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# Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association Conference

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Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association  
Annual Conference

## Emergent-cies: Politics Today and Tomorrow

September 30 to October 2, 2022  
Saint Mary's University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada



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## Conference Programme

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## **PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:**

**SEPTEMBER 30 AT 5:00-6:30 PM** “Resistance and Resurgence: Contesting the Colonization of Our Collective Futures,” Dr. Pamela D. Palmater (Toronto Metropolitan University)

**OCTOBER 1 AT 12:45-1:45 PM** “The Politics of Abortion Rights after the Fall of Roe v. Wade,” by Dr. Joanna Erdman (Schulich Law School, Dalhousie University)

### **SPECIAL PANELS (IN LOYOLA 282):**

**OCTOBER 1 AT 9:00-10:30 AM** Alexa McDonough “When in Doubt Do Both” (1A)

**OCTOBER 1 AT 3:45-5:15 PM** The Ukraine-Russia War of 2022: Ukrainian and International Responses to the Russian Invasion (4A)

**OCTOBER 2 AT 9:00-10:30 AM** Climate Emergencies: Exploring the Political Economy of Global Climate Breakdown (5A)

### **CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATIONS**

- Sessions A (except 1A, 4A and 5A): Loyola 271
- Sessions B: Loyola 273
- Sessions C: Loyola 274
- Sessions D: Loyola 275
- Coffee/health Breaks and Lunches: Loyola 290

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (REGISTRATION, RECEPTION AND OPENING KEYNOTE)**

**3:30 pm – 5:00pm:** Registration and Welcome Reception (Hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served), Conference Room Loyola 290.

**5:00 – 6:30 pm:** 2022 APPSA Conference Opening Keynote and a Public Lecture “Resistance and Resurgence: Contesting the Colonization of Our Collective Futures” delivered by Dr. Pamela D. Palmater (Toronto Metropolitan University). With a welcome and performance by Pipukwes Latto’law (Raymond Gilbert Sewell), Conference Room Loyola 290

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 (SESSIONS 1-4)**

<b>8:30AM-9:00AM: Registration</b>			
<b>9:00AM-10:30AM: Session 1</b>			
<p><b>Session 1A (Loyola 282): Alexa McDonough “When in Doubt Do Both”</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Alexandra Dobrowolsky (Saint Mary’s University)</u></p> <p>Susan Bringham (Mount Saint Vincent University, former Chair of the Alexa McDonough Institute)</p> <p>Joanna Everitt (University of New Brunswick, Saint John)</p> <p>Tammy Findlay (Mount Saint Vincent University)</p> <p>Stephen Kimber (Author, <i>Alexa! Changing the Face of Canadian Politics</i>)</p> <p>Leonard Preyra (Former Cabinet Minister and MLA for Halifax Citadel – Sable Island)</p> <p>Meredith Ralston (Mount Saint Vincent University)</p>	<p><b>Session 1B (Loyola 273): Conflicts, Contentious and Contested Claims: Trends in Global Security</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Thomas Hughes (Queen’s University)</u></p> <p>Adam P. McDonald (Dalhousie University) <i>The Maritime Domain of the Russian-Ukrainian War: Implications and Lessons for Canada and the Royal Canadian Navy</i></p> <p>Ian Spears (University of Guelph) <i>State Formation and Conflict Resolution: The Case of Europe</i></p> <p>Emma Fingler (Queen’s University) <i>Wading into the Disaster Zone: Analyzing Gendered Experiences of Humanitarian Response Operations in Southeast Asia</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Thomas Hughes (Queens University)</u></p>	<p><b>Session 1C (Loyola 274): Emergencies, Activism and Agency: Protest, Resistance and (Counter Revolution)</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Saja Al Zoubi (Saint Mary’s University)</u></p> <p>Hiba Zerrougui (McGill University) <i>When Taking to the Streets Delivers the Goods: Protests, Gendered Violence and Public Service Delivery in Postcolonial Algeria</i> (remote)</p> <p>Lara Khattab (Mount Allison University) <i>Caught in the “state of emergency:” human rights violations and the Egyptian military’s counter-revolution (2011-Present)</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Saja Al Zoubi (Saint Mary’s University)</u></p>	
<b>10:30AM-10:45AM: Health and Coffee Break</b>			
<b>10:45AM-12:15PM: Session 2</b>			

