Dance, current program director

James Ross Hurley, first program director

8:45 A.M. *Rubber Stamps and Rubber Chickens: Is there More to the Job of a Backbench Member of Parliament?*

What is the role of a backbench Member of Parliament? How has party discipline and the role of the MP changed over time? Should Parliament be reformed to give more power to backbenchers?

Panel moderated by Paul Thomas, The Samara Centre for Democracy

Panelists:

David Christopherson, Member of Parliament

Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament

Garnett Genuis, Member of Parliament

Greg Fergus, Member of Parliament

10:00 A.M. *No Longer a Boy's Club: Concrete Proposals for Breaking the Parliamentary Glass Ceiling*

How can Canada make Parliament a more welcoming place for women? What measures could be adopted to ensure better representation of women?

Panel moderated by Amanda Bittner, Memorial University

Panelists:

Kathleen Wynne, former Premier of Ontario

Nancy Ruth, former Senator

Ruth Ellen Brosseau, Member of Parliament

Sabina Saini, Chief of Staff to Minister Hajdu

- 11:00 A.M.     *Claiming One's Place: A Bigger Role for Indigenous Peoples and Parliamentarians in Ottawa*  
Have reconciliation initiatives changed the way First Nations, Inuit, and Métis perceive Parliament? How do Indigenous parliamentarians perceive their role?
- Panel moderated by Danielle White, Indigenous Services Canada
- Panelists:  
Don Rusnak, Member of Parliament  
Brock Pitawanakwat, York University
- 12:00 P.M.     Lunch
- 12:45 P.M.     *The Road to Election 2019: "At Issue" panel*
- Discussion moderated by Althia Raj, HuffPost Canada
- Panelists:  
Paul Wells, Maclean's  
Rosemary Barton, CBC  
Joel-Denis Bellavance, La Presse
- 1:30 P.M.     *Are Canadian Institutions Fit for Purpose? The Evolution of Canada's Federal Institutions over the Past 50 Years*  
How have Canada's federal institutions changed over the past 50 years? How has the process evolved at the House of Commons, Senate and Supreme Court? Who has gained influence at the expense of whom?
- Panel moderated by Anoush Terjanian, University of Ottawa
- Panelists:  
Peter Harder, Senator  
Charles Robert, Clerk of the House of Commons  
Shantona Chaudhury, Founding Partner, Pape Chaudhury
- 2:45 P.M.     Keynote speaker introduced by Barbara Arneil, Incoming President of the Canadian Political Science Association
- Speaker:  
Peter Mansbridge, former chief correspondent for CBC News
- 3:30 P.M.     Closing Remarks by Althia Raj and Roland Paris, co-chairs of the Symposium