



**Trudeau Lectures 2009-2010**  
**University of Winnipeg, October 20, 2009**  
**François Crépeau (McGill University)**  
**“Dealing with migrations as a test for our democracies”**

“We are all migrants, have always been and will always be” – François Crépeau convincingly tells us. Historically, mobility is the rule, not the exception and, in any case, borders have rarely prevented people from actually moving. Our complex societies are made stronger through immigration: our cultures and collective narratives are deeply influenced by it, though they do not necessarily recognize this. In this first Trudeau Lecture held in Winnipeg, François Crépeau will address the universal nature of migrants’ rights. Migrants have fundamental rights, the same rights as anyone else, except for political rights and the right to enter and stay on the territory. Of course, since 9/11, controlling migration at the border has been made central to all security policies. Professor Crépeau points out that this focus is misplaced and aims essentially at creating a political discourse that designates a scapegoat for our fears and at justifying restrictive measures against foreigners in the name of “our” security. Can we imagine a citizenship that would be compatible with the free movement of persons through international borders? As a constant of civilization, should not mobility become a right?

**Who?** Professor François Crépeau, McGill University and 2008 Trudeau Fellow  
**When?** Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., followed by a reception  
**Where?** The University of Winnipeg, Convocation Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Wesley Hall  
515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

**The Trudeau Lectures**

Each year, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation selects five Fellows who have contributed to the enhancement of knowledge and the advancement of society, through leading-edge research, creative work and commitment to societal debates on major issues of public policy. The Foundation’s substantial financial support enables Fellows to devote themselves more freely to critical thinking and innovative approaches to their work.

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Each year, the Foundation publishes the text of the Trudeau lectures in the *Trudeau Foundation Papers*, available in both official languages, in print and on-line through the Foundation’s website. The publication will be available at Trudeau Foundation events, such as other lectures, the Trudeau Foundation Annual Conference on Public Policy or the Trudeau Foundation Summer Institute. The first publication is scheduled to come out in November 2009 on the occasion of the sixth Annual Conference on Public Policy to be held in Ottawa.

<b>2009-2010 Lecture Series</b>	
Oct. 20, 2009	University of Winnipeg, Manitoba Professor François Crépeau (McGill University), Trudeau Fellow 2008
Jan. 27, 2010	Sherbrooke University, Québec Professor Rosemary Sullivan (University of Toronto), Trudeau Fellow 2008 and writer
February 2010	University of New Brunswick, New Brunswick Guy Vanderhaeghe (University of Saskatchewan), Trudeau Fellow 2008 and writer
March 3, 2010	Ryerson University, Ontario Professor John B. Robinson (The University of British Columbia), Trudeau Fellow 2008

<b>2009-2010 Lecture Series (suite)</b>	
May 2010	Concordia University, Québec Professor Kathleen Mahoney (University of Calgary), Trudeau Fellow 2008 Organized in partnership with the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

### **Biography – Professor François Crépeau**

François Crépeau is the Hans and Tamar Oppenheimer Professor of International Public Law at the Faculty of Law of McGill University. The focus of his current research includes migration control mechanisms, the rights of foreigners, the conceptualization of security as it applies to migrants, and the Rule of Law in the face of globalization.

François Crépeau has given many conferences, published numerous articles, and written or directed five books: *Les migrations internationales contemporaines – Une dynamique complexe au cœur de la globalisation* (2009), *Penser l'international, Perspectives et contributions des sciences sociales* (2007), *Forced Migration and Global Processes - A View from Forced Migration Studies* (2006), *Mondialisation des échanges et fonctions de l'État* (1997) and *Droit d'asile: De l'hospitalité aux contrôles migratoires* (1995). He heads the “Mondialisation et droit international” collection at Éditions Bruylant (Brussels), is a member of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and a fellow of the Institute for Research in Public Policies (IRPP). He also sits on the Barreau du Québec’s Committee on Human Rights and Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

From 2001 to 2008, he was a professor at the Université de Montréal, holder of the Canada Research Chair in International Migration Law, and founding scientific director of the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal (CÉRIUM). From 1990 to 2001, he was a professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal. He also served as vice-president of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation (now Equitas) (1992-2004) and director of the *Revue québécoise de droit international* (1996-2004). He participated in observer missions in the occupied Palestinian territories (2002) and in El Salvador (1991).

François Crépeau holds diplomas from McGill University (BCL and LLB), Bordeaux University (DEUG and Licence in law, Master’s in private law), Paris II University (DEA in sociological jurisprudence) and Paris I University (Ph.D. in law).

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