

University of Toronto Centre for Ethics The Fifth Annual Graduate
Conference at the Centre for Ethics

Imagining 150: The Ethics of Canada's Sesquicentennial

May 5th, 2017 Centre for Ethics, Larkin Building 200

Each presenter gets 15 minutes to present, followed by 15 minutes from a discussant and 30 minutes of Q&A.

Friday May 5th

9:00: Registration and Coffee (Coffee and snacks)

9:20: Opening Remarks

9:30-11:00: Panel 1 • Landedness and Land Claims

- Meaghan Williams (U of T, Political Science)
- Daniel Sherwin (U of T, Political Science)
- Thilo Schaefer (U of T, Political Science)

Discussant: Professor Patrick Macklem (University of Toronto, Law)

Chair: TBA

11:15-12:45: Panel 2 • Federalism and its Technologies

- Tim Berk (University of Toronto, Political Science)
- Jennifer Bonder (University of Toronto, History)
- Gordon Thomas (Carleton University, Political Science)

Discussant: TBA

Chair: TBA

12:45 to 1:30: Lunch (catered by Ghazale)

1:30-3:15: Panel 3 • Justice and Power

- Milan Ilnyckyj (University of Toronto, Political Science)
- Nathan Olmstead (Brock University, Political Science)

- Teddy Harrison (University of Toronto, Political Science)
- Jason Hoult (York University, Social and Political Thought)

Discussant: Professor Mariana Valverde (U of T, Criminology)

Chair: TBA

3:30-5:00pm: Panel 4 • Canadian Identity Revisited

- Thibault Biscahie (York University, Political Science)
- Sana Patel (MA Carleton University, Religion and Public Life)
- Kate McCray (University of Toronto, Theological Studies)

Discussant: Professor Paul Bramadat (University of Victoria, Religious Studies)

Chair: TBA

5:00-6:00: Break, head to Jackman Humanities Institute (JH100A)

6:00-8:00: Keynote Address by Professor Paul Bramadat

“Om Canada: What Scandals Teach Us About Religion, Diversity, and National Imaginaries”

The 2015 public controversy over the “Om the Bridge” yoga event in Vancouver in which concerns over the “cultural appropriation” of Hindu practices mixed with Indigenous political claims and a form of orientalism nevertheless tells us something about religion and society in the Cascadia bio-region, just as we can learn a great deal about alterity and moral panic by considering a 2014 debate over a York University student’s request for accommodation. What might these events have to teach us about our duties (and privileges) as scholars of religion and about the (re)imagined community of Canada?

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