<p><b>Session 2A (Loyola 271): Creative Communication in Times of Crisis: Innovations in Teaching, Learning and Labour</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Rohini Bannerjee (Saint Mary’s University)</u></p> <p>Jeff MacLeod (Mount Saint Vincent University) <i>Image and Power: Arts-based teaching and</i></p>	<p><b>Session 2B (Loyola 273): Representation and The Governing Style of Progressive Conservative Cabinet in New Brunswick, Canada</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Scott Pruyzers (Dalhousie University)</u></p> <p>J.P. Lewis (University of New Brunswick) <i>The Unusual Executive Style of</i></p>	<p><b>Session 2C (Loyola 274): Diasporas, Displacement and Rights: Changes over Space and Time</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Ali Bhagat (Saint Mary’s University)</u></p> <p>Dung Bui (Memorial University), Isabelle Côté (Memorial University) <i>The Return Migration,</i></p>	<p><b>Session 2D (Loyola 275): The Future of Global Order(s)</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Bill Sewell (Saint Mary’s University)</u></p> <p>Mark Davis (Memorial University) <i>The Rise of Far Right-Extremism and Homegrown Terrorism in</i></p>
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<p><i>research methods in political studies</i></p> <p>Leslie Jeffrey (University of New Brunswick) <i>Teaching Politics in a time of Crisis: How Can We Address Student Resiliency and Capacity for Action in the Face of Overwhelm?</i></p> <p>Rachel Brickner (Acadia University), Andrew Biro (Acadia University) and Joseph Hayes (Acadia University) <i>Understanding Faculty Association Communication Strategies During the Strike Wave of 2021-22</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Rohini Bannerjee (Saint Mary's University)</u></p>	<p><i>Blaine Higgs: The Progressive Conservative Cabinet 2018-2022</i></p> <p>Christine Paulin (Université de Moncton) and Mathieu Wade (Université de Moncton) <i>Local governance reform in New Brunswick: normalization or innovation?</i></p> <p>Joanna Everitt (University of New Brunswick) <i>Representing Women in New Brunswick: Slowly entering the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i></p> <p>Geoff Martin (Mount Allison University) and Erin Steuter (Mount Allison University) <i>Comparative French and English News Media Coverage of The Higgs Government Agenda in New Brunswick 2018-2022</i></p> <p>Claire Johnson (Université de Moncton) and Stéphanie Collin (Université de Moncton) <i>The Higgs Government's health pledges (2018 to present): Fulfilled or not?</i></p> <p>Rob Tay-Burroughs (University of New Brunswick, Saint John) <i>Attempting reconciliation with no truth: the Higgs ministry and First Nations</i></p>	<p><i>Health Threat and Conflict Nexus: Insights from India and China</i></p> <p>Nathan Allen (St. Francis Xavier University), Elizabeth Iams Wellman (Williams College), and Benjamin Nyblade (UCLA School of Law) <i>Variation in Diaspora Enfranchisement Processes Shapes Access Abroad: Evidence from 147 countries (1950-2020)</i></p> <p>Saja Al Zoubi (Saint Mary's University) and Humam Wardeh (Saint Mary's University) <i>Socio-Economic Challenges and Demographic Changes Arising from Internal Displacement in Syria</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Ali Bhagat (Saint Mary's University)</u></p>	<p><i>the United States and its Strategic Implications to Southeast Asia</i></p> <p>Shaun Narine (St. Thomas University) <i>Canada and the FOIP: Dealing with the Post-American Asia Pacific Order</i></p> <p>Ronaldo Au-Yeung (Simon Fraser University) <i>True self-help: Internal balancing and China's non-alliance strategy since the 1990s*</i> (remote)</p> <p><u>Discussant: Bill Sewell (Saint Mary's University)</u></p>
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**12:15PM-1:45PM: Luncheon Keynote**  
**“The Politics of Abortion Rights after the Fall of Roe v. Wade”**  
delivered by Dr. Joanna Erdman (Schulich Law School, Dalhousie University)  
(lunch served to registered conference participants)  
Loyola 290

2:00PM-3:30PM: Session 3

**Session 3A (Loyola 271):  
Transformative Rights?  
Political Transitions,  
Trials and Tribulations**

Chair: Stella Gaon (Saint Mary's University)

Nathan Olmstead\* (University of Toronto) *In a Ghostly Fashion: Sidewalk Labs, Urban Data and Transtemporal Intersubjectivity of Digital Rights (remote)*

Lewis Krashinsky (Princeton University) and Christopher H. Achen (Princeton University) *Advice Not Taken: Canadian Citizen Assemblies and Their Subsequent Referendums*

Leonard Halladay\* (Carleton University) *Queerly Multicultural: Identity and Difference Politics in the Emergencies Era (remote)*

Discussant: Stella Gaon (Saint Mary's University)

**Session 3B (Loyola 273):  
Personality and  
Promiscuity in Public  
Administration?**

Chair: Don Naulls (Saint Mary's University)

Christopher A. Cooper (University of Ottawa) *Promiscuously Partisan Public Servants? An Analysis of Bureaucrats' Behaviour and Identity from the SNC-Lavalin Affair*

Luke R. Mungall (Dalhousie University), Scott Pruyers (Dalhousie University) and Julie Blias (Dalhousie University) *The political consequences of antagonism: Examining the association between antagonistic personality traits and online political incivility*

