



October 1-2, 2015

River Building, Carleton University

Climate Change and Renewable Energy Policy in the European Union and Canada

This international workshop and public forum will examine European and Canadian approaches to renewable energy production and climate change policy. A common theme will be how the inter-linkages between new renewables (wind and solar technologies) and climate change are addressed in different types of institutional and political contexts. Topics include issues of public and social acceptance, drivers of innovation, sources of action and inertia, and policy options in implementing renewable energy options. The potential for lower-level jurisdictions (municipalities, provinces, or, in the EU, Member States) to serve as 'leadership points' will be explored, along with the way in which such initiatives are encouraged by the European Union.

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Thursday, October 1

12:30 Opening

Joan DeBardleben, Director, European Union Centre of Excellence, Carleton University

André Plourde, Dean of the Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University

H.E. Marie-Anne Coninx, Ambassador of the European Union to Canada

12:45 Keynote Panel

Sustainable Energy Transition and Climate Change: The Role of Renewable Energy in Europe and Canada

Moderator: Joan DeBardleben, Carleton University

Speakers:

Christian Hey, Secretary General of the German Advisory Council for the Environment, Berlin (Germany)

Comparing EU Climate Governance: 2008 and 2014

James Meadowcroft, Canada Research Chair in Governance for Sustainable Development, Carleton University

Accelerating the Transition to a Low Carbon Emission Society: Reflections on the Canadian Context

Matthew Hoffmann, Department of Political Science and Environmental Governance Lab (Munk School of Global Affairs), University of Toronto

The Politics of Decarbonization and the Shifting Context of Global Climate Governance

2:15 Break

2:30 Panel 2: Top Down or Bottom Up?: Institutional and Political Contexts for Decision-Making in the EU and Canada

Moderator: Inger Weibust, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

Speakers:

Kathryn Harrison, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia

Opportunities and Limits of Climate Leadership by Canadian Provinces

Francis McGowan, University of Sussex (United Kingdom) and Visiting Scholar, Centre for European Studies, Carleton University

How Europeanised are European Renewable Policies?

Douglas Macdonald, School of the Environment, University of Toronto

Ontario Renewable Energy and Climate Change Policy in the Canadian Intergovernmental and North American Contexts

4:00 Break

4:15 Panel 3: Social Acceptance and Public Attitudes toward Renewable Energy and Climate Change in Canada and Europe

Moderator: Jon Pammett, Department of Political Science, Carleton University

Speakers:

Mats Braun, Department of International Relations and European Studies, Metropolitan University, Prague (Czech Republic)

Popular Support and EU Climate Policy

Stephen Hill, Environmental and Resource Studies Program, Trent University

Divided Power: Social Friction and Green Energy Development in Ontario

Maya Jegen, Department of Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal

Energy Transition and Challenges for Wind Energy in Switzerland

Friday, October 2

9:00 Panel 4: Cities, Energy, and Climate Change: Experiences from Europe and Canada

Moderator: Kathryn O'Hara, School of Journalism and Communication, Carleton University

Speakers:

Elizabeth Schwartz, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia
A Lot of Hot Air? Exploring the Climate Change Initiatives of Canadian Cities

Anne Tews, Technical University Darmstadt (Germany)
Municipal Reactions to European Energy and Climate Governance: The Case of German Cities

Lena Bendlin (video), Environmental Policy Research Center, Freie Universität, Berlin (Germany)
The Covenant of Mayors Experience: Lessons for Fostering Local Climate Policy

Matthew Paterson, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa
Cities and Climate Governance: From Experimental Initiatives to Reshaping Urban Development

10:15 Break

10:30 A View From Cities: Ottawa and Osnabrück

Speakers

David Chernushenko, Councillor for Capital Ward and Chair of Environment Committee, City of Ottawa

Detlef Gerdts, Department of Environment and Climate Protection, Osnabrück (Germany)

Janice Ashworth, Operations Manager, Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative Inc.

11:15 Discussion (whole panel)

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Panel 5: Policy Options for Renewable Energy Development in the EU

Moderator: Crina Viju, Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University

Speakers:

Volkmar Lauber, Universität Salzburg (Austria)
Different Transition Paths to Low Carbon Power: Germany, the UK, the EU

Pablo del Río González, Institute of Public Goods and Policies, High Council for Scientific Research, Madrid (Spain)
Are the Interactions between the EU's Renewable Energy Support and Emissions Trading System (ETS) Really So Negative?

Stephan Schott, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University
The New European Energy Union: Priorities and Conflicting Policy Objectives

2:45 Break

3:00 Panel 6: Policy Options for Renewable Energy Development in Ontario and Canada

Moderator: Alexandra Mallett, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University

Speakers:

Nic Rivers, Canada Research Chair in Climate and Energy Policy, University of Ottawa
Lessons Learned from a Decade of Promoting Renewable Energy in Ontario

Daniel Rosenbloom, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University
Choices, Pathways, and Emerging Renewables: Exploring the Role of New Renewable Electricity Technologies within Illustrative Pathways for Ontario's Electricity System

Ian Rowlands, Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo
Vulnerable Households and Distributed Renewable Electricity in Ontario: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities

Leah C. Stokes, Department of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara (USA)
The Politics of Renewable Energy and Ambitious Policies: Comparing Ontario, California, and Texas

5:00 Concluding Remarks