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Workshops on Social Science Research (WSSR)

May 1 - July 17, 2014

The Workshops on Social Science Research (WSSR) are short, intensive learning experiences and networking opportunities that allow you to develop your critical thinking skills, make new contacts, and succeed as future decision makers.

Come learn from influential public figures and renowned academics about democratic governance, public policy, and research methodology.

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Democratic Governance & Public Policy

Disasters

June 16-17 - *Dealing with Disasters: How Governments Cope with Unexpected Events*

Dr. Saundra Schneider

Professor, Michigan State University

Elections & Democracy

May 1 - *Managing Provincial Elections in Quebec (in French)*

Jacques Drouin

Chief Electoral Officer of Quebec

May 5-6 - *Managing Provincial Elections*

Dr. Keith Archer

Chief Electoral Officer of British Columbia

June 3-4 - *Changing Canada's Electoral System*

Dr. John Courtney

Senior Policy Fellow, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University Saskatchewan

June 16-17 - *Electoral and Democratic Reform: What Should We Do?*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley

Former Chief Electoral Officer of Canada

June 16-17 - *Shopping for Votes: How Politicians Choose Us and We Choose Them*

Susan Delacourt, Senior Political Writer, Toronto Star

Don Lenihan, Senior Associate, Public Policy Forum

July 16-17 - *Electoral Integrity*

Dr. Pippa Norris

McGuire Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Free Speech

May 8-9 - *Persona Non Grata: The Death of Free Speech in the Internet Age*

Dr. Tom Flanagan

Former Chief Campaign Organizer and Political Advisor to Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Integrity, Corruption, Accountability & Democratic Reform

May 5 - *How We Can Govern Canada Ethically*

Mary Dawson

Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner, Former Associate Deputy Minister of Justice

May 21 - *Democratic Reform in Canada and What is Needed*

Honourable Michael Chong

Former Cabinet Member, Member of Parliament, Wellington-Halton Hills

May 30- *Improving Accountability in the Senate and What Can Be Done*

Honourable James Cowan

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

June 2 - *Accountability in the Senate*

Dr. Gary W. O'Brien

Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments

June 9 - *Principled Leadership and Politics*

Honourable Dalton McGuinty

Former Premier of Ontario; Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Municipal Politics

May 8-9 - *After Fusion and Collusion: It's Time to Fix Montreal's Municipal Governance*

Peter F. Trent

Mayor of Westmount

June 23 - *Sustainability in the City*

David Miller

Former Mayor of Toronto, President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund - Canada

Natural Resources and the Environment

May 22-23 - *The Environment and Democratic Governance*

Honourable Stéphane Dion

Former Minister of Environment, Architect of The Green Shift

May 26-27 - *Politics of Natural Resource Extraction: What's at Stake?*

Honourable Stockwell Day

Former President of the Treasury Board

Parliamentary Democracy

May 6-7 - *The Parliamentary Process and Procedures*

Honourable Don Boudria

Former Cabinet Minister

Polling and Democracy

Date TBD - *The Future of Polling and Democracy*

Bruce Anderson

Chairman at Abacus Data and Principal at Anderson Insight, Political commentator on the At Issue Panel

Public Policy and Public Service

May 29-30 - *Social Welfare Policy: the New Brunswick Experience*

James Hughes

Former Deputy Minister of New Brunswick's Department of Social Development

June 5-6 - *Cost Projection and Why it Matters*

Kevin Page

Former Parliamentary Budget Officer, Jean-Luc Pépin Research Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa

June 10-11 - *Social Gerontology in Practice*

Leading Practices Team in Social Gerontology

CSSS Cavendish - CAU

Cindy Starnino

Director of Quality, Performance and the University Mission, CSSS Cavendish - CAU

June 12-13 - *The Role of Government*

Mel Cappe

Professor, School of Community and Public Governance
Former Clerk of the Privy Council

June 16-17 - *Aging and the Territorial Politics of Social Policy*

Dr. Daniel Béland

Professor and Canada Research Chair in Public Policy, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan

Rights, Diversity and Minorities

June 5-6 - *The Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Its Purpose and its Progress*

Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair

Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba
Commissioner for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

June 23 and 25 - *The Political Accommodation of Cultural Differences in Multicultural Societies*

Dr. Matteo Gianni

Associate Professor, University of Geneva

June 26-27 - *Bridging the Divide: Managing Languages in Canada*

Graham Fraser

Commissioner of Official Languages in Canada

Research Methodology

Qualitative Methods

May 22-23 - Focus Groups

Sébastien Dallaire

Associate Vice President, Léger

May 28-30 - Discourse Analysis

Dr. Lea Sgier

Assistant Professor, Central European University, Budapest

June 2-4 - Causal Case Studies

Dr. Derek Beach

Associate Professor, University of Aarhus, Denmark

Quantitative Methods (ICPSR Summer Program Workshops)

June 2-6 - Introduction to Regression Analysis

Dr. Saundra Schneider

Professor, Michigan State University

June 9-13 - Multivariate Models for Social Scientists and Policy

Analysts: Choices, Interventions, Dynamics

Dr. Harold Clarke

Ashbel Smith Professor, University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Guy Whitten

Professor and Director of the European Union Center at

Texas A & M University

An Evening Talk with...

If you can't make it to our workshops, catch many of our instructors at one or more of our evening talks.

Registration for these talks is free and open to everyone.

Simply email us at wssr@concordia.ca

May 21 - Democratic Reform: Some Realistic Possibilities

Honourable Michael Chong

Former Cabinet Member and Member of Parliament
Wellington-Halton Hills

May 22 - Lac-Mégantic: What is Next?

Honourable Hoang Mai

Member of Parliament - Brossard-LaPrairie
Transport Critic for the Official Opposition

May 26 - Energy, the Economy, and Sustainability

Honourable Stockwell Day

Principal at Stockwell Day Connex
Former President of the Treasury Board

May 29 - Plagues and Pandemics: The Capacity to Respond

Dr. David Butler-Jones,

Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada

May 30 - The Future of the Bicameral Legislature

Honourable James Cowan

Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

June 4 - Guiding Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Process

Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair

Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba
Commissioner for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

The WSSR are open to anyone.

In fact, it is not uncommon to find civil servants, people from the private sector, students from other universities, and members of the general public attending one or more of our workshops.

If you are a Concordia undergraduate student, you can also register for the WSSR to earn credit toward the completion of your degree.

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