

# A Critical Conversation <sup>TM</sup>

## *Challenges to Evidence-based Policy Development in an Age of Public Polarization and Disengagement*

Thursday, February 20, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Richcraft Hall Conference Rooms (2222-2228)  
Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks  
**Dr. Graeme Auld** *Director, School of Public Policy & Administration, Carleton University*
- 8:40 a.m. Review of Agenda, Introduction of Background Paper  
**Rick Stewart** *Executive Director, Regulatory Governance Initiative*
- 8:50 a.m. Introduction of Speakers  
**Yaprak Baltacıoğlu** *Chancellor, Carleton University*
- 9:00 a.m. **Lessons in Resilience: Canada's digital media ecosystem and the 2019 election**  
**Dr. Taylor Owen** *Associate Professor in the Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill University*
- 9:30 a.m. **Unpacking Populism and Polarization**  
**Nik Nanos** *Chief Data Scientist and Founder, Nanos Research*
- 10:00 a.m. **Polarization and Myths: The role of the petroleum sector in a climate change era**  
**Louise Métivier** *Strategic Advisor to the Deputy Minister Natural Resources Canada*
- 10:30 a.m. Networking Break and Refreshments
- 11:00 a.m. Roundtable Discussion and Priority Ranking
- 11:45 a.m. Plenary Discussion
- 12:15 p.m. Rapporteur  
**Susan Harada** *Director (Int), School of Journalism & Communication, Carleton University*
- 12:30 p.m. Closing Remarks  
**Rick Stewart** *Regulatory Governance Initiative*