

Pushing Ethnonationalist Policies: Do Small Nations Have Any Other Choice? Comparative Perspectives from Quebec and Israel

A comparative politics workshop of Quebec and Israeli scholars
August 22-24, Concordia University, Montreal

Convenors:

Daniel Salée, Chair, Department of Political Science (Concordia University)
Csaba Nikolenyi, Director, Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies (Concordia University)

PROGRAM

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
(Hall Building, room 1220)

9:00 am – 10:00 am: Meet and greet (with breakfast)
10:00 am – 10:30 am: Words of welcome and opening remarks Csaba Nikolenyi (Concordia U.) and Daniel Salée (Concordia U.)
10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Keynote lecture Pierre Anctil (U. of Ottawa) <i>Antecedents, Variations and Similitudes: Comparing Québécois and Israeli Nationalisms</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: The Politics of Ethnonationalist Policies Ilan Peleg (Lafayette College) <i>The Management and Mismanagement of Majority-Minority Relations: Lessons from Israel for Quebec and Other Ethnonationalist Conflicts</i> Félix Mathieu (U. of Winnipeg) <i>Legitimizing but Constraining Ethnonationalist Policies: The Quebec Experience and the “Bouchard-Taylor” Compromise</i>

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Coffee break

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm:

Undemocratic and Illiberal? Small Nations and Their Internal Minorities

Raphael Cohen-Almagor (U. of Hull) *Cultural Preservation and Sustainability: Rights of the Arab-Palestinian Minority in Israel's Multicultural Society*

Ioana Radu (UQAT) and Daniel Salée (Concordia U.) *Indigenous Peoples and the Quebec State: Tensions Over the Integrity and Control of the Quebec Territory*

7:00 pm: Dinner

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
(Hall Building, room 1220)

8:00 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am:

A policy conversation with Paul Hirschson, Consul General of Israel in Montreal, on the state of Quebec-Israel relations

10:00 am – 10:30 am: Coffee break

10:30 am – 12:30 pm:

Dealing With Real and Perceived “Threats”

Oded Haklai (Queen's U.) *Between Homogenization and Exclusion: How Small Nations Manage Difference in a Threatening Neighbourhood*

Jean Leclair (U. de Montréal) *Quebec and the Recourse to the Notwithstanding Clause in the Canadian federal context*

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch

**1:30 pm – 3:30 pm:
Facing the Challenges of Realpolitik**

Csaba Nikolenyi (Concordia U.) *Coalition Politics and Ethnonational Accommodation in Israeli Politics: The Significance of the Bennett-Lapid National Unity Government, 2021-2022*

François Rocher (U. of Ottawa) *Quebec's Language Policy (1969-2022): An Analysis of the Evolution of an Unequal Regime of Territoriality*

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm: Coffee break

**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm:
Beyond the Quandary of Small Nations**

Lilach Ben Zvi (U. of Haifa) *Re-addressing the Right to Self-Determination: National Conflict in Leibowitz's Perspective*

Chedly Belkhodja (Concordia U.) *How to Depolarize the Debate on National Identity in Canada and Quebec?*

7:00 pm: Dinner

**Thursday, August 24, 2023
(Hall Building, room 1220)**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Taking stock. The next steps. Closing remarks.**

12:00 pm: Farewell Lunch