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CENTRE FOR THE STUDY
OF DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP
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A year marked by the COVID-19 crisis

Annual Report

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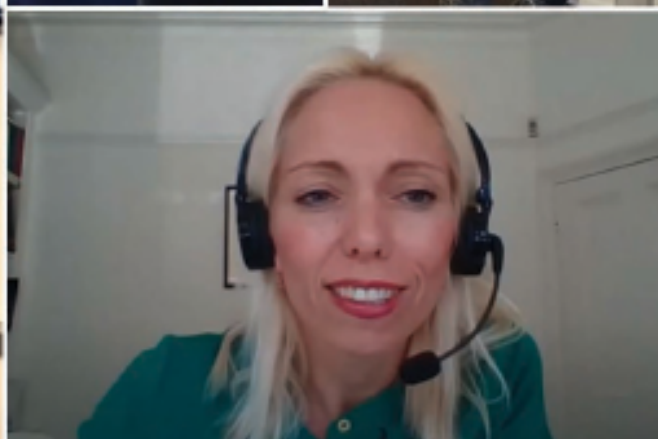


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THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP AT A GLANCE 2019-2020

WHO WE ARE

33 RESEARCHERS



**CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY**

4 researchers

**MCGILL
UNIVERSITY**

9 researchers

**UNIVERSITÉ
DE MONTRÉAL**

9 researchers

**UNIVERSITÉ
LAVAL**

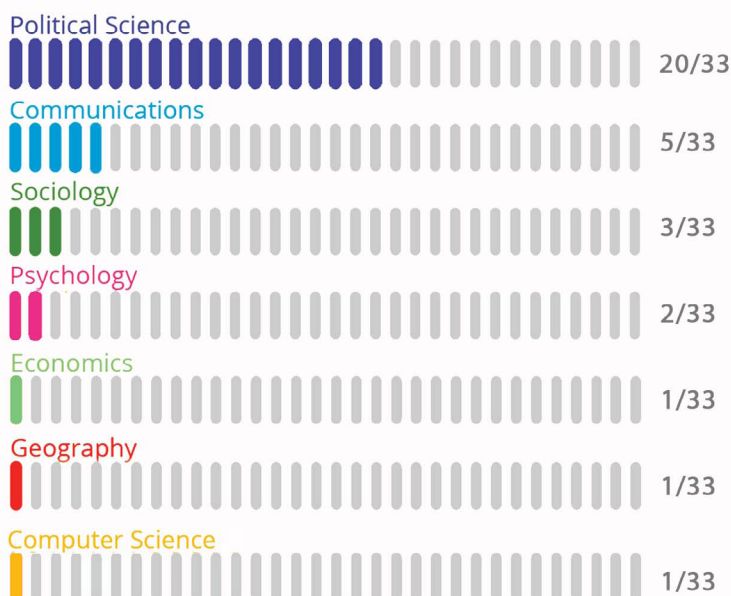
7 researchers

**UQAM (UNIVERSITÉ DU
QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL)**

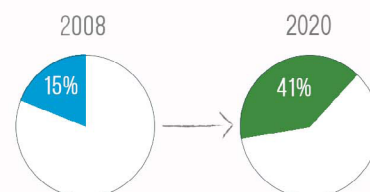
3 researchers

**UNIVERSITÉ
TÉLUQ**

1 researchers

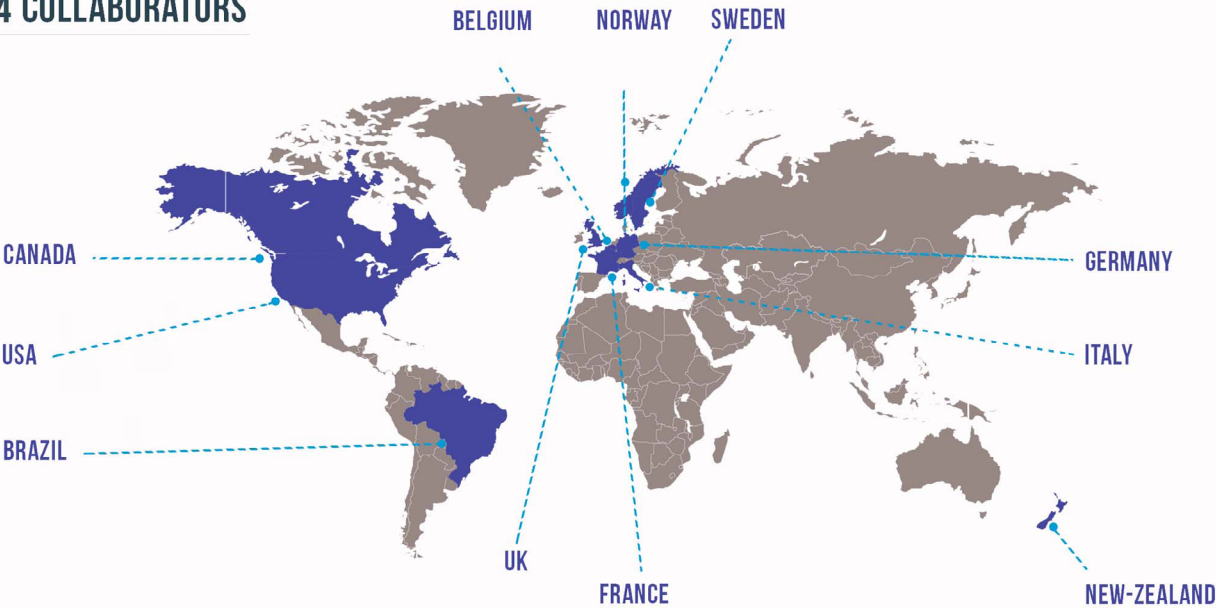


The proportion of regular members from outside political science has grown from 15% in 2008 to 41% in 2020



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

34 COLLABORATORS

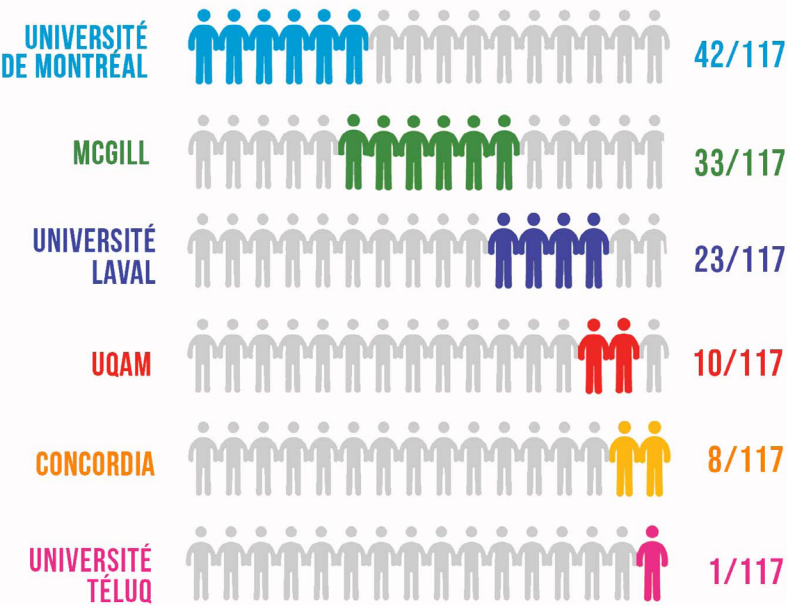
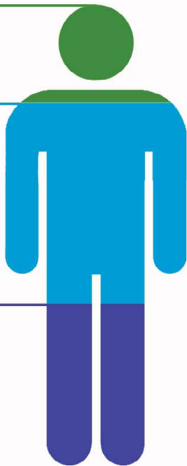


117 STUDENTS

10 POST-DOCS

54 PHD

53 MA



WHAT WE DO

GRANTS

MEMBERS

- 6 COVID-19 RESEARCH GRANT
- 2 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
- 4 INTER-REGIONAL TRAVEL GRANT
- 2 SEED GRANT
- 6 MEETINGS
- 3 STUDENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS

STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

- 12 METHOD TRAINING GRANT
- 12 STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT
- 8 INTER-REGIONAL TRAVEL GRANT
- 46 CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANT
- 1 STUDENT TRAINING WORKSHOP

RESEARCH AXES AND THEMES



LEARNING DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP IN AN UNEQUAL WORLD

Learning across
the Life Cycle

Challenges for Learning
Citizenship

Adaptation and Integration of New
Citizens

Learning Social Solidarity



PRACTICING CITIZENSHIP IN A SKEPTICAL WORLD

Making Choices in
Public Life

Perceiving the Public
World

A Changing Media
Landscape

Varieties and Transformation in
Citizen Engagement



REPRESENTING AND GOVERNING CITIZENS IN CRITICAL TIMES

Linking Citizens and Democratic
Institutions in a Reform Era

Debating Citizens' Choices:
Parties and Parliaments

Responding to Citizens:
Responsiveness,
Representation and Accountability

DISSEMINATION



23
**book
chapters**



6
books



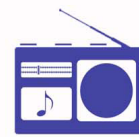
88
**peer-reviewed
articles**



68
**academic
presentations**



34
**talks as
guest speakers**



2
**podcast
episodes**

IN THE MEDIA

IN 2018-2019, OUR MEMBERS WERE MENTIONED **81** TIMES IN THE MEDIA.



