

Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association



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University of New Brunswick Saint John
October 14-16, 2016
“Politics at the Tipping Point”

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Welcome to APPSA 2016 at the University of New Brunswick Saint John.

UNBSJ is coming off an exciting year of 50th anniversary celebrations and is excited to welcome attendees from across the Maritimes, Canada and the United States.

This year's theme of "Politics at the Tipping Point" allows for a discussion of political institutions, policies, cultures, societies and movements at a critical juncture. This year's conference features guest speaker economist Richard Salliant from Université de Moncton.

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We hope that you enjoy your time at APPSA.

All the best,

J.P. Lewis (on behalf of the 2016 APPSA Conference Organizing Committee)

APPSA 2016 – Detailed Programme

Friday, October 14

6:00pm – 7:00pm - Reception and Registration (Saint John Arts Centre)

7:00pm – 8:00pm - Keynote Speaker (Saint John Arts Centre)

Richard Saillant (Université de Moncton) – Atlantic Canada in the Age of the Great Demographic Imbalance

Saturday, October 15

8:30am – Registration (Outside K.C. Irving Hall 107) (Breakfast)

8:45am – Welcome from UNBSJ Arts Dean Joanna Everitt (K.C. Irving Hall 107)

9:00am – 10:30am Panels

1A) Critical Questions on Public Policy and Public Administration (HWK Commons G16)

Jeffrey Collins (Carleton University) – Fixed to Fail? Bureaucratic Politics and the Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue Procurement

Tammy Findlay (Mount Saint Vincent University) – Femocratic Administration? Exploring New Possibilities

Michael MacMillan (Mount Saint Vincent University) – Language Policy at 50: Institutionalized Accommodation or Fragile Tolerance?

Discussant: Erin Crandall (Acadia University)

1B) Southern Hemisphere (K.C. Irving Hall 101)

Carolyn Bassett (University of New Brunswick) – Dilemmas of policy work in the Congress of South African Trade Unions

Ahlam Taboun (Carleton University) – Gender Equality in Post-Colonial North Africa: A Comparative Analysis in Family Law in Tunisia and Libya

Robert Whitney (University of New Brunswick) – Is the Cuban Revolution Dead?

Discussant: Ian Spears (University of Guelph)

1C) Diversity and Justice (HWK Commons 107)

Jason Ferrell (Mount Allison University) – Commutative Justice: A Reappraisal

Greg Marquis (University of New Brunswick) – The Last Barrier: Policing and Canada's LGBT Communities

Kerry Tannahill and Mebs Kanji (Concordia University) – Diversity's Challenge to Democracy: A Tough Row to Hoe?

Discussant: Suzanne Hindmarch (University of New Brunswick)

1D) Parties and polls (K.C. Irving Hall 107)

Joanna Everitt (University of New Brunswick) & Joseph Sanford (Dalhousie University) – Party Policy and Citizen Interests: Attitude Alignment or Misalignment on Provincial Health Care

Jason Roy (Wilfrid Laurier University) Pre-election polls and the vote decision process: A cross-national assessment

Discussant: Alex Marland (Memorial University)

10:30am – 10:45am – Break (Coffee and snacks outside K.C. Irving Hall 107)

10:45am – 12:15pm – Panels

2A) Assessing Institutions (HWK Commons G16)

Erin Crandall (Acadia University) – Communication during times of stress: A media analysis of the Supreme Court of Canada's approach to political criticism

Stewart Hyson (University of New Brunswick) – New Brunswick's Ombudsman Office

Jonathan Malloy (Carleton University) – The Competing Logics of the Canadian Parliament

Discussant: J.P. Lewis (University of New Brunswick)

2B) Critical Policy Questions (K.C. Irving Hall 101)

Ben Diepeveen (University of Ottawa) – From confrontation to cooperation: Exploring variation in doctors' political activity across Canada

Alana Cattapan (Dalhousie University) & Dave Snow (University of Guelph) – All or Nothing: The Regulation of Embryonic Research in Canada

Manasa Seshan (Queen's University) – On the Politics of Trans-Border Water

Discussant: Loleen Berdahl (University of Saskatchewan)

2C) Maritime Politics & Policy (HWK Commons 107)

