CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Youth Political Participation: The Diverse Roads to Democracy

Montreal, June 15th-17th 2016
McGill University, Montreal

Wednesday, June 15th

Location: Thomson House: 3650 McTavish Street, Montreal, QC H3A 1Y2

5:00-6:15 Registration

6:15-8:30 Keynote address
“Youth and Democracy: The Endless Story of an Awkward Relationship”
By Prof. Jan W. van Deth (Mannheim University, MZES)
Opening cocktail

Thursday, June 16th

Location: McGill Building “La Citadelle”: 410 Sherbrooke West, Montreal, H3A 1B3

8:30-10:00 Panel 1: Inequalities, Institutions and Political Participation

Discussant: Alexandre Blanchet, Université de Montréal

“Generational Replacement and the Politics of Inequality: A Comparative Analysis of the Effects of Economic Inequality on Youth Political Participation, 1965-2015”
Kathryn Wesley, Memorial University

“The road to political alienation. Social differentiation among English youth and political participation”
Jakob Hartl, University of Bristol

“Program Participation and Young Adults’ Political Engagement”
Elisabeth Gidengil, McGill University

“The Effects of the Quality of Democracy on Civic Knowledge and Democratic Attitudes”
Patrik Zamora, University of Zurich

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Panel 2: The Diverse Forms of Political Participation

Discussant: Dimokritos Kavadias, Free University of Brussels

“From Defiance to the Reinvention of “Politics”? Youths’ International Perspectives”  
Cécile Van De Velde, Université de Montréal

“Idealists or Materialists? A dual pathway model of Québec Student’s Protest Participation Against the 2012 Tuition Increase”  
Olivier Jacques and Colin Scott, McGill University

“Deconstructing Perceived Idleness: Young People’s diverse forms of Political Action in Québec”  
Nicole Gallant, Institut National de Recherche Scientifique

“L’expérimentation de dispositifs participatifs numériques en direction des jeunes: nouveau design de la participation et logique collaborative”  
Hakim Akrab, Université Grenoble Alpes

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Panel 3: The Impact of Internet and Social Media Use on Youth Political Engagement and Participation

Discussant: Sara Vissers, McGill University

“Internet and Social Networks: An Effect on Political Attitudes of Canadian Millennials?”  
Philippe Duguay, Université du Québec à Montréal

“Engaging the youngest voters – Effects of first time voters’ political social media use on electoral participation”  
Jakob Ohme, Claes de Vreese and Eric Albaek, University of Southern Denmark and University of Amsterdam

“Youth Political Engagement at the 2016 National College Convention”  
Gigi Gokcek and Hannelore Rodriguez-Farrar, Dominican University of California
Panel 4: A Complicated Relationship: Youth and Political Parties

Discussant: Holly Ann Garnett, McGill University

“Is the Parti Québécois bound to disappear? A study of the generational dynamics of electoral behavior in Québec, 2012-2014”
Valérie-Anne Mahéo and Éric Bélanger, McGill University

“What makes young people join parties and why? A typology of young party members in aging catch-all parties”
Regina Weber, University of Duisburg-Essen

“Influential politicians or ‘youth alibi’? A study of young councilors in Norwegian Municipalities”
Marte Winsvold, Guro Ødegård and Johannes Bergh, Institute for Social Research Oslo

“Canadian Party Contact and Youth Mobilization”
Laura Anthony, Samara Canada

12:00-1:00 Lunch Break

1:00-2:30 Panel 5: Political Engagement of Visible Minority & Immigrant Youth

Discussant: Allison Harell, Université du Québec à Montréal

“Citizenship Claims-making Among Canadian Arab Youth: Examining Political Subjectivity through Peer-to-Peer engagement”
Bessma Momani and Melissa Finn, University of Waterloo

“Do majority and non-minority Canadian youth intend to participate in political life?”
Alison Molina-Girón, University of Regina

“Sovereignty among the second generation in Québec: Sympathy amidst impracticability”
Leslie Cheung, McGill University
Panel 6: Explaining the Electoral Participation of Young Citizens

Discussant: Eugénie Dostie-Goulet, Université de Sherbrooke

“ Preferential Voting Systems and their effects on American youth voter turnout”
Courtney Juelich, University of Iowa

“Comedy as a catalyst: Satire, civic attitudes and youth political participation in Canada”
Erica Petkov, University of Toronto

“Political participation of youth in the multiethnic regions of the Russian Federation”
Aleksander Zhelezniakov and Tatiana Litvinova, Institute of Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences

“Electoral preferences of the young: False conscious or prototypical?”
Peter Thijssen, University of Antwerp

2:30-3:00 Break

Panel 7: Learning Politics in School: How Schools, Teachers and Civic Education Programs Impact Youth Political Development

Discussant: David Campbell, University of Notre Dame

“Civic education programs or strong teachers? An evaluation of civic education programs and teacher aptitudes on the degree of political knowledge and political self-concept of adolescents”
Dimokritos Kavadias and Kenneth Hemmerechts, Free University of Brussels

“How the School Context can (or cannot) Influence an Open Discussion Climate”
Lies Maurissen and Ellen Claes, University of Leuven