1
TV



27
Blog posts



51
Press articles



2
Radio



1. Word from the Director

Prof. Frédérick Bastien
Université de Montréal

The year 2019-2020 was to be characterized by our mid-term evaluation by the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC) and a change of director. The spread of the coronavirus has eclipsed these issues. As in most organizations, it has of course changed our activities. But it has also marshalled many of our researchers since it raised questions related to all areas of our scientific program.

The COVID-19 pandemic poses new challenges for citizens who must absorb information they receive and learn new behaviors. It is likely to increase inequalities and fuel discrimination against certain groups. It creates an environment conducive to the circulation of inaccurate information and radicalization, while the role of the media and scientific institutions is more important than ever. It has shown that many citizens expect political leadership that instills a way forward and protects the collective interest, but governments face difficulties in meeting the expectations placed on them.

Since the Spring of 2020, our Centre has supported new projects by our professors and students in connection with these questions through two competitions. Other researchers are carrying out larger projects. For example, Roxane de la Sablonnière and Dietlind Stolle, along with other colleagues, obtained funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to study the effect of public policies on prejudice and the processes of adaptation to the pandemic. As well, Éric Bélanger, Ruth Dassonneville, Richard Nadeau and our collaborator Jean-François Daoust, joined an international comparative project on citizens' attitudes towards COVID-19, led by colleagues from CEVIPOF at Science Po Paris, including our collaborator Martial Foucault. Over the coming year, the CSDC will support these research efforts and provide assistance for the dissemination of the results.

While the onset of the pandemic has resulted in the postponement or cancellation of many of our activities - including the student conference, the Democracy and Diversity conference and the final sessions of our conference series - we have adapted our ways of doing things. In addition, the FRQSC provided us with significant

support: the organization postponed our mid-term evaluation until spring 2021 and, above all, added one-year of funding to our grant which will therefore extend until 2023-2024.

It is in this extraordinary context that I began my first term as Director of the CSDC on September 1, 2020. It is an honor that colleagues proposed my candidacy and that it was supported by the Steering Committee, as well as by the Graduate Student Committee, and I would like to thank all of these people for their trust. It is a heavy responsibility to succeed Elisabeth Gidengil and Dietlind Stolle. The passion and dynamism of the latter has enabled our Centre to experience remarkable vitality and considerable expansion, both in terms of membership and outreach. All the members of the Center owe a big thank you to Dietlind!

A program that brings together the expertise and activities of our members would not be possible without the work of several people who are involved in various committees. Their names appear in this annual report. However, I would like to especially thank the members of the Steering Committee: Associate Director Allison Harell (UQAM), Colette Brin (Laval), Fenwick McKelvey (Concordia) and Dietlind Stolle (McGill). On a daily basis, the efficient and creative work of our communications assistant Esther Armaignac, and the organizational skills and experience of our coordinator Wim Wolfs are essential for the proper functioning of our organization. I would like to thank them for their commitment and professionalism.

I invite you to get involved, or to continue your involvement, within the training and research community that is the CSDC. One of the unfortunate consequences of COVID-19 is that it keeps us physically distanced from each other, but it has the benefit of reminding us how much we need to feel part of a community and that our work is needed for the development of our society.

Fréderrick Bastien

2. What is the CSDC

The CSDC brings together a group of scholars from six (6) Quebec universities, who work on research related to democratic citizenship. The universities are Concordia University, McGill University, Université Laval, Université de Montréal (UdeM), Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), and Université TÉLUQ. The purpose of the Centre is to develop inter-disciplinary and multiple methodological perspectives in the study of challenges that democracies face in a rapidly changing world.

The Centre was established in 2008 under the leadership of Dr. Elisabeth Gidengil, and from 2013 led by Dr. Dietlind Stolle. This year, Dr. Frédérick Bastien has been nominated Director and will begin a 3-year term in September 2020. The Centre currently has 33 members and 117 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

The Centre's main goals are to promote scientific research on fundamental questions relating to democratic citizenship, to contribute to policy debates on strengthening democracy both in Canada and abroad, to take a leadership role in the development of large-scale cross-national research projects, and to provide an enriched training environment for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

CSDC researchers and students address a wide range of questions relating to the relationship between citizens and the political process. The following and related questions play a central role in the work pursued by scholars at the CSDC: How do citizens decide who to vote for? Can citizens hold governments accountable? How do citizens form attitudes about public policy? What accounts for political participation, or, perhaps more importantly, a lack of political participation? What are the implications of social diversity for engagement, or policy support?

3. Research Program

Democracy is in crisis in the Western world. Trust in political institutions has declined precipitously, voters have deserted centrist parties and positions in favour of radical stances of the left and right, and many citizens do not vote. Facilitated by social media, populist rhetoric and even hate speech are permeating political discourse. This is happening in a context of ever-increasing diversity, information overload and rapid technological change. Some elections like those in the United States and Belarus this year, the rise of extreme right parties in Germany, social movements like Black Lives Matter, and some reactions to the Covid-19 pandemic embody many of the symptoms of this crisis in democracy. It is time to re-assess the state of democratic citizenship and to come up with prescriptions to fix the ailments that beset our systems of governance.

Understanding such complex phenomena requires the concerted efforts of researchers in different fields and with ties to the policy community and civil society. As the foremost, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral research network on democratic citizenship in Québec and Canada, our Centre is uniquely qualified to address these critical challenges posed by growing democratic skepticism, technological changes and cultural diversity.

The CSDC's ambitious research program is organized around three interrelated research axes ([see Appendix 1](#)). Each axis addresses different questions, but all share common foci such as political socialization, social diversity, immigration, political inequality, participation, and communication.

Axis 1: Learning Democratic Citizenship in an Unequal World

This axis focuses on the acquisition of values, attitudes and behaviours that are essential for a vibrant democratic citizenry. It addresses the learning of citizenship across the life cycle and the challenges confronting new citizens. (Lead: Thomas Soehl)

Axis 2: Practicing Citizenship in a Skeptical World

This axis examines changing conceptions and practices of democratic citizenship including transformations in how citizens engage, how they perceive the public world, and the influence of the changing media landscape. (Lead: Ruth Dassonneville)

Axis 3: Linking Citizens and Democratic Institutions in an Era of Reform

This axis investigates how democratic institutions shape citizen engagement. It examines the role of electoral systems, parliamentary debates, and political parties as well as government responsiveness and accountability. Urgently needed findings across all three axes will strategically inform and enrich debates on democratic citizenship among researchers, policy makers, elected representatives, civil society actors and the public. (Lead: Jean François Godbout)

4. Membership

The CSDC welcomed two new members in 2019-2020:



Elissa Berwick

Professor of political science at McGill University

The research interests of Prof. Berwick fall within the subfields of Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods. Her research focuses on sub-state nationalism, exploring how communities imagined by stateless nations shape actual political behaviors and attitudes.



Dominic Duval

Professor of political and social communication at UQAM

His research interests and areas of expertise include political communication, social science research methods, quantitative methods and public opinion.

The CSDC is a network of researchers from six Quebec partner universities. The Centre has **33 members**; 9 women and 24 men, and spans **7 disciplines**.

University	Members
Concordia University	4
McGill University	10
Université de Montréal	9
Université Laval	6
UQAM	3
TÉLUQ	1

Discipline	Members
Communication	5
Economics	1
Geography	1
Information Systems Engineering	1
Political Science	20
Psychology	2
Sociology	3

4.1 Members

Last Name	First Name	Department	University
Bastien	Frédéric	Political Science	Université de Montréal
<i>Beaudonnet</i>	<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Political Science</i>	<i>Université de Montréal</i>
Bélanger	Éric	Political Science	McGill University
Berwick	Elissa	Political Science	McGill University
Bilodeau	Antoine	Political Science	Concordia University
Blais	André	Political Science	Université de Montréal
Bodet	Marc-André	Political Science	Université Laval
Brin	Colette	Information and Communication	Université Laval
Clark	Jeremy	Information Systems Engineering	Concordia University
Dassonneville	Ruth	Political Science	Université de Montréal
de la Sablonnière	Roxane	Psychology	Université de Montréal
Dellis	Arnaud	Economics	UQAM
<i>Dufresne</i>	<i>Yannick</i>	<i>Political Science</i>	<i>Université Laval</i>
Durand	Claire	Sociology	Université de Montréal
<i>Duval</i>	<i>Dominic</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>UQAM</i>
Erlich	Aaron	Political Science	McGill University
Forest	Benjamin	Geography	McGill University
Fournier	Patrick	Political Science	Université de Montréal
Gélineau	François	Political Science	Université Laval
Giasson	Thierry	Political Science	Université Laval
Gidengil	Elisabeth	Political Science	McGill University
Godbout	Jean-François	Political Science	Université de Montréal
<i>Harell</i>	<i>Allison</i>	<i>Political Science</i>	<i>UQAM</i>
Hehman	Eric	Psychology	McGill University
Kanji	Mebs	Political Science	Concordia University
Landry	Normand	Communication and Political Science	Université TÉLUQ
McKelvey	Fenwick	Communication	Concordia University
Nadeau	Richard	Political Science	Université de Montréal
Owen	Taylor	Communication	McGill University
Petry	François	Political Science	Université Laval
Shor	Eran	Sociology	McGill University
Soehl	Thomas	Sociology	McGill University
Stolle	Dietlind	Political Science	McGill University

Note: original members in **bold**, ex-CSDC PhD student or Postdoctoral Fellow in *italic*



The diversity and complementarity of our members' skills, disciplinary orientations and institutional settings is a powerful asset for our strategic cluster and will continue to be instrumental in the successful implementation of the scientific program in the future.

