

The Strategic Knowledge Cluster "Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue" and the School of Public Policy & Governance invites you to attend:

***Who Decides?***

***Democracy, Power and the Municipal Franchise in Cities of Immigration***

This is a free public conference open to all U of T staff, students, and faculty as well as members of the community. The principal aim of the conference is to improve the quality of debate over non-citizen voting rights in Toronto by considering the experiences of other jurisdictions and weighing the merits of the municipal franchise conceptually.

**Date:**

April 23, 2010

**Location:**

School of Public Policy & Governance, University of Toronto  
Canadiana Building, 14 Queen's Park Crescent West

**Agenda:**

8:30 am: Registration begins

9:30 am: Opening Remarks

10 am-12 pm: **The Municipal Franchise in Theory and Practice**

**Speakers:**

David Earnest (Department of Political Science and Geography, Old Dominion University)  
"Expanding the Polity: Comparing the Non-Citizen Voting Practices of 25 Democracies"

Leslie Seidle (Senior Research Associate, Institute for Research on Public Policy)

"Local Government Voting by Non-Nationals: Observations from the Experience in Sweden, the Netherlands and Belgium"

Ron Hayduk (Department of Social Science, Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York)

"Democracy for All: Restoring Immigrant Voting Rights in the U.S."

Myer Siemiatycki (Department of Politics and Public Administration, Ryerson University)

"Municipal Voting Rights and Urban Citizenship in Immigrant Toronto"

**Moderator:** Melissa Williams (Director, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto)

12-1:15 pm: Luncheon

1:15-2 pm: **Keynote Address**

Randall Hansen (Canada Research Chair in Immigration and Governance, University of Toronto)

"Citizens of the City or Citizens of the State? Local Voting of Non-Nationals in Toronto and Abroad"

2 pm-4 pm: **The Municipal Franchise in Toronto – A Roundtable Discussion**

**Speakers:**

Marcus Gee (Columnist, *The Globe and Mail*)

Alan Broadbent (Chairman, Maytree Foundation)

Desmond Cole (Project Coordinator, I Vote Toronto Campaign)

Peter-John Sidebottom (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario Provincial Service)

Janet Davis (City Councillor, Ward 31 Beaches-East York)

**Moderator:** Pamela Bryant (Fellow and Senior Advisor, School of Public Policy & Governance)

4 pm: Closing Remarks