

Newsletter

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News & Events

May 28, 2026. **IPSA: Canada and its Transatlantic Relations.**

Held on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of IPSA's Permanent Secretariat in Montreal, Canada.



Photo (left to right): Kim Fontaine-Skronski (Executive Director, IPSA), Graham Carr (President and Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University), Marianne Kneuer (IPSA Past President, Professor of Comparative Politics, TU Dresden, Germany), Daniel Salée (Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, Concordia University), The Honourable Stéphane Dion (Diplomat in Residence at Université de Montréal, former Federal Minister and former Canadian Ambassador to Germany and France), Boglárka Koller (Full Professor and Head of the Department of European Studies at Ludovika University in Public Service (Hungary) and President of the Central European Political Science Association), Alexandra O. Zeitz (Associate Professor in International Relations, Concordia University), Arnaud Dion (Vice-President, International Organizations, Business Insights and Communications, Montréal International), Guy Lachapelle (Former Secretary General, IPSA) and Pascale Sicotte (Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science, Concordia University).

May 27, 2026: **The Immigration Research Initiative (IRI):**

-Mireia Pont Soler

PhD candidate, Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Social Exclusion and Discrimination in Housing Access Opportunities for Minority Youth: A Case Study of Barcelona.

-Dr. Fernández Reino

Research Fellow at the Institute of Economics, Geography and Demography (IEGD) of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC).

Interior immigration enforcement, perceptions of discrimination and political trust among non-naturalised migrants in Great Britain.

-Dr. Josipovic

Postdoctoral researcher at Zurich University (Germany).

From Asylum to Electoral Integration. A Comparative Study of Naturalized Refugees' Belonging and Political Engagement.

Recent Publications

Dodds, Graham G. "Northern sanctuary: Canada as a safe haven from American dangers, real and imagined." *European Journal of American Culture*. Vol. 45 (May, 2026), p95-110. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1386/ejac_00159_1

Canham, S. L., L. R. Richardson, J. Aaenson-Fletcher, **R. Weldrick**, and C. A. Walsh. 2026. "Practices to Reduce Stigma and Discrimination Towards Older Transitional Housing Clients." *Journal of Community Psychology* 54: e70104. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.70104>.

De Silva, Nicole, and Anette Stimmer. Written Evidence for the UK Parliament International Relations and Defence Committee's Inquiry on Multilateralism, 16 July 2026, <https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/168100/html/>.

Grenier, A., Kontos, P., **Marier, P.**, **Joy, M.**, Liang, Y., & Phillipson, C. Urban Poverty in the Everyday Lives of Older People: A Qualitative Study Protocol. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*. 25. [Open Access: Published online before print May 5, 2026].

Books

Jennifer Elrick and Mireille Paquet, *Immigration and Canada. Sixteen Questions* (Montreal: McGill Queen's University Press, 2026) .

Lisa Smith and Francesca Scala (eds), *Northern Blood. Period Politics and Activism in Canada* (Montreal: McGill Queen's University Press, 2026)

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Dodds, Graham G. "How Presidents Overcome Congressional Resistance to Funding New Presidentially-Created Bureaucratic Entities." 24th annual Congress & History conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, U.S. May 28, 2026.

Dodds, Graham G. "Signing Statements and the Unitary Executive Theory in the Trump Presidency." American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. September 5, 2026.

De Silva, Nicole. "The Foundations of International Justice: International Courts' Outreach to Their Constituencies," Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Ottawa, Canada, 2 June 2026.

De Silva, Nicole. "Overlapping Global and Regional Human Rights Institutions: Commitment Choices and the Logic of Sufficiency," Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Ottawa, Canada, 2 June 2026.

Poteete, Amy R. and Nik Luka. 2026. "Social Mobilization to Transform Infrastructural Priorities in Montréal." Presented at "Politics of Infrastructure and the Built Environment," an American Political Science Association pre-conference short course (workshop), 2 September 2026, Cambridge, MA, USA.

Joy, M., Marier, P. and Smele, S. Street-level Bureaucrats as Navigators and Tentative Coordinators: An Analysis of Six Groups of Marginalized Older Adult Populations in Quebec. Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference. Ottawa. June 3, 2026.