Louise Cockram & Sandra Hannebohm (Springtide Collective) – On the Record, Off Script: Exit Interviews with former MLAs in Nova Scotia

Glenn Graham (St. Francis Xavier University) – Re-thinking and re-building regions: The Case of Cape Breton Island

Michael Kunze & Jacquetta Newman (King's University College at Western University) – Accomplices or Allies: Coalition Building Against Fracking in New Brunswick

Discussant: Tom Bateman (St. Thomas University)

2D) Political communications and branding (K.C. Irving Hall 107)

Ken Cosgrove (Suffolk University) – Sports, Branding and Politics in North America

Alex Marland (Memorial University) – Communications coordination in government: Media planning tools in Canadian provinces and territories

Angelia Wagner (McGill University) – Digital Dangers: Has Social Media Become a New Barrier to Elected Office?

Discussant: Jason Roy (Wilfrid Laurier University)

12:15pm – 12:45pm Lunch (Faculty Club)

12:45pm – 1:45pm – Special Plenary

The Gallant Government at Midpassage (K.C. Irving Hall 107)

Geoff Martin (Mount Allison University), Chair
Tom Bateman (St. Thomas University)
Joanna Everitt (University of New Brunswick)
Mario Levesque (Mount Allison University)
Roger Ouellette (Université de Moncton)

1:45pm – 3:15pm Panels

3A) Political relationships (HWK Commons G16)

Nathan Allen (St. Francis Xavier University), Andrea Lawlor (King's University College at Western University) & Katerina Graham (King's University College at Western University) – Canada's 21st century discovery of China: Canadian media coverage of China and Japan

Emma Huang (Carleton University) – Canada's Future with China

Jason VandenBeukel (University of Toronto) – Jewish Canadians and the Conservative Party of Canada

Discussant: Shaun Narine (St. Thomas University)

3B) Precarious Policy (K.C. Irving Hall 101)

Gabriel Arsenault (Université de Moncton) – Explaining Quebec's Social Economy Turn

Loleen Berdahl & Maureen Bourassa (University of Saskatchewan) – Emotions, Knowledge and Respect in Contentious Policy Debate

Mario Levesque (Mount Allison University) & Peter Clancy (St. Francis Xavier University) – Environmental Governance and Infrastructure in the Gulf of St. Lawrence: The Confederation Bridge Project

Discussant: Luc Thériault (University of New Brunswick)

3C) Conflict and Change (HWK Commons 107)

Ian Spears (University of Guelph) – Why Conflict Resolution Fails: Part 4

Geoffrey Whitehall (Acadia University) – Bio-Politics of Resistance: Life in Revolt and Revolt in Life

Discussant: Carolyn Bassett (University of New Brunswick)

3D) Media Panel (K.C. Irving Hall 107)

John Chilibeck (Brunswick News)

Laura Lyall (Acadia Broadcasting)

Nick Moore (CTV)

Jacques Poitras (CBC)

Discussant: J.P. Lewis (University of New Brunswick)

3:15pm – 3:30pm Break (Coffee and snacks outside K.C. Irving Hall 107)

3:30pm – 5:00pm Panels

4A) Indigenous Politics (HWK Commons G16)

David MacDonald (University of Guelph) – Paved with Comfortable Intentions: Moving Beyond Liberal Multiculturalism and Civil Rights Frames on the Road to Transformative Reconciliation

Anastasia Narkevich (University of Manitoba) – Community in Countering Radicalization: A Winnipeg Case Study

Hannah Wyile (University of Ottawa) – Lost in Translation? Conciliation and Reconciliation in Canadian Constitutional Conflicts

Discussant: Hepzibah Munoz-Martinez (University of New Brunswick)

4B) Political Ideas (K.C. Irving Hall 101)

Colin Cordner (Carleton University) – Michael Polanyi’s Society of Explorers, and the Republic of Science

Theresa Lee (University of Guelph) – What Happens to the Other ‘First’? Multiculturalism, Disability and Canadian Political Theory

Constantine Vassiliou (University of Toronto) – The Double Edge of Honour in the Political Thought of Montesquieu

Discussant: Geoffrey Whitehall (Acadia University)

