

Comparing Democracies: Canada in Global Perspective

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9:00am-4:30pm

Day 1

Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy

- Democracy and autocracy
- Institutionalizing democracy
- How democratic is Canada?

Democratic performance

- Representation and accountability
- What's (not) wrong with first-past-the-post?
- Why we (don't) need a Senate

Day 2

Elections and voters

- Long term and short term
- Parties and leaders
- Do campaigns matter?

Democratic governance

- Economic and political cycles
- Elections and policy mandates
- Sustaining and improving democracy

