



## SYMPOSIUM ON ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION IN CANADA

Sponsored by  
Centre for Representation and Elections, Carleton University  
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Elections Canada

Friday, March 21, 2003  
132 Azrieli Pavilion, Carleton University

### PROGRAM

**9:00-9:15**

**Welcome on behalf of Carleton University:** *Allan Maslove* (Dean of the Faculty of Public Affairs and Management)

**9:15-9:45**

**Keynote Address:** *Jean-Pierre Kingsley* (Chief Electoral Officer of Canada)

**9:45-11:00**

**Understanding the Decline in Electoral Participation**

Chair: *Leslie Seidle* (Elections Canada)

Panelists: *Jon Pammett* (Carleton University) "Causes and Consequences of the Turnout Decline: Report on a New Survey of Canadian Nonvoters"

*André Blais, Agnieszka Dobrzynska, Louis Massicotte* (Université de Montréal) "Why is Turnout Higher in Certain Countries than Others?"

**11:00-11:15** Coffee Break

**11:15-12:15** Discussion

**12:15-1:00** Lunch

**1:00-2:30**

**Electoral Participation of Specific Groups: Facts and Myths**

Chair: *Jill Vickers* (Carleton University)

Panelists: *Brenda O'Neill* (University of Manitoba) "Youthful Indulgence? Not! Evaluating the Political Participation of Canada's Youngest Generation"

*Daiva Stasiulis* (Carleton University) "Uneven Gains and Underrepresentation among Visible Minorities"

*John Medicine Horse Kelly* (Carleton University) "Aboriginal Community Democracy: Consensus is more than one vote"

Discussion

**2:30-2:45** Coffee Break

**2:45-4:30**

**What Is To Be Done?**

Chair: *Henry Milner* (Université Laval and Vanier College)

Panelists: *Paul Howe* (University of New Brunswick) "Closing the Age Gap"

*Patrick Fournier* (Université de Montréal) "Improving Participation: Ability, Opportunity or Motivation?"

*Jackie Steele* (Carleton University) "The Politics of Recognition: "Particip~action", Power and Protest"

Discussion

**4:30**

**Closing Remarks**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Registration is Free**

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