An interdisciplinary network of researchers is crucial for the investigation of democratic citizenship, an enormously complex and rapidly changing area of study. The validity and reliability of measures, and the scope and limitations of each methodological technique are critical in social sciences.

One of our strengths is the emphasis on methodological issues, both with our training opportunities than our research tools.



4.2 Postdoctoral Fellows and Graduate Students

The Centre is particularly proud of its focus on engaging, training and mentoring a large number of students, **117** in 2019 – 2020 from all six partner universities ([see Appendix 2 for details](#)), many of whom benefit from formal co-supervision and frequently, informal co-supervision, mentorship and support by Centre members.

- 58 female and 59 male students
- 10 Postdoctoral Fellows
- 54 PhD Students
- 53 MA Students

	Concordia	McGill	U Laval	UdeM	UQAM	TÉLUQ	Total
MA	3	12	9	22	7	0	53
PhD	4	16	14	18	1	1	54
Postdoc	1	5	0	2	2	0	10
Total	8	33	23	42	10	1	117

From 2008 to 2020 the CSDC has trained over 1200 postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.

Close to 25% of CSDC members received their training as a post-doctoral fellow or PhD student at one of the CSDC partner universities.

The CSDC hosted 10 postdoctoral fellows

- **Edana Beauvais** (Political Science, McGill University, supervisor: Dietlind Stolle)
- **David Dumouchel** (Political Science, Concordia University, Antoine Bilodeau)
- **Laura French-Bourgeois** (Political Science, UQAM, supervisor: Allison Harell)
- **Lara Gautier** (Sociology, McGill, supervisor: Thomas Soehl)
- **Jean-François Daoust** (Political Science, McGill University, supervisor: Éric Bélanger)
- **Jean-Philippe Gauvin** (Political Science, Concordia University, supervisor: Antoine Bilodeau)
- **Neil Hester** (Psychology, McGill University, supervisor: Eric Hehman)
- **Valérie-Anne Mahéo** (Political Science, McGill University, supervisor: Éric Bélanger)
- **Jordan Mansell** (Political Science, UQAM, supervisor: Allison Harell)
- **Mathieu Pelletier-Dumas** (Psychology, Université de Montréal, supervisor: Roxane de la Sablonnière)

4.3 Visiting Scholars



Prof. Peter Dinesen
University of Copenhagen
Denmark

Dr. Peter Dinesen studies social and political attitudes and behavior. Although he is a political scientist by training, his research falls in the intersection between political science, sociology and psychology. In his work he looks at how various social and political attitudes are formed. He visited the CSDC in September 2019.



Prof. Marta Rebolledo
Universidad de Navarra
Spain

Assistant Professor of Political Communication at the Department of Public Communication and Deputy Director of the Political and Corporate Communication master program at the University of Navarra (Spain). She visited the CSDC from July to December 2019. Her research interests include political marketing, election campaigns, and transparency and public communication from institutions.

4.4 Visiting Students

In the academic year 2019-2020, the CSDC welcomed 1 visiting student.

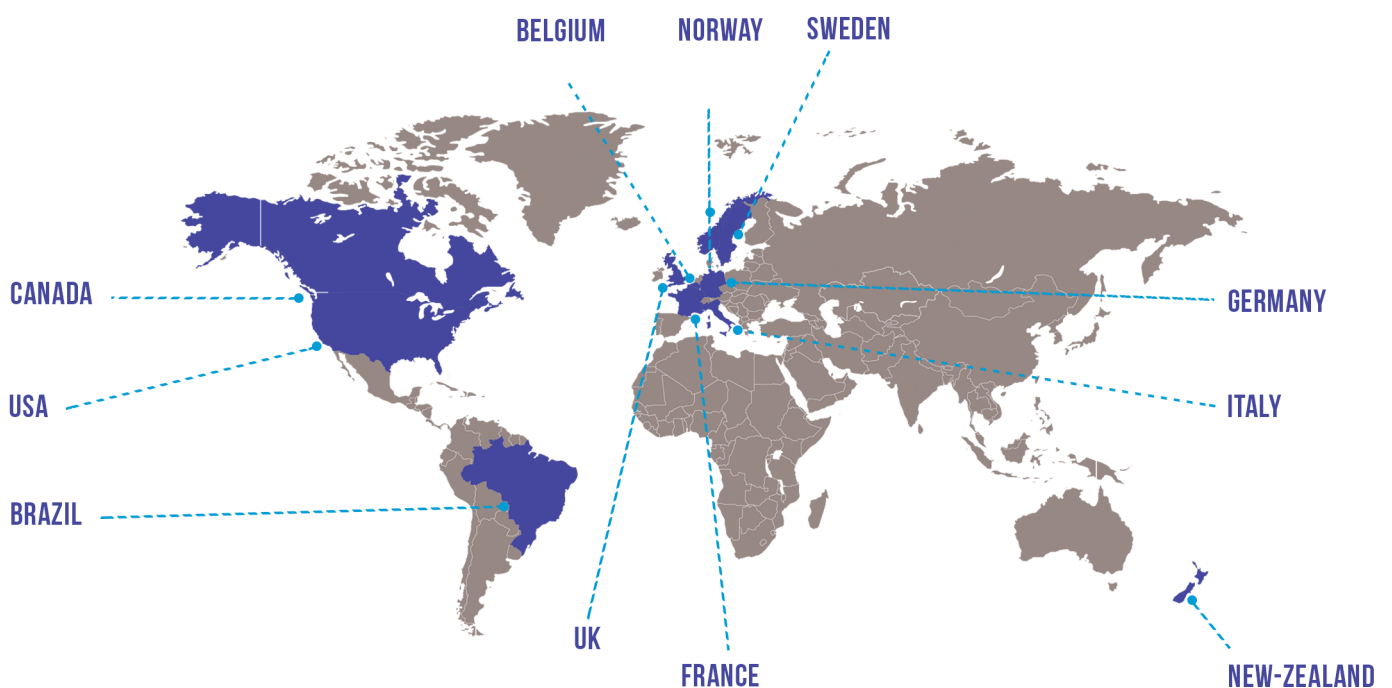


Abelardo Gomez Díaz
Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

Abelardo Gómez Díaz (Department of Political Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain) visited the Centre from February 2020 to March 2020 working with André Blais at the Université de Montréal. Currently, he is pursuing a PhD in Political and Social Sciences at Pompeu Fabra University, with a special focus on mixed electoral systems. Abelardo has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Ottawa; a Master's in Public Relations and Communication from the Autonomous University of Barcelona; a Research Master's in Political Science from Pompeu Fabra University; and a Master's in Politics and Public Administration from the University of Konstanz, Germany.

4.5 Collaborations

The CSDC membership currently includes 34 collaborators from 11 countries and span eight disciplines: Communication, Computer Science, Economics, Government, Law, Neurology and Neuroscience, Political Science, and Sociology.



Country	#
Canada - Quebec	12
Canada- Other Provinces	2
U.S.A.	6
Brazil	1
Belgium	1
France	4
United Kingdom	3
Italy	1
Germany	1
Sweden	1
Norway	1
New Zealand	1

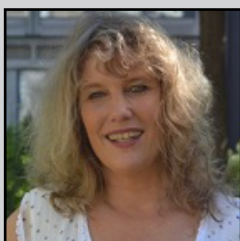
(see Appendix 3 for Collaborator Names, Discipline and Universities)

5. Governance, Leadership, and Support

The Director, Dietlind Stolle, represents the administrative and academic leadership of the CSDC in 2019-2020 and is assisted by the Associate Director, Allison Harell.

5.1 Steering Committee

The Centre is guided by a Steering Committee, which is charged with decisions relating to the implementation of planned activities, deciding budgetary and other resource allocations and providing ongoing oversight of the centre's activities.



Dietlind Stolle
Director
McGill



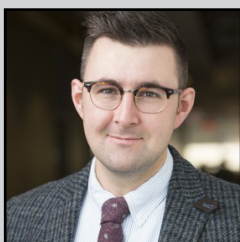
Allison Harell
Associate Director
UQÀM



Frédérick Bastien
Member
Université de Montréal



Colette Brin
Member
Université Laval



Fenwick McKelvey
Member
Concordia



Wim Wolfs
Manager
McGill

The Steering Committee met five times in person or by videoconference: October 1, December 3, February 25, April 7 and June 4. The Committee reviewed applications for 7 funding competitions: Student Research Grants (2), Infrastructure Grants, Seed Grants, Student Method Training Grants, and COVID-19 Research Grants (2).

