

Conference Program
Democracy and multi-level governance in the EU and Canada
Centre for European Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa
September 21-22, 2005

Questions about political legitimacy, responsiveness, and support for political institutions have arisen in many advanced industrial societies, in the face of declining voter turnout, challenges to social cohesion, limited responsiveness of political institutions to popular concerns, and the strength of extra-national forces. Multi-level governance systems, such as the Canadian federal system and the European Union, face particular challenges because popular loyalties may be divided between various governance levels, lines of accountability may be ambiguous, and federal or supranational institutions may seem distant from the citizen. The realization of democratic values in multi-level governance systems will be the focus of this conference, drawing on Canadian and EU experience.

1st day: Wednesday, September 21, 2005

LOCATION: Baker's Grill restaurant, 404 C University Centre, Carleton University

2:30 p.m. Opening of the Conference

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

His Excellency David Reddaway, British High Commissioner

Opening comments

Prof. Joan DeBardeleben, Director Centre for European Studies, Carleton University

3:00-4:15 p.m. Panel I: Social Cohesion, Identity, and Democracy in the EU and Canada:

This panel will explore the importance of a common identity or “demos” in the creation of legitimate democratic governance structures in the EU and Canada. Is such an identity necessary for democratic legitimacy and governance? The speakers will explore the importance of multiple identity structures for the realization of democratic values in Canada and the EU.

Chair and Discussant: *Prof. Robert Gould, Carleton University*

Is there a European Society? Social Conditions for Democracy in the European Union

Dr. Achim Hurrelmann, University of Bremen

Europeanization and Democracy: The Question of Cultural Identity

Prof. Gerard Delanty, University of Liverpool (in absentia)

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/sspsw/staff/biogs/delanty.htm>

Is a Common Identity Possible and Desirable in a Multinational Federation? Reflections on the Canadian Case

Prof. Francois Rocher, Carleton University

<http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/Faculty/list/rocher.html>

4:15-4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30-5:45 p.m. Key note speaker

Europe's Constitutional Future: The Case for Optimism and Pessimism
(public lecture)

*Prof. Jo Shaw, Salvesen Chair of European Institutions, University of Edinburgh,
and Senior Research Fellow at the Federal Trust, London*

<http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/staff/view.asp?ref=88>

6:00 p.m. Reception

2nd day: Thursday, September 22, 2005

LOCATION: Senate Room, 608 Robertson Hall, Carleton University

9:00 a.m. Panel II: Participation and Elections in the EU and Canada

This panel will explore patterns of popular (including electoral) participation and institutional arrangements regulating such participation in Europe and Canada, with attention to both the EU and national level in Europe, and the provincial and national levels in Canada. Specific attention will be given to the significance and reasons for declining voter turnout, the role of parliaments, and alternate vehicles of public input.

Chair and Discussant: *Prof. William Cross, Carleton University*

One or Twenty-Five?: The 2004 European Parliament Elections

Prof. Larry LeDuc, University of Toronto .

Multi-Level Governance and Participation Levels in Canada

Prof. Jon Pammett, Carleton University

Organised Civil Society Interests in the EU, Input Legitimacy, and Multi-Level Governance

Prof. Justin Greenwood, Robert Gordon University Aberdeen, & College of Europe

10:45 a.m. Coffee break

11:00 a.m. Panel III: Globalization, Accountability, and Democratic Legitimacy

As the Canadian case demonstrates, multi-level institutions typical of federal systems may produce unclear lines of accountability and thus serve as a potential source of political confusion on the part of the public. This complexity is further aggravated by processes of political globalization, which result in growing powers of extra-national governance structures that seem beyond the scope of popular or even effective national influence. How can the public be brought to “buy in” to decision-making processes at multiple levels of governance when these levels’ interconnectedness means that each has only limited autonomous capabilities? What linkages can be established between different levels to improve their legitimacy? To what extent can institutions at multiple levels of governance rely on similar mechanisms to secure popular representation and democratic accountability?

Chair and Discussant: *Prof. Jonathan Malloy, Carleton University*

Federalism, Accountability and Democratic Citizenship

Prof. Jennifer Smith, Political Science Department, Dalhousie University

Multi-Level Legitimacy: Conceptualizing the Relationship between Internationalized Governance and National Democracies

Dr. Achim Hurrelmann, University of Bremen

Governance in a Complex World: Lessons from Global Economic Institutions

Prof. Randall Germain, Carleton University

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Panel IV: EU Enlargement, Democracy, and Multi-Level Governance

This panel will examine particular challenges that accession to the EU has posed and continues to present for democratization processes in the new Member States of Central and Eastern Europe. In addition the panel explores implications for Russian democracy and federalism, as EU enlargement has brought an extended border between Russia and the EU's multi-level governance system..

Chair/discussant: *Prof. Piotr Dutkiewicz, Carleton University*

The European Constitution as a Catalyst for Participation?: Lessons from Eastern Europe

Prof. David Ost, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York

State Retreat and Democracy in Central Europe

Dr. Abby Innes, London School of Economics

The EU's Gender Mainstreaming Agenda and Democratization in East Central Europe

Dr. Yvonne Galligan, Queen's University, Belfast

3:30 p.m. Concluding remarks

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