

CANADIAN POLITICS



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AN ELDER ACADEMY EVENT

Canadians take to the voting booths in October of this year to decide on the next Federal Government. The UVRA Elder Academy is once again hosting a series on Canadian Politics to look at some of the outstanding issues related to the upcoming election as well as a broader view of politics in Canada. Michael Prince, our own eminent political analyst and commentator, will review some of the things that have happened since the last election (and some things that didn't) as well as some of the critical issues that may affect the outcome of this election. We are also fortunate to have Cindy Holder talk about political philosophy and how it affects politics in Canada. Following this session Penny Bryden will share the juicier side of politics and take us inside some of the scandals that have happened over the years in Canadian Politics. Lots of scope on this one! To top off the series, after the election Michael Prince will analyse how things went and what it might mean for the next four years. So hopefully a little something for everyone!

WHEN, WHERE, HOW MUCH?

DATES: Saturdays, October 5,12,19, 26, 2019

TIME: 10:00am to noon

WHERE: University of Victoria, David Turpin Building (DTB), A Wing, Room A102

Map of David Turpin Building: <https://www.uvic.ca/home/about/campus-info/maps/maps/ssm.php>

COST: \$20.00 for the whole series. No per session reduced cost, and no refunds.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Registration and credit-card payment done through EventBrite. Please click on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/canadian-politics-tickets-70649603867>

PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES AND SESSIONS' DESCRIPTIONS

OCTOBER 5, 2019

THE 2019 ELECTION SO FAR...

MICHAEL PRINCE, PhD

Dr. Michael Prince is a Canadian political scientist and public administration specialist. He has been the Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy at UVic since 1987. Prior to that he was a faculty member for nine years at Carleton University. Michael has provided media commentary, community talks, and in-studio analysis on numerous federal and provincial elections. Despite a mixed record of election predictions over the years, he remains undaunted (if not none the wiser) in covering the 2019 Canadian general election.

In this session Michael Prince will comment on various aspects of the 2019 federal election campaign: the federal leaders, their parties and strategies, the role of televised debates, the party platforms, and what appear to be the critical issues nationally and regionally.

OCTOBER 12, 2019

Who is the State For? Communities & Justice in Political Philosophy

CINDY HOLDER, PhD

Dr. Cindy Holder is a philosopher of law and political theorist. In addition to her research and teaching position in the Philosophy Department she is Associate Dean of Academic Advising for the Faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Sciences.

She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Arizona and has been at the University of Victoria since July 2001. Dr. Holder is the co-editor of a book on human rights titled *Human Rights: The Hard Questions* and has published articles on group rights, public reasoning and the value of truth in transitions from conflict and systematic human rights abuse.

In this session Cindy Holder will talk about theories of what justifies the state. These theories rely on assumptions that are hard to reconcile with the reality of human life and the structures of actual states. This is a problem because justifications for state power shape public understandings of how governments can, should and must exercise power. The gap between how theories justify the state and people actually live under states has the effect of making the state for a much smaller set of people than the set that of which it actually wields power. This mismatch between the people whose the interests, lives and activities the state is supposed to serve and the people with respect to whom it is thought to rightfully exercise power has troubling implications.

OCTOBER 19, 2019

Scandals & the Shaping of Canadian Elections:

From Macdonald to Trudeau

PENNY BRYDEN, PhD

Dr. Penny Bryden is a professor of History at the University of Victoria, where she teaches courses in Canadian history. A specialist in 20th century Canadian political history, she has published books on social security, intergovernmental relations and, most recently, *Canada: A Political Biography* (Oxford University Press, 2016). Her current projects include a history of the Prime Minister's Office, and a study of the evolution of political scandal in Canada since Confederation. She is currently the President of the Canadian Historical Association.

This presentation will examine the ways in which scandals have influenced election results in Canada since Confederation and will assess how the idea of "scandal" has evolved in the last century and a half. Based on extensive research into thousands of Canadian political scandals, this talk will focus on some specific railway, construction, sex and security scandals, and will then consider the role of scandal in the 2019 general election.

OCTOBER 26, 2019

Booth and Consequence: Aftermath of the 2019 Canadian Election.

MICHAEL PRINCE, PhD

So, what happened and what might it mean? In this session, Michael Prince will consider what took place (and didn't) at the voting booth in terms of turnout overall and for each party.

What are the consequences for a majority versus a minority government? And what about major policy directions and the state of federal-provincial relations?

USEFUL INFORMATION

PARKING: On Saturday parking is \$3.50 for all day. Cash or Credit Card. New parking regulations require you to enter your license plate number when purchasing your ticket. You do not have to return to your car to place the ticket on the dash as it is all done electronically.

SUGGESTED PARKING: Lot 4 off McGill Road. The David Turpin Building (DTB) is across the Ring Road from that parking lot.

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BUS ROUTES: www.uvic.ca/home/about/campus-info/maps/maps/

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