During the Autumn Dietlind Stolle informed the Steering Committee that she would step down as CSDC Director on August 31, 2020. The Steering Committee consulted the CSDC members and student representatives, as required by its By-laws, and at its April 7th meeting Frédérick Bastien was appointed as new CSDC Director per the 1st of September 2020. The Steering Committee also approved the move of the CSDC Secretariat from McGill to Université de Montréal.

5.2 Graduate Students Committee

The committee includes student representatives from all the partner universities. Its role is to provide student input into the planning of all the Centre's activities and to organize activities that encourage interaction among students from the different universities.



**Maxime
Coulombe**
Chair
Université de
Montréal



**Audrey
Brennan**
Université Laval



**Audrey
Gagnon**
Concordia



**Colin
Scott**
McGill



**Vincent
Vallée**
UQAM

5.3 Support Staff

The CSDC is administratively supported by a Coordinator, who is responsible for the financial accounts, administration, funding requests, and the media lab maintenance, as well as other related tasks, and a Public Affairs Coordinator and a Communications Assistant.

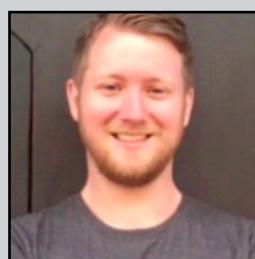
For 2019-2020 the CSDC headquarters were located at McGill University



**Esther
Armaignac**
Communications
and Administrative
Officer



**Alexandre
Sheldon**
Public Affaires
Coordinator



**Colin
Scott**
Medialab
Coordinator



**Wim
Wolfs**
Manager

6. Grants and awards

The CSDC Grant and Awards Program is designed to promote new collaborations among its members and students, particularly new interdisciplinary initiatives, to pilot new ideas and projects and to support student research and training.

During the 2019-2020 academic year, funding was allocated as follows:

- Member Grants and Awards (23): \$ 58,837 (44%)
- Student Grants and Awards (79): \$ 75,318 (56%)
- Total (102): \$ 134,155

6.1 Member Grants and Awards

The CSDC awarded funds to its members for workshops or for student training courses.

- COVID-19 Research Grants (6): \$ 17,800 (31%)
- Infrastructure Grants (2): \$ 19,469 (33%)
- Interregional Travel Grants (4): \$ 1,611 (2%)
- SEED Grants (2): \$ 9,967 (17%)
- Meetings (6): \$ 4,490 (8%)
- Student Training Workshops (3): \$ 5,500 (9%)
- Total (23): \$ 58,374

COVID-19 Research Grant

The objective of the COVID-19 Research Grants is to explore important social science questions regarding COVID-19. For example, the specific effects of the pandemic on various aspects of democratic citizenship including governance, communities and individuals or explore patterns of political communication during the pandemic as well as patterns of governmental responses and several other questions that lead to a better understanding of the crisis. These grants will also allow researchers to provide evidence and solutions to inform decision-making and contribute to collaborative efforts to address pressing challenges resulting from the rapid spread of COVID-19.

Fréderrick Bastien	COVID-19 projections, media, and attitudes toward preventive measures	\$ 3,000
André Blais	The Impact of visual data on Canadians' views about COVID-19	\$ 3,000
Yannick Dufresne	Les contours de l'acceptabilité sociale des algorithmes à l'ère de la COVID-19	\$ 3,000
Allison Harell	COVID-19 and the transformation of Canadian Public Opinion: a panel study	\$ 3,000
Fenwick McKelvey	From hand washing graphics to Tiger King tweets: Public information about the novel coronavirus circulating as memes in Canada	\$ 2,800
Dietlind Stolle	"Coping with Crisis: A psychosocial investigation into democratic processes during COVID-19	\$ 3,000

Infrastructure Grant

The purpose of the Infrastructure Grant is to provide financial support to CSDC members to enhance the CSDC research capacity. Research Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, setting up of technical or digital services to support research, data analysis; development of a research platform; development of a database, or to enable the development of links between researchers in a network or with partners from the public, private or community sectors. The funds can also support the purchase of research equipment, or the update or maintenance of existing research equipment.

Yannick Dufresne	Expansion bilingue du Polimètre	\$ 9,499
Yannick Dufresne	Développement de Radar+	\$ 9,970

Interregional travel Grants

It is very important to the CSDC to foster and encourage collaboration and mutual visits for events among CSDC members in Montreal and Quebec City. To support CSDC members to participate to CSDC sponsored or co-sponsored events and workshops in Montreal or Quebec City.

The CSDC has awarded 3 Interregional Grants to 2 CSDC members for a total of \$ 1,611

SEED Grants

One of the CSDC central missions is supporting Centre members in pilot testing a new idea and aiding in the formulation of a larger grant initiative. The project must lead to cross-disciplinary work with existing or potential CSDC members and/or foster new collaborations with existing centre members.

Roxane de la Sablonnière, Jean-Marc Lina, Dietlind Stolle, Donald Taylor	Vers un algorithme du changement social : comprendre la dynamique du changement social	\$ 4,999
Eric Hehman, Valérie-Anne Mahéo, Allison Harell	Apprendre la citoyenneté démocratique dans une société diversifiée	\$ 4,968

Meetings

The CSDC supports the organization of workshops, seminars or public events either financially or in-kind.

- Seminars and events**

Allison Harell	Consortium on Electoral Democracy (C-Dem) Launch (co-host: C-Dem)	\$ 0
CSDC	Perspectives on the 2019 Federal Elections (co-host: MISC)	\$ 2,590
Fenwick McKelvey	AI Commons Workshop: Imagining an AI Commons: A One-Day Workshop on AI and the Commons	\$ 0
CSDC	T Modood (co-hosts: CÉRIUM and CRIDAQ)	\$ 0
Thierry Giasson	GRCP International Workshop	\$ 1,000
André Blais	The mathematics of decision making: Voting Systems (co-host: Centre de recherches mathématique, UdeM)	\$ 900

- Student Training Workshops**

Thomas Soehl and Aaron Erlich	Stan for the people – Two-day introductory workshop on Bayesian analysis and Stan	\$ 1,000
Ruth Dassonville	6th Leuven – Montréal Winter School on Elections	\$ 3,000
Thomas Soehl and Aaron Erlich	R Summer Camp 2020	\$ 1,500

6.2 Students Grants and Awards

- Interregional Grants (8): \$ 1,599 (2%)
- Method Training Grants (12): \$ 25,600 (34%)
- Student Research Grants (12): \$ 11,082 (15%)
- Conference Travel Grants (46): \$ 34,250 (45%)
- Student Training Workshop (1): \$ 2,787 (4%)
- Total (79): \$ 75,318

Interregional Grants

It is very important to the CSDC to foster and encourage collaboration and mutual visits for events among CSDC members in Montreal and Quebec City. To support CSDC students to participate to CSDC sponsored or co-sponsored events and workshops in Montreal or Quebec City.

The CSDC awarded 8 Interregional Grants to 6 CSDC students for a total of \$ 1,599.

