THE CIVIL SPHERE IN CANADA
May 5 & 6, 2022
Hosted by
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Location: CSAHS Interdisciplinary Hub, MacKinnon 019

DAY 1 - THURSDAY MAY 5th

8.30 - 9.00 Light breakfast

9.00 - 9.40 Land Acknowledgment and Conference Opening
Welcome from Byron Sheldrick, Dean, College of Social & Applied Human Sciences, and Vivian Shalla, Chair, Sociology & Anthropology, University of Guelph

The Civil Sphere in Canada: Opening Remarks
Jeffrey Alexander (Yale University) & Mervyn Horgan (University of Guelph)

9.40 - 11.00 Session I: The Civil Sphere, Settler-Colonialism & Self-Government
Sovereignty and the Civil Sphere: Negotiating Indigenous-Settler Solidarity through Interactive Theatre on Reconciliation
Lily Ivanova (University of British Columbia)

Constituting the Indigenous Civil Sphere in Canada: Indigenous Self-Government amongst Indigenous Peoples and the Rest of Canada
Dean Ray (York University) & Mandy Nazi’nek Jimmie (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology)

11.00 - 11.20 Break

11.20 - 12.40 Session II: The Civil Sphere and Interpersonal Relations
Friendship and the Civil Sphere: Convergences, Intrusions, and Contradictions
Peter Mallory (St. Francis Xavier University) & Laura Eramian (Dalhousie University)

The Civil Sphere in Everyday Life: Public Space and Civil Inclusion
Mervyn Horgan (University of Guelph)

12.40-13.30 Lunch (catered on site)
DAY 1 - THURSDAY MAY 5th (cont’d)

13.30-14.50 Session III: The Civil Sphere and Multicultural Incorporation
Sanctuary Cities and Place-based Migrants’ Rights in Canada: Undocumented Migrants in the News
Saara Liinamaa (University of Guelph)

Canada’s Multiculturalism and Quebec’s Interculturalism: the Transcultural American Experience and the Debated Modes of Incorporation into the Civil Sphere
Jean-François Côté (Université du Québec à Montréal)

15.00-16.20 Session IV: Civil Inclusion, Representation, and Cultural Institutions
Directing Representational Justice: Civil Sphere Incursions in the Canadian Arts Sphere
Chris Worden (University of Guelph)

Antiracism and Decolonization in Quebec: The Challenges for Civil Repair and Uncivil Pressures
Brieg Capitaine (University of Ottawa)

16.30-17.00 Meet the Publisher: Informal Q&A for Early Career Researchers
James McNevin, Senior Editor, UBC Press

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DAY 2 - FRIDAY MAY 6th

8.30-9.00 Light breakfast

9.00-10.20 Session V: Historicizing the Civil Sphere
Civil Places: Canada’s Reform Era of Urban Planning and Politics as a Civil Sphere Movement
Zachary Hyde (University of Toronto)

Cultural Entrepreneurship and Societalization in the Founding of the Royal Ontario Museum: How Collecting Fossils and Antiquities Went from Private Hobby to Civic Responsibility
Matt Patterson (University of Calgary)

10.30-11.50 Session VI: The Civil Sphere, Gender, and Civil Institutions
Intersectionality and the Civil State in Canada
Elisabeth Rondinelli (Acadia University)

The Societalization of Sexual Misconduct in Canada: Comparing #MeToo and the Ghomeshi Controversy
Daniel Kudla, Allyson Stokes, Bruna Souza De Brito (Memorial University, Newfoundland)

11.50-13.00 Lunch (catered on site)

13.00-14.20 Session VII: The Canadian Civil Sphere Beyond the Border
Donald J. Trump and the Canadian Civil Sphere
Galen Watts (KU Leuven & University of Toronto)

More or Less Canada: Civic Capitalism and Extractive Mining in Global Perspective
Thomas Kemple (University of British Columbia)

14.30-15.00 Commentary
Fuyuki Kurasawa (York University)

15.00-16.00 Next Steps & Closing Remarks
Jeffrey Alexander and Mervyn Horgan

17.30 Celebratory Dinner
Buon Gusto, Wyndham Street, downtown Guelph