

# WSSR

## WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

### Assessing the Role of the Canadian Government: What have we learned after 150 years?

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May 17-18, 2017

9:00am – 4:30pm

#### Workshop Outline

May 17, 2017

- A. Rationales for Government Intervention.
- B. Instrument Choice
- C. Problem Definition

May 18, 2017

D. Current Issues: The second day will focus on public policy issues in the media the week of the course. Students are required to troll news websites, watch the news, read newspapers and/or keep up with current events in the fashion of their choice that week. Students will be expected to discuss these issues in light of the role of government in the year of Canada's sesquicentennial

#### Required Readings

- Thaler, Richard, and Cass Sunstein. 2009. "Part I: Humans and Econs." In *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness*, 18-100. New York: Penguin
  - Friedman, Thomas L. "What the hell happened in 2007?" Pp 15-35 in *Thank you for being late*, Farar, Strauss and Giroux, 2016.
  - Stokey, Edith and Richard Zeckhauser. 1978. "Part III – Ends and Means." In *A Primer for Policy Analysis*, 257-320. New York: Norton
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