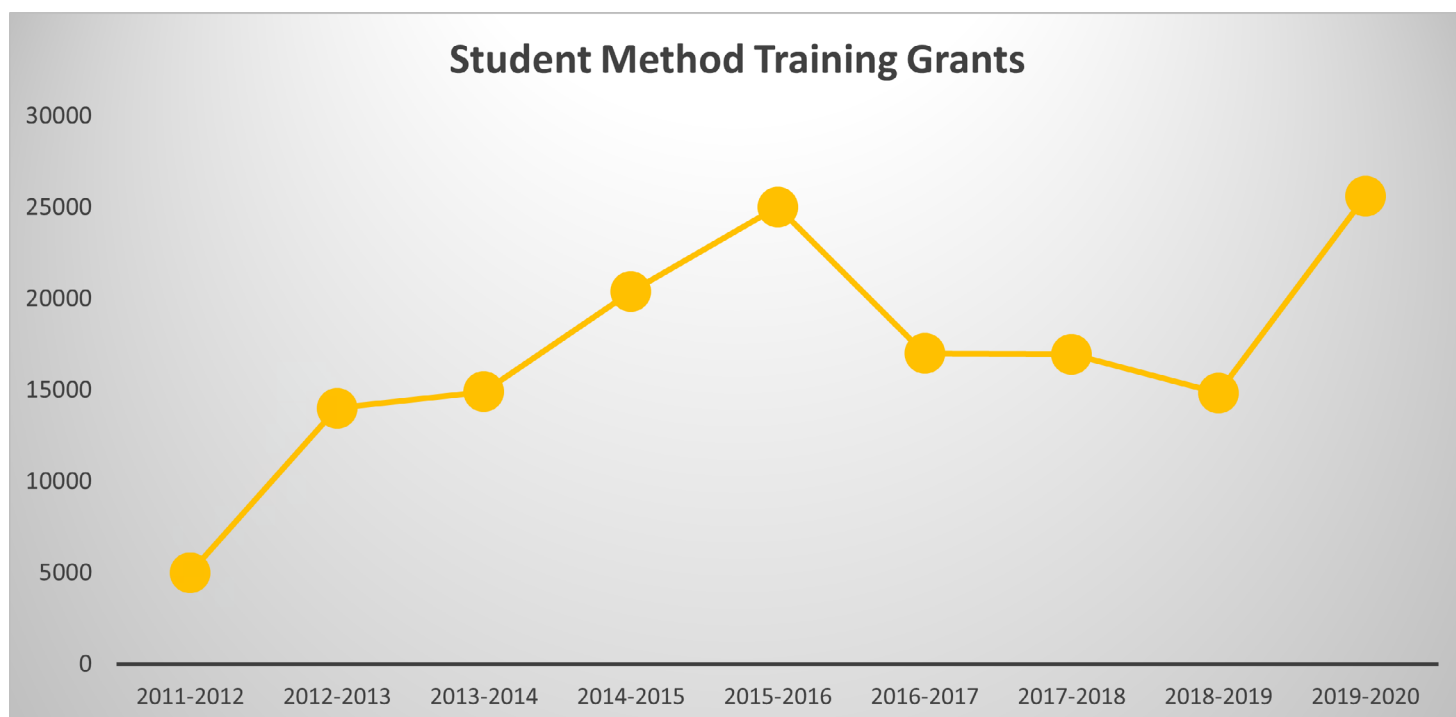
Method Training Grant

One of the CSDC's central missions is the support of research method training for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. The CSDC supports intensive summer methods training programs, as long as these methods courses are not taught at our partner universities or other local institutions during the fall or winter semester.

The CSDC awarded 12 Method Grants for \$ 25,600. The CSDC revised its awarded Grants due to the cancellation of several Summer Schools and Courses because of COVID-19. This year again CSDC students were successful in obtaining full ICPSR Scholarships (see table below names in bold).

Olivier Bergeron-Boutin – McGill	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,500
Maxime Blanchard - McGill	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,500
Mathieu Caron-Diotte – Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 1,250
Maxime Coulombe – Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,500
Andrea Febres-Gagné – Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,500
Thomas Galipeau - Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,400
Alexandra Jabbour - Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,500 (declined)
Sakeef Karim - McGill	ICPSR (online)	\$ 1,250
Danielle Mayer – Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,500
Philippe Mongrain – Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,500 (declined)
William Poirier – Université Laval	ICPSR (online)	\$ 1,200
Semra Sevi – Université de Montréal	ICPSR (online)	\$ 2,000

The CSDC increased its Method Grant payments 41% compared to 2018-2019.



Student Research Grant

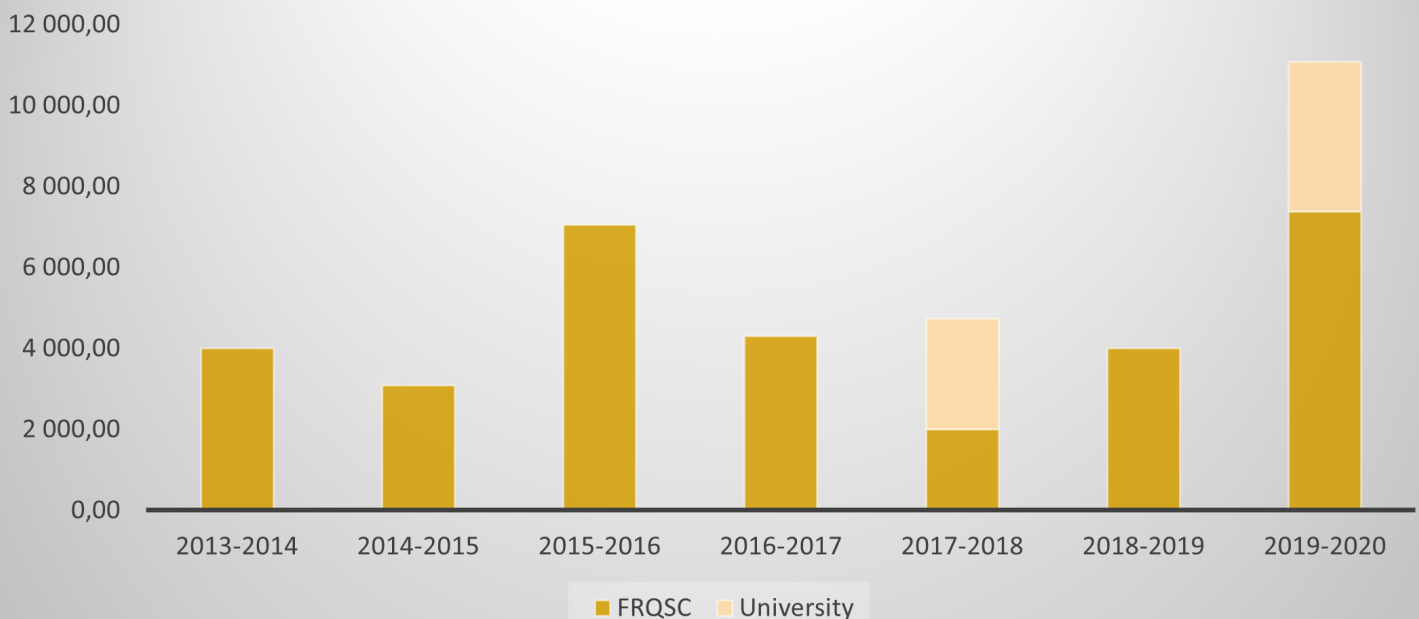
One of the CSDC's central missions is to provide an enriched training environment for graduate students as well as post-doctoral fellows. These research grants are meant to facilitate thesis related research or knowledge mobilization ideas, related to the research axes of the CSDC, that are not eligible or suitable for funding from other sources.

The CSDC held 2 competitions for Research Grant funding. Twelve grants were awarded for a total of \$ 11,082. Four (4) Research Grants were funded through the contributions of the partner universities.

Audrey Brennan	We will not be silenced: Twitter as an alternative space for women in academia	\$ 430
Mathieu Caron-Diotte	Liens cognitifs et intégration identitaire	\$ 952
Emmanuel Choquette	Discours humoristiques et vivre ensemble: les effets de l'humour sur les clichés et les stéréotypes entretenus envers les communautés ethniques, religieuses et culturelles au Québec	\$ 1,000

Costin Ciobanu	Blame and credit attribution for economic shocks	\$ 1,000
Maxime Coulombe	Étude des comportements et attitudes au Vote du public du Gala de reconnaissance de l'engagement étudiant	\$ 700
Chris Erl	There's a Party at City Hall: Political Parties and Candidate Diversity in Canadian Municipal Elections	\$ 1,000
Lara Gautier	Exploring the contextual and individual factors shaping unmet health needs among unaccompanied minors: a mixed methods comparative study in Montreal and Paris	\$ 1,000
Thomas Galipeau	L'impact des mêmes politiques sur les attitudes politiques : une approche expérimentale.	\$ 1,000
Sakeef Kareem	Ethnic Identity in the Greater Toronto Area	\$ 1,000
Philippe Labissonnière	L'intégration des identités dans le soi: une étude EEG	\$ 1,000
Gabrielle Peloquin-Skulski	What voting rules do citizens prefer?	\$ 1,000
Ian van Haren	Studying Refugee Sponsorship in the Maritimes	\$ 1,000

Student Research Grants



Conference Travel Grant

All CSDC students are eligible to receive a CSDC travel grant to make a presentation of original research results at a scholarly conference on a topic that is directly related to the research axes of the CSDC.

Anthony Baby-Bouchard		\$ 750
Bader Ben Masour		\$ 750
Thomas Bergeron		\$ 750
Maxime Blanchard	CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Isadora Borges Monroy	CPSA 2019	\$ 750
Veronique Boucher-Laleur	SQSP - Montreal	\$ 500
Audrey Brennan	CPSA - London (ON); ECPR - Innsbruck; IPSA - Lisbon; Pol Studies Assoc	\$ 750
Aengus Bridgman	CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Annie Chen		\$ 750
Emmanuel Choquette	IPSA - Lisbon	\$ 750
Logan Churchill	CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Costin Ciobanu	MPSA - Chicago; APSA - Washington; EPSA - Lyon (Fr)	\$ 750
Maxime Coulombe	CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Philippe Dubois		\$ 750
David Dumouchel	CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Fernando Feitosa	CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Nadjim Fréchet	SPSA - San Juan (Puerto Rico)	\$ 750
Laura French Bourgeois	ISPP - Berlin	\$ 750
Audrey Gagnon	IPSA - Lisbon; CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Etienne Gagnon		\$ 750
Jean-Philippe Gauvin	CPSA - London (ON); ECPR - Innsbruck; IPSA - Lisbon	\$ 750
Tania Goitlandia		\$ 750
Emmanuel Heisbourg		\$ 750
Alexandra Jabbour	MPSA - Chicago or CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Olivier Jacques	Council of European Studies - Reykjavik	\$ 750
Sakeef Karim		\$ 750
Mathieu Lavigne	SPSA - San Juan (Puerto Rico)	\$ 750

