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The Future of the New Democratic Party of Canada: Perpetual opposition or potential government?

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Workshop Summary

Ian Capstick approaches his workshop from an NDP perspective. As a long-time advisor and commentator for the party, he has a clear understanding of the ways in which this left-wing political party can contribute to and better Canadian democracy in the 21st century.

In an era when young people are increasingly out of touch with electoral politics, Capstick will explore the challenges that lie ahead for a party that focuses so heavily on youth voters. He will explore the challenges faced by the NDP today and the stresses it faces moving forward. He will propose the ways in which the NDP of Canada and Canadian New Democrats can contribute to bettering our democracy on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

Required Readings

McGrane, David (2016) "Ideological Moderation and Professionalization: The NDP under Jack Layton and Tom Mulcair" in *Canadian Parties in Transition*, Alain Gagnon and Brian A. Tanguay (eds.) Toronto: University of Toronto Press, pp. 168-184.

McGrane, David (2015) "From Third to First and Back to Third: The 2015 NDP Campaign" in *The Canadian Federal Election of 2015*, Jon Pammett and Christopher Dornan(eds.). Toronto: Dundurn Publishing, pp. 85-116.

McGrane, David (2011) "Political Marketing and the NDP's Historic Breakthrough" in *The Canadian Federal Election of 2011*, Jon Pammett and Christopher Dornan (eds.). Toronto: Dundurn Publishing, pp. 77-110.