

# ***Canada's Political Environment and the Politics of the Canadian Environment***

A Conference at the Embassy of Canada in Germany & the Heinrich Böll Foundation,  
organized by the John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies

**Berlin, Germany, November 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

## ***Preliminary Program:***

<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Venue: Embassy of Canada, Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Registration</b>
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Welcome Address by His Excellency Peter M. Boehm</b> Canadian Ambassador to Germany
	<b>Introduction</b> Dr. Simon Kiss (Freie Universität Berlin)
14:15 – 15:45	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Kathryn Harrison (University of British Columbia): <i>"tba"</i>
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Panel I: Ecological Questions in Canadian Foreign Policy</b>  <i>Moderator:</i> Tilman Santarius (Head of the International Climate and Energy Policy, Heinrich Böll Foundation)  Petra Dolata-Kreutzkamp (King's College, London, UK): <i>"How 'green' is Canada's Arctic policy? Environmental Security in the Far North"</i>  Aranka Podhora (Berlin University of Technology): <i>"The influence of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation on the Canadian approaches to North American and domestic environmental protection"</i>  Peter Penz (York University, Toronto): <i>"Climate change, displacement and international justice: obligations of Canada, Germany and other GHG contributors"</i>
17:30	<b>Reception</b>
<b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Venue: Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, 10117 Berlin</b>
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Welcome Address by Bastian Hermission</b>

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9:30 – 11:00

**Panel II: Managing Environmental Challenges in a Federal State**

*Moderator: tba*

Douglas M. Brown (St. Francis Xavier University):  
*“Cooperative Vs. Competitive Federalism: Outcomes and Consequences of Intergovernmental Relations on Climate Change Issues in Canada”*

Inger Weibust (Carleton University):  
*“Between a rock and a hard place: reconciling the power of the US and of the provinces in Canadian climate policy”*

11:00 – 11:15

**Coffee Break**

11:15 – 13:00

**Panel III: Urban Development and Suburbanization in Canada**

*Moderator: tba*

Delacey Tedesco (University of Victoria, B.C.):  
*“Three Models for the Sustainable Urbanization of Kelowna, B.C.: A Case Study in Political Idealization”*

Elaine Ferrier (University of Waterloo):  
*“The “biodiversity bias” and the future of protected areas policy in Canada: A case study of the Oak Ridges Moraine”*

Gabriel Eidelman (University of Toronto):  
*“Ontario Goes Green(belt): The Politics of Urban Sprawl and the ‘Places to Grow’ Plan”*

Laura Taylor (York University):  
*“Local area planning and the global environmental imagination -or- In my backyard: nature conservation in the urban expansion process, a case study of Oakville, Canada”*

13:00 – 14:00

**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30

**Panel IV: Political Parties and the Environment**

*Moderator: tba*

Mike Painter-Main (University of Toronto):  
*“Protesters or Environmentally Concerned Voters? Explaining the Rise of the Green Party in Canada”*

Simon Kiss (Freie Universität Berlin):  
*“Environmentalism, Class and the Canadian Party System”*

Steven B. Wolinetz (Memorial University of Newfoundland):  
*“When Parties Bite the Bullet: Parties and Party Systems and the Politics of Climate Change”*

15:30 – 15:45

**Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:30

**Panel V: The Provinces, Public Policy and Political Actors**

*Moderator: tba*

Keith Brownsey (Mount Royal University, Calgary):  
*“Land Use And Alberta’s Oil Policy”*

B. Timothy Heinmiller (Brock University):  
*“Institutional Resilience and the Prospects of a Canadian ‘Cap and Trade’ Policy for Greenhouse Gas Abatement”*

Dortje Klatter (Foundation Ecology and Farming, Bad Dürkheim):  
*“Genetically modified organisms in Canada: Resistance from the local to the global”*

Kathleen McNutt (University of Regina):  
*“Pathways to Power: Policy transitions and the reappearance of the nuclear power option in Saskatchewan”*

17:15 – 17:45

**Conclusion, End of Conference**