Fanny Martin	ITPSA - Lisbon	\$ 750
Danielle Mayer	MPSA - Chicago; CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Jocelyn McGrandle	CPSA - London (ON); Br Ass of Can Stud Ann Conf - Edinburgh	\$ 750
Samuel Mélineau		\$ 750
Philippe Mongrain		\$ 750
Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski	CPSA - London (ON)	\$ 750
Luis Pena Ibarra	IV Forum de Sociologie ISA - Poto Alegre (Bras)	\$ 750
William Poirier		\$ 750
Marc-Antoine Rancourt		\$ 750
Nadia Rezqui		\$ 750
Daniel Sailofsky	International Law and Society Association conference - Denver	\$ 750
Colin Scott	SPSA - San Juan (Puerto Rico)	\$ 750
Semra Sevi	ASPA - Washington	\$ 750
Katherine Sullivan	CPSA - London (ON); ECPR - Innsbruck; IPSA - Lisbon	\$ 750
Kerry Tannahill	SPSA - San Juan (Puerto Rico)	\$ 750
Florence Vallée-Dubois		\$ 750
Ian van Haren	ASA - SF; CPS - London (ON); PAA - Washington; MCC - Winnipeg	\$ 750
Paola Vegas		\$ 750
David Wuchiett		\$ 750

Student Training Workshop

The CSDC supports the organization of workshops, seminars or public events

Valérie-anne Mahéo-Le-Luel	Summer Workshop: Designing, Conducting, and Analyzing Field Experiments	\$ 2.787
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7. Knowledge Mobilization

7.1 Speaker Series

The Speaker Series Committee invited 10 speakers, from 4 disciplines and 9 universities, to present in the Speaker Series, the CSDC's flagship knowledge mobilisation event. In the 2019-2020 academic year, the CSDC organized Speaker Series presentations at McGill University and Université de Montréal, 4 speakers also gave methodological or career focused workshops. Unfortunately, 4 presentations were cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19

CSDC members, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students had the opportunity to meet with the speakers individually, as well a lunch was organised for the postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to meet with the speakers in a more informal setting.

Speaker Series Committee members

Ruth Dassonville	Université de Montréal
Yannick Dufresne	Université Laval
Patrick Fournier	Université de Montréal
Thomas Soehl	McGill University
Dietlind Stolle	McGill University

Presentations



Yanna Krupnikov - Stony Brook University (U.S.A.)
Beyond Interest: How Americans View Political Socialization

Cancelled



Margit Tavits - Washington University in St. Louis (U.S.A.)
Legacies of the Third Reich: Concentration Camps and Outgroup Intolerance

November 15, 2019 - McGill



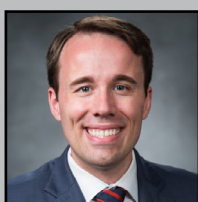
David Fitzgerald - University of California San Diego (U.S.A.)
Refuge beyond reach: how rich democracies

January 31, 2020 - McGill



Jane Green - University of Oxford (U.K.)
Testing the economic basis of populism: new insights into the economic drivers of the Brexit vote

February 7, 2020 - Université de Montréal



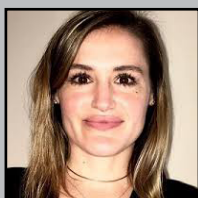
John Holbein - University of Virginia (U.S.A.)
Are Voting Experiences Transformative? Expanding Upon and Meta-Analyzing the Evidence

February 21, 2018 - Université de Montréal



Jonathan Mummolo - Princeton University (USA)

Postponed to 2021



Cory Clark - Durham University (U.K.)

Cancelled



Daniel Butler - University of California San Diego (U.S.A.)

Postponed September 2020



Bart Bonikowski - Harvard (U.S.A.)

Postponed to November 2020



Sara Hobolt - London School of Economics and Political Science (U.K.)
Political Entrepreneurs: The Rise of Challenger Parties in Europe

June 26, 2020 - ZOOM

Workshops

Date	Speaker	Title	Place
03/10/2019	Yanna Krupnikov (Stony Brook University, U.S.A.)	Beyond Interest: How Americans View Political Socialization	Cancelled
14/11/2018	Margit Tavits (Washington University in St. Louis, U.S.A.)	Publishing in High Profile Journals	McGill
06/02/2020	Jane Green (University of Oxford, U.K.)	Designing Electoral Surveys	Université de Montréal

7.2 Visiting Scholars

The CSDC hosted 2 visiting scholars:

- Peter Dinesen (University of Copenhagen): September 2019 – host Marc-André Bodet (Université Laval)
- Marta Rebolledo (Universidad de Navarra): August – December 2019 – host André Blais (Université de Montréal)

Presentations

Date	Speaker	Title	Place
05/09/2019	Peter Dinesen (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)	Working together? Ethnic Diversity in the Workplace and Generalized Social Trust	Université Laval
20/09/20219	Peter Dinesen (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)	Working together? Ethnic Diversity in the Workplace and Generalized Social Trust	McGill

05/11/2019	Marta Rebolledo (Universidad de Navarra, Spain)	Les émotions comme recours stratégique en communication politique: comment sont-elles décodées par les spectateurs?	Université de Montréal
12/12/2019	Marta Rebolledo (Universidad de Navarra, Spain)	Effets du politainment sur l'audience sociale: quel type d'engagement pouvons-nous attendre des programmes de divertissement?	Université Laval

Workshops

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20/09/20219	Peter Dinesen (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)	Working together? Ethnic Diversity in the Workplace and Generalized Social Trust	McGill

7.3 Workshops and Events - CSDC Hosted Meetings

Date	Organizers	Title	Event description
06/12/2019	CSDC team	CSDC Extravaganza - Eric Hehman's presentation	New Member Presentation: Examining the impact of same-sex marriage legalization on citizens' implicit and explicit anti-gay biases
06/12/2019	CSDC team	CSDC Extravaganza - Research Slam	3 minutes presentations by CSDC members, postdoctoral fellows and students
24-15/04/2020	CSDC Team	CSDC Conference: Democracy and Diversity	Postponed to 2021
19/06/2020	CSDC Team	CSDC Research on COVID-19	Research slam, 3 minutes presentations by CSDC members, postdoctoral fellows and students, research on COVID-19

7.4 CSDC Co-hosted events

- **Consortium on Electoral Democracy (C-Dem) Launch**

September 16, 2019, UQAM

Co-organizers: C-DEM

- **Perspectives on the 2019 Federal Elections**

October 15, 2019, McGill

Co-organizers: MISC

- **AI Commons Workshop: Imagining an AI Commons: A One-Day Workshop on AI and the Commons**

December 6, 2019, Concordia

Co-organizers: The Milieux Institute for Arts + Technology

- **Tariq Modood (University of Bristol, UK) Essays on Multiculturalism and Secularism**

January 1, 2020, Université de Montréal

Co-organizers: CÉRIUM and the Chaire en gestion de la diversité culturelle et religieuse

- **The mathematics of decision making: Voting Systems**

February 18-19, 2020, Université de Montréal

Co-organizers: Centre de Recherches Mathématiques

- **Hans Kriesi (European University Institute, Switz) A conversation on the political roots and consequences of financial crises**

Cancelled

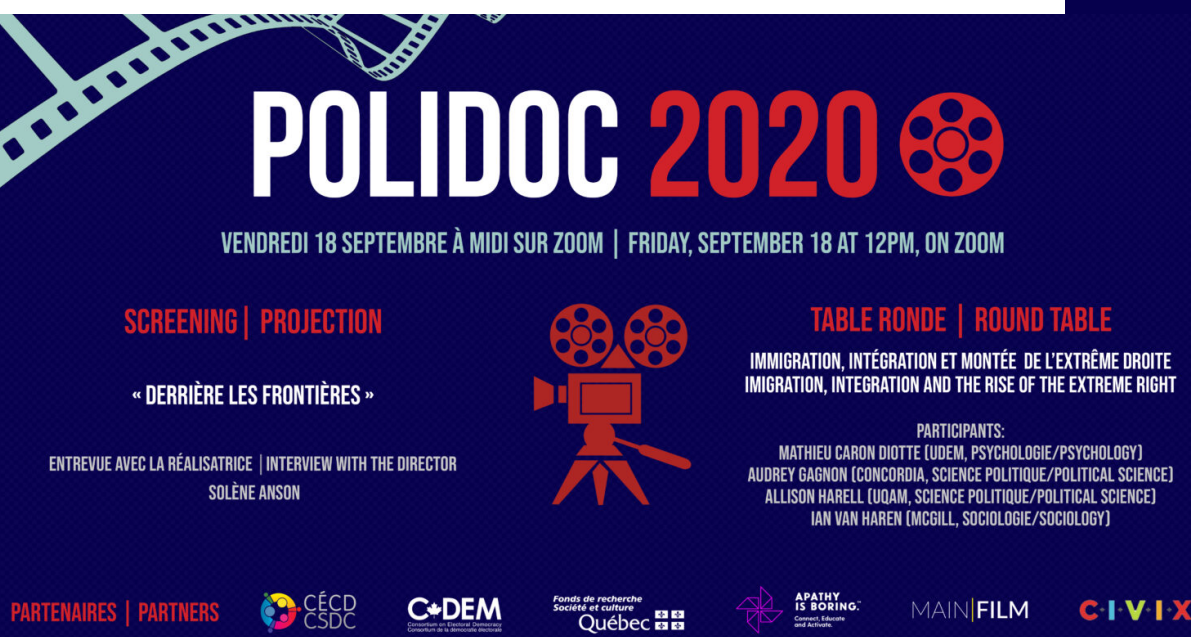
Co-organizers: CIPSS, CÉRIUM

- **Réflexions croisées sur la recherche émergente en communication politique**

Postponed to 2021

Co-organizers: Groupe de Recherche en Communication Politique de l'Université Laval

7.5 Polidoc



In the Fall of 2019 the CSDC in partnership with The Consortium on Electoral Democracy (C-Dem) launched the second edition of the PoliDoc Contest. To participate, Quebec students were invited to submit short documentary proposals on topics related to democracy in Canada.