Matthew Hayes (Northern Lake College) *Politics and Conspiracy Theory in Canada*

Discussant: Don Naulls (Saint Mary's University)

**Session 3C (Loyola 274): Still More Crises,  
Challenges and  
Changes? Contempora-  
ry Party Politics in  
Canada and Abroad**

Chair: J.P. Lewis (University of New Brunswick, Saint John)

Alex Marland (Memorial University), Mireille Lalancette (Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières) and Jared Wesley (University of Alberta) *Reasons why Canadian politicians leave a political party*

Erin Crandall (Acadia University) and Andrea Lawlor (Western University) *The Political Changes and Challenges to Canadian Election Advertising*

Jacob Robbins-Kanter (Bishop's University) *Trading Places? Working-Class Representation in the New Democratic Party and Conservative Party of Canada*

Abdul Razak Al-Hassan (University of New Brunswick) *How is vote buying able to influence voters' choice and shape voter behaviour? The case of Nigeria*

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

**Session 3D (Loyola 275):  
Politics and Power in  
New Brunswick**

Chair: Heather Millar (University of New Brunswick)

Mario Levesque (Mount Allison University) and Michael Nolan (Mount Allison University) *Highly inappropriate but not illegal: Voter interference at the Sackville polling station in the 2020 New Brunswick provincial election*

Rob Tay-Burroughs (University of New Brunswick, Saint John) *Does a bilingual lieutenant governor render section 16.1 unconstitutional?*

Gabriel Arsenault (Université de Moncton), Stéphanie Collin (Université de Moncton), Christine Paulin (Université de Moncton) *The Higgs Years (2018-2024): Assessing Two Progressive Conservative Governments in New Brunswick*

Discussant: Heather Millar (University of New Brunswick)

3:30PM-3:45PM: Health and Coffee Break

3:45PM-5:15PM: Session 4

**Session 4A (Loyola 282): The Ukraine-Russia War of 2022: Ukrainian and International Responses to the Russian Invasion**

Chair: Lyubov Zhyznomirska (Saint Mary's University)

Varvara Parkhomenko (Conflict Analyst)

Donald Bowser (Founder, INGO "Support to Ukraine Recovery Initiative")

Anders Hayden (Dalhousie University)

Denis Kozlov (Dalhousie University)

Ruben Zaiotti (Dalhousie University)

Lyubov Zhyznomirska (Saint Mary's University)

**Session 4B (Loyola 273): The Political Party in Canada: Emerging, and Enduring Issues**

Chair: Mario Levesque (Mount Allison University)

William Cross (Carleton University)

Scott Pruyers (Dalhousie University)

Rob-Currie-Wood (Carleton University)

Discussant: Mario Levesque (Mount Allison University)

**Session 4C (Loyola 274): Crisis Management? Political Economy, the Public Sector and Policy in Canada**

Chair: Tammy Findlay (Mount Saint Vincent University)

Heather Whiteside (University of Waterloo) and Stephen McBride (McMaster University) *Canadian State-Owned Enterprises as Crisis Managers*

Peter Graefe (McMaster University) and Nicole Fiorillo (Independent scholar) *The Emergent Form of the Federal Spending Power*

Israel Octavio Torres (University of New Brunswick, Saint John) *International trade policy in Canada: federal-provincial concerns and the new NAFTA*

Stephen McBride (McMaster University) and Heather Whiteside (University of Waterloo) *Overcoming Obstacles: Post-Pandemic Policies for Public Purposes*

Discussant: Tammy Findlay (Mount Saint Vincent University)

7:00PM-9:00PM: APPSA Dinner at *Smyrna*  
1569 Dresden Row, Halifax

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 (SESSIONS 5-6)