Zeitz, Alexandra, Ben Cormier and Lauren Ferry, "Central Banks as Creditors and Domestic Debt Restructuring," American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, USA, 5 September, 2026.

Other Presentations

Dr. Rachel Weldrick co-hosted an event with the engAGE Centre for Research on Aging titled, 'How are we aging with AI?' During the event, Dr. Weldrick moderated an interdisciplinary panel about the intersections of aging and artificial intelligence. Attendees also took part in a poster competition and World Cafe. The event was hosted in Concordia University's 4th Space and was attended by over 60 community members. Funding for the event was provided by the Applied AI Institute.



The panelists (from left to right): Dr. Fenwick McKelvey (Communication Studies), Marlene Chan (Community Representative), Dr. Giuliana Cucinelli (Education), Dr. Nárlon C. Boa Sorte Silva (Health, Kinesiology, and Applied Physiology), Dr. Weldrick.

Graham Dodds participated in an online workshop on “Reforming the Balance of Powers in the U.S. Government” hosted by the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) at George Mason University (in Arlington, VA) on May 26, 2026.

Media and Op-Eds

Since April, Graham Dodds has been interviewed by journalists about U.S. politics on multiple occasions, including:

- CTV Montreal. May 25. Re. Donald Trump and Iran.
- CTV Montreal. June 9. Re. Donald Trump’s 80th birthday.
- CTV Montreal. July 8. Re. the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- CJAD radio, Montreal. July 18. Re. Donald Trump’s claims about U.S. election security.
- CTV Montreal. August 6. Re. Donald Trump and political prosecutions.
- CJAD radio, Montreal. August 7. Re. the U.S. midterm elections.
- CJAD radio, Montreal. August 8. Re. Donald Trump and trade tensions with Canada.
- Laframboise, Kalina. “‘The big fight with America’: How the Canada-U.S. trade war is shaping the Quebec election.” *Montreal Gazette*. August 29, 2026.
- CTV Montreal. August 31. Re. the U.S. midterm elections.

Dodds, Graham G. “Supreme Court ruling in *Trump v. Slaughter* turbocharges presidential power.” *The Conversation*. June 30, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AAI.fvcunj73p>

On June 15, 2026, Rachel Weldrick was interviewed on CKNW 730 in Vancouver for a segment about late life homelessness.

Weldrick, Rachel. “Wherever AI is heading next, older people want a say.” *The Conversation*. July 16, 2026. <https://theconversation.com/wherever-ai-is-heading-next-older-people-want-a-say-285580>

Kudos

Mary Amadi (BA Political Science, Minor Human Rights 2026) received the Black Excellence Award - Research and Innovation. It was given at the 2026 [Black Graduation](#) hosted by Concordia's NouLa Centre for Black Students.



Mary Amadi [second from the right] at the 2026 Black Graduation ceremony. [\[Source\]](#)

Jim Kelly was awarded a SSHRC Insights grant as PI to further his research on the Supreme Court of Canada.

Rachel Weldrick was awarded a \$200K grant as PI from the Grace Dart Foundation Knowledge Mobilization Fund for a project on “Building Bridges, Creating Connections.”

Leander Schneider was promoted to the rank of Full Professor.

Antoine Bilodeau received the University's Research Impact Award for the “exceptional” contribution of his research.

Guy Lachapelle was made Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Brooke Jeffrey received CAPPA's 2026 De Celles Award for Excellence in Public Administration Teaching. Brooke was also made Distinguished Professor Emerita.

Amy Poteete has been elected President-Elect of the Urban and Local Politics section of the American Political Science Association for 2026-2027.

Alexandra Zeitz was awarded a SSHRC Insight Grant as co-PI (with Mark Manger, University of Toronto) for research on “Debt, Default, and Distributive Politics in the Global South”

MPPPA News

Congratulations to this year’s CAPPA team (Naomi Abramovich, Ruxandra Chirila, Katherine Chisolm, Olivia Integlia and Brendan Metrakos) who, in addition to winning the competition, had their op-ed published in the journal Policy Options.

Here is the link to the article: <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/2026/07/canada-sovereignty-national-security-strategy/>