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WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. Joan DeBardeleben, Director, EU Centre of Excellence, Carleton University and Coordinator of the EUCE Network in Canada

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PRESENTERS: ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Robert Finbow, Dalhousie University
“Political Obstacles to the Completion of CETA: Divergent Interests in Decentralized Polities.”

This presentation examines some of the sub-national political considerations which have in part been responsible for delays in negotiations of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The novel role of Canadian provinces and the new EU balance between Brussels and Member States on investment have produced new political dynamics and complications on important aspects of the deal. These include issues such as agricultural marketing and quotas, regulatory harmonization, divisions between research and generic pharmaceutical industries, and high profile procurement in urban transport and green technologies; these have been among the most difficult issues to resolve. Some Canadian provinces have dug in their heels (perhaps successfully on beef and pork quotas, for instance), with Alberta declaring it would hold out as long as necessary. Similarly, European nations have had high expectations from the talks in politically sensitive sectors. These political considerations have required a search for creative solutions, which may become apparent as the texts are finalized.

Biography
Robert Finbow is Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University. His current research focuses on labour and social issues in NAFTA and in the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). He received his doctorate from the London School of Economics and Political Science and teaches courses on comparative politics and political economy. He has published books and articles on the labour and environmental aspects of NAFTA, comparative health care and social policy, comparative North American political culture and Atlantic Canadian regionalism. He most recently published “The Eurozone Crisis and the Social Dimension: Prospects for Democratic Practice in a Reconstituted Fiscal Union,” in The EU and the Eurozone Crisis: Policy Challenges and Strategic Choices, ed. Finn Laursen (Ashgate, 2013), 45-64; “Embedding Liberalization: Will CETA Undermine

**Dr. Katherine Fierlbeck, Dalhousie University**

“Rethinking Health Care Governance: Borders, Networks, and the ’New Medievalism.’”

Political governance and health care governance are increasingly incommensurable. The former focuses upon establishing clear lines of accountability; the latter attempts to address the technical complexity, transformational speed, and interjurisdictional interdependence of modern health care systems. Neither strict state control nor unimpeded market mechanisms have been able to provide effective frameworks for modern health care governance. Both Canada and the European Union, because of their federal structures, have been especially pressed to rethink the way in which health care systems are governed and coordinated. What is the new paradigm of health care governance, and how is it being implemented in these two federal jurisdictions? What are the challenges, and the consequences, of this new governance paradigm?

**Biography**

Katherine Fierlbeck is McCulloch Professor of Political Science at Dalhousie University. She has cross-appointments in International Development Studies and European Studies, and is a member of the European Union Centre of Excellence. Her most recent books are *Health Care Federalism in Canada* (MQUP 2013) and *Health Care in Canada* (UTP 2011). She is currently working on a book for Ashgate Press on comparative health care federalism. She and William Lahey are currently leading a research team from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research on innovative methodological approaches in health care federalism.

**Dr. Lori Thorlakson, University of Alberta**

“Democratic Development in the European Union after Conditionality.”

This research project seeks to account for variations in democratic performance among the post-communist EU Member States and to better understand the forces that continue to shape democratic development in the region, nearly a quarter century after the fall of communism. It examines aspects of state performance (including corruption and transparency, and the protection of political rights and civil liberties), intermediary organizations such as political parties and interest groups, and micro-level foundations of democracy (voter turnout, democratic attitudes and values). We are specifically interested in accounting for the impact of European Union membership (and potential membership) on democratic development and performance. EU conditionality has been a central explanatory variable in research on the democratic performance of post-communist Member States. A decade after joining the EU, has the impact membership entered a new phase, bringing new and different pressures to bear on democratic development and performance in post-communist Member States?
**Biography**

Lori Thorlakson is Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. She researches democracy and party competition in the European Union and multi-level systems. Her work has been published in journals including the *European Journal of Political Research*, the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *West European Politics*, *Party Politics*, and the *Journal of European Public Policy*. Professor Thorlakson holds a PhD from the London School of Economics. Before coming to the University of Alberta in 2008, she was a lecturer at the University of Nottingham and a postdoctoral fellow at the European University Institute in Florence. Dr. Thorlakson’s recent publications include “Beyond Decentralization: The Comparative Study of Interdependence in Federal Systems,” *Publius* (Fall 2012) and “Measuring Vertical Integration in Parties with the Party Organisation in Multilevel Systems Dataset,” *Party Politics* (September 2013).

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**Dr. Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University**

"Ukraine between the EU and Russia?"

With the upcoming Eastern Partnership Summit, to be held on 28-29 November 2013 in Vilnius, Lithuania, the EU is poised to make a decision on whether to approve the conclusion of an Association Agreement with Ukraine in the face of persistent questions about whether Ukraine has met the EU’s conditions. At the same time, Ukraine has come under increasing pressure from Russia to reject this approach and to align itself with the Russian-led Eurasian Union, and observers were surprised when Armenia announced in early September that it would join the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan. This talk underlines some of the dilemmas that face the EU and its Member States in responding to this situation and considers how evolving developments may affect relations both with Russia and with other Eastern neighbours.

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**Biography**

Joan DeBardeleben is Chancellor’s Professor of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa. She holds the Jean Monnet Chair in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood Relations and she is also Director of Carleton University’s EU Centre of Excellence, the Centre for European Studies. Professor DeBardeleben has written extensively on Russian and East European politics, with her research most recently focused on relations between the European Union and Russia; elections and public opinion in Europe and Russia; and federalism and regional politics in Russia. In addition to numerous articles and book chapters, recent book publications include: *Economic Crisis in Europe: What It Means for the EU and Russia*, co-edited with Crina Viju (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013); *Transnational Europe: Promise, Paradox, Limits*, co-edited with Achim Hurrelmann (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011); *Activating the Citizen: Dilemmas of Participation in Europe and Canada*, co-edited with Jon H. Pammett (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009); *The Boundaries of EU Enlargement: Finding a Place for Neighbours*, editor and contributor (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008); and co-author (on Russia), with Mark Kesselman et al, *European Politics in Transition* (Houghton Mifflin, 2009) 6th edition.