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WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Preparing for the May 9, 2017 Provincial General Election: Managing a Successful Democratic Event

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9:00am – 4:30pm

Purpose: The purpose of this workshop is to introduce students to election policy and administration through the lens of preparing for a provincial election. (Note all readings* listed are required)

1. Introduction to election administration

- a. Roles and responsibilities
- b. The business model of voting – is the model broken?
- c. Voting modernization

Richard D. Balasko, “The Nature and Functions of Electoral Management Bodies,” The Informed Citizens’ Guide to Elections: Electioneering Based on the Rule of Law, Special issue, Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law (Toronto: Carswell, 2015), pp. 65-78.

<http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?1441D26F>

Harry Neufeld, “Changing the Canadian Voting Services Model,” ,” The Informed Citizens’ Guide to Elections: Electioneering Based on the Rule of Law, Special issue, Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law (Toronto: Carswell, 2015), pp. 79-91. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?1441D2DF>

2. Voter registration, turnout, apathy and outreach

- a. Why is a voters list important?
- b. Whose job is it to bring out the vote?
- c. Does low turnout matter?
- d. Voter engagement strategies

Keith Archer, “Removing Barriers to Voter Participation: The Role of Election Management Bodies in Citizen Engagement,” ,” The Informed Citizens’ Guide to Elections: Electioneering Based on the Rule of Law, Special issue, Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law (Toronto: Carswell, 2015), pp. 135-144.

<http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?1441D332>

3. Electoral finance

- a. Disclosure, contributions and expenditures

4. Are we ready for internet voting?

- a. BC’s Independent Panel on Internet Voting

British Columbia Independent Panel on Internet Voting, Recommendations Report to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, February 2014, available at: <http://www.internetvotingpanel.ca/>

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