Summary (Abstract)
This one-day workshop focuses on voting and elections in contemporary Canada. It long has been recognized that Canadians’ feelings about political parties and party leaders and their judgments about party performance on important issues can change rapidly. As a result, party fortunes can vary markedly from one election to the next. In government today, gone tomorrow is a frequent occurrence, as voters use their ballots express discontent with incumbents and the practice of Canadian democracy more generally.

This workshop uses survey data gathered in several national election studies to investigate factors that drive voting behavior and shape election outcomes. Studies of voting and elections in the 2016 American presidential election and the 2017 British general election are presented to compare Canada with other major democracies.

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7. Comparative Perspectives - Trumped! The 2016 US Presidential Election
8. Comparative Perspectives - Youthquake! The 2017 British General Election
9. Brexit - Why Britain Voted to Leave the European Union
10. Valence Politics and Absent Mandates - Canada and Elsewhere
11. Discussion

Required Readings*

Additional Resources

*If you are registered for non-credit and are unable to locate the readings, please contact us at wssr@concordia.ca*