8:30AM-9:00AM Coffee			
9:00AM-10:30AM: Session 5			
<p><b>Session 5A (Loyola 282): Climate Emergencies: Exploring the Political Economy of Global Climate Breakdown</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Kate Ervine (Saint Mary's University)</u></p> <p>Dr. Ali Bhagat (Saint Mary's University) Dr. Kate Ervine (Saint Mary's University) Dr. Arturo Ezquerro-Cañete (Saint Mary's University) Dr. Sarah E. Sharma (University of Victoria)</p>	<p><b>Session 5B (Loyola 273): Public Policy in a (Post)-Pandemic Era</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Megan Aiken (University of Alberta)</u></p> <p>Andrew Halliday (University of New Brunswick, Saint John) <i>Evaluating policy change through policy learning and multiple streams: a comparative theoretical analysis of Canada's subnational 'Atlantic Bubble' during the COVID-19 pandemic</i></p> <p>Anne Lachance (Université de Moncton) <i>Why did the response to the covid-19 pandemic in education policy vary in Canadian provinces?</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Megan Aiken (University of Alberta)</u></p>	<p><b>Session 5C (Loyola 274): Transnational, National and Local Inclusions and Exclusions in Governance and Policy</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Peter Graefe (McMaster University)</u></p> <p>Alexandra Dobrowolsky (Saint Mary's University) and Tammy Findlay (Mount Saint Vincent University) <i>"Re-Emergent Feminist Governance in North America? Past and Present Lessons Learned from Canada and Mexico"</i></p> <p>Tobin LeBlanc Haley (University of New Brunswick, Saint John), Julia Woodhall-Melnik (University of New Brunswick, Saint John), and Chloe Reiser (University of New Brunswick, Saint John) <i>State of Denial: Housing Policy in New Brunswick, 2020-2022</i></p> <p>Victoria McLean (Memorial University), Isabelle Côté (Memorial University), Dimitrios Panagos (Memorial University), Matthew Mitchell (University of Saskatchewan), and Andrew Grant (Queen's University) <i>Understanding Commonalities: An analysis of key barriers to state implementation of UNDRIP across regions</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Peter Graefe (McMaster University)</u></p>	
10:30AM-10:45AM: Health and Coffee Break			
10:45AM-12:15PM: Session 6			
<p><b>Session 6A (Loyola 271): The Rise of Extremism: Politics and Perils</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Leah Sarson (Dalhousie University)</u></p> <p>Asif Hameed (Carleton University) and Alexandra Wishart</p>	<p><b>Session 6B (Loyola 273): Trends in Conflict and Governance</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Marc Doucet (Saint Mary's University)</u></p>	<p><b>Session 6C (Loyola 274): Policy Innovation Conservative Style, or Politics as usual?</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Gabriel Arsenault (Université de Moncton)</u></p> <p>Heather Millar (University of New Brunswick) <i>Stuck</i></p>	<p><b>Session 6D (Loyola 275): Care Crises Across Political and Policy Realms</b></p> <p><u>Chair: Christine Saulnier (CCPA-NS)</u></p> <p>Rachael Johnstone (Dalhousie University)</p>

<p>(Carleton University)  <i>“Rage Within the Machine” – Examining the Imagined Geographies of the Freedom Convoy and the Acceleration of the Americanization of the Conservative Party of Canada</i></p> <p>Jamie Gillies (St. Thomas University) <i>Populism is Not Healthy for Children and Other Living Things: Canada, Scandinavia and the Perils of Extremism</i></p> <p>Adam Foster (University of Hawai’i at Mānoa) <i>“Proud to be (Un)American”: The Patriot Movement, Anti-government Extremism, and Conservative Jurisprudence</i></p> <p>Discussant: <u>Leah Sarson (Dalhousie University)</u></p>	<p>Thomas Hughes (Queen’s University) <i>Qualified Concordance: Multi-Domain Operations and Civilian-Military Relations</i></p> <p>Marion Laurence (Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security Canadian Defence Academy) <i>Managing Cooperation with Troubled States: Protection of Civilians, Human Rights Due Diligence, and the UN Mission in Mali</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Marc Doucet (Saint Mary’s University)</u></p>	<p><i>in the Middle? The politics of deep decarbonization in New Brunswick’s electricity sector</i></p> <p>Duane Bratt (Mount Royal University) <i>Yet Another Nuclear Initiative: SMRs in New Brunswick</i></p> <p>Octave Keutiben (Université de Moncton) <i>The Political Economy of Cannabis Retail</i></p> <p>Claire Johnson (Université de Moncton) and Stephanie Ward (Université de Moncton) <i>The “chocolate milk debate”: how a dairy beverage became politicized and its true meaning for school food policies in New Brunswick</i></p>	<p><i>Maternity and Parental Leave for Canadian MPs</i></p> <p>Sarah MacDougall Lunney (University of New Brunswick) <i>Implications for our health and environment: Exploring perspectives in urban design and policy</i></p> <p>Kenya Thompson (York University) <i>Prefigurative Care: Everydayness and Activism in Nova Scotia’s Childcare Deserts</i></p> <p><u>Discussant: Christine Saulnier (CCPA-NS)</u></p>
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**12:15PM-1:00PM Lunch**  
Loyola 290

**1:00PM-2:00PM APPSA General/Business Meeting**  
Loyola 282

**End of Conference**



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*Larry Collins Prize Winner*

*2022 – Kelsey Shaw (University of New Brunswick)*

*Congratulations, Kelsey!*

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- Department of Political Science
- Department of Global Development Studies (co-sponsorship of the special panel on Climate Emergencies)
- Women and Gender Studies (co-sponsorship of the luncheon keynote by Dr. J. Erdman)

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**The 2022 APPSA Conference Organizing Committee was composed of:**

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- Ali Bhagat, Global Development Studies
- Alexandra Dobrowolsky, Political Science
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