

EVENT PROGRAM

Global Climate Governance and Canadian Policy: Looking Forward to Paris 2015

Thursday, March 26, 2015, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. – CIGI Signature Lecture

Friday, March 27, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – BSIA/IC3 Workshop

*CIGI Campus/Balsillie School of International Affairs
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EVENT OVERVIEW:

Why are the upcoming UN Climate Negotiations important? The twenty-first session of the conference of the parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be held in Paris in December 2015. COP21 is considered to be a pivotal moment in international climate negotiations, with the objective to achieve, for the first time in over 20 years, a binding and universal agreement on climate, from all the nations of the world.

The Canadian negotiating team in Paris will be representing a re-elected or newly elected federal government. Alongside other government and non-governmental leaders, they will be faced with the challenge of crafting a position that satisfies diverse domestic interests while addressing the need to substantially limit future greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to increasingly severe climate-induced impacts, both in Canada and abroad.

This workshop will investigate Canadian political positions and policy options in the context of global governance of climate change, as well as the role of Canadian researchers and universities in contributing to public discourse on climate change.

Please Note: This event will follow the Chatham House Rule, whereby participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

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MEDIA PARTNERS:



AGENDA

Thursday, March 26th - CIGI SIGNATURE LECTURE

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| <p>7:00 – 9:00 p.m. CIGI Campus Auditorium</p> | <p>CIGI Signature Lecture: “Big World, Small Planet” <i>Johan Rockström, Executive Director, Stockholm Resilience Centre</i></p> <p>In this CIGI Signature Lecture, sustainability expert Johan Rockström explores how we as a species have passed the tipping point of nature's ability to accommodate for the societal behaviours (and byproducts thereof) required to sustain the global economy. The resulting environmental impacts and disasters that we are seeing illustrate the need for fundamental shifts in our development priorities and the way economy intersects with environment — shifts that are necessary to support the big world we have created on this small planet.</p> |
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Friday, March 27th - WORKSHOP

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| <p>8:00 – 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Registration and breakfast</p> |
| <p>8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Room 142</p> | <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Ravenhill, <i>Balsillie School of International Affairs</i> <p>Workshop overview and introduction of opening speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Scott, <i>Interdisciplinary Centre on Climate Change, University of Waterloo</i> |
| <p>8:40 – 9:20 a.m. Room 142</p> | <p>Session A: The Road to Paris</p> <p>To open the workshop, Johan Rockström and David Runnalls will set the tone for the day's discussions by situating climate change in the larger discussion of the changing earth system and providing an overview of the climate governance and sustainability policy picture.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johan Rockström, <i>Executive Director, Stockholm Resilience Centre</i> • David Runnalls, <i>CIGI Distinguished Fellow; IISD Distinguished Fellow</i> |
| <p>9:20 – 9:50 a.m. Room 142</p> | <p>Session B: Canada's Map to Sustainability: Launch of Sustainable Canada Dialogues & A\J Special Issue</p> <p>The Sustainable Canada Dialogues (SCD) is an initiative that mobilizes over 60 researchers from every province in Canada. Every scholar in this 60-person-plus group puts sustainability central to his or her area of research, whether it is species diversity, resource extraction or how we manage the land that feeds us. All SCD participants have identified what is needed for their specialized science or social science field to become more sustainable – and thus for Canada to become more sustainable. Alternatives Journal has teamed with Sustainable Canada Dialogues/Dialogues pour un Canada vert (SCD) to share articles by more than 20 of these scholars in a</p> |

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| | <p>Special Issue hot of the press in March 2015 titled "Canada's Map to Sustainability."</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Potvin, McGill University |
| 9:50 – 10:10 a.m. | Coffee break |
| 10:10 – 11:30 a.m. Room 142 | <p>Session C: Canada in the New Global Climate Regime</p> <p>Panelists will speak on the broader discussions happening in the run-up to Paris. What major themes are emerging? Given the broader Paris agenda, what can we hope for from Canada in this new global climate regime? What is the place of Canada in a decarbonizing economy of the future?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Carter, University of Waterloo • Radoslav Dimitrov, Western University • James Meadowcroft, Carleton University <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blair Feltnate, University of Waterloo |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Room 142 | Lunch break |
| 12:15 p.m. CIGI Campus Auditorium | <p>Ontario in the World: Prosperity and Sustainability</p> <p>Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne will give an address on the province's role in prosperity and sustainability initiatives, at a special noon-hour Food for Thought event at the CIGI Campus.</p> <p><i>Please note: All workshop participants are automatically registered for this address.</i></p> |
| 1:20 – 2:50 p.m. Room 142 | <p>Session D: The Communication, Ethics and Law of Climate Change</p> <p>Various conversations are happening in Canada and abroad about transitions in our economies and societies that will be needed in the new global climate regime. Panelists will reflect on the human dimensions of climate change that emerge through public communication, climate change denial, and human rights and justice issues.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Russill, Carleton University • Byron Williston, Wilfrid Laurier University • David Estrin, Centre for International Governance Innovation <p>Discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johan Rockström, Stockholm Resilience Centre <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Burch, University of Waterloo |

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| 2:50 – 3:10 p.m. | Coffee break |
| 3:10 – 4:40 p.m. Room 142 | <p>Session E: Discussion “What is the role of Canadian academics / Universities/ Higher Education in contributing to political and public dialogue on climate change?”</p> <p>Together we will explore the current state of play on how Canadian academic contribute (or don't) to political dialogue and public communication on climate change, and identify barriers or challenges experienced by participants. Participants will be encouraged to share successes they have had with engaging in political or public dialogue, and influencing policy formation in Canada and around the world. Together we'll identify upcoming opportunities and potential individual or collective actions to contribute to climate change dialogue leading up to the federal election and Paris 2015, as well as beyond.</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn Hochstetler, <i>CIGI Chair of Governance in the Americas</i> • Janet Kimantas, <i>Alternatives Journal</i> • James Orbinski, <i>CIGI Chair in Global Health Governance</i> |
| 4:40 – 5:00 p.m. Room 142 | <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Dalby, <i>Balsillie School of International Affairs</i> |
| 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. BSIA Lobby | <p>Social & Networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appetizers will be served; cash bar available |
| 6:30 p.m. Solé | <p>Dinner for invited guests</p> |