4C) Professional Development and Political Science in Canada (HWK Commons 107)

Loleen Berdahl (University of Saskatchewan) & Jonathan Malloy (Carleton University) – Career Development and Mentorship for Graduate Students Workshop

This workshop considers how Canadian political science graduate programs prepare students for their future careers. Many graduate students do not recognize how their academic training provides them with crucial transferable skills. In this workshop, we will discuss prevailing attitudes and culture, and perspectives on what is needed with respect to program structures and training. The workshop will present recent survey research of Canadian political science programs and discussion of ‘lived experience’. Participants can expect to leave with a stronger understanding of both the range of issues involved and ideas that individuals and departments can initiate to further political science graduate career training and mentoring.

4D) Continuities of Colonial Violence: Pop Culture, Food and Identity (K.C. Irving Hall 107)

William Biebuyck (Georgia Southern University) & Michael McCrossan (University of New Brunswick) – Food and Biopower: Spaces of Violence in Settler-Colonial Canada

Julia Calvert (University of New Brunswick) – Investment treaties and the Sumak Kawsay: How investment rules threaten the advancement of indigenous knowledges

Jean-Michel Montsion (York University) & Ajay Parasram (Dalhousie University) – The Little Nyonya and Singapore’s national self: Reflections on aesthetics, ethnicity, and postcolonial state formation

Lena Saleh (Carleton University) – Hoorah for Halal in the Family! Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the Contemporary American Popular Imagination

Discussant: Tammy Findlay (Mount Saint Vincent University)

7:00pm –Dinner – Church Street Steakhouse (Ticket Required)

Sunday, October 16

8:30 – Breakfast outside K.C. Irving Hall 107

9:00am-10:30am – Panels

5A) Historical International Affairs (HWK Commons G16)

James Devine (Mount Allison University) – Lessons from the Past: The Saudi-Iranian Crisis in Historical Perspective

Shaun Narine (St. Thomas University) – Canada in the Asia Pacific: A Historical and Political Analysis

Noah Schwartz (Carleton University) – Histories of Hatred: The Politics of the Past in the Balkan Wars in the 1990s

Discussant: Julia Calvert (University of New Brunswick)

5B) Crisis, Communications & Attitudes (K.C. Irving Hall 101)

Cristine de Clercy (Western University) – Recession, Eruption and Meltdown: The Rise of the BTM Crisis Leadership School

Gerard Horgan (University of New Brunswick) – Mayism in the Making

Discussant: Graham Dodds (Concordia University)

5C) Politics and Policy in New Brunswick (HWK Commons 107)

Hassan Arif & Luc Thériault (University of New Brunswick) - Hyperdifferentiation and the Urban-Suburban Divide in Greater Saint John

Stewart Hyson (University of New Brunswick) – Electoral Reform in New Brunswick

Brandi Riddoch & Luc Thériault (University of New Brunswick) – Poverty in an Emergent Charity Model: A New Brunswick Case Study

Discussant: Mario Levesque (Mount Allison University)

10:30am – 10:45am – Break (Coffee and snacks outside K.C. Irving Hall 107)

10:45am – 12:15 pm - Panels

6A) Europe & America (K.C. Irving Hall 101)

Graham Dodds (Concordia University) – Not with a bang but a whimper: The 2016 U.S. elections and the end of the culture wars

Jordan Gentile & Axel Huelsemeyer (Concordia University) – Can't have politics without the party: The relationship between political parties and European Integration

Elikem Kofi Tsamenyi (Dalhousie University) – Brexit and EU's deepening crises: Implications for ECOWAS as a regional bloc

Discussant: Leslie Jeffrey (University of New Brunswick)

6B) Food, Oil & Water (HWK Commons 107)

Andrew Biro (Acadia University) – Cultivating (dis)taste: The case of bottled water

Melinda Pointing-Moore (University of New Brunswick) – A Rope Made of Sand: Commodity Financialization, Understanding Mechanisms of Control over the Global Oil Industry

Jason Waters (Memorial University) – The anticipated impact of the TPP on Newfoundland and Labrador's provincial food system

Discussant: James Devine (Mount Allison University)

12:30pm – 1:00pm Business Meeting and Lunch (K.C. Irving Hall 107)