“Deliberation amongst adolescents in high school: does good deliberation in class call for differentiation in instruction?”
Ellen Claes, Sofie Marien, Lies Maurissen, and Jennifer Oser, KU Leuven & Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

“If We Don’t Care, Why Would They? Why Socialization Matters in Cultivating Agency, Empowerment in Burnaby Youth”
Jannika Nyberg, McGill University
Panel 8: The Electoral Participation of Young Canadians - Results from Elections Canada’s National Youth Survey 2015

Discussant: François Gélineau, Université Laval

“A Subgroup Analysis of Political and Civic Participation among Canadian Youth”  
Filip Kostelka and Colin Scott, Université de Montréal and McGill University

“The Electoral Participation of Diverse Canadian Youth in the 2015 Federal Election”  
Valérie-Anne Mahéo and Sara Vissers, McGill University

“Youth participation and cynicism during the Canadian federal elections of 2015”  
Kartherine Sullivan and Alexandra Manoliu, Université de Montréal

“The Social and Civic Sources of Voting and Participation”  
Philippe Duguay and Allison Harell, Université du Québec à Montréal

“The Impact of Motivational and Access Factors on Youth Vote”  
Jean-François Daoust and Fernando Feitosa, Université de Montréal

4:30-5:00  Break with refreshments

5:00-6:30  Roundtable 1: Civic Education and Democratic Engagement  
(co-organized with Elections Canada)

Facilitator: Ellen Claes, KU Leuven

Taylor Gunn, President and Chief Election officer, CIVIX Canada

Rachel Gouin, Director Research and Policy, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

Leigh-Anne Ingram, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario

Christine Chiasson, Conseillère à la recherche, Directeur Général des Élections du Québec
Friday, June 17th

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8:30-10:00 Panel 9: Participation in the Digital Age: Online Activities, Participation and Expression

Discussant: Philippe Duguay, Université du Québec à Montréal

“Do online Facebook network effects resemble offline discussion network effects for political engagement?”
Sara Vissers and Dietlind Stolle, McGill University

“TaGueule! A Webzine to Speak Out About Politics, Identity, and Culture in French Canada: When Social Media Uses Is a Form of Political Participation”
Mélanie Millette, L’Université du Québec à Montréal

“Political Socialization in the Digital Age: The Relationship between Young People’s Online Activity and Political Participation”
Joseph Kahne and Benjamin Bowyer, Mills College

Panel 10: Political Socialization: The Influence of Parents, Children and Civic Organizations

Discussant: Antoine Bilodeau, Concordia University

“Charity Begins at Home: Parenting Styles and Youth Civic Efficacy”
David Campbell, University of Notre Dame

“Trickle-up political socialization: The causal effect on turnout of parenting a newly enfranchised voter”
Jens Olav Dahlgaard, University of Copenhagen

“La “fabrication” de citoyens: interactions entre les trajectoires de participation sociale des jeunes Québécois et leurs processus de subjectivation politique”
Stéphanie Gaudet, Stéphanie Boyer, Alexandre Cournoyer, Esther Frigon, Martine Rondeau, University of Ottawa

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break
Panel 11: Lowering the Voting Age to 16: a Democratic Reform and its Implications

Discussant: Éric Bélanger, McGill University

“Support for a lowering of the voting age – A question of self-efficacy?”
Klaus Levinsen, University of Southern Denmark

“The Scottish independence referendum and votes at 16: flash in the pan or a shot in the arm?”
Iain MacLeod, Robert Gordon University

Guro Ødegård, Johannes Bergh and Jo Saglie, Institute for Social Research Oslo

“Political Dropouts and the Generation Gap in Political Knowledge”
Henry Milner, Université de Montréal

Panel 12: Diverse Youth and the Meaning(s) of Citizenship and Political Participation

Discussant: Antoine Bilodeau, Concordia University

“The Effect of Democratic Norms on Political Behavior of Diverse Youth: Israel as a test case, in comparative perspective”
Jennifer Oser, Ben-Gurion University

“Postmodern Citizenship Potential among Croatian Youth: A Game Already Lost?”
Bojana Ćulum, Anja Gvozdanović, Vlasta Ilišin, Marko Kovačić, University of Rijeka and the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break
1:00-2:30 **Roundtable 2: Youth at the polls: Approaches to engaging young voters**  
(co-organized with Elections BC)

Facilitator: Miriam Lapp, Assistant Director Outreach and Research, Elections Canada

Alison Mitchell, Communications Manager, Elections Manitoba

Paul Harpelle, Director of Communications and Community Outreach, Elections New Brunswick

Ian Tuckey, Community Outreach Officer, Elections Alberta

Anton Boegman, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Elections BC

2:30-3:00 **Break**

3:00-4:15 **Roundtable 3: Diversifying Democracy and Reaching out to Diverse Youth**  
(co-organized with Elections Canada)

Facilitator: Miriam Fahmy

Caro Loutfi, Executive Direct, Apathy is Boring

John Beebe, Outreach Manager, Samara Canada

Carissa DiGangi, Community Programs Manager, ABC Life Learning

Aaron Asselstine, Policy Analyst, Implementing Rights, Assembly of First Nations

4:15-5:30 **Closing Cocktail**