

WSSR WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Policy-Making at the 'Center': How does it work?

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9:00am – 4:30pm

Workshop Outline

- I. The Prime Minister's Office
 - a. The team
 - b. The decision-making structure
 - c. The relationship with the public service

- II. Setting the Policy Agenda
 - a. What gets on and how
 - b. Challenges

- III. Dealing with crises at home and abroad
 - a. Domestic policy crises
 - b. International policy crises

- IV. Improving Policy-Making for Future Generations

Required Readings

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Chapter 4: <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EF00F7>

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Savoie, Donald (1999) *Governing from the Center: The Concentration of Power in Canadian Politics*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. <http://0-www.deslibris.ca/mercury.concordia.ca/ID/417903>

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