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Governance Reform: What is the record?

Perspectives from South and North on Governance, Policy Space and Democratic Processes

**International Conference on Governance Issues in Africa and Latin America
Roundtable on Governance and the Democratic Reconstruction in Haiti**

Programme of research and exchange on democratic governance - PREDG

Thursday March 25th 2010

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (a wine and cheese will follow)

Salle des Boiseries, Room J-2805

Access from the Grande Place of Judith-Jasmin Building

Université du Québec à Montréal (**UQAM**)

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The issue of governance occupies a central place in the debates and strategies concerning the future of the countries of the South. It refers simultaneously to the reinforcement and improvement of institutional capacity, to democratization, to transparency and to the fight against corruption. In view of the centrality of this notion in the strategies and policies of multilateral and bilateral funding institutions for over a decade, it seems appropriate and useful to take stock of the state of governance in the countries of the global South. What is the record of governance reforms? In which directions do they lead? With what results?

This international conference will bring together high-level researchers from Africa, Latin America and Canada specialized on governance issues in order to exchange with policy-makers and specialists from the Canadian government. The day will end with a roundtable on governance issues regarding the process of democratic reconstruction of Haiti.

The conference is organized by the C.-A. Poissant Research Chair on Governance and Aid for Development (UQAM) within the framework of the Programme of research and exchange on democratic governance and a tripartite agreement with the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and the Latin-American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). This event is made possible thanks to the financial support of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the International Development Research Center (IDRC).

Free entrance, pre-registration required

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**The conference will take place in French, English and Spanish, with English/Spanish simultaneous translation. The roundtable on Haiti will be held in French, with simultaneous translation into English.*

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Preliminary Program

8:45 - 9:00 AM **Opening and welcoming remarks** and presentation of the conference objectives by **Prof. Bonnie Campbell**, C.-A. Poissant Research Chair on Governance and Aid for Development

9:00-10:00 AM **Trends and perspectives from the South**
Evolution of debates and strategies concerning programmes to improve governance: internal political issues and the role and impact of international cooperation on modes of governance in global South countries. Experiences from Latin America.

Dr. Ángel Saldomando, Centro de Investigaciones de la Comunicación, Nicaragua

10:00-10:15 AM **Break**

10:15-12:45 PM **Roundtable**
Southern perspectives on issues and strategies concerning governance

Speakers : **Dr. Nicolas Loza-Otero**, Coordinator of the Working Group on Democratic Governance, Regional Research Groups on Latin America and the Caribbean (GRILAC), FLACSO, Mexico; **Dr. Gisela Zarembeg**, Professor, researcher and coordinator of the graduate program in Public Policy and Gender Studies, FLACSO, Mexico; **Dr. Godwin Murunga**, Member of the CODESRIA Executive Committee and Professor at the Department of History, Archeology and Political Studies, Kenyatta University, Nairobi (Kenya); and **Dr. David Sebudubudu**, Director, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Botswana.

12:45-2:00 PM **Break/lunch**

2:00-3:00 PM: **Presentation**
Canadian Government Perspectives on Governance Issues

Dr. Carol McQueen, Deputy Director, Democracy and Governance Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa

3:00-3:15 PM **Break**

3:15-5:00 PM **Roundtable**
Lessons learned and challenges to come in the democratic reconstruction of Haiti

Moderator : **Prof. Marie-Nathalie Leblanc**, Department of Sociology, UQAM & Senior Researcher (Democratization, civil society and social movements / C.-A. Poissant Chair)

Speakers : **Franklin Midy**, Coordinator of the Haiti Interuniversity Cooperation Institute and professor, Department of Sociology, UQAM; representatives from DFAIT and CIDA (to be confirmed); **Paul-Martel Roy**, Department of Economics, UQAM and Director of the project « Vulnerable districts and urban sustainable development in Haiti »; and **Sébastien Jobert**, Project Manager, International Affairs Division, École nationale d'administration publique (Public Administration University) (ÉNAP) and Director of the Reinforcement of Public Management in Haiti Support Project.

5:00 PM **Reception – Wine and cheese**