Numerous partners supported PoliDoc 2020, including those from the documentary film industry (Carmen Rachiteanu, Sylvie Van Brabant and Main Film) and NGOs (Apathy is Boring and CIVIX). Partners participated in the jury to select the winning submissions and supported the production of the films through contributions of equipment, production services, and professional consultancy and coaching services to script and film development, editing, production and postproduction.

Six submissions were received and during Winter and Summer 2020, **Solène Anson** (BA student in the program “Création et nouveaux médias” at the Université à Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue) produced her documentary with the material and financial help of the CSDC and its partners.

The final short documentary, “**Derrières les frontières**” was screened during the Democracy Week (September) 2020).

The Polidoc 2020 awardees were featured in a [Radio Canada article](#) and on the [UQAT WEB site](#).

8. Student Training

The CSDC is proud to support student training and mentoring through funding a student conference, training workshop and research and travel grants.

The two main events the CSDC Graduate Student Committee organises each year are the Methods Winter School (Bootcamp) and Graduate Student Conference. Unfortunately, the Graduate Student Conference had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

8.1 CSDC Training Workshops, Conferences and Schools

Workshops

Date	Speaker	Title	Place
19/09/2019	Peter Dinesen (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)	Measuring Racial Attitudes and Asking Sensitive Survey Question	McGill
03/10/2019	Yanna Krupnikov (Stony Brook University, U.S.A.)		Cancelled
14/11/2019	Margit Tavits (Washington University in St. Louis, U.S.A.)	Publishing in High Profile Journals	McGill
30/01/2020	Annika Fredén and Sverker Sikström (Karlatdt University and Lund University, Sweden)	Quantitative text analysis	Université de Montréal
06/02/2020	Jane Green (University of Oxford, U.K.)	Designing Electoral Surveys	Université de Montréal

30-31/03/2020	Hans Kriesi (European University Institute, Switzerland)	Masterclass	Cancelled
24/08/2020	Don Green (New-York University, U.S.A.)	Summer Workshop: Designing, Conducting, and Analyzing Field Experiments	Postponed to 2021

Conferences

Date	Organizers	Title	Place and attendance
30/01/2020	CSDC Student Committee	6th Winter School on Methods	McGill
7-8/02/2020	Thomas Soehl and Aaron Erlich	Stan for the people – Two-day introductory workshop on Bayesian analysis and Stan	McGill
29/02-07/03/2020	ICPSR ECPR Standing Group on Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective, U. de Montréal and KU Leuven	6th Leuven – Montréal Winter School on Elections	Université de Montréal
23/04/2020	CSDC Student Committee	CSDC Graduate Students Conference 2020	Cancelled
17-21/08/2020	Thomas Soehl and Aaron Erlich	R Summer Camp 2020	Online

8.2 Students Training - Highlight

5th Annual CSDC Methods Winter School (Bootcamp)

January 30, 2020



The Method Winter School was organized by Colin Scott. The School was held at McGill University in Montreal.

The main goal of the Winter School is to offer students in the Master and PhD programs an overview of research methods.

There were 27 participants (a 50% increase compared 2019) from 5 partner universities and courses were given by

- Audrey Gagnon (PhD, Concordia University)
- Jean-Philippe Gauvin (Postdoc, Concordia)
- Alexandra Jabbour (PhD, Université de Montréal)
- Olivier Jacques (PhD, McGill)

9. Communications

In order to communicate with its members, partners, a large scientific community and the public, the CSDC uses its website, several social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) and the MailChimp platform.

The CSDC uses the MailChimp platform to transmit different types of information to its members, but also to its partners. During 2019-2020, the CSDC produced 45 newsletters sent electronically via MailChimp nearly every week. The information shared is diverse, including events, workshops, publications and media mentions, job offers, calls for papers, activities organized by partners, etc. The newsletter is one of the Centre's main means of reaching both its members and its partners.

9.1 Website

The CSDC website (<https://csdc-cecd.ca/>) is used to communicate with Centre members, partners but also the general public. The website provides information on the mission, objectives, axes and research themes. The events are published on the website and categorized according to their type: methodology seminar, conference (or presentation) and co-hosted events. Funding opportunities for CSDC members and students are also advertised on the Centre's website. The CSDC website also helps the Centre to promote its activities through photo galleries, and podcast episodes.

During the academic year 2019-2020, no less than **4,462** people visited the CÉCD website, and **12,142** pages were consulted. The most popular pages on our website are the Members, Students and Postdoctoral Fellows, Calendar of Events, Funding Opportunities for Students and the CCSD Overview pages.

The CSDC website welcomes visitors from different places around the world. During 2019 – 2020 the majority of our visitors were from Canada (73%). Visitors from the United States represent 16% of our audience, and 11% is from different countries around the world.

9.2 Facebook

The CSDC's Facebook page is used primarily to promote Centre events, but also to post videos (recordings of events) or photos. Although members of the Centre are part of the target audience, the Centre's Facebook page also aims to reach out to the general public, and to share activities with its partners.

The Centre's Facebook page has **334** subscribers and 11 events and 45 publications were published in 2019-2020. Please note that our statistics are a little lower than in previous years due to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Centre's activities from March to August 2020.

9.3 Twitter

The CSDC Twitter account to promote various activities and also to stay in contact with its partners. As well, the Centre uses this platform to mobilize its members and students and to showcase their achievements (activities, publications, etc.).

In 2019-2020, the CSDC's Twitter account saw its audience increase by 94 "followers", reaching **985** subscribers

Most of the CSDC's Twitter subscribers are from Canada (34% in Montreal, 2% in Quebec and 21% in the rest of the country, for a total of 57% in Canada). The breakdown of the other half of the audience is as follows: 22% in Europe, 12% in the United States, 3% in Central and South America, 3% in Asia and Indonesia, and 3% in Africa. These figures illustrate the reach of the CSDC internationally and the importance to create and maintain partnerships beyond Quebec borders.

9.4 Podcast



In order to fulfill the CSDC's mandate to disseminate research, reach out and engage with knowledge users, and train students for different career paths, the Centre produced 2 podcasts in 2019 -2020.

The CSDC will include training for students through conducting professional interviews with visiting researchers develop in the future by.

Episode 30 – Peter Dinesen – Working together? Ethnic Diversity in the Workplace and Generalized Social Trust

Hosted and edited by Esther Armaignac (CSDC)

Episode 31 – Marta Rebolledo – Les Effets du politainment sur l'audience sociale

Hosted by Maxime Coulombe (CSDC), and edited by Esther Armaignac (CSDC)

9.5 YouTube

The CSDC records and shares the Speaker Series presentations live on its YouTube channel. In 2019-2020, the CSDC uploaded 5 videos with on average 86 views per video. The Centre's goal is to develop its YouTube channel in the coming year, by distributing more widely the recordings of presentations and events all taking place on Zoom.

The Centre's YouTube channel audience has nearly doubled since 2018 to reach 58 subscribers.

10. Finances

The CSDC is funded by a grant from the FRQ-SC and by contributions from the partner universities. As this contribution is managed by the partner university members these amounts are not included in the financial report.

2019-2020	Expenses		Budget	
	\$	%	\$	%
Administration	75,370	31	68,210	24
Student Support	52,286	22	77,500	27
Member Support	63,207	27	44,000	16
Dissemination	46,841	20	93,340	33
Total	237,704		283,650	
	Revenue			
FRQSC	\$ 268,194			

Administration expenses include salary for CSDC staff as well as office supplies, computer and software and miscellaneous expenses.

The Student Support and Dissemination were significantly impacted by the COVID situation. The CSDC increased its Member Support through creating Infrastructure Grants and COVID Research Grants.

The CSDC is also supported by its partner universities.

	\$	In-Kind
Concordia	15,000	
McGill	52,000	19,866
Université Laval	42,600	12,532
Université de Montréal	20,000	
UQAM		12,600
Total	\$ 174,598	

The CSDC would like to thank the FRQSC and the partner universities for their generous support in 2019 - 2020.

11. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Axes and Themes

Axis 1: Learning Democratic Citizenship in an Unequal World

This axis focuses on the acquisition of values, attitudes and behaviours that are essential for a vibrant democratic citizenry. It addresses the learning of citizenship across the life cycle and the challenges confronting new citizens. (Lead: Thomas Soehl)

Theme 1.1 Learning across the Life Cycle (Lead: Elisabeth Gidengil)

- Canadian Youth Study – Dietlind Stolle, Sara Vissers
- The impact of family structure on voter turnout studied with census data in Scandinavia – Elisabeth Gidengil
- The influence of social context on the willingness of young citizens to show up at the polls – André Blais, Dietlind Stolle
- Pregnancy as Political (De)Mobilization – Dietlind Stolle
- Policy feedback: The role played by public programs in promoting or discouraging participation in political life – Elisabeth Gidengil
- Health and political behaviour: the impact of health on mobilization and participation in the public life – Elisabeth Gidengil, Dietlind Stolle
- Physiologie du cerveau et prise de décision politique – Elisabeth Gidengil

Theme 1.2 Challenges for Learning Citizenship (Leads: Claire Durand and Valérie-Anne Mahéo-Le Luel)

- Online Citizenship Canada – Frédéric Bastien, Thierry Giasson, Tamara A. Small
- Le développement de la littératie médiatique – Colette Brin, Thierry Giasson
- A Paper Ceiling? Explaining Sex-Ratio and Minorities Inequality in Media Coverage – Eran Shor
- Political support in Quebec: studying institutions, social groups, and identities in Québec – Mebs Kanji
- Political support in Canada – Mebs Kanji
- Civic Literacy for Electoral Reform – André Blais
- Gender and political cognition: How gendered frames influence women's psychological engagement with politics – Allison Harell
- Election technology and disability – Jeremy Clark
- Aboriginals and inequalities – Claire Durand
- Women's Political Participation Study – Elisabeth Gidengil

Theme 1.3 Adaptation and Integration of New Citizens (Leads: Antoine Bilodeau and Thomas Soehl)

- The Political Integration of Syrian Refugees in Canada - Thomas Soehl, Dietlind Stolle
- Decisions to naturalize among immigrants: the importance of family-level processes (US, Canada, France) – Thomas Soehl
- Intégration des immigrants et minorités ethnoculturelles et religieuses – Antoine Bilodeau
- Financial, social and political mobilization in radicalization of religious groups in a cross-cultural perspective (Canada, Germany, Kenya, Cyprus, Israel) – Dietlind Stolle
- La radicalisation menant à la violence au Québec: mieux comprendre pour mieux prévenir – Frédérick Bastien, Allison Harell, Dietlind Stolle
- Pre-migration experiences and civic engagement in the host society – Thomas Soehl, Dietlind Stolle
- De nouveaux citoyens à part entière: Portrait et dynamiques de l'intégration des néo-Québécois à la communauté politique québécoise – Antoine Bilodeau

Theme 1.4 Learning Social Solidarity (Leads: Allison Harell and Dietlind Stolle)

- Macro-level determinants of anti-immigration attitudes: the impact of geopolitical histories of countries – Thomas Soehl
- Youth Socialization and Diversity: Young people's reactions to changing ethnic, racial and religious diversity – Dietlind Stolle and Allison Harell
- The political psychology of social solidarity: the role of intergroup attitudes in the formation of preferences about the state, public policies and the political community – Allison Harell
- Attitudes envers les immigrants et minorités ethnoculturelles et religieuses – Antoine Bilodeau
- L'immigration et la cohésion sociale: la contribution de la psychologie sociale et de la science politique – Roxane de la Sablonnière, Dietlind Stolle
- Mapping Anti-Roma Prejudice in the EU 28: the impact of media tone and framing on attitudes towards Roma – Laurie Beaudonnet, Allison Harell
- The influence of media framing on the attitudes towards refugees in Germany – Dietlind Stolle and Allison Harell

Axis 2: Practicing Citizenship in a Skeptical World

This axis examines changing conceptions and practices of democratic citizenship including transformations in how citizens engage, how they perceive the public world, and the influence of the changing media landscape. (Lead: Ruth Dassonneville)

Theme 2.1 Making Choice in Public Life (Leads: Éric Bélanger and Ruth Dassonneville)

- Voting, civic duties, and social pressures – André Blais
- Le rôle des normes sociales injonctives dans la participation électorale: le cas des présidentielles américaines de 2016 – Roxane de la Sablonnière
- Canadian Election Study (CES) – Patrick Fournier, Éric Bélanger, Allison Harell, Peter Loewen, Stuart Soroka, Dietlind Stolle
- Issue ownership, parties' strategies, and citizens' electoral behaviour: Comparing British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Québec – Richard Nadeau, Éric Bélanger
- The power of polls? A cross-national experimental analysis of the effects of campaign polls on the vote decision process and choice – Patrick Fournier
- La fiabilité des sondages pré-électoraux: la réduction du coût de la participation électorale selon les préférences politiques – Arnaud Dellis
- The role of citizens in democratic accountability – Elisabeth Gidengil, André Blais, Marc André Bodet, Patrick Fournier, Dietlind Stolle
- The Quebec election Study – Mebs Kanji
- Étude de l'impact de l'économie sur le comportement des électeurs et le résultat des élections – Richard Nadeau, Éric Bélanger, Martial Foucault, François Gélneau
- The impact of local campaigning on turnout and effective number of parties – Marc André Bodet, François Gélneau
- Attitudinal Democratic Backsliding in the US and Canada - Dietlind Stolle, Elisabeth Gidengil

Theme 2.2 Perceiving the Public World (Leads: Patrick Fournier and Stuart Soroka)

- The influence of political rhetoric: the British referendum on EU membership – Éric Bélanger, Richard Nadeau
- The neurological bases of reflective choices – Dietlind Stolle, Lesley Fellows, Elisabeth Gidengil
- En quête de validité : Les mesures de saillance personnelle sous la loupe des instruments physiologiques – Pénélope Daignault
- Political support in Quebec: studying institutions, social groups, and identities in Québec – Mebs Kanji
- Political support in Canada – Mebs Kanji
- The neurological bases of reflective choices - Elisabeth Gidengil and Dietlind Stolle

Theme 2.3 A Changing Media Landscape (Leads: Frédéric Bastien and Thierry Giasson)

- Le système médiatique canadien: un système libéral? - Frédéric Bastien and Collette Brin
- A Paper Ceiling? Explaining Sex-Ratio and Minorities Inequality in Media Coverage - Eran Shor
- Online Citizenship Canada - Frédéric Bastien, Thierry Giasson and Tamara Small
- Programming the Vote: a long-term, comparative study of how political parties have used computers to better control their campaigns in Canada and the United States - Fenwick McKelvey
- Enpolitique.com: Stratégies, contenus et perceptions des usages politiques du web en période électorale. Le cas des campagnes électorales présidentielle française et législative québécoise de 2012 - Thierry Giasson
- Dissolved Politics: trends in media coverage of leaders' debates and Throne speeches in Canada - Frédéric Bastien
- La couverture médiatique de la "crise" d'accommodement raisonnable dans la presse écrite quotidienne québécoise. La thèse du tsunami médiatique - Thierry Giasson

Theme 2.4 Varieties and Transformation in Citizen Engagement (Lead: Dietlind Stolle)

- Online Citizenship Canada – Frédéric Bastien, Thierry Giasson, Tamara A. Small
- Understanding student participation in protest activities – Dietlind Stolle, Allison Harell
- Consumer Power as Global Responsibility Taking – Dietlind Stolle, Michele Micheletti

Axis 3: Linking Citizens and Democratic Institutions in an Era of Reform

This axis investigates how democratic institutions shape citizen engagement. It examines the role of electoral systems, parliamentary debates, and political parties as well as government responsiveness and accountability. Urgently needed findings across all three axes will strategically inform and enrich debates on democratic citizenship among researchers, policy makers, elected representatives, civil society actors and the public. (Lead: Jean François Godbout)

Theme 3.1 Linking Citizens and Democratic Institutions in a Reform Era (Lead: André Blais)

- Comparer les propriétés des systèmes électoraux: les incitants différentiels à se porter candidat – Arnaud Dellis
- E-ballots and participatory budgeting process – Jeremy Clark
- La dépendance temporelle dans les réformes électorales: l'impact du système électoral précédent sur le fonctionnement d'un nouveau système - Arnaud Dellis
- One Person, One Vote? Blockchain Technologies and Experiments in Voting and Party Governance - Fenwick Mckelvey and Jeremy Clark

Theme 3.2 Debating citizens' choices: Parties and Parliaments (Leads: Jean François Godbout)

- Analyzing Parliamentary Voting in Canada since 1867 – Jean-François Godbout
- The modernization of Quebec electoral politics: the mobilization of parties' support and identity discourse – Marc André Bodet
- Issue ownership, parties' strategies, and citizens' electoral behaviour: Comparing British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Québec – Richard Nadeau, Éric Bélanger
- Origins and consequences of MP's declining role in the legislative process in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and UK – Jean-François Godbout

Theme 3.3 Responding to Citizens: Responsiveness, Representation and Accountability (Leads: Marc André Bodet and François Pétry)

- The Fulfillment of Government Pledges in Canada and in Comparative Perspective – François Pétry
- The role of citizens in democratic accountability – Elisabeth Gidengil, André Blais, Marc André Bodet, Patrick Fournier, Dietlind Stolle
- Political Dynasties: family dynamics among elected politicians – Marc André Bodet

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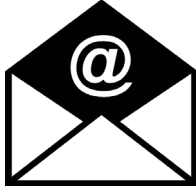
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