

DEMOCRACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

INVITATION

Xth Annual

Trudeau Foundation Conference

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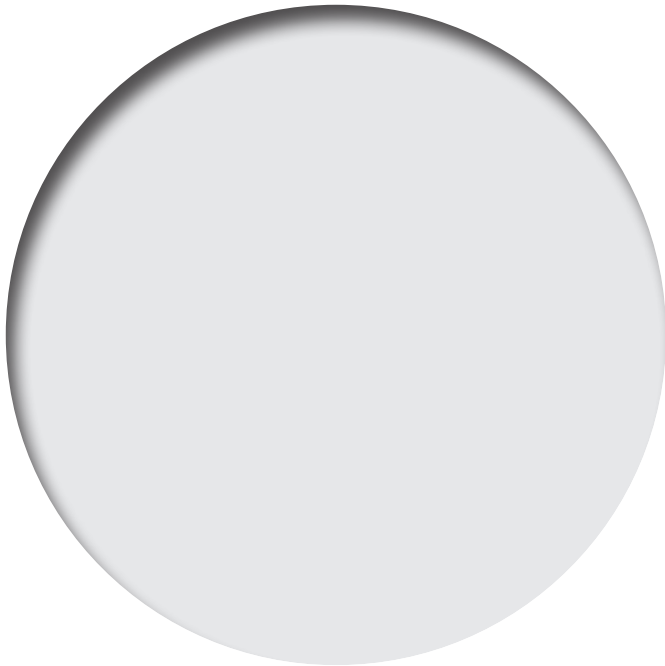
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THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE Each year in November, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation's community gathers to think about a question of vital interest to Canada's future. Annual Trudeau Foundation Conferences are known internationally for the depth of their presentations, the originality of their speakers, and the energy and frankness with which their participants air and debate their ideas. Renowned experts from around the world take part in the discussion and join small break-out sessions in which everyone present can share their point of view. Numerous "national conversations" on matters as varied as the environment and the economy, immigration, and the future of cities, have originated in an Annual Trudeau Foundation Conference.



THE XTH EDITION This year, the Foundation will host a special program to mark 10 years of engagement in the service of imagination and rigour. For a week between 15 and 23 November 2013, a series of events and meetings will give the Trudeau Foundation community and its guests the opportunity to take stock of questions of the highest importance – questions about literature and law, sociology and the environment, philosophy and history. Trudeau Foundation Week will culminate in an imposing two-day conference, the Xth Annual Trudeau Foundation Conference, that explores the future of democracy in this first part of the 21st century, a few years shy of Canada's 150th anniversary.

THE COMMUNITY In the decade since the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation was founded, the organization has spawned a network of individuals gripped by some of the most important issues of our time: the affirmation of human rights, the exercise of citizenship, the protection of the environment, the effects of globalization on society and culture. Over time, this network has transformed itself into a veritable community. A community of reflection, first of all, fed by the input of Canada's best researchers in the humanities and the social sciences. But also a community of practice, buoyed by the experiences of individuals engaged in real-life social, economic, political, and cultural innovation. Among the members of the Trudeau Foundation community, there is no great hiatus between ideas and practice; research is not divorced from application, and thought is never far from action.



THE ISSUE AT HAND This year, the Trudeau Foundation community will turn its attention to the most vital of questions: that of democracy. We know that democracy is threatened on all sides, whether by growing inequality, by environmental degradation, by governments' dwindling capacity to manoeuvre in a global economy, or by repeated damage to human rights and dignity. Like the negative of a photo, the flip side of the Foundation's four main areas of interest reveals our principal sources of worry for the future. The Xth Annual Trudeau Foundation Conference is an opportunity to pause, to regroup, to make time for the important task of evaluating the risks at their true value and thinking about their root causes. But it is also a precious opportunity to consider the most promising solutions, to share ideas that have proven their worth, and to build bridges between different approaches and between the people who have inspired them.

THE SPEAKERS Some of the world's top experts from a wide range of disciplines will come together to frame and discuss issues that are often difficult to define. They will consider new ideas, discuss policy options, and identify possible solutions. Above all, they will identify the most pressing questions that researchers and policymakers need to address in the years to come.



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TRUDEAU FOUNDATION WEEK To mark the tenth anniversary of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation's programs, and to feature the uniqueness and richness of the network that we have been building since 2003, the Foundation is organizing a week of events this fall in conjunction with the Xth Annual Trudeau Foundation Conference. From 15 to 23 November 2013 in Montréal, public interaction events will include: ✦ Three master classes with Trudeau fellows ✦ A series of Trudeau scholars' workshops ✦ A collective book launch with the Trudeau community ✦ A reception in honour of the Foundation's Chairman Emeritus, Mr. Roy L. Heenan ✦ The Xth Annual Trudeau Foundation Conference

EXCLUSIVE OPINION RESEARCH Each year, in advance of its annual conference, the Foundation has commissioned a national survey in collaboration with a university partner located in the city where the conference is to take place. Exceptionally this year, the Foundation has commissioned four surveys, one on each of the Foundation's four areas of work. In doing so, it has partnered with Montreal's four universities, each on a separate poll: Concordia University on responsible citizenship, McGill University on human rights and dignity, Université du Québec à Montréal on people in their natural environment, and Université de Montréal on Canada in the world. The results will be announced publicly and will be discussed at the conference.

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REGISTER For the tenth or the first time, join a stimulating group of thinkers, scholars, policymakers, and engaged citizens from across Canada and abroad at this flagship event designed to foster the acquisition, generation and exchange of knowledge on public issues. ✦ Register by 6 November 2013. All participants must register online prior to the event. There are no registration fees. The event is open to the public, but the Foundation gives priority to registrants on its guest list. ✦ Register promptly:
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