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CENTRE FOR THE STUDY
OF DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP

The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Graduate Student Conference
March 21-22, 2014
The Clarendon Hotel, Quebec City

Call for Papers

The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC) will host its annual graduate student conference from March 21st-22nd, 2013 in Quebec City (a welcoming activity will also be scheduled on the March 20th afternoon). The goal of this conference is to offer students at the Masters, PhD, and Post-Doctorate levels interested in the Centre's many research areas, the opportunity to present and receive feedback on their research, and to become acquainted with the many students and faculty associated with the Centre. The Centre's research areas include:

- **Citizens and Democratic Representation:** Campaigns and Electoral Dynamics, Deliberative Democracy, Economic Voting, Electoral Systems and Strategic Voting, Gender, Immigrant and Minority Voting Patterns, Issue Voting, Political Parties, Media Coverage, Opinion Polls, Party Leaders, Policy and Opinion Representation, Satisfaction with Democracy, Voting and Elections in Canada and outside Canada.
- **Civic Engagement :** Civic Attitudes and Civic Engagement, Citizen Engagement and New Communication Technologies, Gender and Civic Engagement, Political Consumerism and Political Protest, Political Knowledge, Voter Turnout and Other Forms of Electoral Participation.
- **Diversity and Democratic Citizenship:** Adapting to Diversity and Incorporating Diversity.

This conference is open to students from all universities in all disciplines that share an interest in one of the Centre's research areas. There is no registration fee. Participants registered at a Quebec university (or in the Ottawa region) and who are coming in from outside the city of Quebec are eligible for a stipend from the CSDC to cover the costs of travel and lodging. Furthermore, a \$500 award will be presented to the best paper.

Students whose papers have been accepted will be required to participate in all the activities of the conference and to submit their paper no later than 10 days prior to the beginning of the conference. Each presenter will give a presentation of approximately 15 minutes on their proposed topic and act as a discussant for a paper presented by another student. French will be the primary language of the conference; however, students are welcome to submit papers and present in English.

Students interested in presenting at the CSDC conference are invited to contact Alexandre Blanchet (alexandre.blanchet@umontreal.ca) with the following information: (1) their first and last name, (2) their institutional email address, (3) their current level of study (Masters, PhD, Post-Doctorate), (4) the department and university with which they are affiliated, (5) their supervisor's name and email address, (6) the title of their proposed paper, and (7) an abstract of around 250 words which presents the research questions, the theoretical approach, the methodology, and the planned status of the research at the time of the conference (project, or preliminary results and initial analysis, or completed results and analyses).

Deadline to submit proposals:

Monday, December 9, 2013

Notification of accepted proposals:

Monday, January 13, 2014

Deadline to submit papers:

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC) was established in 2008, funded by the Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC). The Centre brings together a group of scholars from five Quebec universities addressing a wide range of questions relating to the relationship between citizens and the political process in a cross-disciplinary perspective. For more information on the CSDC, visit: <http://csdc-cecd.mcgill.ca/>

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